



Simon's L838CPM

G-WAC Notes

From the
Project Jay Preservation Group

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



John's K554GKV

October 2018

Some serious stuff

On Saturday evening at the Kelmarsh Land Rover show in July, I was called to a 'meeting' on the stand, where the owners of the cars, and other 'Jay' enthusiasts said that the object of the meeting was to offer their thanks to me for the work I put in organising the shows, writing and printing the monthly G-WAC Notes etc. and to ask how they could help me with the task.

I thanked them for their offer of help, but said that I have no problem with the writing of the Notes and managing the shows, but the ever-increasing costs are a problem, which Graham and I bear. We paid the PLI at the start of the show season, have purchased another banner, printing ink and paper for the Notes that are on display at the shows, etc. and said that any help with the costs would be much appreciated.

The gathering suggested that we make the group an official undertaking, charging an annual membership fee.

Graham and I welcomed the suggestion, and it was then agreed that we should meet again at the Peterborough Land Rover show to take the idea forward. I sent an email to all listed owners in my July G-WAC Notes, plus a few enthusiasts who do not currently own a 'Jay', to welcome them to partake in the meeting.

We met again at the Peterborough show last month, with a proposed constitution, an agreement of membership fees, etc, and we agreed to have an inaugural meeting at the 'Birthday Party'.

An agenda for the inaugural meeting was drawn up, and a meeting took place before the evening carvery and auction at the birthday venue, Whitsand Bay Fort, Torpoint, Cornwall on 20th October 2018.

The names of eleven attendees were recorded, and apologies for absence were received from seven owners of Jays.

An Executive Committee was formed consisting of: - Chair: - Roy Preston.

Secretary: - Ian Phillips.

Treasurer: - Karen Bethell

Membership Secretary: - Graham Bethell.

Other Management positions agreed were: -

Press & Publicity: - Vacant

Events Co-ordinator: - Patrick Berry

Merchandising Officer: - Vacant

Archivist: - Vacant

A membership application form can be obtained from our Membership Secretary, Graham, at his email address graham@southstaffscoachhire.com or phone/text on 07809 380 144 or land line 01827 55640.

A PayPal and online system of joining will be available later, details will be in the November Notes.

Minutes of the meeting can be obtained from our Secretary, Ian, at ipr.phillips@gmail.com

We look forward to welcoming Jay enthusiasts to join us and prepare for the 30th anniversary of the Discovery.

Roy.

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News from the USA

I knew it wouldn't be long before I had another 3-door Discovery. A 1993 automatic popped up close to my parent's home in the UK, so I couldn't resist it.

I had no idea they made an auto with the 200 Tdi, I thought the auto didn't arrive until the 300 Tdi. A November 1993 build. L838CPM is a nice and original vehicle with the Bahama Beige interior and very little rust.



It will replace the space left by H774SVF as my UK based transport with the added advantage that my family can drive it. RHD stick is tricky if you weren't brought up on it!

So H774SVF is now with a new owner in New Jersey, USA. Unfortunately, I don't have his contact details as I sold it through a dealer. It made reasonable money here in the US, although nobody liked the blue interior, they didn't understand its historic significance!

I used it as my daily driver for about six months in New York, it performed well in the exceptionally cold New York winter although the heater had to be on full heat or you got nothing, the heater had much greater adjustability in the milder UK winter.

The drivetrain fitted from G203DPF is now moving our Defender around. The 200 Tdi engine mated to an auto box and Discovery transfer box make it a pleasure to drive, even in heavy traffic.

We have been running the Defender with a canvas top all summer, with the sides rolled up. It has been our car of choice for short local trips and beach trips. There is the benefit of not getting into an oven like interior and waiting for the AC to pull the temp down like our normal car.

Simon.

Frank Elson and his blog

Frank is a well-known writer for the Land Rover press and has been involved in off-roading for more than 40 years. This passion, allied to the fact that he has been a professional journalist all his life, naturally led to writing for off-road magazines for more than 30 years now.

Have a look at his blog on: -
www.frankelson.home.blog



Plymouth Hoe, Discovery Birthday Party, 19th – 21st October 2018

The annual birthday weekend in Devon and Cornwall, got off to a good start on Friday when a scenic run and some gentle greenlaining was organised. Gentle for the well-equipped off roader, but still not easy for the big shiniest of our group

Saturday morning, on the Hoe, Plymouth, friends old and new were gathered to display their Discoverys.

