



Ian's G603 WAC

G-WAC Notes

A News sheet for those who are interested in the early Land Rover Discoverys



David's G480 WAC

February 2011

Snow again last week in the North, so winter is not yet over although the bushes in the garden are starting to bud and the snowdrops are in bloom.

526 was out on the salty roads again. It gets a good wash underneath after each run, but there is bound to be some corrosion starting so must get the wire brush and Waxoyl out soon.

The first "Show" of the season is the British Indoor 4x4 Show at the Staffordshire County Showground. Not a specific Land Rover event but I hope to be there handing out G-WAC Notes and DOC membership application forms.

601 for sale.

I'm about to sell 601. It is taxed and tested to the end of the month. (February)
It will need rear body mounts welded in (which I have) it has a leaking steering box (which I also have).

For last years MOT, it had a new rear floor and new inner sills.

It has four new tyres, and I have the original steel wheels, which will all go with it.

I'm open to offers, and would do a swap for a small van, as I just don't have the time to get it together.



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3-door shell

My friend who generally imports and exports Range Rover body shells also has a mint 3-door Discovery body shell in the South of France and was wondering if it would be of any interest to anybody.

He can be contacted direct on 07593 091301. His name is Chris, or you can email me, at sharon.paige@sky.com.

Sharon Paige

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It's been a quiet winter for 603, on the whole, just running her a couple of times a week and just running around the village to keep everything in order and working.

I have in general been using my wife's Freelander for work but when the snow was really bad I used 603 twice because I have to get to elderly patients that need medication etc. The two times I used her in the snow I was thinking constantly about the dreaded salt, so on returning home the jet washer was hauled out and every nook and cranny was blasted clean. The neighbours thought I was quite mad!

Now that the weather is turning a bit milder it's time to do a few jobs. Firstly, an overdue cam belt change. When I purchased 603 from Graham he told me it would need doing at some point, not through mileage but more through age so it will be done this month.

I have been trawling the net and ebay looking for a windscreen rubber and came across a listing selling a complete set of D1 window rubbers. I mailed a question to the seller and they were genuine LR items so a bid was put in, then another when I was outbid! It was a nail-biting end to the auction winning them with about 50p to spare! I wondered if I was bidding against another G-WAC owner.

Next on the list 'to do' is wheel alignment. The steering wheel is just a tad off centre but enough for it to be noticed. Finally I noticed a small hole in the chassis. I have a Mig Welder so that will be patched up when I get a free couple of hours, and to go hand in hand with that, a good spray of Waxoyl to keep rust at bay.

We are looking forward to warmer months so we can again all go out in 603 for picnics and do the local shows. The kids love her!

Ian.

Events 2011

March 19th-20th	British Indoor 4x4 Show. Staffordshire Showground. ST18 0BD
April 23rd -24th	Help for Heroes run. Gaydon.
May 1st	Heritage Land Rover Show. Gaydon.
7th-8th	LROI Spring Adventure. Driffield Showground, East Yorkshire.
15th	Land Rovers on the Line. Severn Valley Railway.
26th-31st	ALRC National Rally. Bircham Newton, Norfolk. PE31 6RH. together with the DOC National Event
June 18th-19th	Dunsfold Collection Open weekend. Springbock Estate. GU6 8EX.
July 15th-17th	LROI Billing Show. Great Billing, Northamptonshire.
August 13th-14th	LRM Show. Stoneleigh.
September 10th-11th 24th-25th	LROI Show. East of England Showground, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire. Abingdon 4x4 Festival. Abingdon.
October 2nd 15th-16th	London to Brighton Plymouth social and road run.

B62 COH in April issue of LROI.

In the April issue of Land Rover Owner International magazine, there is a good article and pictures about the pre-production car owned by the Dunsfold Collection.

Dunsfold also own C60 JKG and Charles Whitaker owns C742 HUH. Three of the original pre-production cars. I believe that there were five built in 1988 and registered with 1984 plates to hide their identity

The article makes note of the fact that the engine was a V8 Efi, which was not offered in the first production cars and not fitted until 1991/92 J plate cars. The carburettor V8 was used to start with.

The pre-production 5-door G226 EAC, owned by the Discovery Owners Club, is also fitted with the Efi engine.

