



THE WORM REVIEW

April 2006

FOR the first time in 15 years, the Worm Review is not being compiled by Gordon Miller this month. Gordon has not been well for the past year but he recently took a turn for the worse. He has had shingles, an inflammation of nerve ends in the scalp and forehead, as well as his other health problems. But he is now on the mend and we wish him all the best and hope he will be fit and well soon.

Paul Watson

Worms on the Rerun

ON April 23rd, about sixty cars will leave Parramatta Park in Sydney on the Peugeot 50th Anniversary Round Australia Rerun. It will finish south of Sydney on May 21st and will cover 10,000 kilometres.

Eight 203s, ten 403s and fifteen 404s will be joined by a collection of VWs, Simcas, Holdens, a Vanguard, a Citroen DS and various other cars from the Ampol Trials era (1956-1970).

The event, which is being organised by Graham Wallis for the PCCV, celebrates the wonderful victory by Wilf Murrell and Alan Taylor in the 1956 Ampol Trial. They drove what was then the newly released 403 and their win reflected the amazing amount of preparation they had done.



Only in Paris: A 403, a Citroen ID19, a Perrier truck, a shop catering for stylish mums and their babies, and a man carrying a scale model of the Eiffel Tower. From the Guy Nolleau collection.

Some of this was detailed in Alan Taylor's memoir, *A Dream: A Chance to See the Centre*, which has been published in various club magazines recently.

Alan Taylor is taking part in the rerun, with Neville Summerill and Colin Handley in Neville's ex-taxi 403. Brian Amey, who competed in the 1970 Ampol Trial in his 403, Elouise, is another entrant.

Roads are much better now than in 1956, and not many people competing in the rerun will have fitted high-pressure pumps for cleaning the headlights, as Murrell and Taylor did. But there has been some remarkable work done in preparing cars for the rerun.

Some competitors from the Redex Rerun in 2003 are going around again, including Bruce Shepherd, Rob Verhagen, Keith Bridge, Don Tracey, Ian Reddoch,

Les Jennings, Ray Hoey, Brian Ward and Hank Verwoert.

The event has brought about a good deal of buying and selling of worm-drive Peugeots, as people have found what they thought was the perfect rerun car, then reconsidered and sold it on to someone else. This shuffling of the worm-drive fleet is a good thing, as it means that cars left mouldering in sheds for years have been brought out into the light of day. Some will eventually be restored, even if not immediately.

Overseas readers of the Worm Review can find more information about the rerun, the Ampol Trials, the Redex Rerun and other great "Round Australia Trials" on the event website, www.rerun.pccv.org





Dave Dunsmuir, a long-time PCCV member, recently got his 203 wagon back on the road after its 10-year rest in his garage. It will soon be painted and back in showroom condition. The Worm Review wants to hear from other 203 owners in the PCCV about the condition of their prized (or not-so-prized) possessions.

Ampol collector cards

IN the simple days of the 1950s, service stations offered service (which is remarkable in itself) and small children collected cards that the various petrol companies issued. You can find these cards coming up from time to time on eBay. The Ampol card shown here is from 1957. You might be able to find similar cards. Go to www.ebay.com.au and search for Ampol.



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2006 Worm Weekend

ONCE again, Hank Verwoert is organising the Worm Weekend this year. The venue has not been decided yet, but Hank has set the date. It will be the last weekend in October. That's October 28-29, so mark it in your diary. This is an event not to be missed.

In a departure from the past couple of events, this year's week-long Worm Wander will be separate from the Worm Weekend. It will be held in September and will take in parts of northern Victoria and southern NSW. Hank is planning to have the event start somewhere near the border, to give NSW and Queensland people an easier drive to and from the event. It will start on a Sunday and finish the following Saturday.

Last year's Worm Weekend was a great adventure, taking us through much of south-eastern Victoria, up to Bombala, down to Merimbula, back up to Tumut and down through Wee Jasper to Canberra, Batemans Bay and Narooma. The scenery was beautiful and the companionship was excellent.

For pictures of the 2005 Worm Wander and Worm Weekend, go to www.pccv.org, click on Photo Gallery and then click on Worm Wander.

Survey of PCCV 203s

ACCORDING to the Peugeot Car Club of Victoria's registration list, there are eighty-nine 203s in the club, which is truly remarkable, given that the last new one would have been sold about fifty years ago. There are whole countries that don't have as many 203s left. (The PCCV list also shows there are sixty-one 403s and one hundred and fifty-five 404s in the club.)

We want to get a clear indication of the condition of all 203s on the PCCV vehicle list. Some of these are of concours standard, and we see them from time to time. Some are tired but still going, and some are stuck in sheds, slowly rusting away.

If you are a PCCV member and you have one or more 203s, please take a minute to fill in the accompanying survey. This will help to establish exactly how the PCCV's 203 fleet stands. If you need more space, just attach an extra sheet.

Please return the completed form (or a copy of it) to:

203 Survey
PCCV Worm Review
PO Box 1263 Camberwell 3124.

TELL US ABOUT YOUR 203

For PCCV members only

Name: _____

203 body style: _____

Please tick the appropriate boxes. Tick as many boxes as you need:

- Registered
- Dry stored
- Stored outside
- Fully restored
- Under restoration
- Waiting for restoration
- Parts car only