

Worm Drive Weekend

Maldon, Victoria, November 2001



Some photos from the Worm Drive Weekend held at Maldon over the weekend of 9-11th November 2001.

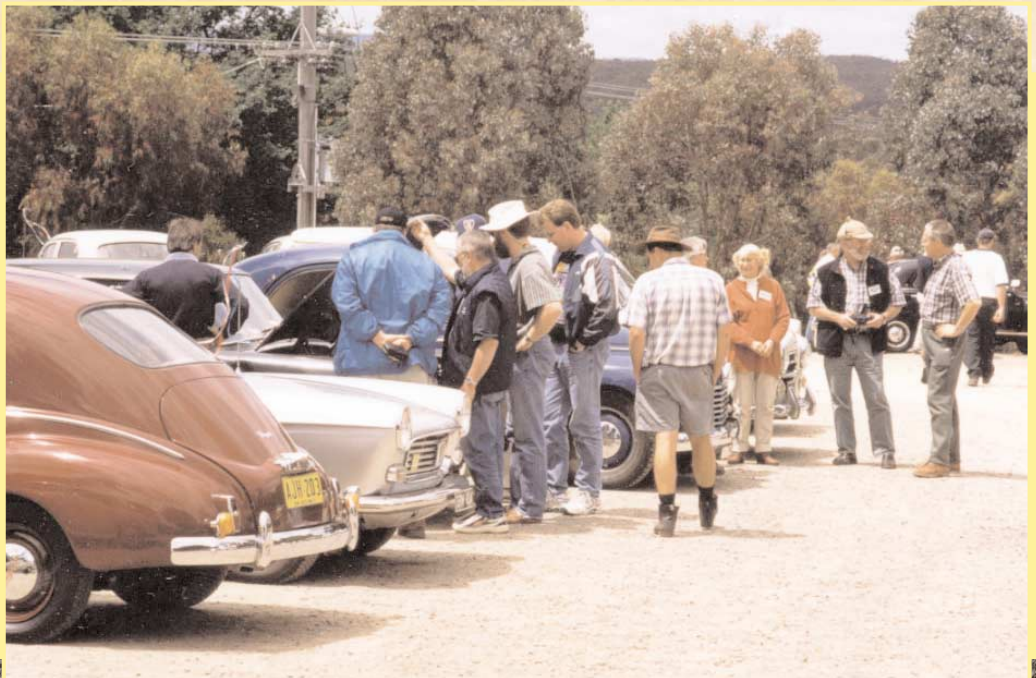
Top left: Cars assembled at the event centre at Derby Hill Resort, Maldon.

Above: Looking down from the lookout at Mt. Tarrengower.

Right: Talking Peugeot at Derby Hill Resort, Maldon.

Below: 403 line up at the Maldon Oval.

All photos by Gordon Miller, except top right, Tony Nott.





November 20th 2001

THE 2001 Worm Drive Weekend at Maldon went well.

The weather forecasts were a bit worrying. Melbourne was bleak and wet for the whole weekend but Maldon, being north of the divide, only had a few showers mixed with sunshine, some dust and even a frost on Sunday morning. 42 cars entered. A "just about right" number. More cars creates parking and traffic problems.

Some didn't make it. Chris Reid's 404 from Canberra started to destroy its water pump near Gundagai and he had to turn back. He couldn't persuade his wife and 3 teenage children that they should start out again in his 203! Ian Brock, also from Canberra had 203 overheating problems 50 km from home so he limped back and set out again in his 504.

3 entries came from Queensland and 14 cars entered from NSW. It was pleasing that there were so many cars from New South Wales. Publicity is a problem in NSW, but direct mail and emails let those who are interested know about the Weekend.

There were some original cars there, 203s 403s and 404s. That is, cars that had not been restored. They had been polished, maintained mechanically, and driven. Some of the 404s are still daily use cars. The Europeans are surprised at this.

Always

The goodies bag included a pair of disposable overalls for entrants as



Worm Weekend Maldon – 203 fronts. Photo: Tony Nott

something to carry in your car, just in case. We drove the 404 cabriolet to the week end. The cab has smallish boot with the spare lying flat on the floor inside. 50 packets of overalls were stuffed loose into every odd space around the luggage. This is of course is the time to get a puncture and we did! So 50 pairs of overalls had to be removed to get at the spare. At least it wasn't raining.

