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BOOKINGS for the Worm Weekend are coming in well. Nine cars already with 2 months to go. Ahead of last years bookings at the same time before. No 404s booked yet. We want to see 404s at the weekend. As half the ensuite cabins are booked it would pay to check with GRM by phone before sending your booking. I hesitate to point out that the owners of the Time Out Resort have the surname Cleese but I will just in case any of you are tempted to try the dead parrot sketch or try a few funny walks. Keith Cleese is a big bloke and I wouldn't try them on him!

Comment from UK

I GOT a letter from CUK Membership Secretary, John Waller. He has just bought a one owner 403 from the far north of Scotland. He drove it home to Kent (700 miles) no problems (of course). The underside was saturated in oil. Not a leak but the owners rustbuster technique. He asked me a few technical questions which I passed on to Graham Wallis. He also commented that he had read the French version of the GRM404 cabriolet restoration story as published (in full colour) in the French Le Club 404 magazine. Everyone needs a pedant and I have been guilty of being pedantic some times. It was pointed out (nicely) that 404 cabriolet wheels were satin black. To emphasise the slots in the chrome wheel trims, it was said. And that the "dam" under the front bumper bar should also be matt black. Looking back at coloured pictures I can now see this but if you didn't know you would think it was shadow. I don't think I will get the spray can out! Anyway, the non standard disk brakes are giving the front wheels a nice coat of matt black.

Irish 403s

DID you know that 403s were assembled in Ireland? From 1956 until 1964. Not many and the best year was 1959 when 190 were assembled. No, not an Irish joke and they weren't all green.

Another 203

AFTER a very long gestation Chris Tiller's complete restoration of his 203 is about to be registered in Melbourne. He has the number 203C reserved. Well done and we are all looking forward to seeing it.

7 mm Nuts

I HAVE just finished the restoration of an antique Peugeot coffee grinder. A handsome machine in cast iron. A horizontal crank handle drives a vertical shaft though spur gears. The crank handle was kept on the shaft with a grotty hex nut which was out of character with the dome nuts on all the other fastenings. I tried a selection of dome nuts but none fitted. Measurement showed that the thread was 7mm. Now where to get a 7 mm dome nut when 7 m ordinary nuts are hard to find. Then I remembered. The steering column is attached to the underside of the dash in the 203 and 403 with a U bolt and 2 x 7 mm dome nuts. A sort through my precious collection of 7 mm nuts etc found one. The restoration was complete! Anyone for freshly ground coffee?



404 Spare Parts Catalogue

THIS has been a mammoth project. 1100 pages to individually copy to produce a master set of pages. Lots of "White Out" to correct greasy finger prints and notes on the originals. Paul took on this task. Then the masters were copied and hard bound. Two volumes. The first two sets produced have been sold. We are waiting on more orders before printing another batch. \$170.00 plus registered postage.



404 Tips

THE reversing light fittings in late-model 404s are subject to muck and moisture that make them rust. If yours are too far gone to repair, scour 404 wrecks for boot light fittings. The fitting is virtually identical, and being high up, boot lights tend to avoid corrosion. If your 404 has a floppy glove-box lid, chances are that you need to replace one or both of the springs that are hidden under the cardboard of the glove-box. Undo the screws that hold the cardboard, push it down and out of the way, then remove and replace the springs with good ones from a wreck. PW

Old Rubber

THAT well known firm and friend of car restorers, Peter Jackson's Old Auto Rubber Co, has had a change of company structure and is now known as Spectrum Rubber. Same phone numbers and address. Scott's Old Auto Rubber are still Melbourne agents.

Inaugural Worm Drive Weekend
November 11th and 12th 2000
Tocumwal, on the banks of the Murray River
See entry form last month or ring Gordon Miller for details

A Survivor

THIS number plate is on a restored 203 in Lebanon. One that survived the recent destruction in that country. The wire and the blob at the right hand edge of a plate is a seal (like on electricity meters) to stop the plate being swapped to another car. I am sure that no one would think of swapping plates from one old Peugeot to another in Australia!



Restored 203 wanted

I HAVE been contacted by a car collector wanting a restored 203 (C preferred) to add to his garage. The right car will get a good price. Contact GRM if your car is for sale.

Rust again and Robri plates.

RUST is a regular topic I know, but here are some rusty 403 pictures. From France (thanks Guy). From the distance this car looked good but underneath it was almost non existent. The salt they put on winter roads in colder countries had eaten it away. A typical road salt rust point that we don't see in cars here is behind the headlights (see picture). The other pictures show the Robri stone guard plates fitted to the car. This is the first clear picture I have seen of these dress up plates on a 403. Reproductions of these plates are available from France.



Don't believe the headlines.

BEFORE you panic about the cost of parts from France with the AU\$ at an all time low against the US\$ have a look at the exchange rates in the daily paper. The Franc is at 4.15 to the Aussie Dollar and if you are buying from Hans Fischer in Frankfurt the Mark is at 1.23 to our Dollar.

These exchange rates as favourable or more favourable than they have been for some time.

So the strength of the Dollar doesn't necessarily reflect in the exchange rate for European currencies against the AU\$.



Peak hour traffic (4 pm) in Rue De Rivoli, Paris in the 1950s. From Guy Nolleau

The Worm Drive Register is for all worm drive Peugeots in Australia. It reproduces some parts and knows who has parts. It reprints manuals. It keeps in contacts with older Peugeot overseas.

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