

Southeast Citroën SM Owners' Club

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Le Bolide, or "speeding demon," launches publication in Southeastern US.

A group of Citroën SM owners in Florida and Georgia have gotten together to launch the latest forum on Citroën lore. This will be a collection of car stories, car pictures, and of course car showcases. In addition, we'll spotlight a new Citroën SM owner in every issue to review the strange and curious urge that compel us to buy and maintains these exquisitely expensive machines.

This letter serves as a complement to the already robust online forums and the other regional clubs and organizations in North America. Our mission is to provide another source of accurate information for Citroën SM owners, plus a diversion or two for good stead.

ICCCR Raid Summer 2002

As you know, the Raid takes place summer 2002. Southeast Citroën SM Owners' Club members are forming our own raid to meet up with the transcontinental convoy in Ohio. Three days in Amherst should be a terrific time to show our cars, swap parts, meet other fanatics, and get a first-hand look at Citroën's new offerings. Persistent rumors hold that the cars may come back... what welcome news this would be after 30 long years! Watch this space for rallying dates for the northbound raid to ICCCR 2002. Link: <http://www.inforum.net/rca/mad-dash/main.html>

Weather and aging

Whether you live north or south, weather poses a daily threat to the life of your SM. Cold weather states spew salt on the road, devouring sensitive undercarriages. Hot weather cars are also vulnerable, here the damage comes to the interior, particularly to upholstery, leather, and dashboards.

What to do? Common sense dictates simple precautions. Wash salt and snow off frequently, and keep the car garaged (yes, the car in the garage, the junk in the driveway). In Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, and other hot states, make use of an under-the-windshield heat blocker, and keep the car garaged or parked under a canopy.

Stories wanted!

Tell us the best and worst times of your SM. We'll print what's funny and what's helpful. Be sure to send us photos of your smooth-riding joy. Please mail to the address at the bottom of this newsletter.

#!@\$ Corner

via email — back to cars... the SMs starter had died. I have to use a cutting torch to get the #!@\$ bolts off. Then drop the exhaust and pull the starter. I've been told it will be about \$200 for a rebuild. I'm also going to swap out the Exhaust system while it's off.