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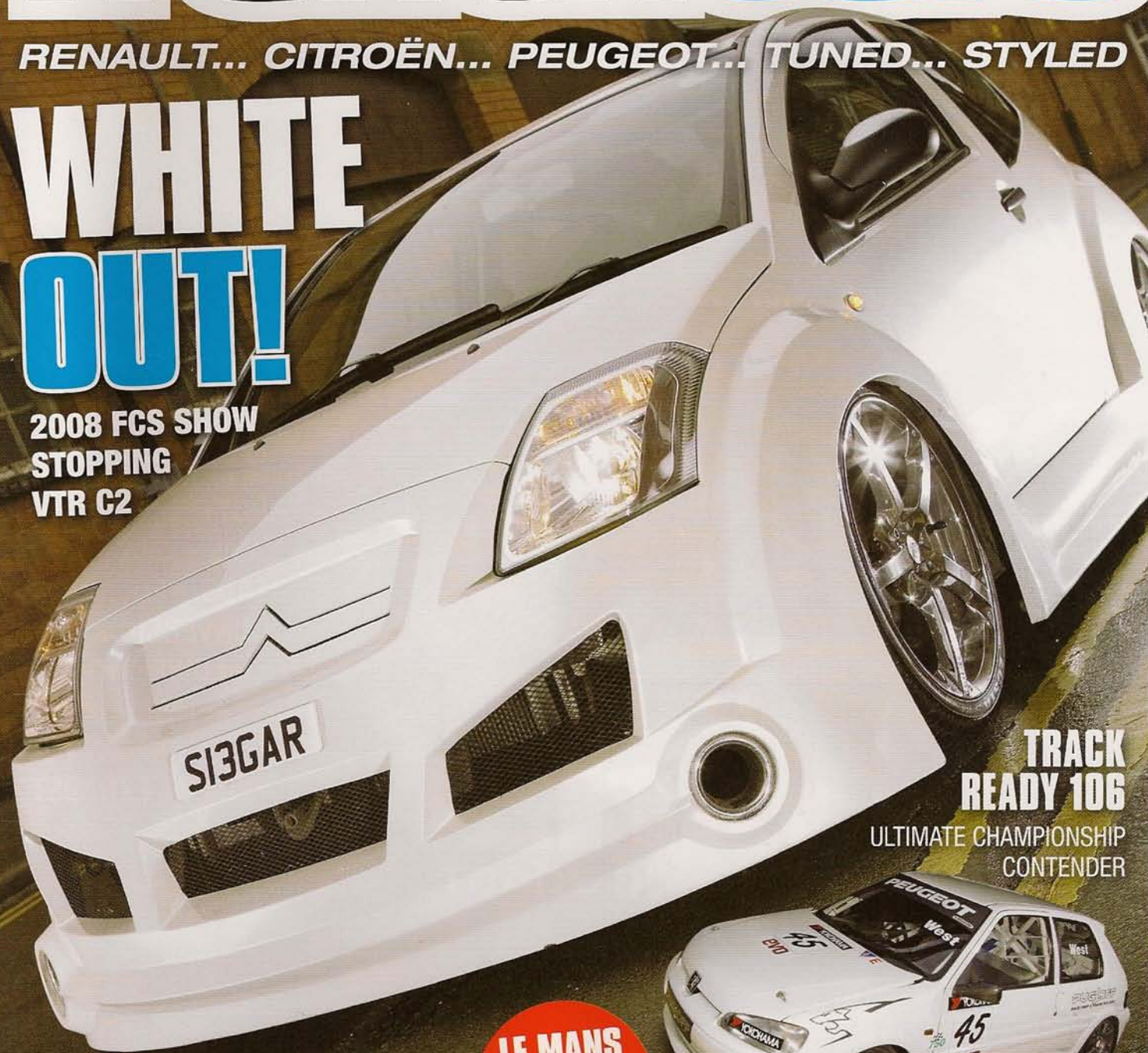
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Blown away by FCS 2008

Despite gale-force winds that very nearly swept our trade stand into another county, a record number of French car enthusiasts descended on Rockingham for the Adrian Flux French Car Show on Sunday 22 June. Over 8,000 people made their way through the gates to enjoy the biggest spectacle of the French car calendar, reaffirming the growing cult for all things Citroën, Peugeot and Renault.



