



THE WORM REVIEW

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READERS of the Worm Review will be glad to hear that Gordon Miller is gradually getting over his shingles. The main problem now is that the residual pain from the infection is causing as much of a problem as the virus itself.

Gordon is largely confined to bed but is looking forward to regaining mobility in the coming weeks. He sends his good wishes to all his friends.

Paul Watson

403 wagon restored

AT the recent Easter Pageant in Canberra, Brian Jubb from Liverpool in NSW showed off his newly restored 403 wagon for the first time since he found it at Inverell in March 2005. It was last registered in 1992 and had been used by an apiarist for farm work and was straight but worn out.

Brian says that mice had made their home in the back seats and the smell was appalling. He spend three hours with a steam cleaner to get the smell out.

The car was stripped, then the interior painted. The bailey channel and rubbers were fitted, then the exterior was painted.

Brian has done a wonderful job on the 1960 wagon, which looks splendid in lustrous silver-grey paint.



Brian Jubb and his excellent 403 wagon at the Easter Pageant in Canberra.

The interior is upholstered in cloth sourced from Holden Special Vehicles and looks stunning. (Brian is a retired upholsterer.)

Much of the plastic interior trim has been treated to a woodgrain finish. The reason for this is that some of the knobs and handles were badly worn, and others are new, but black. The woodgrain effect is surprising, but not offensive.

Brian was able to source all the rubber components locally, although he has used ingenuity in some cases, such as the inner



door-stop rubbers, which are from shock absorbers.

Probably the one important divergence from standard fittings is the choice of headlights, which are halogen units from a Mack truck. Why? "So I can see at night," says Brian.

The brakes, radiator and heater were renewed and the engine had new gaskets fitted. A burnt valve was repaired and the clutch replaced.

The mechanicals are all stock standard, and Brian says the car drives well. He had a little trouble getting to Canberra when one of the plug leads started shorting out on the accelerator cable, but he soon fixed the problem using duct tape.

From a line-up of 39 cars that included a 407 diesel coupe and two 504 cabriolets, Brian's wagon won the People's Choice award at the Easter Pageant.

Brian has restored several other cars, including an Austin A40 Farina and a Valiant two-door hardtop. He says he is amazed by the friendly reception he received at Canberra.



The small southern NSW town of Bookham used to be a speed trap ("Book'em Dano"). These days the Hume freeway bypasses the town and its only claim to fame is a worm factory.



Colin Handley's Alpine Signs 203 panel van at the Easter Pageant.

203 panel van

ANOTHER vehicle that drew admiring glances at the Easter Pageant was Colin Handley's blue panel van.

The car had been an unfinished project, sitting under a Canberra house for many years. But Colin got hold of it and put it all together.

It now acts as Colin's work vehicle, and is signwritten with the words Alpine Signs. Colin is particularly proud of the beautiful steering wheel, which looks brand new.

Worm Weekend

THE 2006 Worm Weekend will be held at Shepparton in northern Victoria on October 28-29. Two motels have been booked and meals and drives are being planned. The Shepparton area is flat fruit-and-vegetable country, but Hank has local spies finding interesting roads.

Contrary to an item in the previous Worm Review, Hank Verwoert says the Worm Wander will follow the Worm Weekend this year. It will start from Shepparton on October 30, then wind its way around northern Victoria and southern NSW. Hank promises the drive will include another run from Tumut through Wee Jasper to Yass, which is a great road for

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Worms. The Wander will finish up at Nowra on Friday November 3rd. This will give people from far parts plenty of time to get home.

Hank will be away on the Rerun until late May, so anyone who is interested in taking part in the Worm Weekend and/or the Worm Weekend should contact Paul Watson on 0427 203 206 or 03 9889 2721.

Worms on the Rerun

AS mentioned in last month's Worm Review, there are plenty of Worms in the Peugeot Round Australia 50th Anniversary Rerun, which started in Sydney on April 23rd and finishes there on May 21st. Peugeot Automobile Australia, which is sponsoring the event, has set up a system so that people taking pictures of Rerun cars can send them to the PAA webmaster, who will choose the best ones and put them on the PAA website. You can send your Rerun pictures to rerun@peugeot.com.au. Please include any relevant details, such as the time and place, as well as your name.



Colin Handley with the car he, Neville Summerill and Allen Taylor are taking in the Rerun.

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