



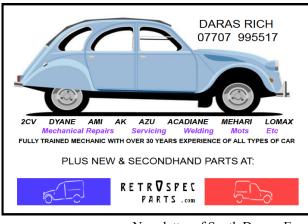
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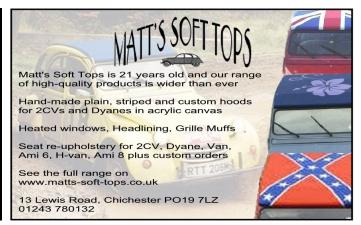
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World Meetings - Smooth Driving all the Way (ALMOST!)

Part One - In the beginning....

A travel story featuring Sue, Maurice and of course Pierre





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Club Meet Thursday 18 February By Zoom See e mail for details

.....a great pic of Bert

loaded up

Thanks Bob

> Is that a get me home recovery vehicle strapped on the back?





Get me Home

Elaine and Jon were on their way to Salbris. As they were crossing north France - the exhaust blew a holeElaine writes.....

"Luckily John Shelley was with us - and he had a can of



Ambrosia rice pudding (shown in the photo). A quick, unscheduled, lunch and the can was put to good use to get us going again. Although we had washed the can out after eating the contents - the

rest of our journey to Salbris smelled of warm vanilla and rice! "



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Part One - In the beginning....

It seems a long time ago now but although we bought our red special, Pierre, new in May 1983 (at a cost of just under £2,500) it was six years before we were able to set off to a 2CV World Meeting.

By 1985 we regularly attended local club meetings of the Sussex and Kent Hill-Hoppers, although it was a bit of a trek across



to Tunbridge Wells, and were aware of the World Meeting at Cheltenham that year. It would have been great to go, being so close, but Sue was working as a Nursery Nurse at the time and they had set summer holiday dates when they closed, which made it awkward. The same

applied even more so in 1987 for the meeting in Portugal as it was just a little bit further!

However the next meeting was much closer, in Orleans, France and by this time Mothercraft in Brighton, where Sue worked, no longer closed for two weeks in summer and staff had flexible holidays. We were also by now more heavily involved in 2CVGB as members of the relatively new South Downs Escargots. Eureka - we were able to join the Escargots convoy to Orleans.>>>> cont

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For me this trip was memorable for the extremely hot weather, open-air showers, thunderstorm, 2CV Cross racing and the fabulous cameraderie in the Escargots corner of the vast open site and amongst all the collected owners from so many different countries. We had a great convoy around Orleans marshalled by the local gendarmerie and when eventually we found ourselves a little lost and passing lines of 2cvs going the opposite way, abandoned and headed for the nearest hypermarmarket.

As well as the excitement of the 2CV Cross we also had a trip to a nearby lake where there was not only racing on water with 2CVs on floats but also a flying 2CV - yes I did say flying! It was mounted on floats and took off from the lake. Although it did not achieve a great height it was able to land safely on the water again. As well as all the lying around there was also plenty to do. None of us had a camping fridge in those days so big bowls of cold water were filled and used to cool the beers. One slight snag with that was we had each bought different brands of beer but in the water the labels would come off so you had no idea which beer you were drinking! This was not a big problem as long as it was cool and wet! An added advantage of the bowls of cold water was that it was also good for cooling hot feet. One feature of the meeting was enormous queues for the mens toilets as well as the ladies and it was alleged that this had something to do with their close proximity to the open-air showers.

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Les Slimes



For myself and Sue it was our first introduction to the strange world of the music favoured by the French at their meetings, which we would get more and more used to over the years. It was an extremely enjoyable meeting lengthened by an Escargots add-on at the end, when we made a little tour of the surrounding area. We stayed on a virtually new camp site where we were of the belief that barbecues were not allowed and so waited to light ours until Madame had left for the evening. By this time a considerable number of 'aperitifs' had been sunk and it was getting dark, not ideal conditions for cooking prawns on a barbecue. The inevitable outcome I will leave to your imagination. On our travels we came across a wonderful scrapyard which had a selection of fine old 2CVs and ultimately as a result of this I acquired my old car, Francoise, more than a year later, but that is another story.

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The whole trip was great fun and all the travelling went fairly smoothly throughout. The only exceptions to this were Kit White carrying out a clutch (embrayage) change on his car on the Orleans site and Tim Evans displaying his unique methods of travelling with a trailer tent.



On the way to the meeting Tim suffered a puncture of a trailer tyre and we all pulled over to the side of the road. When asked by Kit if he knew where his spare was Tim replied, "Yes, in the garage at home". Fortunately it was a lovely day, if a

little hot, for the enforced roadside wait. Tim was taken off with the trailer wheel in another car in search of a garage and eventually returned with a temporary solution which allowed us to carry on to Orleans. Later in the trip we were following Tim when a kettle flew off the top of the trailer and landed in the ditch. This was not an unknown occurrence apparently as Tim was never too careful when securing objects to the top of the tent for travel!

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This was just the beginning of our World Meeting adventures and many more were still to come but sadly not for another six years. The intervening meetings were in Switzerland and Finland. Finland in 1993 was just too far for us as getting enough holiday for a reasonably leisurely trip was impossible.

The Swiss meeting interested us but driving back from a holiday in Italy in September 1990 we drove through the Susten mountain pass below where the meeting was to be held in the following year. It was sunny but not exactly warm on the summit of the pass itself



at over 7,000 feet, but the meeting site was another 1,000 feet or so up the mountain. I wasn't keen on this, it must be said but Sue's comment that she was not going to spend her summer holidays half way up a mountain was the final decider.

Alas therefore Pierre had another six year wait for the experience of a second World Meeting but when it came in Slovenia in 1995 it was well worth waiting for. But

more of that and the Dutch meeting in 1997 in Part Two. Maurice

Many thanks Maurice look fwd to next episode



Rear Light Reflectors

Kit mentioned these rear light enhancers at our last meeting to brighten up your rear end!

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