



Keith & Val's G406WAC

# G-WAC Notes

From the  
Project Jay Preservation Group

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



Robin's G308WAC.

## February 2013

A warm welcome to Tom this month. His Disco was his daily driver until a company car came along, but is now his hobby.

The notes are a bit late this month, with there being only 28 days in February, it does seem to take a large chunk out of the month.

The main reason for the delay is that I have had a spell in hospital for a hip replacement, I did ask the surgeon to fit the new one with a grease nipple, but he told me that it would not need one as the replacement is better than the OEM.

The first show is not until 18th–19th May so I should be driving by then.

## A pass at last. Rooky the V8 lpg.

Well third time lucky, our Discovery 1 V8 lpg, passed the MoT, so now we are getting our camper 127 ready for the test. After that we will start on the G-WAC.

We bought Rooky the V8 back in 2010, getting ready to replace Trixie the D3, but we managed to extend the contract for two years to keep her till last month. Trixie was a Motability car, which we have had for five years, originally on a three-year contract.



Trixie

After we bought Rooky, we had a few problems with her, two new gas tanks, a new tyre and new battery. She passed her MoT in 2011, but failed in 2012, so we had some work to do, fitting new brake discs and pads, new handbrake cable, and get the emissions under control.

Rooky is R registered and we have now got her to a good condition.

Kevin (Roamingman)

## Classic Car Shows.

We'll soon have the winter weather behind us and the show season will then be upon us. My first local show will be at the Ripon Racecourse on 5th May. James and I will be there with my 526 and James's 534.

The local shows are organised by Mark Woodward Classic Events, he also organises spares days and the first one is at the Skipton Auction Mart on 31st March.

His classic shows have an arena to parade the various models, either by type, sports cars, 4x4, kit cars, American, etc, or by age. Some shows have a commercial slot where you can display a van, a pickup or a truck.

The Discovery can be entered in the 4x4 class, where it will sit alongside the Cosworths, Jenson FFs and Series Land Rovers, (RR folk don't usually go to Classic Car events) and our G-WACs can also be entered in the 1980s class.

Whilst the judge is inspecting the exhibits, the commentator will speak to owners and ask about their car. If you are fortunate to be chosen to say a few words about your car, it is a good opportunity to tell the visitors about the launch and the G-WACs.

In the summertime there are many shows every week and they are listed in Morgan's Historic & Classic Vehicle Events Yearbook.

Web site at [www.morgansyearbook.co.uk](http://www.morgansyearbook.co.uk). It is produced by the Rotary Club of York Vikings, and profits go to various charities. Another source of information is published by the Classic Motor Monthly newspaper.



If you enjoy sitting in the sun ??? and watching the world go by, what better way to do it than to attend a local village show or Classic Car show with your G-WAC?

Roy.

## G466KUH

I bought her in 2001 at a Brightwells auction, as my daily driver, to complement my ex Home Office 1957 88" S1. Was first registered 25th April 1990 and has had 10 previous owners.

She had a very 'tappy' engine, so I stripped it down and found that it needed new followers, and it had broken valve springs. The rebuild consisted of some 9.75:1 pistons from a Rover Vitesse, a Viper Hurricane camshaft, and jetted up carbs. There is now an estimated 180BHP. The engine block, heads, crank are all original.

I used her as an everyday vehicle and Green Laner, until the company car came along. She then became more of an off roader, with a 1" lift, 750 XZL's, lots of time undersealing, and a recon gearbox/transfer box. (The wife described the old gearbox as like 'A stick in a bag of marbles!')

When our second child came along and we moved house, she actually became a mobile shed for two years whilst I waited for my garage to be built.



She has been trialling - going to ALRC Nationals regularly, and most months with the North East Rover Owners Club, - won a few events in the club, and in 2011 ALRC Nationals was 3rd in class overall. A bit tatty now and a couple of dents from a bad days trialling - but I always tried to maintain an ability to return to original.

I noticed that some of the trim has dates hand written on the back, (forgotten what they were) and the axles had faint writing on them (now gone).

One interesting point is the colour - it's a metallic blue - and I have never seen another the same. No colour code on the data plate - and the Land Rover dealer has no idea. A friend of mine wondered if it was built as a colour sample - as he thinks it's a classic Range Rover colour. The roof is painted silver, as is the bottom half of the doors, due to corrosion.

Tom.



### A day out at an auto Jumble.



We had a great time at the recent Land Rover autojumble at Malvern.

Managed to get some bits for both of the Discoverys-I also fulfilled a dream, as I am now the proud owner of a Discovery bag in the same trim as our G834FPR.

Looks like it has never been used, and inside one of the pockets was a Land Rover AA book dated 1990. Only paid £5.00 for it, and am chuffed to bits.

Sue & Andy.



