



20th November 2003

THE 2003 Worm Drive Weekend at Young was a big success. 63 cars entered, the biggest number since these weekends started in 1989. On the drives the cars stretched out for two kilometres – a grand sight.

The visit to the landra mansion pleased everyone. As an organiser I was a bit concerned that entrants would question the value for money for the entry fee charged. I was relieved when I got many comments as to how great the visit was. We must expect reasonable charges by people who open their homes and sheds to visitors these days. If only to cover public liability insurance.

110 people sat down to dinner on Saturday night at the Services club. Appropriately Mike and Lesley Jolley won the incentive prize draw for the early entrants; theirs was the first entry received. I was also presented with a bottle of French bubbly for my birthday. Thanks worms.

This year the usual order of 203s first followed by 403s then 404s was abandoned. Much easier to organise and more interesting on the road.

The same mix of models was followed at the photo line up that Robert Baker organised in the horse paddock at Murringgo. The Bakers and the Griffiths organised the BBQ lunch that followed the line up.

I felt that there was a real buzz at the weekend. Smiles and people were really enjoying themselves and saying that they were looking forward to next year. Next year? Probably at Albury. Last week end in October again.

Slide show

A CD slide show of 80 pictures from the 2003 WOWE is available. Autorun, just put it into the CD drive in your computer. Au\$10.00 plus Au\$4.00 postage within Australia Au\$6.30 postage outside Australia.

A 20 minute film on Pal Video, MP4 CD or DVD will be available soon.



A 203 break on the road in France with a 12th century basilica in the background.
Picture by Jean-Marie Droisy from Guy Nolleau

Reluctant wiper motor

ON the way to Young the wiper motor in my 404 sedan decided to stop. The motor is a later one with a black case. A quick thump with the soft edge of my fist got it going again. I had to stop and repeat the treatment several times. I was trying to train my passenger to do the trick. The bonnet release is on her side but she seemed reluctant to jump out in the rain. Another 404 had the same wiper motor problem also, so it looks like there is another problem to solve.

Another hot 203?

A personality, with a weakness to turbo V6s, and who has attended several worm weekends, was overheard at Young saying "If I keep coming to these weekends I had better get the right vehicle". Rumour has it that a tired 203 body shell has been acquired. We will wait with interest to see what mechanicals are fitted into the shell.

Always something to learn

I never realised that the drive shaft inside the torque tube was hollow. Graham Wallis was showing a spectacular failure of a 403 shaft just near the centre bearing. The shaft was probably transmitting more power than Mr Peugeot intended.



I have also just learned that the different front "blinkers" on the 403 cabriolet are more than just blinkers. They are actually combined driving/fog lights with blinkers.



203 model in 1/18 scale

SOLIDO are producing a 1/18 scale model of the 203C, in blue, black and grey. I bought a blue one from www.diecastinternational.com in the Netherlands. A fast and efficient on-line seller. It might be worthwhile dropping a few hints about Christmas presents.

Transistorised ignition

THANKS for all the feed back about transistorised ignition. There will be a report in the next Worm Review, February 2004.

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

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Bob Edward's 403 van



Engine bay discussion

WOWE 2003 at Young

The Cherry Capital of Australia



Lunch at Murringo



Tony Nott's 'feral' 403 SW



Photos by
Gordon Miller
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Col Makin's Redex
403 at Garry's shed



Hec Fleming's 403



Chris Hall's 403



Line up at Murringo



Waiting for the video car to catch up



At Murringo



At Garry's shed



403s at landra



Ready to start, Sunday morning



On the road, Sunday