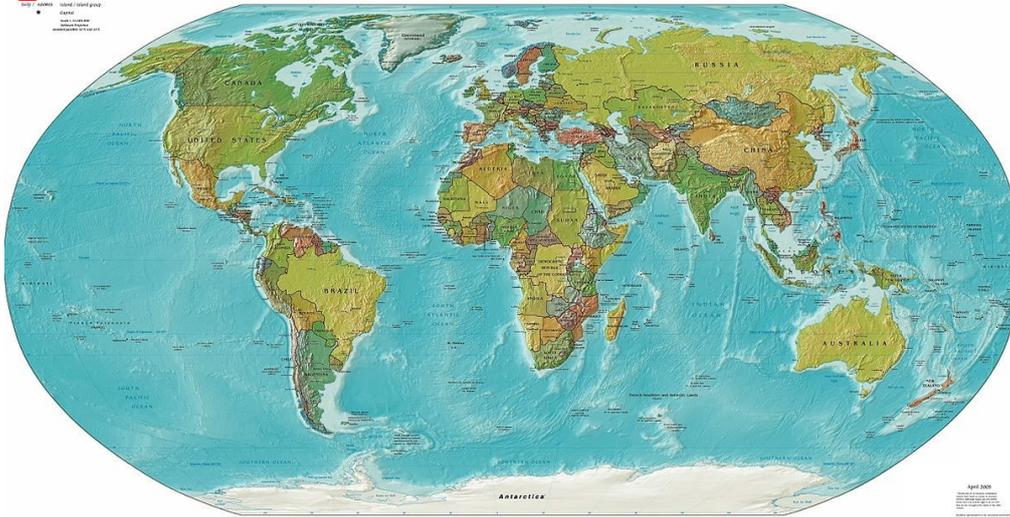


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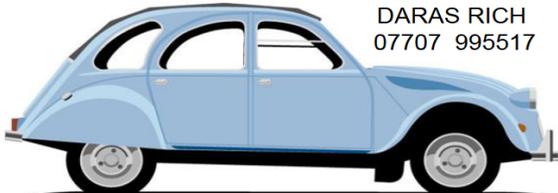
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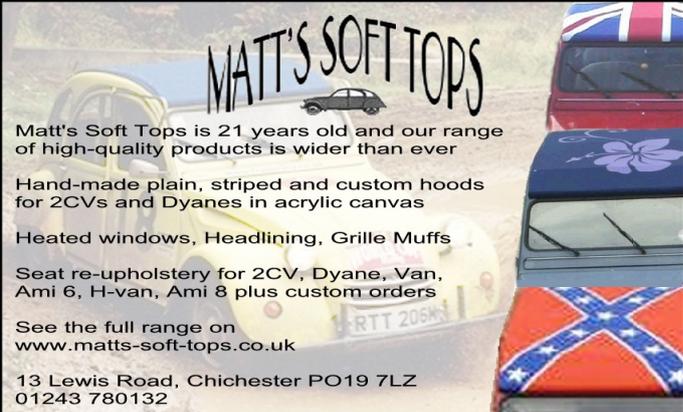


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By Zoom  
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.....a great pic of Bert  
loaded up



**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 hole .....Elaine 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! "



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

### 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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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

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