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Cover Photo: Ted is driving Helen's 2CV through the carpark, about to depart from the Bastille Day dinner at Trawool.

Another photo supplied to us by Mark McKibbin. Mark has taken many of the photos that appear here and in the last couple of Front Drive issues.

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CCOCA memberships are due on  
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# Editorial View

Welcome to another bumper issue of Front Drive. Inside there are plenty of Citroen related articles and Club events. There is a review of the recent Bastille day dinner. Our Concours, which is coming up soon, is covered. Peter Simmenauer has collated an index for volumes 22 to 25 of Front Drive. Ted Cross has expanded and extended A-Tractions covering the period until the next AGM.

We hope there are some events that will tempt you. If not, tell us what you would like to see your club doing.

Last issue's articles regarding members' cars were popular. Accordingly, we have expanded it. This edition features Smelly, Jack Couche's 11BL. Next edition we hope to have some other member's car of interest. There is much more that we

haven't mentioned here. We hope you enjoy it all.

In our search for members and their cars to feature here, we have found that many members are extraordinarily modest when it comes to their cars. 'My car' they say, 'is too ordinary to go in the magazine'. (Usually this is far from the truth.) Accordingly, we ask that if you know a fellow Club member that has a car or story that would be of interest to club members, then let us know. If we can, we will put it in Front Drive.

Following the last edition, we had a member contact us with a genuine complaint that one of the articles had offended them. It doesn't matter who or which article. What does matter is that we had unwittingly offended a fellow club member. Aware that if one member voiced a complaint, dozens more probably felt the same way, we felt that we had failed in our role as editors.

I suppose as novice editors we never imagined that this sort of thing would happen. We thought we would collate contributions, wrestle with software and post out shining new editions of Front Drive every

month and everyone would be happy.

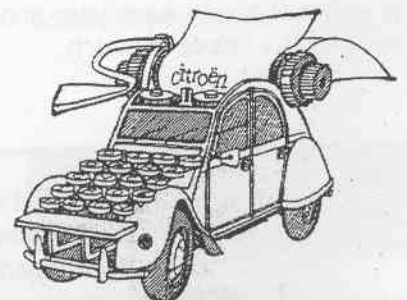
Looking to the future, we will be a lot more thoughtful about what goes into the magazine and how others may perceive it. But, that doesn't mean that it won't happen again. It's easy to weed out things that are malicious or inappropriate. But, when it comes down to an individual's perspective, it isn't quite so easy.

At the same time we don't want to deter the creative urge that so many members can turn into valuable contributions. It is our role and responsibility to make sure that Front Drive is an enjoyable read for all.

The deadline for the next edition of 'Front Drive' is the seventh of November. We value your contributions and we need a bit of time to do them justice before the magazine goes to print.

Thanks you to our contributors in this edition:

Peter Simmenauer  
Mel Carey  
Mark McKibbin (photos)  
Andrew McDougall  
Ted Cross  
Robin Smith  
Bill Graham



Logo courtesy of 2CV Suisse Romande Dec 94

# Prez Sez

This is meant to be a quiet time for playing cars. However the Cross family has been very busy with different catastrophes occurring to the fleet. Citroen C5 has been receiving some very positive publicity and even the tasty Xsara coupe has been well previewed in our local newspapers. This together with new Peugeots and the reintroduced Renault marque encourages me to believe that French cars are back to stay in Australia.

Our club has been through a quiet time during winter and hopefully the range of events we have planned will entice you to become active again through spring and summer. Our membership

levels are close to our best previous results and several cars have changed hands recently. A club auction of rare parts is proposed soon so stay tuned to ensure the prized parts for your restoration are obtained.

Mel and Colleen Carey should be permanently in Melbourne by the time you read this..... Yes, Citro Motors will live on under the care of Mel and Colleen and can only enhance our access to Carey Motors quality Citroen servicing, repairs, maintenance and restorations!

"Activities" are under duress currently due to the lack of an activities officer in our club

- this is a major problem for us in the long term so any assistance offered will be greatly appreciated and offers can be directed to me.

