



John's G486WAC

G-WAC Notes

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



Meghan's G478WAC

September 2010 Notes

There may still be one or two Classic Car shows to attend but the Peterborough LRO show, 11th–12th this month, brought the Land Rover show season to a close.

Just Plymouth to come now, and I make no apologies for repeating the itinerary for that event, because we have a few new enthusiasts asking for a copy of the Notes.

Classic Car and Bike Show. Ripon Racecourse. 5th September.

It was quite cool and overcast as we entered the racecourse at Ripon to attend Mark Woodward's Classic Car and Bike Show, where we were parked between two tidy Land Rovers in the Commercial, Military and 4x4 section.

The sun soon came out and all the cars and bikes arrived to be lined up. The usual variety of chairs, tables and bottles of wine were set up at the rear of the exhibits and the owners settled down to a day in the sun.

I toured the trade stands and bought some Auto Glym polish and a boxed set of small sockets. The indoor food counter beckoned and Margaret and I enjoyed heated pies followed by cakes and coffee.

The first exhibits to be called into the arena were the Military and Commercial class but not the 4x4s, so I waited for the 1980 to 1989 exhibits to be called, and 526 sat between a Lotus and a Jaguar.

At the end of the day the class winners were called to the arena for the best in show award, which went to an immaculate 1921 Model T Ford. The Dales Classic Car Club won the best club stand award.



A nice relaxing day at a good site and a chance to display a Discovery among the Land Rovers.

Roy

Another almost rust free D1 emerges. G767NRH

These early cars are so cheap that there is no wonder that they are either broken up for spares or modified for off-road competition. This car is no exception, but luckily it was spotted by a classic car enthusiast who has no fewer than 9 Wolseleys and has 15 classic cars in total, plus the Discovery.

David and Marilyn came onto the Discovery Owners stand at the Peterborough show and after talking to the enthusiastic band on the stand; they knew that this car was worth keeping for the future.

It was acquired in late May this year and has been named 'Ludovic'. This was thought to be quite a fitting name because the original meaning is 'Famed Warrior'.

'Ludo' is a Series 1 Discovery V8 (note no 'i'), in Foxfire Red and was first registered on 19th January 1990, but was actually build in 1989.

It looks stunning, although to the purist, the aftermarket alloy wheels and the checker plate on the lower panels are not in keeping with a car of this quality.

I am sure that there will be some rust on it somewhere but with David's skill in restoring old cars there should be no problem in returning it to a nice condition.

David said "He has covered just 97,000 miles in his 20 years and is bearing up well. As with all Discoverys of this age he does need a little attention and the idea is to try and return him to his full former glory"



We look forward to hearing more from David as he carries out some maintenance

Plymouth.16th –17th October

With only a few weeks to go, laid out below is the expected programme for the Celebration Weekend:

The programme for the weekend is as follows:

SATURDAY 16th OCTOBER

- 0900-0930 Park on Plymouth Hoe and register (PL1 2NZ)
0930-1200 Photo shoot and Sightseeing
1230 Leave Plymouth Hoe for Mount Edgcumbe via the Torpoint Ferry
1400-1630 Mount Edgcumbe for Photo shoot and Afternoon Tea (PL10 1HZ)
1630 Leave Mount Edgcumbe
1900-2300 Discoverys 21st Birthday Party at The Holland Inn, Hatt, Saltash. (PL12 6PJ)

There is a pre-bookable buffet available at £10 per head (children under 12 eat free). Accommodation is also available at The Holland Inn priced from £45 per room, which is capable of sleeping 2 adults and 2 children (booking in advance is advisable on 01752 844044).

A Discoverys Birthday and Charity raffle will take place at The Holland Inn, The main prize for the raffle is a Half Day Land Rover Experience voucher for two kindly donated by ROGER YOUNG LAND ROVER DEALERSHIP in Saltash.

All Proceeds from the raffle will be split equally between Ellies Haven, and Project Mobility 4x4.

SUNDAY 17th OCTOBER

- 0900-0930 Meet up in Tesco's car park at Lee Mill (PL21 9PE)
1000 Leave for South Devon Steam Railway, Dartington (TQ11 0DZ)
1030-1330 South Devon Steam Railway, Dartington for train ride and Sightseeing
1500-1700 Leave for Two Bridges on Dartmoor for Afternoon tea and Sightseeing (PL20 6SW)
1700 Carry on independently

Have a look at our website. <http://www.discoverybirthdayparty.co.uk/> or for further information call me on 07771882622 or Lee on 01579389293

Ian Williams



G-WAC Notes on website

Brian Radford, of Northmead 4x4, keeps up-to-date with a copy of the Notes on his website.

