



THE WORM REVIEW

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MY latest computer fun is to extract "snap shot" still frames from DVD movies. L'aventure Peugeot have produced a DVD of the 2007 International Peugeot Meeting in Slovenia. I have taken some still pictures from the DVD of the PCCV contingent at the meeting for this Worm Review. One that I particularly like was taken at the presentation of trophies at the end of the meeting. The three Peugeot Car Club of Victoria members who attended the meeting in Richard Davies' French registered 203 familiale naturally won the furthest travelled trophy. Richard had made a short speech in English and passed the mike to Rosalind King who nervously said a few words in French. This was very well received and the picture below shows the instant reaction.

My daughter Helen's 403 sedan was featured in the 1992 film *Death in Brunswick*, made in Melbourne. I have managed to buy a DVD copy from Poland via eBay. In English with optional Polish sub title. I have taken some stills from it but they are mostly taken at night and not very clear. I was interested in capturing the scene when the body was being placed in the 403's boot and a head bumped on the boot lid. 403 drivers tell me that the boot lid is hazardous in this regard.

Other cars also had similar tricks. My father had a 1954 Ford Consul. The bonnet stay was a telescopic rectangular tube. When you opened the bonnet fully a little catch dropped in and locked to stay up. To lower the bonnet you lifted it up a bit, the catch dropped out and the



South African worms. Dawid Botha, on the right, sent me the picture.

bonnet could be lowered. Its trick was to allow the wind to lift the bonnet a bit and drop it on your head. My father got caught more than once.

Carolyn's 203

Carolyn Flanagan's 203 was the start of my love affair with 203s. In 1988 I think that it was that I met it at a Pageant. Her 203 was a daily car for many years but it now takes second fiddle to a 406 coupé. The 203 has recently had a make over including an engine rebuild. Peter Flanagan sent me this report on a recent outing in the 203.

Carolyn and I took her 203 to Murwillumbah for the 'Tweed Tour', a navigation run with the finish section tagging onto the end of the parade through the town of all the cars competing in Speed on Tweed. We followed a late 50s Simca Barochette, a GT40 which had (I think) racing history in Europe, a 1923 Amilcar with Australian racing history, a Porsche Cup Porsche, an A Model racing car from the 30s, then a Repco Brabham and the list goes on and

on. I do not know, 100, 150 maybe even 200 cars.

You would not believe the reaction from the people lining the streets as we went through. They were all sort of looking and applauding but when we went past they were shouting, waving and almost jumping out in front of us saying PEUGEOT, PEUGEOT, PEUGEOT! Tony in the Porsche behind us wanted to know what pheromones we were spraying out of the car to get such reactions. The guy in the Simca wondered who was in the car to get all the attention. I said - "..... it was nothing really, the best people in the best and most easily recognisable car in the parade...." After all it is a 203 and besides Carolyn and I, Dan and Rosie White, the organisers of the Tour and scorers for the Speed on Tweed sat in regal comfort in the back.

The most amazing thing was the number of people who have, or have had a family member who have had, 203s and/or other Peugeots. There were people continually coming up to the car at the start of the parade (we hung about for about an hour) and again after it.



The French speech



My daughter's 403 in the movie *Death in Brunswick*



Phil Torode driving the 203 familiale at Slovenia



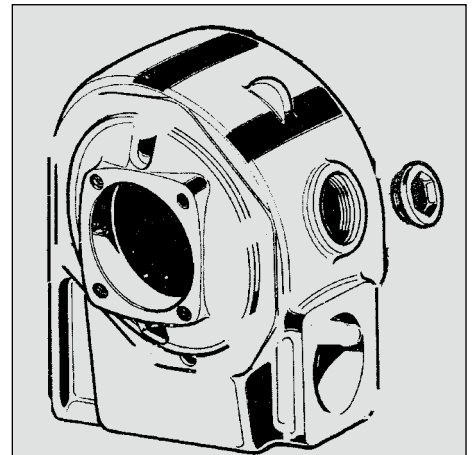
Peter Taylor's bare metal restoration



Two 203 restorations

Allan Horsley, PCCV President, has retired and has now started work on his 203. Not a full concours restoration he says but a sympathetic refurbishment. It was his father's car and has been in the family since new. I have been able to give him some of the lists of sources and "how to"s that I have prepared.

Peter Taylor in NSW is doing a bare metal restoration of his 203. The red primer that Peugeot used really sticks to the metal. When I was restoring GRM203, I stripped the body myself but had the doors etc bead blasted. The steel underneath the primer still had the bluish bloom of steel fresh from the mill.



Filler plugs

The filler plug in worm differential housings have a large hexagonal socket cast in. Much too big for any tool in your tool kit. I have seen these sockets butchered by hammering with a cold chisel.

Call at a plumbing supply shop and buy a suitable brass hexagonal ferrule and with suitable spanner remove the plug.



404s stopping

I wrote last month about my 404 sedan stopping and not wanting to start for half an hour or so. Chris Jones has emailed me the following.

I was interested to read about your 404 cutting out mysteriously, then starting OK some time later. My daughter has a 404. It exhibited similar symptoms to yours but after just 2 or 3km from cold. I did the usual - new coil etc but to no avail. I'd just about given up when my brother happened to poke his head under the bonnet. "That wire to the coil looks a bit kinky" he said. Sure enough, about 30mm from the coil one of the low tension wires had an almost 90 degree kink. When cold, the circuit was made, but when warmed up a bit, the PVC insulation would soften, allowing a break in the circuit! Let it sit for a while, plastic hardens, circuit re-made - away we go!

Finland

The 2008 International Peugeot Meeting will be in Finland in June 2008.

Another 172

Jim Kearnes in Sydney has taken on the completion of a Peugeot 172 he has just bought from Tasmania. I have been helping him with copies of documentation I have collected and some advice from my learning curve. I think that he may have been a bit embarrassed after he asked me why the wheel nuts were marked D and G. (Droite = right and Gauche = left).

The wheel nuts were handed on 1920s cars. They were probably worried about them unwinding with the wheel motion.

Narooma

2007 Worm Weekend, Narooma NSW, October 26th to 28th.



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