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I HAVE just paid GRM203's registration for another 12 months. That makes it 10 years! Doesn't time fly when you are having fun. And it has been a lot of fun. Getting to know lots of people here and overseas, lots of letters, phone calls and more recently emails. The paintwork still has a great shine though it is probably time to give it a polish and pressure clean the underneath and engine bay. The picture (right) shows GRM203 dressed up for a recent wedding.

### Knock Knock

There is an inner and outer garage at our place. Three cars (2 daily use) in the outer and 3 in the inner shed. From front to back there are 4 cars parked one behind the other along the boundary wall. So when one of the inner cars is scheduled for a run there is a big shuffle of cars. I took GRM203 for a run with a week day early vehicle club I belong to recently. GRM203 has a period radio fitted and I am still working on the interference from the ignition. Back from the run the 2 daily cars were parked in the street and GRM203 was driven into its place in the inner shed. There is a short ramp up to the inner shed and as the bonnet lifted to the ramp there was a very loud knock knock. I stopped and backed back intending to open the bonnet and see where the noise was coming from. As I backed back off the ramp the knocking stopped. I repeated the manoeuvre several times before the penny dropped. There is a hand me down Hi Fi in the inner shed with the radio receiver located on a shelf above the door. The receiver was turned on and the knock knock was the idling ignition amplified and broadcast over a couple of big speakers. It had me really worried for a few minutes!

### A wretched mistake

The police caught an offender responsible for several thefts of petrol from cars. He was in no condition to resist arrest as he lay retching beside a mobile home. He had been trying to siphon petrol from the mobile home's sewage tank!



### Kiss Principle

ONE of the things that attracts us to our worm drive Peugeots is that it is easy to understand what is going on under the bonnet and elsewhere. Electrical and fuel systems can be traced logically without them disappearing into the unknown of a black box. I have read of a small country town on a fast flowing stream that many years ago decided to use the stream to generate electricity for the residents. Street lights were also installed and a local was appointed to turn the lights off and on. Unfortunately he sometimes slept in and occasionally stayed to long at the hotel. So a local bush mechanic offered an automatic switching system. He kept chooks and fitted a hinge to one end of their perch and a pressure switch to the other end. At dusk the chooks perched and the lights came on and at dawn the chooks flew down and the lights switched off. Can you think of anything simpler than that! The lighting may have been a bit erratic when Mr Fox trotted past the pen, however.

### No Transfer

THE Worm Drive Register has reproduction air cleaner stickers for the oil bath air cleaners in the 203, 403 and 404. I got a call from a 403 restorer asking if the stickers I had sent him were transfers. When I said no and that they are printed on self adhesive clear vinyl

and that you peel the back off he said "Oh, no wonder why soaking them in water had no effect". If you have been around long enough it is easy to become confused with new technology.

### New Homes Wanted

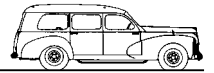
A 1956 203, in one family since new, was advertised in the Melbourne Age on 16th June. Ring 03 9824 8014 if you are interested.

Chris Jones in Adelaide wants to give away a 1962 403 rolling shell. All rust removed and new sills. Excellent sill panels and body panels. An unfinished project, he has started on a 203. Ring 08 8379 9586 or email [fisks@intermode.on.net](mailto:fisks@intermode.on.net).

Guy Bromley from England is looking for a very low mileage original early 403 (with clap hands wipers) RHD. With the Pound Sterling being very strong there might be a good deal there. Contact GRM if you are interested.



Peugeot back in Formula 1?



404s could pull a caravan. My father-in-law towed one to Queensland every year for the winter with his 404. Probably easier than with those 6 cylinder cars with 3-speed gearboxes and no synchro on first.

**Computer Translations**

ONE of the challenges in restoring or running an older Peugeot is accessing the specialist suppliers of parts in Europe. There are several firms who stock parts for our worm drive cars and mostly they don't understand English. Many firms now have their catalogues up on the Internet and some even have an English version. An essential part of the Internet is the search engines. You type in a few key words and they find sites, with the key words, for you to look at. Often very frustrating but often you strike gold! My favourite search engine is [www.Google.com](http://www.Google.com). If you find a web site

in French you want to look at it offers to translate it. And the translations are getting much better. You can even search the French "old timers for sale" car advertisements. In these I was a bit puzzled by several references to 203 and 403 "record players". I know their suspension is wonderful but playing records in an 03? I think not! What then? I had this flash. In one of those English expressions creeping into French the words "pick up" are often used to refer to a "ute". And in vinyl record days the tracking arm was called a pick up arm. So the computer was being clever. It just needs to learn a few exceptions.

**2003 Calendar**

We are thinking of producing a calendar in 2003 with brilliant pictures of 203s. To coincide with 2003 rerun of the 1953 REDeX Rally. Sort through your negatives, especially the Box Brownie ones you took as the rally cars sped through your town when you were in short pants.

**Look Alike**

THERE has often been comment about the family resemblance in Pininfarina's designs for the 404 and the Austins and Fiats of the period. I had never seen his design for the Lancia Famia. These pictures of the Famia show a family resemblance also.



Interesting picture from the early days of the 203. And an early Volvo in the background. The cart is delivering ice for keeping food cool.

**THE 2001 WORM DRIVE WEEKEND**  
*will be held at MALDON*  
*in northern Victoria*  
**NOVEMBER 9TH, 10TH & 11TH**  
Full details next month

*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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