Our joint Concours is just around the corner and we are hoping for a big turnout this year, so please try and display your car if possible. We also need several members to offer assistance on the day. Country or interstate members can usually obtain accommodation with a local club member also. I hope to see as many of you as I can at this special event.

Regards

Ted Cross

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## Club Badges

Attractive, solid metal badges in blue & white enamel.

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Could all members who have access to Email please forward Ted & Helen Cross with their address, either work, home or both so that we can add them to a central register.  
crossfam@ozemail.com.au

Members will then be informed of upcoming events, news and all the hot gossip!

(This is a really good feature. It's saved me from turning up at events that were cancelled at the last moment. -ed)

# A - TRACTIONS

**SEPT Wed 26 8pm**

nice  
room is too good  
Ringwood (Melways 49 E11) in  
after nearby.

**Monthly Meeting - Tour of 'The Healey Factory'**

While not Citroens, this company, restores, repairs and sells some very  
classic cars. The opportunity to tour their workshop and show-  
to miss. Meet on site at 73-79 Heatherdale Rd,  
time for an 8pm start. Supper provided

**SEPT Sun 30**

**Mystery run and lunch in the Dandenongs**

Starts from Chirnside Park car park at 10am. Buy lunch there or bring  
a picnic. Ring 9819 2208 for details.

**OCT 6 & 7**

**\*\* Mt Tarrengower Hill climb**

**OCT Sat 20**

**Pre-Concours Dinner** - Cheap Eats at The Austrian Restaurant  
27 Village Ave Doncaster at 7pm. Book with Ted Cross  
(please note this location is subject to confirmation)

**OCT Sun 21**

**Joint annual CCOCA/CCCV Concours d'Elegance**

Macleay Park North Balwyn comencing from 10am (Melways 46 C4)  
ASSISTANTS REQUIRED-PLEASE PHONE TED CROSS.

**OCT Wed 24 8pm**

**Monthly Meeting**

At Surrey Hills clubrooms

**NOV 3 & 4**

details)

**Lake Goldsmith Steam Rally and day run** - (phone Ted for

Meet at Shell service station East side of Westgate bridge 9am

**NOV 11**

**Geelong Speed Trials and BBQ lunch** - (phone Ted for details)

Meet at Shell service station East side of Westgate bridge 10am

**NOV 17 & 18**

**\*\***

**Bendigo Swap Meet**

**NOV Wed 28 8pm**

**Social night - final meeting for 2001 (at clubrooms)**

**DEC 1 & 2**  
tion

**\*\***

**Motorex 01 Weekend - Motoring clubs promotion & exhibi-**

**DEC 19, 7.30-9.30pm**

**Christmas drinks, nibbles and celebration in the President's  
home. RSVP is essential. BYO drinks**

**CALENDAR FOR 2002**

**JAN Wed 23**

**JAN 26**

**FEB 17**

**FEB 27**

**MAR 16 to 18**

**MAR 24**

**First meeting for 2002 - BBQ - Yarra twilight meeting**

**\*\***

**Historic vehicle display**

**Breakfast and morning run to a members garage**

**Monthly meeting at club rooms**

**Great Alpine road tour**

**\*\***

**Werribee Car Clubs show and shine**

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CCOCA's Club Shop has a  
**large range of items**  
ranging from  
**one-offs to multiple copies.**

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- \* **Lapel Badges:** Traction, M Bibendum, DS Cabriolet, 2CV plus others
- \* **Brochures:** AX, 2CV, CX, BX, DS/ID, Accessories, Paint Cards etc
- \* **Calendars (not current year):** Great period Traction Photos etc
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- \* **Magazines:** Various Citroen In House, various models etc
- \* **Manuals (Repair/Service) & Books:** 4 cyl Traction, 6 cyl Traction, Lomax, DS/ID, A Series
- \* **Models:** Various solid and kits: 2CV, Visa, Traction, H Van, Xantia, etc
- \* **Sundries:** Traction & 2 CV aluminium coasters, CCOCA Enamel Badges, Traction lubrication chart, CCOCA sew-on shoulder patches, Iron-on Traction and 2CV patches, CCOCA windscreen stickers, 2CV gold print tumblers, Fibre placemats and coaster sets, 2 CV - The First 2 Cylinder Limousine Sticker, etc.

