



Alan's G67 RYJ

G-WAC Notes

From the
Project Jay Preservation Group

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



Dan's G234CBG

August 2013

Our pre pro, G226EAC, had a good run out to the Eastnor Castle Land Rover show over the weekend of 24th-25th. Graham displayed it on the Discovery Owners Club stand. Our thanks to the DOC for allowing us the space.

The club was invited into the arena on both days and 226 was well presented. Richard Bedall picked the car out for a further arena display on both days, based on the timeline of Land Rover, where he detailed all the various models as they appeared in Land Rover's history.

The good weather has resulted in very good attendances at Classic Car shows; August has been quite busy for us, with shows at Otterburn, Raby Castle, Ripon and Hutton in the Forest.



After a close look at my 526, a prospective restorer, Dan Hunter, is having a thought about saving his 1990 V8, G234CBG. (See page 3)

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G524WAC sold.

It didn't take long for David Ashburner to take possession of 524.



Within minutes of the July Notes popping up on David's computer screen, he had made a call to Lee and a deal was done. It joins David's three other G-WACs. He will need a transporter to get them all to Plymouth next year.

Now there's a thought, with three in Scotland, three in Yorkshire, one in Lancashire and David's four, it may be feasible to have them taken to Plymouth in 2014 on a transporter.

It would be a rare sight to see them all delivered to a friendly Land Rover Dealer in Plymouth, to be stored for a few days. It would be 25 years since transporters took 86 G-WACs to Plymouth.

We may even be able to enlist the help of Gary Bryans to valet them all for us. Gary lives in Plymouth and was one of the many staff who attended to the fleet at the launch in October 1989

Roy

G229TDV

I bought the red truck for only £450.00; it runs as sweet as a nut and is a carb fed 3.5 V8 manual with a manual choke. First registered November 1989, it's totally original, apart from tinted windows, which will be replaced with standard glass.

It has no signs showing of any offroad use, although it does have heavy-duty springs fitted, which give it a slight suspension lift. This, again, will be replaced with standard stuff.

It is not actually in bad condition, all be it there's a small hole in one of the inner wings, boot floor is slightly ropery and both sills have small amounts of rot in them. I could just plate the rot up since, as I said it is only slight, but I will be replacing the panels complete and restore it to original spec and make it as mint as I possibly can.

Hopefully it will be worth a few quid in the long run too, but I won't be selling it on in a hurry.

Wez.

The 24th Birthday Weekend. Plymouth 11th-13th October 2013.

The Birthday Weekend is open to any owner/driver of a Land Rover Discovery or any other Land Rover old or new. The reason? The joining together of like minded people, people with a passion for their Discovery/Landy. It's a chance to celebrate and re create the launch of the Discovery, which took place in and around the Plymouth area back in October 1989, whilst raising some money for a couple of Charities too. And the best bit is that, with the exception of food, fuel and accommodation, the weekend is FREE.

Friday 11th October 2013

Optional scenic drive meeting up at the Butchers Arms, St. Ive at approx 1000, we will then drive non damaging lanes over Bodmin moor and across to the North Cornwall Coast getting to Bude at approx 1600. We will also do a green laning run; this is for drivers who don't mind getting a few scratches. Meeting at The Butchers Arms, St Ive, at approx 1000. On completion of the green laning you have the option of joining us on a drive down into Looe for something to eat.

Saturday 12th October 2013

It's competition time. We have decided that as part of the celebration on the Hoe we will run a fun competition. There will be certificates and maybe a small prize for those judged to be the best in the ten categories.

The categories are

1. Travelled furthest for the weekend (if you would like to enter this competition please put the distance on the registration form)
2. Best / most modifications
3. Muddiest
4. Best D1 89-94 (200 Tdi shape)
5. Best D1 94-98 (300 Tdi shape)
6. Best D2
7. Best D3/4
8. Best special edition
9. Biggest lift kit
10. Best runt (any non Discovery Land Rover)

We will gather on Plymouth Hoe on Saturday 12th October from 1000 until 1300. Yes; free parking in a big city! This gives everyone a chance to register, catch up with old friends; and then pop down into the City of Plymouth, which is a 10 to 15 minute walk. Once here you can grab a late breakfast or a big hearty lunch. Plymouth, like any big city has an abundance of fast food outlets, good restaurants and a Pannier Market. Another area to visit is the Barbican. This is the old fishing port of the city, home to the aquarium, gift shops and even more eating houses; this again is a 10 to 15 minute walk. The Hoe must be clear of all vehicles by approx 1315.

After leaving the Hoe, we travel via the Torpoint Ferry. We will drive to Mt Edgcumbe, and will stop along the way to let people catch up and to take photo's etc. On arrival at Mt. Edgcumbe, their smaller Tea Shop will be open for refreshments. At approx 1530 we will commence a driving tour of Mt. Edgcumbe grounds and the Deer Park, which is not normally open to the public. This involves light, non-damaging off road driving.

The Evening Social and Charity Raffle is taking place at the Windy Ridge Eating House, Trerulefoot, Saltash, PL12 5BJ. Doors will open at approx 1900. The Evening Meal will be a Carvery and the prices are to be confirmed. Please advise me of additional food requirements before the weekend i.e. Vegetarians etc.