Windswept, but beautifully composed; our Charley did a splendid job on the PFC stand



Steve Saunders' gleaming black 106 was voted Best Peugeot in Show in Meguiar's Top 25



Fabulously preserved old skool Renault 17 belonged to Antony Louies from the West Midlands. There's a Fuego turbo lump lurking under the bonnet...

Hot news straight off the press is that provisionally the event will be held in 2009 at the same venue, sometime during late June with dates to be confirmed subject to the race calendar.

In the meantime, we'll let the pictures from this year's event speak for themselves. There's more club pics on p82-83.



This car's been prepared by GDI Performance Tuning for the Time Attack Amateur Club Class where it will be up against Skylines and Evos with three times the horses. However, with its 240bhp full race engine it's guaranteed to put up quite a fight



Hertfordshire-based specialist Carworx had some sensational cars in its FCS garage, including this 430bhp Saxo VTS Turbo. It too will be in PFC...



Cituning's 1360cc C2 was fitted with the company's GT17 hybrid Garrett turbo which produces an impressive 200bhp. Proprietor Tony Hart's already scooped a class win in it at Curborough



Wild Pug 206 belonging to Ulric Persyh was awarded Meguiar's Car of the Show

MEGUIAR'S TOP 25 RESULTS

- Car of Show**
Ulric Persyh, Peugeot 206
- Best Renault of Show**
Anthony Wilson, Renault Clio
- Best Citroën of Show**
Sagar Pancholi, Citroën C2
- Best Peugeot of Show**
Steve Saunders, Peugeot 106



K-Tec was showing what it could do with the Renault Clio 172 Sport – very impressive. This car featured alcantara dash and doorcards as well as the firm's exciting new titanium 2.5in cat back exhaust. A full feature is coming soon...



Mentalist Cosworth powered 106 belongs to Leonard Ramsey from Cambridgeshire. He had to cut away a chunk of the bulkhead to make it all fit in...



Terri Wood's pink and white Saxo VTS with its Euro look 15in Ronal alloys looked stunning. Boyfriend Richard Pool (Ricky P) helped with the work



Warren Crawford's 'Gold Digger' project 406 Coupé with its hand-made stainless wide arch bodykit attracted plenty of attention. A bulging 14in wider than standard, virtually every panel has been modified in some way. Inside there's carbon Cobra Misano seats and lots of LEDs...



Ecosse modified this 306 sedan shell to three door spec, fitted Mygale II front bumper, splitter, arches and side skirts with Esquiss de-badged grille – then dropped in a 2.0-litre 16v turbo lump from a 405 T16!



Flux Babes are all employed in the Adrian Flux office. Hmm... wonder if they've got any vacancies?



There were actually two of these ultra rare French built Venturi R400GTs at FCS. Based on a spaceframe chassis with fibreglass body it uses the Peugeot/Renault V6 powerplant, twin turboed to produce 400bhp. 0-60mph is quoted at 4.7secs

New Renaults for MotorSport Vision

MotorSport Vision has teamed up with Renault to supply a fleet of 14 New Twingo GTs for the firm's innovative YoungDrive experience – a programme that gives youngsters aged 14 to 17 the opportunity to learn basic driving skills before gaining their provisional licenses. The Twingos will be used at Brands Hatch and Oulton Park, and also to launch YoungDrive at Bedford Autodrome.

Renault will also provide three new race support vehicles for Brands Hatch, Oulton Park, Snetterton and Cadwell Park. Each circuit will operate a Renault Mégane Renaultsport 230 F1 R26 Safety Car, a New Laguna Sport Tourer Dynamique Course Car and a Grand Espace Dynamique V6 Medical Car as part of the track safety infrastructure at national and international events.

Renault already supplies high-

performance Mégane Renaultsport 230 F1 R26s and Clio Renaultsport 197s for MotorSport Vision's corporate driving events and RaceMaster experiences at Brands Hatch and Oulton Park – and we've got a day's course pencilled in for a future issue – so watch this space.



