



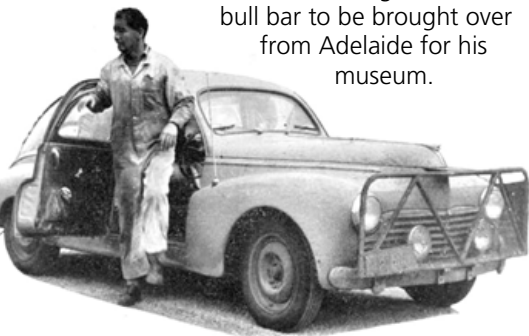
THE WORM REVIEW

July 2008

As I am writing this Richard Davies is on his way to France. Richard owns a 203 familiale 6 seater that he keeps in France. He has entered for the L'Aventure Peugeot 2008 International gathering in Finland. I haven't realised that Finland was a bit awkward to get to by road. Richard and his son will be driving via Belgium, Holland, Germany, Denmark and Sweden and then taking a ferry to Finland. Some adventure. We wish them a safe and trouble free trip. Richard drove his familiale to the L'Aventure Peugeot gathering in Slovenia in 2007.

Bullbar

I received an email during the month telling me that the bull bar from the front of Ken Tubman's 1953 Redex winning 203s was in Adelaide. Apparently Tubman had decided that bulls or Kangaroos would not be a problem between Adelaide and the finish and left the bull bar at the garage that serviced his 203. It has been gathering dust for 55 years hung up at the back of a shed. I contacted Glen Vagg who has been developing a small Peugeot museum out of Ballarat. He has arranged for the bull bar to be brought over from Adelaide for his museum.



Tubman's 203 with bull bar.

Fireworks

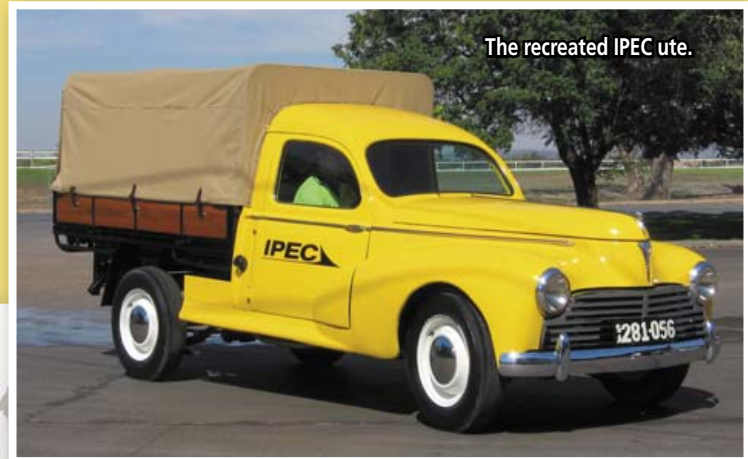
I am reading a great book on the history of that delightful French voiturette make Amilcar. In the chapter on the racing Amilcars from 1922 is the following. "In a later race, Amilcar experimented with magnesium alloy pistons: they quickly revealed that while they increased the speed, they were also highly combustable." I wonder what sort of fireworks display there was when the pistons burnt?

IPEC

In the early 1950s road transport was severely restricted in Australia so as not to take business from the government railways. In 1954 there was a historic decision of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council that was to have great significance for Australia's road transport industry. The Privy Council had ruled: "No Government has the right to protect its railways by restricting the interstate operations of road carriers". This led to the formation of IPEC (then Interstate



The original IPEC ute.



The recreated IPEC ute.



IPEC is now international

Parcel Express Company) with a fleet of two Peugeot 203 utes transporting parcels over night between Adelaide and Melbourne with door to door service each end. From that small beginning Interstate became International. IPEC has restored a 203 ute and in October this year will re-enact that first 1955 run.

Car awash

As the drought continues in southern Australia restrictions on the use of water continues. One restriction is the ban on washing your car by hand. Commercial car washes are still running but they must recycle water. I took my 207 touring into an automated laser wash recently. A long padded vertical pipe apparently guided by a laser to the size of your car went through a gentle spray cleaning cycle. What I wasn't prepared for was the absolute deluge of the final wash. A wall of water swept over and around the 207. Fortunately there were no leaks. But I was glad I was not in an 203 403 or a 404. I am sure that the drains from the scuttle air vent in the 404 would have been overloaded resulting in some very wet feet.



Two Presidents meet up in Paris. Paul Watson (PCCV) and Guy Nolleau (Les Amoureux Peugeot 203 403).

French horn

If you would like a musical horn for your worm that plays La Marseillaise go to www.topgear-sales.co.uk/product.asp?pnid=447&deptid=148&xdid=4&u=JCFELCLNIHGDEAKFHFCGCKHE

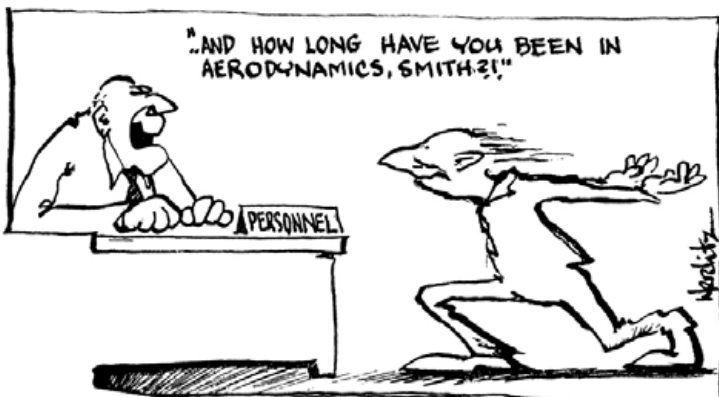


404 Diesel parts

Tony Haycock is a regular visitor from New Zealand for the Melbourne Grand Prix. He has owned several worm drive Peugeots and is very interested in the marque. He has started the restoration of a veteran Peugeot 153 and would love to contact any other 153 owners world wide. Tony tells me that his father has just collected a 404 ute and trailer load of New Old Stock 404 and 504 Indenor diesel engine parts - for XD85, 88 and 90 engines. Pistons and liners, engine bearings (standard and undersize), injectors, a couple of injector pumps, rockers, manifolds, and the list goes on. Even a complete brand new engine! A full list is being made. If you are interested contact Tony in New Zealand on tony.maggie@paradise.net.nz after July 6th.



Alister Miller took these pictures of 404 utes in Tunisia last month. Below right: Note the chain securing the headlight surrounds through the grill.



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