The nearest accommodation to this evening event is the Travelodge in Saltash and or the Liskeard Tavern, Premier Inn, both about five miles away.

Sunday 13th October 2013

0930 we will meet at the Car Park of the TESCO Store, Lee Mill. From here we will head straight down to the Steam Railway at Buckfastleigh. This should give people plenty of time to look around the Station, catching the train and spending some time at Totnes. For those who do not wish to take the train to Totnes, there is an otter and butterfly sanctuary adjacent to the station.

At approx 1400 we will commence the drive across Dartmoor to the Two Bridges Hotel, reaching here at 1500. Time for a Pint or a Cream Tea and to say our fond farewells.

Details of Land Rover Shows and other events in 2013.

September

Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th.

LRO Peterborough, East of England Showground, Peterborough.

October

Sunday. Sunday 6th.

London to Brighton Land Rover Run.

Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th.

Discovery 24th Birthday Party, Plymouth Hoe and surrounding area, Plymouth, Devon

Sunday 27th

National Restoration Show. Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire.

Graham

To scrap or not to scrap, that is the question? G234CBG

First registered 09.02.90, a V8 in Marseilles blue, I bought it for the gas conversion and a few other things that I needed for my D1.



Having met Roy Preston at the Otterburn Village Festival, along with members of the Northumbria Section of the Discovery Owners Club, I had a good look round his very tidy G-WAC.

He persuaded me to have a rethink about scrapping my purchase, and if I had the time to give it some TLC, it could be made into a very tidy car. There will not be many G registered Discoverys about in a few years time.

I bought it from Robin Jeffery. He owned G410 WAC at the time, and had bought 234 as a donor car for some bits and pieces that he needed for 410. Robin has since sold 410 to Corin Messenger, and Corin is doing some restoration work on it.

234 does need some work to get it to the condition of Roy's G-WAC. Sills, inner front wings, the usual rusty bits. Apart from a

dented bonnet, the bodywork is very good, no corrosion at the door bottoms or the lower edges of the wings, and has only 79518 miles on the clock.

If I decide to sell, I would like to sell it as a project so that it is not scrapped, but who knows, I may just keep it and tidy it up.

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[Home of the Project Jay Preservation Group](#)

More articles on Graham's website, www.g-wacdiscoverys.net
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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.

www.northmead4x4.co.uk/gwac_discoverys.htm
www.classicrallies.co.uk/index.htm

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Current known owners of launch cars. @ August 2013.

G457WAC	Mark Wheatley
G459WAC. (Amphibian)	Land Rover
G461WAC	John Boucher
G463WAC	Ian Rawlings.
G465WAC, G478WAC & G526WAC	Roy Preston.
G469WAC	Lee Barnett
G470WAC	Frank Elson.
G480WAC, G482WAC, G486WAC & G524WAC.	David Ashburner
G488WAC	Clive Richfield
G490WAC & G496WAC	Rob Ivins
G494WAC	Mark Harrow
G510WAC	Nick Prior
G511WAC	Colin Crossley
G534WAC	James Brackenbury

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

Other known launch cars on DVLA site.

G466WAC, G477WAC, and G525WAC

Other pre-production, G-WACs and early cars

B62 COH & C60 JKG	Philip Bashall (The Dunsfold Collection)
C742HUH	Charles Whitaker
G226EAC	Project Jay Preservation Group
G513DHP	Project Jay Preservation Group
G279WAC	Neal
G302WAC	Sandy Andrews
G308WAC	Robin Gray
G310WAC	Mark Simpson
G311WAC	Ivor Ramsden
G312WAC	Simon Purcell
G316WAC	David Cox
G395WAC	Sean Coleman
G405WAC	Harry Harrison
G406WAC & G101GEL	Keith Britton
G410WAC	Corin Messenger
G563WAC	David Spirrett.
G601WAC	Chris Lowe
G603WAC	Ian Redfern
G610WAC	Kevin Bond
G611WAC	Jamie Menzies
G618WAC	Johan Pruyensen negotiating to buy.
G635WAC	Alec Gatherer

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A428JAC	Joel Prior
G28 RMW	Glyn Jones
G41 VHA	Simon Tinkler
G43 KWO	Victor Mitchell
G67 RYJ	Alan Mitchell
G229TDV	Wesley Beynon
G234CBG	Dan Hunter
G374UYR	Jack Straw
G442AJM	Scott Seacombe
G466KUH	Tom Partridge
G553OWD	J Herod.
G656RYB	Graham Welch
G711YRY	Peter Hares
G757SGX	Paul Bishop
G767NRH	David Ashburner
G834FPR	Sue Virgin
G892VPM	Mike E Hall
G942UTT	Keith Taylor
G987LKU	Andy Greer
H776POJ	Duncan Campbell
H871EWK	Mark Hardwick
J140OAC Ambulance	Neil Witt.
J463HVK Ambulance	William Wallace
3656 TW 24	Keith S L Daffern. (France)
AZ-829-TJ	Raymond Bechetoille (France)