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**W**E have just come back from the 2 day Geelong Rally, a non competitive event with drives, visits, talking and eating. Over 100 cars including 3 worm drive Peugeots. On Saturday we were taken to Avalon Airport and checked a 747 in for a 3 day grease and oil change. We were directed to follow a car with a flashing yellow light on top and all ended up having a drag down the 3 km long main runway. An interesting surprise! A car certainly feels small on that expanse of concrete. Colin Chappell's 1956 403 was on the Rally. This is a very original early 403 with soft green paintwork and original darker green seats. Colin told me some of its early history. Its original owner, E. H. "Johnnie" Walker, purchased it 2 months before the 1956 Olympic Games in Melbourne. He was a major games official and during the games the car was used to transport Australian girl swimmers to and from the Olympic pool.

The response from worm drivers when we talk about reproducing parts varies. We have had many expressions of interest in the rubber mounting blocks for the windscreen wiper motor in 403s and 404s but NO response about the reproduction 203 carbide to air cleaner hose. Don't tell me that there aren't any 203s out there that don't need the hose replaced. So what's the problem? Too dear? Or What?

We have been selling repro plastic parts for the 203 and 403 from Berlin for some years. Tail light lenses, interior light lenses etc. We seem to have lost contact with our Berlin source so when the current small stock is gone that's it. We also have 2 only 203 Covirs (that's the round plastic part under the 203 steering wheel that contains the direction indicator switch) in poly carbonate plastic, from Finland. They are \$105.00 each plus postage.

If you have an email address we can send the Worm Review, pictures and all, to your computer. Send your email address to be added to the list.

## Inaugural Worm Drive Weekend

November 11th and 12th 2000

Tocumwal, on the banks of the Murray River

See entry form  
or ring Gordon Miller for details



Bought in a market in Tunisia, this key rack is made from an oil can.



Francois Swanepol's 203 minus seven women, two babies and a Miniature Schnauzer.

## Guinness Record?

AN email from Francois Swanepol in South Africa told of how he took his 1950 203 to a big old car meeting in Pretoria. 1600 cars attended. Peugeots were represented by 8 x 203s, 2 x 403s, a 304 cab and a 404 coupé. He says "Although it was a lovely winters day we had an unexpected thunder shower late in the afternoon. Imagine seven women, two babies and a Miniature Schnauzer in my 203 waiting for the rain to clear". He has promised me pictures to prove it! Francois didn't say where he was sheltering. I have passed this "image" on to Geoff Webber and who knows he might be inspired to create another one of his famous

cartoons. Can I be excused in being taken with this image? Our Miniature Schnauzer didn't quite make 15 years earlier this year.

## Hidden Aerial

IN response to last month's story about fitting sound to your worm drive Peugeot Tony Haycock from NZ emailed me the following. "If you want to hide a radio aerial on a 203, a gutter grip aerial fitted under the car, clamped to the brace for the brake master cylinder works very well, and does not involve cutting holes in your mudguard. It is completely invisible unless you climb under the car".



This early twenties 161 also has a worm drive.

## My dad had one of those

IF you have parked a 203 or even a later Peugeot there is an even chance that someone will come up to you and say that "I had one of those" or "My Dad had one of those". In an old car magazine, a cartoon showed an elderly local waving his stick at an old car outside a pub. "My old dad had one of those. Right load of rubbish it was." Which is an interesting twist. The pub was very English and so was the car. So we could all agree.



A current issue of French stamps features the 203

## Recycling

A WISE man once said: "It costs as much to restore a Peugeot as it costs to restore a Bugatti." And he might have added: "But a restored Peugeot will never be worth half as much as a restored Bugatti." It is true that any labour involved in having a car restored will be charged by the hour, not by the exclusiveness of the badge on the radiator. Bugatti parts might be expensive and hard to find though, unless you could track down a Bugwreck.

When I acquired my 1962 403 from its second owner in 1996, it was basically in sound condition, but with the scars of 20 years' country living starting to show. The panels had taken a few knocks and the upholstery was faded and split. I decided from the outset that there was no point in spending thousands more on what is basically a \$2500 car. I had the worst of the panel damage repaired, fitting a second-hand front guard to replace one that was badly bent. Then I tracked down some seats that matched mine (in the possum's space above Graham Wallis's garage). The result was a car that was straight and clean, but not a concours winner, and that is how I have tried to keep it ever since.

By watching the classifieds in Torque and occasionally visiting wreckers whose names start with P, I have recycled parts from other cars into mine: steering wheel and horn ring, instruments, door hardware, rear windscreen brightwork, blinker lenses, side lamps, hubcaps, bumper bars, spare wheel cover, the list goes on. Recycled parts such as a windscreen wiper motor and radiator were reconditioned and have replaced worn units. Of course, some parts such as the headlining and door rubbers had to be renewed, and there's not much sense in replacing, say, a worn-out fuel pump or water pump, with another worn-out one. I have since applied the same philosophy to my 404, acquiring carpet, boot mat, padded dash, tail light lenses, regulator, alternator and instruments, and I am now searching for body panels in surf tan. You'd be amazed by the parts you can recycle.