Andrew and Frances will be happy to answer your questions about the specific items they currently have in stock, price details, etc.

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# CCOCA / CCCV Concours D'Elegance 2001

## ~ Saturday 20 October ~ Pre-Concours Dinner ~

At: THE AUSTRIAN RESTAURANT<sup>kkk</sup>  
27 Village Avenue Doncaster  
BYO (no corkage). Cards Accepted  
7pm  
RSVP 30 September

This is an opportunity to get together with your fellow club-members, and also with members of CCCV, for an evening of socializing before the main event. The restaurant specializes in

- no prizes for guessing - Austrian cuisine, and prices are apparently quite reasonable.

Entrees \$4 - \$8, Mains \$8 - \$13, Desserts \$4 (approx maximum cost \$25 per head).

We cannot confirm the booking until closer to the event, but if there is a change we will let everyone know. Also, there are LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE, therefore RSVP is essential - BOOK EARLY to avoid disappointment.

**Bookings: contact Helen & Ted Cross 9819 2208 (home) or 041 935 6963 (work)**

## ~ Sunday 21 October ~ 2001 CCOCA/CCCV Concours ~

10am – 3pm (approx)  
Macleay Oval, Belmore Road (cnr Buchanan Ave), Balwyn North  
Melways 46 C4  
Entry fee: \$5 per car  
10am onwards

There should be plenty of interest from the public, as this is a busy road. The park is quite attractive, and there are **toilet facilities**, a children's **playground** and **barbecues**, so bring the family along.

Only current financial members from either club are eligible to win an award - but non-members are welcome to display a car. Or if you prefer you can just come along to admire the cars. Assistance is required from both clubs, as Peter Fitzgerald cannot run the event this year. Ted Cross will co-ordinate (he hopes).

The usual volunteers are needed:

Gatekeepers (2 from each club)

Marshals (2 from each club)

Judges (4 from each club)

volunteers to erect marquees etc etc

On the following page we have included some pictures we have found from previous Concours. The cars look good, and everyone is having fun. This year is going to be enjoyable also, so come along and be in it!





What a great opportunity to polish up your favourite Citroën and take it out for all to admire! We expect there will be lots of Tractions, 2CVs, DSs, etc, etc, all lined up like good little cars.

So... is your Citroën faithfully restored to showroom condition, polished to perfection and impeccably clean and tidy? Bring it along and display it with pride, so we can all admire it – and wish! You might even win a prize.

Or is your car "pretty good really", not quite 100% authentic but clean enough, and it goes? Well attach your CCOCA club badge proudly onto the front bumper (for extra points!) and bring it along too.

Even if your car is somewhat the worse for wear, or is a restoration project that hasn't quite got off the ground yet, put it on a trailer and bring it anyway. We would love to hear what you have planned – and

to give you lots of helpful (?) suggestions. None of those excuses about it not being ready – we will have a point of reference for awarding it the Most Improved prize next year when you bring it along beautifully restored.

We hope to see as many CCOCA members as possible, preferably with their favourite car. Bring the family, have a barbecue, and enjoy the company.



# SMELLY

Smelly is Jack (formerly known as John) Couche's Traction, a 1951 11BL, fifty years old and on occasions, temperamental. Many of you would have seen his car at club events, or maybe when he uses it to commute to and from work. Smelly has also appeared on TV in 'the Sullivans', 'Skyways' and the Nancy Wake documentary, 'White Mouse'. Presently it is an attractive light blue; before that it was dark green and at one stage, it was eight colours.