All the back issues are there from the start in May 2007.

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

G-WACs for sale/wanted?

If you want to sell your G-WAC to an enthusiast or to buy one for restoration, please let me know and I will make a note of your requirements.

Roy



By the look of the pictures, it is having a hard life, when we find the owner perhaps he can be persuaded to restore it sometime.

Current known owners of launch cars. @ September.

G457WAC	Mark Wheatley
G463WAC & G480WAC	Ian Rawlings.
G465WAC & G526WAC	Roy Preston.
G469WAC & G524WAC	Lee Barnett
G470WAC	Frank Elson.
G477WAC	Sold by Dean Steadman to new owner in Wiltshire.
G478WAC	Meghan Timmins
G482WAC	Jeremy Jackson
G486WAC	John Capewell.
G488WAC	Clive Richfield
G490WAC	Rob Ivins
G510WAC	Nick Prior
G511WAC	Colin Crossley
G534WAC	Nicholas Webb

Other known Launch cars.

G466WAC, G496WAC, G521WAC, G525WAC

Other G-WACs, pre-production and early cars

B62 COH & C60 JKG	Phill Bashall (The Dunsfold Collection)
C742HUH	Charles Whitaker.
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	
G406WAC	Andy Baker
G410WAC	Robin Jeffery
G563WAC	David Spirett
G601WAC	Richard Haynes
G602WAC	
G603WAC	Ian Redfern
G610WAC	Gary Timmins
G635WAC	Alec Gatherer
G640WAC	
G711YRY	Peter Hares
G767NRH	David Ashburner
G834FPR	Sue Virgin
G987LNU	Andy Greer
H776POJ	Duncan Campbell
H871EWK	Mark Hardwick
3656 TW 24	Keith S L Daffern. (France)
Reg not known yet	Raymond Bechettoille. (France)

469 in publicity shot.

I opened up a free copy of classic car buyer - given away at the Stoneleigh show - and found that they have been using a nice picture of 469 that I took several years ago.

It was being used as a banner heading for the "cars for sale" section!

Graham

Air Training Corps Help the Heroes Day. 4th September. Sherburn Aero Club.

Martin invited a few Discovery owners to put on a display at the Aero Club, and by coincidence we assembled a good selection of models, being my Series I, a Series II, a Series II facelift, a D3 and Martin's G4.



A selection of classic cars, military vehicles, fire engines and bikes were assembled, together with toy and game stalls. Food was available in the Club House

In brilliant sunshine a RAF Rescue helicopter hovered and a crewmember came down by hoist. Light aircraft and helicopters were flying all day taking passengers up for a trip.

At 3.20 pm a Spitfire gave us a flypast, and then a jet and a Chipmunk followed. An attempt to inflate a hot air balloon was made but after three full burns it was abandoned.



A good day out for a good cause and enjoyed by all, and another chance to display 526.

D1 in France

Strange story which makes me now the owner of a Discovery 1

This car was parked in our company compound since a couple of years.

Last year, I approach the owner, but the future of her was not so clear. Would she stay in Australia?

This year, I approach again, and the reply was: I stay in Australia; Therefore, I buy the car without any inside inspection, while the paint outside was wearing the marks of a two years parking standing.

This car is a Discovery type LJGBF8, VIN SALLJGBF8GA441497, with "sonar" blue inside. Engine is Turbo diesel 2.5. I (a VM engine if I am not mistaking)

Heavy inspection is done right now, as I do not know how the car was maintained (there is no maintenance file). Anyway the time has come for such as the mileage is 180 000 kms

One question: Is the camshaft driven by a cascade of pinion?

Raymond Bechetoille. Paris

(Raymond, the engine will be a Land Rover 200 Tdi with a rubber belt driving the camshaft. If you have no service history, I recommend that you have the belt replaced as soon as possible. A broken belt is a disaster for this type of engine. Ed.)

Classic Car Show. Raby Castle. 22nd August

The Discovery Owners Club, Durham County Section, put on a great show at this delightful venue last year, and this year they did not disappoint as Monty had ordered sunshine all day.

Nick's body off exhibit drew great crowds, and many visitors to the stand were amazed to see the strength of the chassis. The non Land Rover visitors to the stand did not realise that a Discovery had a chassis under what, to some people, may appear to be of monocoque construction.



This Mark Woodward classic show is gaining in popularity, and clubs such Rolls-Royce and Jaguar, were present. Perhaps by far the best line up of classic cars was the Triumph TR stand, with all models being exhibited.

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