Roy.



Charles Whitaker's pre-production car.

G-WAC Notes on website

Brian Radford, of Northmead 4x4, is keeping up-to-date with a copy of the Notes on his website. All the back issues from the start in May 2007 are there.

He also has another website to advertise Classic Rallies and shows.

Have a look at the sites.

www.northmead4x4.co.uk/gwac_discoverys.htm

www.classicrallies.co.uk/index.htm

NORTHMEAD 4x4

Current known owners of launch cars. @ February 2011.

G457WAC	Mark Wheatley.
G463WAC	Ian Rawlings.
G465WAC & G526WAC	Roy Preston.
G469WAC & G524WAC	Lee Barnett.
G470WAC	Frank Elson.
G477WAC	Ian James.
G478WAC	Meghan Timmins.
G480WAC & G482WAC	David Ashburner.
G486WAC	John Capewell.
G488WAC	Clive Richfield
G490WAC	Rob Ivins.
G510WAC	Nick Prior.
G511WAC	Colin Crossley.
G534WAC	Nicholas Webb.

There were 86 cars registered on 01.10.89 from G451WAC to G537WAC, with the exception of G500WAC.

Other known Launch cars.

G454WAC, G462WAC, G466WAC, G471WAC, G472WAC, G475WAC, G476WAC, G495WAC, G520WAC, G531WAC and G537WAC.

Other G-WACs, pre-production and early cars

B62 COH & C60 JKG	Phill Bashall (The Dunsfold Collection)
C742HUH	Charles Whitaker.
G2 KRT	Owner not known.
G41 VHA	Simon Tinkler
G67 RYJ	Peter King
G226EAC	Discovery Owners Club
G279WAC	Neal
G302WAC	Sandy Andrews
G310WAC	Mark Simpson
G311WAC	Ivor Ramsden
G316WAC	David Cox
G401WAC	Owner not known.
G406WAC	Andy Baker
G410WAC	Robin Jeffery
G563WAC	David Spirett
G601WAC	Richard Haynes
G602WAC	Owner not known.
G603WAC	Ian Redfern
G610WAC	Gary Timmins
G635WAC	Alec Gatherer
G640WAC	Owner not known.
G711YRY	Peter Hares
G757SGX	Paul Bishop
G767NRH	David Ashburner
G834FPR	Sue Virgin
G892 VPM	M E Hall
G987LKU	Andy Greer
H776POJ	Duncan Campbell
H871EWK	Mark Hardwick
3656 TW 24	Keith S L Daffern. (France)
AZ-829-TJ	Raymond Bechetoille (France)
Reg not yet known	Roberto Blanchard (USA)

**1989-1990 registered Discoverys
at Plymouth last October.**

Nine cars with the registration prefix "G" were on show at the Plymouth gathering last October.

There were three cars there that unfortunately I did not manage to speak to the owners.

If you know who these enthusiasts are, please ask them to get in touch with me and perhaps we can get them to write a few words about their cars.

G2 KRT. Owner not known.



Owner not known.

G757 SGX, belongs to Paul Bishop?
G892 VPM, belongs to M E Hall?

Roy.

Heritage run. May 1st.

The organisers of the heritage Land Rover Show at Gaydon gave us some space to show our cars last year so I have applied again this year.

If I am successful in obtaining some space perhaps you may be encouraged to bring your G-WAC or G registered car along. If you are interested please give me a call.

I have also applied for a place on the run for 526 and will have to wait to see if they have accepted it.

They accepted it last year so I hope to be there again.



526 and 480 at Gaydon last year.

Is anyone else applying?

Roy.

Ian's G477 WAC

The Disco has had a few bits done to it; I bought it with a 2" lift kit on it and the homemade bumper.

All I have done is change the tyres as I use it for off-roading and running up and down the M3.

The chassis is still sound but as with most Discos the body has quite a bit of rust but still went through an MOT, just.



I think the engine is the original No 71 and still going strong.

It won't be scrapped, but at the moment I don't have the time or money to restore it. I will just have to see what happens.

I am going to try and get to the Help for Heroes record attempt at Gaydon, and a few more shows throughout the year.

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