Jack explained that Smelly is a rarity in that it was not originally black as were most French Traction. (Like model T's you could have it any colour you want as long as it was black.) The explanation is that following the war, France, like most of Europe was desperate to export and earn foreign currency. In attempting

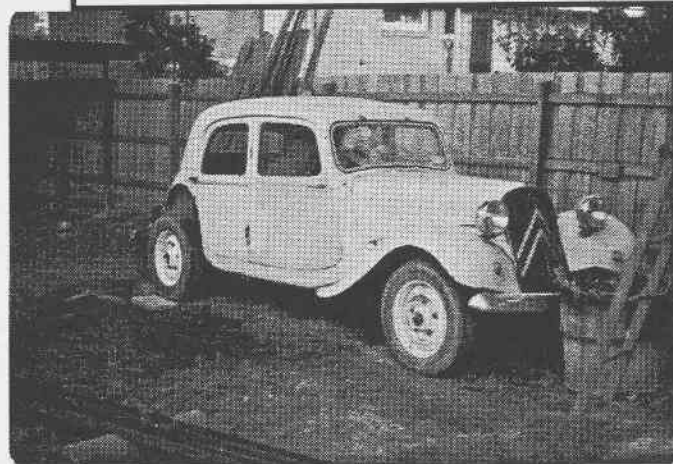


Jack has done extensive work to replace the rusted sills. With delight, he described the 'high tech bending machine' that he employed to replicate the sill profile - then explained that what he actually used was the outdoor furniture!

Smelly is obviously special to Jack. It was his first Citroën. Nine others have come and gone, but Smelly remains today. Jack listed his cars, a 1926 B12 Torpedo, a 1927 B12, a 1949 L15, two other 1951 11BLs, a 1959 ID19, a 1975 GS wagon and a 1976 Dyane6. All but the 1926 B12 have had names. Some of the more notable ones were: Isadora, Gustav and Percy.

to export, Citroën met resistance in foreign markets. Customers wanted their Traction coloured. Citroën, only able to supply them in black, compromised and supplied them in undercoat only. Thus, the customers could paint them any colour they wanted. This is believed to be the case with Jack's car.

Jack's relationship with Smelly is one based on love and hate. He described occasions when Smelly refused to start for no apparent reason, preventing the Couches from attending club events. He showed me photos from the 1983 Harrierville Aus-traction where the head of one valve failed causing severe damage to the engine. The gearbox has been replaced twice.



Many of you will know Jack. Involved with CCOCA from its first meeting in 1975, he became member number eleven, and promptly took on the role of assistant Spare Parts Officer. The Spare Parts Officer soon resigned so Jack took over that job for three years. Then he became President for six years. During this time he bought in a rule limiting an incumbent's time as President to three consecutive years. Personally, I can imagine that every club President since has been grateful of this ruling. Then, Jack took on the position of Activities Officer for one year. He described this job as the most disheartening. Countless hours would be spent and



In August that year, Jack and several other Australians travelled to England for the sixth ICCR, another event intended to celebrate the Traction's fifty years. The Australians received the most distance traveled award. Jack showed me the book published for the event, pointing out where some of the Aussies were omitted from the list of attendees.

As the club became more socially oriented, Jack drifted off. CCOCA for him is a club about its cars and the people. He is not so interested in social events. I took heart when he suggested that the club is headed back in the right direction with more of an emphasis on the cars and their owners.

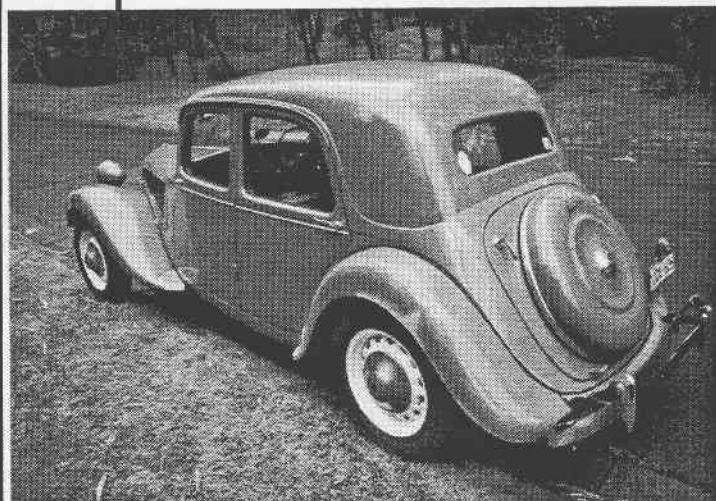
These days Jack is not so involved with CCOCA. He has settled down in Belgrave with his wife Susan and children Jacqui, Molly, Ty and Casey and is committed to the local CFA. However, he is still passionate about CCOCA, its direction and the cars. Leaving his house he pointed at Smelly and declared, "that car (ie Traction) is still the guts of the club".

