



Bill's G524WAC

G-WAC Notes

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



Roy's G526WAC

May Notes

Spring is in the air and with two Land Rover shows already having taken place, it is time to get your cars on the road and be seen at the other major shows.

Graham is planning to be in attendance with 603 at the Severn Valley Railway, Eastnor Castle, Dunsfold, Peterborough and the London to Brighton run. I will be at a few of them too. I will also be at a few local Classic Car events and spread the word about our cars.

There are a few G-WACs for sale that are in need of some TLC and it would be nice if one of the Land Rover magazines would buy one and do a restoration. They seem to do some restoration of Series Land Rovers and Range Rovers but not Discoverys.

Land Rover World Show Eastnor Castle 6th – 7th June

This show is in the grounds of Eastnor Castle, near Ledbury. The estate has for many years been used by the Land Rover factory for testing the various models over rough ground.

The Discovery Owners Club will have a stand at this show. Bill will be there with 524 and Graham with 603.

Severn Valley Railway Land Rover Display 14th June.

The Severn Valley Railway is hosting a Land Rover display on the 14th June, organised by the Severn Valley Leafers Club.

As last year we will be based at the Bridgenorth station with the Range Rover Register. If you would like to display your Discovery for the day you will be most welcome

Drivers of display vehicles will get a discount voucher for travel on the railway, please confirm before hand so I can try to arrange sufficient parking and vouchers. Phone me on 07756 448751

Set up time will be 9.00 am. Other clubs will be based at the different stations along the railway so if you fancy a day out along the railway there will be plenty of Land Rovers to be of interest.

Bill.

Dunsfold Open Day

20th – 21st June

I have booked a space for us at the Dunsfold Open Day and have suggested five cars maximum,

603 will be there for the weekend so need at least another four to make it a reasonable display. So will anyone interested please contact me as soon as possible.

An extract from their website.

'Our show is again being held at the popular Springbok Estate. There is ample car parking on site. As usual, we are being supported by Land Rover and Land Rover Driving Experience who will be giving demonstration rides around the on-site off-road course.

There will be several Club Stands, Trade Stands, Arena Events and an Auto Jumble. Also on site, there will be a bar and catering facilities, with evening entertainment on the Saturday night'.

Graham

Notes from Graham

I have noted a few G-WACs for sale this month, 477 on Ebay and 457 on PistonHeads.com, so by the time this is out there will be some new owners in the exclusive G-WAC club

We've just got to somehow find them! I've spotted 534 out and about in Tamworth and the DOC forum reports either 215 or 219 for sale.

Thinking on how odd it was that 469, 510, 526, 534 & 603 all were resident in the Tamworth area this time last year and how they have all disbursed around the country in such a short time.

G-WAC websites.

I don't spend much time surfing the web but I put 'gwac discovery' in the search engine and came up with this one.

www.land-rover-discovery.co.uk/land-rover-discovery-gwac.

It has a link to Graham's www.g-wacdiscoverys.net.

This one also has a G-WAC content. www.northmead4x4.co.uk.

Roy

Gaydon. 3rd May

With the two-day 60th anniversary celebrations last year, the one-day show this year was bound to be a rather subdued affair, but nevertheless it was still a good show.



Graham had secured a space for us under the name of the "GWAC Register". This was adjacent to the Discovery Owners Club stand and very fortunate because with only 603 and 526 attending it would have looked very sparse without G226EAC and the rest of the DOC cars to sit alongside.

I have not been on the annual Heritage Run from



Lode Lane to Gaydon, so I took the opportunity to have a ride with Peter and Margaret Wykes in 526. More about that later. I have been on a few road runs and this one was very well organised with police control for us at many of the road junctions.

The Tom Barton Trophy is awarded each year to the most authentic chosen model of Land Rover, Graham won it in 2007 with 469, and this year the Trophy was awarded to G226EAC as joint winner with a very splendid and original "H" registered car in black.

Roy

G534WAC

534 is back up for sale again. The guy wants £900.00 for it. It's a V8 in reasonable condition.

Graham

Drifffield Show 9th – 10th May

The two-day Land Rover show held at Drifffield Showground is the first big show of the season and the only one in the North. Visitors from the North and Scotland enjoyed the good weather for a change.



Billed as the Spring Adventure, it had lots to interest the Land Rover enthusiast and family. The arena entertainment featured birds of prey, none were lost this year but one did decide to sit out the show in a tree, a motor-cycle spectacular and the usual clubs drive around with Jerry Thurston giving his version of the models present.

The trade stands ranged from sweets stalls to tyres and accessories, with quite a few varied food outlets.



The off-road course was in prime condition, with plenty of that East Yorkshire clay, which takes an age to clean off.

Graham was there with his 603, the Discovery Owners Club displayed G226EAC and I had my first outing with 526. G226EAC was placed third for the Best Preserved Vehicle award.



Classic Car Show and 4x4 Spares Day
Ripley Castle. Monday 25th May.

