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406 COUPE CLUB FINAL SUMMER MEETS

TIM COLLINS LOOKS BACK OVER THE LAST FEW EVENTS OF THE 406 COUPÉ CLUB'S 2009 SUMMER... WORDS & PICS: TIM COLLINS

he Peugeot 406 Coupé Club held a series of local meets as summer 2009 drew to a close. For September we planned to do something a bit different so on Saturday 12th we got together at the Rolls-Royce open day in Derby and on Sunday 20th we held a formal club meet at the Haynes Motor Museum in Somerset.

ROLLS-ROYCE DERBY

September 12 saw a rare opportunity to see inside the Rolls-Royce aero engine facility



in Derby. The meet started at 9am at our dedicated car park (no mixing with the riff raff!) before making our way to the Learning and Development Centre for a guided tour of cars, engines and Rolls-Royce history. The tour also included a former foundry where we saw more cars, aircraft piston engines, aircraft jet engines, ship and rocket engines, which left many of us as giddy as kids! The highlight for several of us was to stand next to a test jig with a V12 Merlin engine running at full speed.

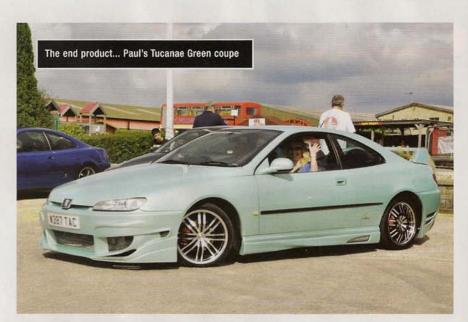
The day was rounded off with a Coupé convoy through the outskirts of Derby and out into the Derbyshire countryside for steak



and chips at the Ragley Boat Stop... a Club favourite. Many thanks to Chris (laughcav) and Kay for organising the meet, and thanks to all at Rolls-Royce Heritage for answering our barrage of questions.

HAYNES MEET

On September 20th the 406 Coupé Club held its last summer meet at the Haynes Motor Museum. The sun shone and 29 coupes attended despite an early departure and late arrival. As ever, it was good to see some old friends, some new members and recently completed projects. Haynes was the first proper outing for a Coupé featured as a 'work in progress' in September's *PFC*. The recently completed project by Paul (ans) was on show and has lost its two tone finish and opted for a full Tucanae Green finish.





Also there, causing quite a stir, was local owner LadyHawke (Stephanie) in her modified Pulsar Yellow 406.

Well done to Margo and Libby for organizing the tea, coffee, cakes and biscuits. Well done also to Tigger (Mike) for organising the event and many thanks to the staff and owners of Haynes for making us so welcome and providing access to the track for group photographs.

It was also good to see three of the attendees at the forthcoming International Meet together for some last minute planning. The International Meet is due to take place at Valençay in France during the weekend of 24 to 26 October. The current attendance list for Valençay is 58 Coupés; look out for a full report in the January issue of *PFC*.

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