Ian Sperling

miles covered organising events to find only three members would turn up. The following year he spent as a committee member without a portfolio. Jack still fills a role as the club's Public Officer. He describes it as the club's easiest job, needing only one signature per year.

Jack describes how CCOCA during the early years revolved around Traction. All the events were based on getting Traction used and back on the road. Garage crawls were a regular event where the club would organise to visit a series of member's garages with the purpose in mind of viewing each other's cars. Club runs were also popular. Often CCOCA would combine with other small single marque clubs.

Jack's highlight was 1984. He and his then wife Robyn organised the Aus-traction in Ballarat to celebrate the fifty years of the Traction. In total, 114 Citroens attended. Although I gather, Smelly decided to play up and damaged its radiator with a broken fan belt.





# Bastille



As is often the case, Bastille Day is a combined event where CCOCA and CCCV members come together to celebrate. Being CCCV's turn to organize this year, Guy and Janine Navaud took on the role and arranged for us to visit Trawool, which is about mid way between Seymour and Yea.

For many, the day started at the Navaud's Belgrave residence for a breakfast of coffee and croissants. Others, including myself, met at Chirnside Park where we chatted, admired and photographed each other's cars in a leisurely manner while waiting for the convoy from

Belgrave to arrive.

The trip up to Trawool was very pleasant as we formed a long convoy of Citroens of all varieties and colours which snaked up and around the Yarra valley. The rolling valleys are filled with cheery green farmland, though over Mount Slide everything seemed dark and damp. The plethora of grape vines along the road to Yarra Glen made this route seem even more appropriate for a Bastille Day event. Once at Trawool, we met with others who came up the Hume Hwy.



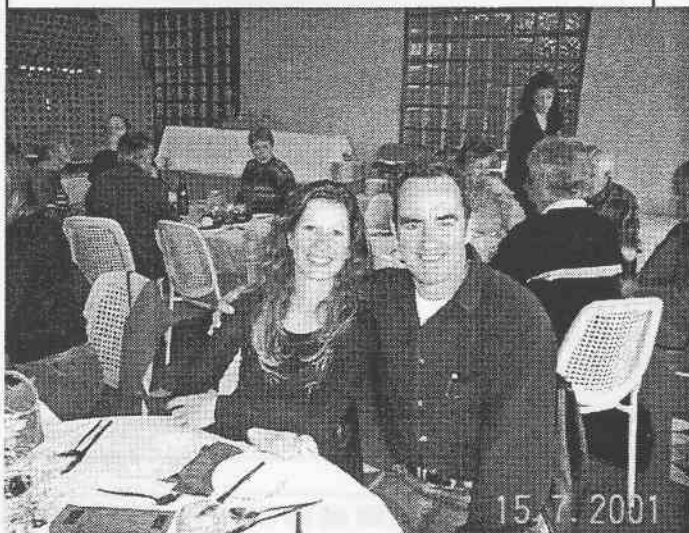
In a sense it's true to say there is not much at Trawool. It's a locality rather than a town. The only building was the site of our lunch, the Trawool Valley Resort. But to say there wasn't much there ignores the scenery. The view over the surrounding valley was glorious and changed continually as the clouds drifted across the valley - a vista that could be enjoyed all day.

We enjoyed lunch together. It was an opportunity to catch up with members of both clubs. We all share a common interest



# Day

and common experiences. Its no wonder we enjoy catching up with like minded folk. Filled with fine food, we ambled outside to the car park. Still more photos were taken



of various Citroens and bit by bit Citroenists headed off to their respective homes to reflect on what a great day Guy and Janine had organised.