14 New Twingo GTs will be thrash..., er, driven by 14-17 year olds at Brands and Oulton Park. Other Renaults will be used as back up vehicles at other MSV circuits

Weld-done

If you want custom alloy stuff made such as race aluminium radiators, intercoolers and fuel tanks, here's a great website for you to try – www.cdh-uk.com. The Bury St Edmunds based firm, Weld Solutions, can even install your rollcage...

The screenshot shows the website for Weld Solutions, a company specializing in TIG, MIG, and ARC welding. The site features a navigation menu with links for Home, Services, Motor Sport, Products, Links, and Contact Us. The main content area includes a 'WELD SOLUTIONS' heading and a paragraph describing the company's services, such as custom alloy fabrication and rollcage installation. A 'CDH CUSTOM DESIGN HOUSE' logo is also visible in the bottom right corner.



OLD ALONGSIDE NEW...

Renault Enfield is taking a look back over Renault's motoring heritage, proudly displaying a rare 1975 Renault Alpine A110 racer alongside its most recent line-up of Renault models. The car belongs to Jeff Sasin from Barnet who has spent the winter restoring the Alpine to near perfect condition.

The Alpine also took pride of place next to the Mégane Renaultsport 225 at the Bromley Pageant of Motoring over the May bank holiday weekend, showing the best of Renault's sporting legacy.

CLUB CLASS AT FCS 2008

FOR SOME THE CLUB AREA WAS THE ONLY PLACE TO BE AT THE ADRIAN FLUX FCS. WITH ALL THE MAJOR FRENCH CAR CLUBS IN ATTENDANCE, IT WAS THE PLACE TO CHILL OUT, SINK A BEER OR TWO, CATCH UP WITH OLD FRIENDS AND MAKE NEW ACQUAINTANCES...

Yep, despite the dust and ravaging wind, the club area at Rockingham provided a massive treat for French car enthusiasts. Indeed, such were the numbers, some clubs had trouble fitting everyone in. After ClioSport, one of the biggest club turnouts was the 106owners which had an impressive 150 cars in attendance. It took them 2½ hours to get sorted. Dan Woodward and crew from the Peugeot GTi Autosport Club also made a big impression with 84 member cars and an entry of 20 vehicles for its highly contested show 'n' shine competition.



Lee Edwards' tasty Mégane started life painted black before his dad sprayed it yellow. Having added the Lenso's, among other things Lee's looking to fit colour-coded roof bars and trick throttle bodies

Particularly impressive, too, was the parade of Renaultsport cars lead out by Renault top man Jeremy Townsend to raise money for the Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance (WNAA).



Clio16valver had a fabulous display of cars at the show, including this very nice Imperial Valver (above) and rare Dimma bodied example (below)



Alex Rudavin from Coventry bought this Twingo from an elderly couple in the UK and has scoured German eBay for goodies... The 13in steels were a bargain 200 euros, while a set of coilovers set him back just 270 euros. Next up, Alex plans to fit a Williams or Renault 5 Turbo lump to add twang to his Twingo



Nice C2 Sport has been made to look like a Maxi replica by owner Craig Lippett from Bracknell. He got the graphics for just £60 off eBay



Spotted! Rare Settant' anni 406

Hidden among the rows of French hot hatches was this real rarity – a limited edition 406, made in 2000 to celebrate the 70th birthday of its designer Pinninfarina. Owner Tim Collins from Derby was kind enough to tell us a bit about it. Apparently, it's one of a batch of just 1200, and just a handful (between 3-5) made in right-hand drive. Mechanically the 'Settant' anni is the same as other V6s, but the visual differences are striking and include white leather trim with a distinctive Pinninfarina 'F' on the headrests, two tone leather steering wheel, chrome bars on the radiator grille, wood trim, Nautilus alloy wheels and – most importantly – a limited edition dashboard plaque. Very nice.

COUPÉ 406
SÉRIE NUMÉROTÉE
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Kelly Nijhuis prepares her recently repainted 106 GTi for the Peugeot GTi Autosport Club show 'n' shine. Kelly almost wrote the car off on new year's eve, but incredibly, thanks to club members, it was made to look like this in just five weeks. We just love those OZ 35th anniversary alloys...