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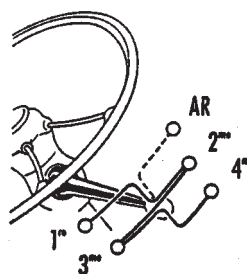
Saint Cassé of wrecking yards

## 404 Spare Parts Catalogue

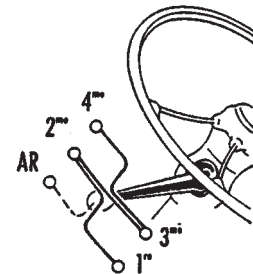
THE first 2 copies of the reproduction 404 Spare Parts Catalogue are being bound. The catalogue is in two thick volumes. A total of 1100 pages (twice as many pages as the 403 catalogue!). All sections included from 0 to 9, engine to body. The cost will be \$170.00 for the 2 volumes. 203 and 403 Spare Parts catalogues are also available.

## LHD 203 in Aus

A YOUNG Frenchman has moved from France to Brisbane and has brought his 203 with him. It was shipped out in a container. It has recently been registered. Terry Somerville tells me that he has sat in it and that it has French bumpers and hubcaps. Just as well that Terry didn't try to drive it as the gear change pattern is reversed from what we are used to in RHD 203s and he could well have been driving off backwards!



Left Hand Drive



Right Hand Drive

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 Peugeots overseas.

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# The Inaugural Peugeot Worm Drive Weekend

Formerly  
The 03  
Weekend

*On the Banks of The Murray River near Tocomwal*  
**November 11th and 12th, 2000**

The Time Out Resort on the south bank of the Murray River near Tocomwal has been booked for the **Inaugural Peugeot Worm Drive Weekend**. Peugeot models 203s 403s 404s or earlier are invited to attend.

The Time Out Resort is set on a large bend on the Murray. Access via a sandy road through the Red Gums, west, at the south end of the old lift span railway bridge at Tocomwal. Off the Shepparton Tocomwal road.

Accommodation is in Ensuite Cabins and School Camp Bunkrooms. Powered and unpowered sites are also available.

**ENSUITE CABINS** have a "double" bedroom, 3 stack bunks in a small room, ensuite and full cooking and eating facilities. **Bring your own blankets sheets and pillows.** There is a preferred minium booking of 2 nights for cabins.

**SCHOOL CAMP BUNKROOMS** are small 2.4 metre square rooms, most with 3 bunks (one up top) and 2 with 2 bunks. A wardrobe and nothing else. Basic, but clean and well ventilated. The bunkrooms are arranged around a square with a fire pit and a BBQ. Also Toilet Block, the Communal Kitchen and Dining Room. Cook your own meals. All utensils, cutlery etc provided. **Pillows are provided for School Camp but bring your own blankets, sheets and pillow cases.**

Singles should try and share bunkrooms.

**POWERED SITES** are \$18.00 a night and unpowered sites \$12.00 per night (for 2). **Camping sites do not need to be booked.**

**OVERFLOW** There are at least 10 motels in Tocomwal (4 km from the resort) and caravan parks with cabins and even B & Bs. Check your RACV etc accommodation guide if you leave your booking too late or you like more luxury.

## •••Accommodation Bookings for Time Out Resort Are With The Worm Register Only•••

**WEEK END PROGRAM** The usual mix of pleasant drives to interesting places. Scenic, agricultural and manufacturing. River parks, strawberry farm boomerang factory and model railway layout. There will be a photo line up will be at the Tocomwal Airport. Built in 1943, almost over night. It was then the largest airport in the Southern Hemisphere. Huge timber hangers are of interest. It is a home of gliding. \$75.00 gliding flights are available. Horse trail rides are available at the Time Out Resort.

**SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER** There will be a spit roast dinner on Saturday night in a big shed at the resort. Nibbles before, 2 meats and 4 vegies and sweets, tea and coffee. BYO drinks.

**WEEKEND FEE** There will be a charge of \$12.00 a car attending the Week End. For organising costs and a goodies bag. The shop at the Time Out Resort is licensed.

**I will be coming to the 2000 Worm Drive Weekend on the mighty Murray River near Tocomwal.**

First Name .....

Surname .....

Address .....

City ..... Postcode .....

Phone number .....

email .....

### \* PLEASE ATTACH A LIST OF PASSENGERS IN CAR \*

(So that name badges can be prepared)

Peugeot Model ..... Year ..... Type .....

### I am enclosing payment as follows

**Cabin** [ ] nights @ \$55.00 per night (2 persons) \$ .....  
*Preferred minimum 2 nights*

[ ] Extra persons x [ ] nights @ \$4.00 per night \$ .....  
*Preferred minimum 2 nights*

**School Camp** [ ] persons @ \$11.00 per night \$ .....

• Share cabin yes/no [ ]

[ ] children @ \$9.00 per night \$ .....  
*12 years and younger*

Please note if using other accommodation? .....

**Weekend Fee** \$ 12.00 per car

### Saturday night dinner

[ ] Adults @ \$15.00 \$ .....

[ ] Children @ \$12.00 \$ .....  
*12 years and younger*

**TOTAL \$** .....

☐ Please return your entry details and cheque to:

**Peugeot Worm Drive Register**  
**28 Olive Ave, Mt Waverley Vic 3149**

☎ 03 9807 3586 📧 email [peu03reg@netspace.net.au](mailto:peu03reg@netspace.net.au)

☐ All entries will be acknowledged.

🔗 Have you attached a list of passengers in your car?

🛏 And don't forget to bring your bedding!