# **CCOCA SPARE PARTS HAS MOVED TO FITZROY**

Yes, Mel & Colleen are now established in Melbourne, together with all the CCOCA Spare Parts. Your spare parts can now be obtained conveniently from 17 Smith Street Fitzroy (Citro Motors).

They have most of the parts you would ever need for your Traction, so now it is even easier to get your restoration project finished at last. Or, if it already runs beautifully, then you can more easily take it out for a drive more often - because if anything wears out, you have a good chance to get the replacement you need. And in a central location, too!

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BY PROVIDING DETAILS AND YOUR RESERVE PRICE  
TO PETER SIMMENAUER OR GRAHAM BARTON ASAP.**

Any unlisted parts which are brought on the day will be auctioned subject to time and space availability.

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**370 Tucks Road Shoreham Vic 3916**

**BBQ FACILITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE**

**BYO FOOD DRINKS AND SPARES!**

# Welcome to new members

Laurie and Diny Moers have recently joined CCOCA. A long way from their Batemans Bay home, they attended CCOCA's August meeting as part of a tour around Victoria. Laurie proudly showed us photos of the attractive 1957 Light 15 he owned. He drove it in the Parade to Sydney to celebrate Andre Citroen's 100th Birthday and earned second prize for his efforts. Unfortunately, he later had to sell the car.

Now Laurie owns a 1954 Big 15, which is nearly finished. Photos show it in various states of restoration. It is scheduled for wedding duty in December this year. Part of the reason for their current trip to Victoria was to pick up some hard to get parts from our Spare Parts Officer, Mel Carey. Laurie and Diny are also active members of Eurobodella CHACA. They enjoy meetings and outings, though there are no other Traction in the club. Diny has been the Secretary for the last two years. Laurie has promised to write an article about his Big 15 once it's complete and on the road.

Unfortunately, the only new members we can feature here are the ones we know about. If you are a new or newish member of CCOCA and you would like to be in this column, contact us, your friendly editors.

## Back to Austraction '85

Following the success of this year's Austraction, and probably aware that this was our first, Robin Smith lent us a brochure from the 1985 Austraction. Those of you who went will remember that the event was held at Echuca. The accomodation was at the caravan park where an onsite van cost \$14 to \$16 for two adults. But who can remember the rally fee?

The brochure tells me it was \$7 per adult. Mind you, it only covered administrative costs and one breakfast.

A rally windcheater was \$15 for an adult. I bet even back then people complained about how much things cost!

But, not only have the prices changed. After the comfort of the cabins we enjoyed at Halls Gap it would be difficult to imagine stepping backwards into the hardy conditions of caravans let alone camping.

## Colour Concerns

Car colour is more important to men than women according to a new survey which contradicts the popular myth about women and cars.

About six out of ten men say colour is the deciding factor when buying a car. Only 30 per cent of women agreed in the survey.

The favoured colours (in order) were: silver, blue, green, black, red, chrome, cream and grey.

From the Herald Sun

## Only 24,000km to go

Victorian Neil Armstrong (no relation to the astronaut) plans to drive his humble 2CV around the world. He aims to drive through India, Pakistan, Iran, Greece, Italy, France, England, and the US before arriving back at the Mornington Post Office.

Armstrong says it will be a challenge but is confident it will hold up. He will carry several spare parts with him and a good tool kit. [He would be better off joining the CCOCA spare parts fund. -Ed] For now Armstrong is looking for some sponsors to help him with the trip he will photograph and write a book about.