Torpoint Ferry was booked for the convoy to cross the river Tamar to Cornwall. The loading onto the ferry did not go as planned, when a member of the ferry staff mixed us all up with the normal ferry traffic. But all was not lost when the Discoverys in the mixed-up queues drove out of the queue and circled to start new queues of Discoverys only.

The trip to Mount Edgcumbe Estate took the rather narrow coast road at Freathy, for the sea view across Whitsand Bay. We had a photo stop at a large car park, before arriving at the Maker Church entrance to the estate deer park, where the route took us through to the coast overlooking Drake's Island.

There was time to watch a naval ship being manoeuvred by three tugs, and for a snack and a drink in the Orangery, before heading back home or lodgings, to get dressed for the evening entertainment.

The usual eatery, the Windy Ridge Eating House is now closed, but the Birthday Team had found an excellent venue on the coast at a holiday site at Whitsand Bay Fort. There was a spacious club room and our own room for the carvery and auction.

The team were very grateful to the suppliers of the auction and raffle prizes, which made the fund-raising efforts a success. A total of £2.600.00 was raised for two chosen charities, Cornwall Air Ambulance and Hugs from Henry.

On Sunday morning there was a photo shoot at the new Land Rover showroom of Roger Young of Saltash. Next stop was to meet more partygoers at the Tesco superstore, Lee Mills, and then on to the car museum at Moretonhampstead where over 130 vehicles of all shapes and sizes were on show.

The party then headed to the Two Bridges Hotel, on Dartmoor, where cream teas were laid out in a reception room.

It was then time for a fond farewell for the partygoers, who said that they would be back next year.

Roy



Current known owners of launch cars @ October 2018

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

G457WAC	Julian Lamb
G459WAC	(Amphibian. The Dunsfold Collection)
G461WAC	Lee Haywood
G463WAC (Camel training hack)	Ian Rawlings
G465WAC	Jack Straw
G469WAC	Jon Chester
G470WAC	Rob Stewart
G477WAC	Martyn Ball
G478WAC & G526WAC	Roy Preston
G480WAC, G482WAC, G486WAC & G524WAC.	David Ashburner
G488WAC	Robert Blanchard (USA)
G490WAC	Haddow Hales-Lavercome
G494WAC (Camel training hack)	Mark Harrow
G496WAC	Rob Ivins
G510WAC	John Davies
G511WAC	Colin Crossley
G531WAC	Ashley Culling
G534WAC	James Brackenbury

Other pre-production, and G-WACs

B62COH & C60JKG	Philip Bashall (The Dunsfold Collection)	G323WAC	Colin Crookston
C742HUH	Charles Whitaker	G347WAC (LR110)	Ron Boston
G226EAC (5-dr)	Graham Bethell	G361WAC (RR)	Julian Lamb
G266BJU (5-dr)	Andrew Liu	G395WAC	Sean Coleman
G513DHP (5-dr)	Roy Preston	G405WAC	Harry Harrison
G84 WAC (LR90)	Mike Smallbone	G406WAC	Keith Britton
G97 WAC (LR90)	Ted Billington	G410WAC	Alan Young
G175WAC (RR)	Julian Lamb	G553WAC (LR90)	Gary Smallbone
G179WAC (RR)	Roger Fell	G563WAC (Camel hack)	David Spirrett
G180WAC (RR)	Guy Butler-Henderson	G584WAC (RR)	Sharon Paige
G279WAC	Neal	G601WAC	Julian Lamb
G302WAC	Lee Haywood	G603WAC	Ian Redfern
G308WAC	Robin Gray	G610WAC	Kevin Bond
G310WAC	Mark Simpson	G611WAC	Mark Harrow
G311WAC	Ivor Ramsden	G617WAC (LR90)	Gary Bryans
G312WAC	Jochen Baldamus	G618WAC	Steve Ducker
G314WAC	Owner not known	G635WAC	Paul Ridley
G316WAC	David Maingot		

Some other factory registered cars

G580BKV	Patrick Berry	L489WAC	Tim Lavercombe
G601BKV	Roy Preston	L490WAC	Mark Harrow
G628BKV	Alan Young	L564YAC	Mark Harrow
L470WAC	Jacob Lamb	L580WAC	Mark Harrow
L479YAC	Stuart Laird	P647KAC	Patrick Berry

