



Alan's G410WAC.

# G-WAC Notes

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Project Jay Preservation Group

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



Julian's G457WAC

## October 2013

526 is due for MoT soon. Last year I had an advisory for rusty headlights, they do not detract from the brightness (joke), but I have another good pair, which I was going to use for 478.

I hope to take her off the road before the salt starts. I have my eye on a very tidy, inside and out, 1993 200 Tdi. I believe that it is quite rusty underneath, but a few hundred pounds on repairs will make a very good car for the winter.

## G315WAC spotted.

Seen, and heard, on the A61 between Harrogate and Ripon. A V8 in silver, making good progress with its distinctive V8 burble.

James, from Bedale, believes that it resides in North Yorkshire somewhere.

First registered November 1989, the DVLA site shows its tax DOL, (date of liability) as February 2014. We must try to track it down.

## New owner for G457 WAC.

In 2009 I spotted '457' for sale on the Internet. I had just finished restoring a very rusty pre-production 200Tdi Classic Range Rover (K58YKV) and entered into discussion with the seller. However, whilst I was pondering whether to buy '457' she was sold to another enthusiast, Mark. I kept in touch with Mark and in the meantime set-up the CVC Register and rescued a number of pre-production and press launch P38s.

Mark contacted me a couple of weeks ago to say that he had decided to sell 457. Not wanting to miss-out a second time I agreed to buy her on the spot, unseen. I collected her on a trailer towed by a 1971 Range Rover owned by a friend in the CVC Register.



I have had a first look over '457' and I think that I may be able to 'squeeze' her through one more MOT with some basic repairs and a bit of localised welding so that she can attend the 25th celebrations next year; after which she will be subject to a body-off restoration ready for the 30th anniversary!

Remarkably she still wears her original paint and Sonar Blue interior; although the rear trim has suffered badly from water ingress and is beyond repair. Her Tdi engine was replaced at some point in the past and the hunt is on to find her original engine (12L00046), which might have survived.

I would be delighted to hear from other G-WAC enthusiasts to share experiences of G-WAC ownership, and would be pleased to receive suggestions about locating good second hand Sonar Blue trim.

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Julian.



## New owner for G410 WAC

I have recently bought 410 from Corin Messenger. I intend to get it back to as much as original spec as I can. It has the rot in all the right (wrong) places. I wish I could get rid of the Sonar Blue, as I hate it.



A donor vehicle has also been picked up for spares, a 200 Tdi 3-door. I want it for the interior for the most part, but if I can get another interior I may put it back on the road as well, but don't tell "her indoors"  
Alan.

## Discovery's 24th Birthday Weekend – Plymouth 11th – 13th October 2013

For 2013 the format had changed little from last year as the idea was to replicate the launch by visiting the places that Land Rover Ltd. arranged for the launch in 1989, and this year was no exception.

55 Discoverys helped the Devon and Cornwall Section of the Discovery Owners Club celebrate the event, with vehicles attending from all over the country. Another G-WAC, G610 WAC, owned by Clive, enjoyed pride of place at the front of the Hoe, alongside Roy's G526 WAC.

Friday there was a green laning trip over Bodmin Moor where nine vehicles took part to head up to the North Cornwall Coast to Bude.



**The laning party on Bodmin Moor.**

On Saturday Morning the group assembled on Plymouth Hoe with their Discoverys. At one o'clock the rolling birthday celebration moved off the Hoe and headed towards Mt. Edgcumbe via the Torpoint Ferry. This year as last, the ferry was booked for the party, and almost filled the deck.

Arriving at Mt. Edgcumbe, the estate looked resplendent with its trees in autumn colours. There was an hour spare to have a look around the grounds then at three forty five the party moved off for the Deer Park drive.

Saturday evening, the social/raffle/auction was a very pleasant affair. The carvery roast went down really well. Raffle tickets, plaques and stickers were sold. An auction was held, where a total of almost £1500 was raised for two charities.

Prizes and items for the raffle were donated from many companies.

On Sunday Morning at Tesco Lee Mill, most of the party met up again, from there they set off for the Steam Railway Station at Buckfastleigh. At the station there was a choice of things to do, including a ride on the Steam Train down to Totnes or visiting the adjacent Butterfly and Otter Sanctuary. Both were well worth visiting.

Sunday Afternoon at two o'clock the party moved off again in convoy for the last time of this Birthday Weekend.

The one-hour drive over to the Two Bridges Hotel was a treat, and they were blessed with sunshine all the way. On arrival at the hotel, Devon Cream Teas were on order and for those that had not had enough of sitting down, the Lounge was put aside for them to eat and to say their "Good Bye's".

Do visit [www.discoverybirthdayparty.co.uk](http://www.discoverybirthdayparty.co.uk) for a full list of donated items and photos from the weekend.

Graham.