From the Herald Sun Aug 17, 2001

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Celebrating 21 years of CCOCA	23/2/15	C.V or No C.V. (TA driveshafts)	
Chrysler's 2CV		23/5/16	
22/1/7		Carburettor flat spots	
Citroen in celluloid		23/3/26	
24/4/24		Carburettor flooding	
Citroen Specials Club		23/4/26	
23/1/14		Diveshafts & Engine conversions - net	
Don Wright's racing monoposto	24/1/19	24/3/11	
Double Chevron		Fitting and oil filter to your L15	
24/2/9		23/2/27	
Faces of Citroen		Looking for bright ideas(generator/regulator)-net	24/
24/4/14		4/10	
First Touring Car Bathurst 1950		Lucas Windtone horns	
24/1/11		22/-/24	
Francois Lecot's long, long-distance drive		Serviceable D: Pt.1	
24/2/12		24/2/20	
From disaster to Grand Prix Winner	Pt. 1		Pt. 2
23/5/14		24/3/20	Pt. 3
	Pt.2	24/4/16	Pt. 4
24/2/10		24/5/9	Pt. 7
Gaston investigates new model for the Millennium		24/6/13	
23/5/18		Servicing a 2CV	
Heaven is going up and down (suspension)		24/5/10	
22/-/8		Syphoning (TA carb.)	
Joint venture		23/5/25	
22/6/13		TA clutch - Tech tips on the net	
Lies of unleaded petrol		23/4/24	
22/2/19		TA water pump	23/
Local racing Citroens		1/24	
23/5/13		Traction 4-cylinder engine mounting	22/
Look no hands		3/24	
22/6/18		What about that second gear	23/
Louis & Andre: a comparison of personalities	23/4/10	4/16	
Mors		Worn brake shoe pivot	24/
23/1/10			
Nevill's revenge (5CV round Australia			
Re-enactment attempt)			

## The Victorian Club Plate Permit Scheme

The following notes are to be used as a guide only to the use of club plates

Members who have cars on club plates are advised to obtain a copy of the AMC Handbook through your club.

Members using cars for use other than that stipulated in the handbook will be treated by the law as driving an unregistered vehicle. The owner/driver is advised to carry a copy of the handbook & a current copy of the club magazine. This will assist to substantiate your right to use the vehicle under the terms of the permit.

Some clubs eg, MG Car Club, require a full Victorian Roadworthy Certificate for the vehicle before being accepted on their clubs plate scheme. It is not our intention to introduce such a system at this stage, but I believe the reason some clubs have gone to this extreme is because of problems with members' unsafe cars.

Other clubs have annual inspection days to assist members in keeping their cars up to scratch. CCOCA will provide at least one [non compulsory] safety check day each year to assist members to keep their car roadworthy.

Ultimately, it is the legal responsibility of the owner/driver of the car to ensure it is in a safe and roadworthy condition. Remember, our club plate "CH" scheme is very valuable to us, please respect it & enjoy the use of your special car within the set guidelines.

Mel Carey  
Spare Parts Officer & Vic Roads registered CH plate inspector for CCOCA

## MOVIE REVIEW: THE GODDESS OF 1967

Ian and I saw this film at Belgrave Cameo on 12 August.

This is not your average car movie. There is no assumption that you are a Citroën (or even car) aficionado – they specify, in writing on the screen, that the Goddess is a "Citroën DS" and "a French car".

Citroën fans will not be disappointed by the treatment of the car, a beautiful dusty-rose coloured DS which features prominently in the movie. The Goddess is in most scenes, and is favoured by many attractive camera angles – including an impressive demonstration of her rising up when the engine is started.

The car is however somewhat incidental to the plot, except in so far as the male lead character, having traveled from Japan to Australia to buy it, drives it across Australia accompanied by a young

blind woman. Their journey is for the most part uneventful and inconclusive; the story is largely told by flashbacks. These are skillfully handled so there is no confusion about what is happening, but they disturbingly reveal the pasts of the characters, which have all been tainted by their own crimes, or by the crimes of others. By contrast, the DS is always treated like a goddess. She is always clean, always reliable, never mistreated or scratched or dented. Despite being driven along dusty roads, encounters with aggressive drivers, and being garaged beside a mine or in a decrepit shed, nevertheless in close shots (interior and exterior) she is always immaculate.

This is not a light and cheery film. Although it is not visually violent, the violence is made quite clear (for example, you do not see the murder – you get a view of the bloodstained walls and ceiling,

and a somewhat dispassionate but detailed description). The issues central to the plot are the secrets in all the characters' pasts, including incest, child abuse and computer fraud. The fact that they are portrayed indirectly seems to add to the darkness of the film. This is not helped by the fact that none of the issues are actually resolved, and we are uncertain how/whether the characters are going to handle the issues in the future. In a sense, it is like getting a glimpse into the parts of a person's life that you would normally be spared from seeing.