Other 'Jays'

G28 RMW	Glyn Jones	G950CAF	Elvet Price
G892VP	Mike E Hall	G956RKM	Martin Smith
G39 WD	Bob Jolleys	G978KOF	Ian Rawlings
G41 VHA	Simon Tinkler	G987LKV	Andy Greer
G43 KWO	Victor Mitchell	G989ELJ	Oliver Tebbutt
G101GEL	Robert Hoskins	H83 YYN	Richard Llewellyn
G115UKE	Graham Wollerton	H95 DBK	Dave Dorling
G130KWO	Ian Phillips	H256PEV	
G214RKN	Jim Shep	H353DJA	Peter Boardman
G229TDV	Wesley Beynon	H367OBE	Dave Mummer
G234CBG	Dan Hunter	H436FPL	Mark Harrow
G253RFL	Ian Phillips	H743VAB	Ted Andrews
G272WDL	Andrew Maclean	H776POJ	Duncan Campbell
G374UYR	Jack Straw	H994BUU	Richard Mahoney
G412FSJ	Andrew Cameron	J139TRO	Leon Toon
G425OWB	Chris	J140OAC 116" Ambulance	John Francis
G436GUY	Andy Jones	J348FGT	Nicholas Web
G441WPX	Mark Harrow	J396OAC	Mark Harrow
G442AJM	Scott Seacombe	J463HVK 116" Ambulance	William Wallace
G456AVT	A Burchel	J828ANK	Chris Hill
G462AVT	Archie Cursham	K554GKV	John Poulson
G463HMK	Peter Murphy	K924GCL	Barry Collett
G553OWD	J Herod	K941PAB	Josh Cooke
G560EDY	Julian Lamb	L151LBV 116" Ambulance	Richard Beddall
G577TGY	Gary Pusey	L270MCF Honda Crossroad	Roy Preston
G580PNU	Ian Rawlings	L373VAC	Helen Pippin
G599ELG	Luke Petch	L573CTY Honda Crossroad	Roy Preston
G656RYB	Graham Welch	L576 RD 116" Limousine	Richard Beddall
G711YRY	Derek Henman	L617 HRX	Richard Beddall
G757SGX	Paul Bishop	L637LRX Mpi	Roy Preston
G834FPR	Sue Virgin	L838CPM	Simon Andrews (USA)
G843FPR	Jon Isacc	AZ-829-TJ	Raymond Bechetolle (France)
G892VPM	Mike E Hall	3656 TW 24	Keith S L Daffern (France)
G923PUE	Nigel Burland	Formerly G531DHP	
G942UTT	Keith Taylor	LA DC 502	Dr. Hofmann (Germany)

K554GKV goes 7-seats

K554GKV has now been back on the road for nearly a year, it will be ready for MoT preparation shortly before December, and I am not anticipating anything major.

It has had a bad life really, not knocked about but had lost its frills, so although I have not been working on it over summer, I have been buying the missing bits, wheel chock, jack, jack handle and wheel wrench, parcel shelf (unfortunately grey), front and rear anti roll bars from a 300 Tdi, I am sure there is more.



With the long hot Summer of 2018 now a distant memory, our smallholding is now bedded down for winter, so, for me at least, it was time to start my winter projects. I had purchased a set of side mounted seats in Sonar Blue - advertised on eBay – not something I needed but felt that I could not refuse the opportunity. A word of warning, if you do this conversion and someone else is removing the seats from the donor – you need a lot of parts, not all of them obvious.

The seats came from an L reg 5-door being broken up, having donated its engine to a Series Land Rover restoration/upgrade project. The seats went straight into K554GKV reg 3-door. All the mounting holes were there, although the threaded inserts needed tapping out due to corrosion (fortunately not the seat belt anchorage points with the fine thread).

- What was needed for the conversion: -
- Seats, belts, side panels, covers for access to the rear lamps.
- Body brackets (four for each seat) and link arms to the seat.
- Grab handle.



Unfortunately I did not get the upper trim covers, but the existing ones already had cut outs to clear the grab handle.



Time consuming for sure – it took most of a day – but they look like they have always been there, a satisfying result I think. There are more jobs to follow oi no particular timeframe.

John



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