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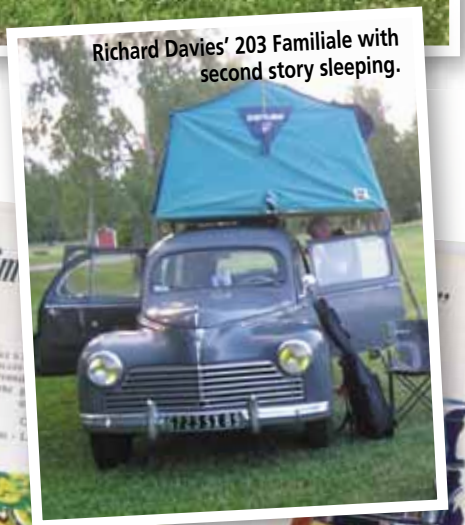
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Richard Davies' 203 Familiale attracted a lot of attention while traveling from France to Finland to attend the *L'aventure Peugeot* International gathering. Lots of toots and waves on the road and several chats at every petrol stop. On the ferry from Sweden to Finland a lady even gave him Finish phrase book. The 203 gave no problems apart from running out of petrol. Richard was aware that the petrol tank sender was faulty before he left Australia and I had given him a spare of unknown condition. Richard has borrowed a roof top camper from Leigh Wootton and this built in head wind would have increased his petrol consumption and maybe this is what caught him out of fuel. We are looking forward to hearing his stories and seeing all his pictures when he returns.

I am not aware of a 203 Familiale in Australia only 203 station wagons. The Familiale seats six. The extra seats are not the 3rd row as in later models but are tip up seats in the second row.



203 Familiale ready for the road.



Richard Davies' 203 Familiale with second story sleeping.



Familiale brochure showing seating.



Francois Swanepoel's 202.

South African collector

I have been in regular email contact with Francois Swanepoel in South Africa. Francois' Peugeot collection is: 201, 402, 202, 2 x 203s, 4 x 404s including 2 cabriolets and a coupe and 7 x 204s and 304s. He has the usual problems of storage and getting clearance from his wife to add to the collection. Francois recently sent me a CD with 265 MB of scans of Peugeot brochures and magazine articles. Something to dip into for future Worm Reviews. Francois recently used his 202 as a wedding car.

How old is your 203?

Chassis Numbers (Peugeot's model year runs from October to October)

1949	chassis no.	1,028,996	to	1,113,967
1950	chassis no.	1,113,968	to	1,159,327
1951	chassis no.	1,159,327	to	1,211,748
1952	chassis no.	1,211,749	to	1,271,916
1953	chassis no.	1,291,917	to	1,334,121
1954	chassis no.	1,334,122	to	1,709,855
1955	chassis no.	1,709,856	to	1,782,200
1956	chassis no.	1,782,201	to	1,824,286
1957	chassis no.	1,824,992	to	1,854,992
1958	chassis no.	1,854,993	to	1,879,366

Production numbers

Sedan	1948 to 1960	485,618
Sedan (luxury)	1948 to 1955	17,278
Decouvrable	1948 to 1954	11,514
Cabriolet	1953 to 1956	2,567
Coupe	1952 to 1954	953
Familiale	1950 to 1960	23,642
Station Wagon	1950 to 1956	45,291
Panel Van	1950 to 1959	31,289
Van (separate cab)	1951 to 1952	5,077
Cab/chassis	1950 to 1957	10,264
Canopied ute	1950 to 1957	63,704
Ambulance	1950 to 1957	1,980
Tour de France	1954	16

There are often dates cast into parts like the engine head and the underside of the late steering wheels that you can use as another check.

I also have a list of all the model numbers N3,L,F3,N3Y etc. email me if you would like a copy.



Green hat

I was tidying up my hat rack when I found a green flat cap. Memories came back. In 1990 Graham Lewis and I attended the Peugeot Centenary meeting at Sochaux. Over 600 older Peugeots were there. At lunch we shared a table with a group of Swiss 403 cabriolet owners. Graham had a paper bag of kangaroo stick pins and he made the most of every chance to stick them into ladies bodices. And so the two ladies in the group received a kangaroo. There was a consultation among the Swiss group and they reached under the table and produced two green caps embroidered Club Peugeot 403 Cabriolet. We protested at the inequality of the swap but not too much.



The Swiss ladies at Sochaux in 1990.

203 gear shift

If your 203 gearshift stiffens up in the neutral plane, try a drop of thin oil in the hole provided in the covir to lubricate the gear change pivot thread.

16 special 203s were made in the 1950s as support vehicles for the Tour de France. Some still exist in France.



Alastair Inglis' 203 Aussie ute.

Intrepid Englishman

That great English traveller Alastair Inglis is back in Australia to join Hank Verwoert's latest outback adventure. He was hoping to be driving the 203 Aussie Styleside ute that is being restored for him here. As is often the case with a restoration project there was more work required than anticipated and Alastair has been loaned a car for the outback run. The recent picture shows Alastair's 203 ute in the paint shop.

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