We are glad we saw this film, despite its being so confronting. The scenery and views of the car are really great. We do advise however, that if you are considering seeing it (or hiring the video), don't expect something light and cheery.

Andrea

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[I reckon the registration plates alone would be worth the purchase price! - Ed]

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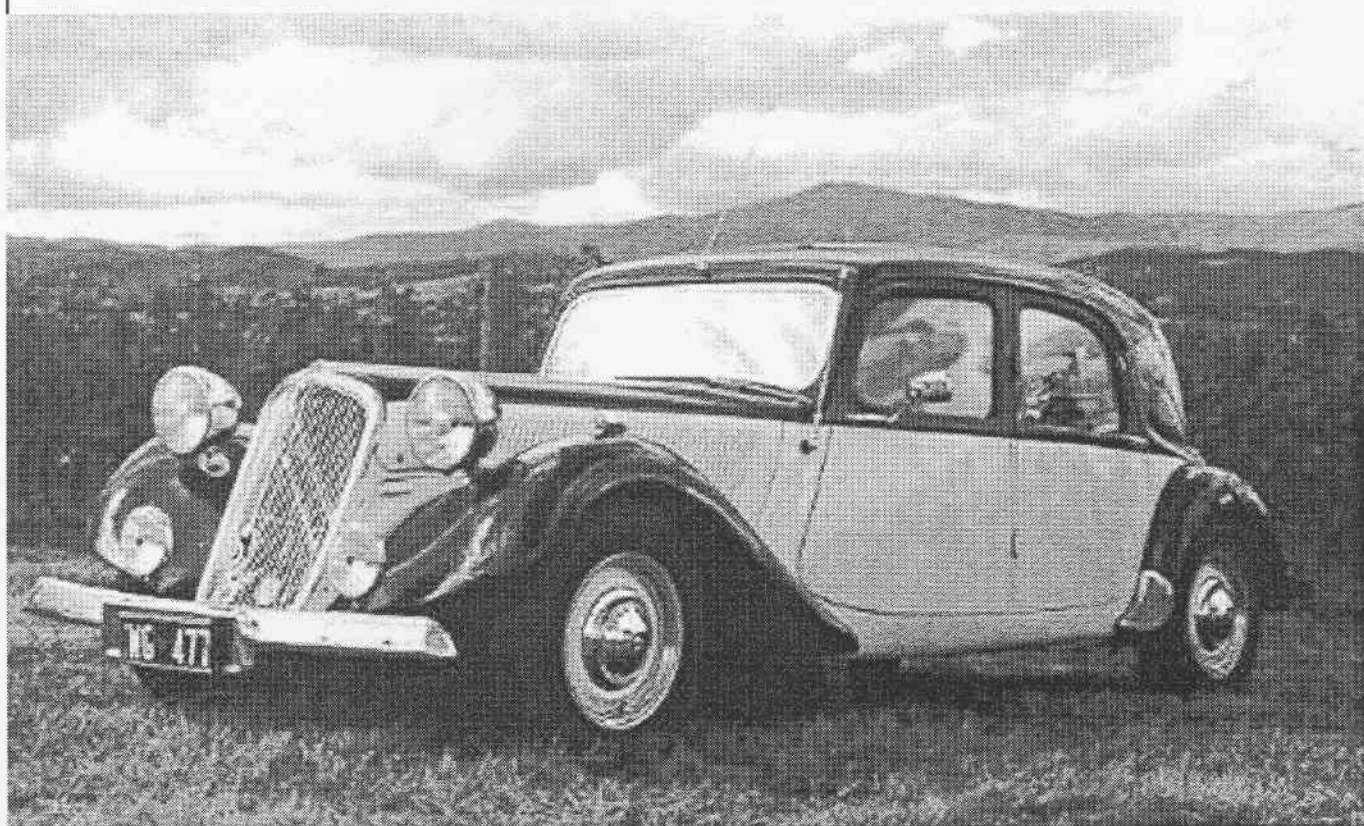
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