Mark Woodward Classic Events www.markwoodwardclassicevents.com run shows not just for cars but also for agricultural tractors, stationary engines, trucks and motorcycles. Mark also organises auto jumbles for similar collectors' items.

His Ripley Castle event has always been a favourite of mine, it is local to me and he includes the 4x4 jumble, which attracts many Discovery enthusiasts.

The Castle is in the centre of the village where there are shops and a café. For the young family there is a play area with swings and slides. From the sloping show field you can look across the lake to the deer park.



At these small shows with limited club stand space, we usually try to include one of each model of Discovery but at this event we had 12 spaces and it made a very good display. We were very pleased to receive the "Club Display" award for the best club stand.

With two D3s on show, as the latest model Discovery (for now anyway), and G226EAC and G526WAC, the oldest models, the only one missing from the line-up was the 2.00 Ltr. Mpi.

A journalist from Land Rover Monthly magazine took an interest in our stand and took a few photographs.

I hope to take 526 to some more classic shows this year, to spread the word about our early cars. If we don't save them now, they will be gone forever.

Roy

Current known owners @ May.

C742HUH	Charles Whitaker.
G226EAC	Discovery Owners Club
G279WAC	Neal
G302WAC	Sandy Andrews
G310WAC	Mark Simpson
G406WAC	Andy Baker.
G410WAC	Robin Jeffery
G463WAC & G480WAC	Ian Rawlins.
G465WAC & G526WAC	Roy Preston.
G469WAC	Dan Hadley
G470WAC	Frank Elson.
G478WAC	Meghan Timmins
G486WAC	John Capewell.
G488WAC	Paul Sutton.
G482WAC	Nick Davis
G490WAC	Rob Ivins
G510WAC	Nick Prior
G524WAC	Bill Jones.
G511WAC	Colin Crossley
G534WAC	Steve Brindley
G563WAC	David Spirett
G603WAC	Graham Bethell.
G610WAC	Gary Timmins
G711YRY	Peter Hares
H871EWK	Mark Hardwick

465/526

I have been very quiet about the progress with 465 for the past year, the reason being that I have done very little work to it. One of the joys of carrying out the restoration of a rusty old car is being able to do the work yourself, but with Margaret in hospital, and now a nursing home, there has been little time for me to enjoy the fabrication of new steel and welding it in place.



With the start of the New Year, and the show season, I decided that it would be best to find a reliable welder to do the repairs for me. Unfortunately I did not get started in time for the jobs to be finished, and the car ready for the shows.

Peter Wykes decided to sell 526, so the Heritage Run from Lode Lane to Gaydon was my test run in the car. Peter and Margaret have owned the car for the past 18 years, with only Land Rover Limited and Trinity Motors of Hinckley being the two previous owners.

The car has had a few body repairs but with only 80,000 miles on the clock it is in good order so I bought it.



526 has already been to the Land Rover Owner Spring Adventure Show at Driffield and the Ripley Castle Classic Show. It will be at other shows during the year. 465 is not forgotten, it is sitting quietly in the garage waiting for more work to be done on it for the MoT.

Roy

G222WAC

This was the vehicle that I mentioned, which I lost track of over my holidays. I managed to speak to the guy who sold it to someone in the Blackburn area who wanted it for the 200Tdi engine.

It was the same Marseilles blue as 524 and allegedly was also used on Emmerdale, the guy does not have any contact details of whom he sold it to.

I know that Granada TV had two Discos from Land Rover – 524, which Bill owns, was the location vehicle and they had another one in the studios in Yorkshire for interior shots etc. So if 222 was that vehicle, it should have been in much better condition because it wasn't subjected to the elements as much.

DVLA are showing it as unlicensed since 07.2007, registration date was 09.02.1990, which would be about right.

It's a shame but I think it will get broken up. I'm very annoyed that I didn't follow it up straight away, but that's what holidays do for you.

The guy sold it for around the £500.00 mark. I've put feelers out with the local independants to let me know if they hear of it.

Spooky (I don't know his name, it is a DOC Forum handle) told me that a mate of his says that one of his pals is looking at a G2xx WAC car - it's either 215 or 219, and asks "Is this a significant car, or just another early motor" Well it is not one of the press fleet, but significant in the fact that not that many early cars will survive, given the popularity of the 200Tdi engine for transplant. It will be a factory car, maybe engineering, probably got some history and could have been loaned out to companies to advertise the car. The possibilities are most probably endless.

The only thing to do is buy it and start delving into the history. For research, Land Rover Traceability Department would be my favourite, then the Heritage Centre then the DVLA, so go on, Spooky, save it!! A G-WAC is for life not just for Christmas, ha ha; hope your mate has an understanding wife or girlfriend

Ian

G601WAC

I met Phil at Gaydon and he told me that 601 was going to be scrapped, and asked if anyone would be interested in it.

Not a launch car but may have some factory history, as 603 has.

The car is near Colchester, Essex, and Phil can be contacted on 01376 345351

Roy

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