Saturday run

On the Saturday afternoon convoy run we called at the office of the Restored Cars magazine in Newstead. This magazine has always had a slant towards American cars and after seeing the editor's car collection I can see why. I have never seen so many huge American cars. I am sure that you could fit 2 x 203s into the boot of some of them! Daylesford was supposed to be a do-it-yourself town tour. But light rain and cold wind saw everyone heading for coffee shops. 69 people sat down for the Saturday night dinner. A great evening

and a dinner must be part of future Worm Weekend plans. A photo line up on the Maldon oval and a drive up Mount Tarrengower finished the official weekend. Throughout the afternoon Peugeots were met touring Maldon's historic places. Trips were also taken on the Goldfields preserved steam railway.

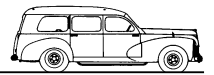
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I announced at the weekend that this would be the last Worm Weekend that I will organize. Maldon was the 13th. I am still very interested in the weekends but I turned 70 last month and we are not travelling as well as we used to. Over the next few months I will work towards ensuring that the week ends will continue. One suggestion is to find two venues, one in NSW and one in Victoria and alternate between the two venues in successive years.

Thank you all for the support over the years. It has been great fun and I have made a lot of good enduring friends.

Worm Weekend Maldon – 203 line up. Photo: Gordon Miller





Worm Weekend Maldon – 404 line up. Photo: Gordon Miller



Worm Weekend Maldon – 203 backs. Photo: Tony Nott

lens. Same as the top red lens only orange. Available from Fischer Veteranen Service in Frankfurt.

Translations

Have a look at www.Reverso.net, a web site that offers free short translations in the hope, I suspect, that you will be tempted to buy their full translation software. I have tried it and they seem to understand what I am saying in France.

Rust Free

Have you seen those advertisements for “rust free” cars from California? In Europe and northern USA salt is spread on the roads in winter to “melt” the ice. The salty water sprays up into cars and starts aggressive rapid rust everywhere. Not just down low but high up behind headlights and the base of the windscreen, everywhere. It is virtually impossible to find and kill all the rust. I was surprised to learn that old cars from far north Sweden are sought after in Sweden. In those parts it is so cold that the snow never melts and freezes again as ice. So there is no need for salt. Doesn't sound like surfing weather though!

Long distance

I got an email from a French 203 owner. He deals in marble and granite. He said that he was flying into Australia in November and that he would like to catch up with me. OK said I, Australia is a big place, where are you landing. He replied, “Port Hedland”. I sent him a map of Europe superimposed on a map of Australia and pointed out that he would be as far from Melbourne as Turkey is from Scotland. Another good contact anyway.

Video

Tony Nott was taking a digital video during the WE. Tony is a lecturer in photography. He has sent me some Quicktime clips. Great. He has promised to edit a full version. Neville Summerill's passenger, Bradley Hewitt, was also taking a digital video. I have seen his video of the cars leaving Newstead. Great stuff. I have been promised a copy.

Blinkers

I sent a batch of photos from Maldon off over the internet to overseas contacts. I got appreciative emails back and some photos in exchange. Two emails commented on the truck/trailer blinkers on some of the 203s and how they spoil the image. They are probably right. Neat Lucas front blinkers are available in Aus (not at Car barn) and even better Chinese blinkers (as on GRM203) are available if you look. You can change the rear reflector in 203Cs for an orange blinker

403 Windscreens

I depend on feedback about availability of parts. Last month I wrote about feed back that said that 403 windscreens were not available. Well I have since found out that 403 windscreens ARE available from MORAN MOTOR GLASS in Brisbane. 07 3890 7054. \$140.00 each plus \$20.00 delivery. They make the windscreens.

Punctures

In the early days of motoring tyres were nowhere near as tough as modern tyres. And as well motorists had to put up with roads littered with horseshoe nails shed from the predominant means of transport. Peter and Carolyn Flanagan live on small acreage outside Canberra. Their neighbours are also on small acreage and also commute into the city to work. Many of their neighbours children ride horses. Recently their 403 panel van got 2 punctures in one day. You guessed it, horseshoe nails!

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

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