



James's G534WAC

# G-WAC Notes

From the  
Project Jay Preservation Group

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



Project Jay's Pre Pro 5-door.

## A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all

### December 2014

Well that's it for another year. With two more launch G-WACs under careful restoration, 457 and 465, we should have them out and about for next year's shows.

I intend to have 478 on the road some time in the New Year. When finished, if she looks as good as G513DHP, the pre pro, I will be very pleased.

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### A Christmas tale and a sleepless night

I'm usually ready for bed about ten o'clock, so about ten minutes past ten, with my head on the pillow, my bedside alarm clock is showing **10:10** on the red LED display.

I realise that I am not going to get a good nights sleep when I am still awake at eleven minutes past eleven and the LED is showing **11:11**.

Then sleep comes for an hour or so, but the red glow beckons again at twelve minutes past twelve, **12:12**. I should really sleep on my other side away from the clock, but after a while the red glow becomes addictive and I am waiting for the next consecutive showing at **1:11**. It is a bit like counting sheep.

The bathroom calls at just after ten minutes past two, and when back in bed I can't wait for twenty minutes past two to appear as **2:22**. At twenty-six minutes past two, **2:26**, the number rings a bell and it reminds me that the left hand drive pre production 5-door Discovery, G226EAC, is owned by the six sponsors of the Project Jay Preservation Group, and I am one of the sponsors.

It's not long before two minutes past three shows as **3:02** and I wonder how Sandy is getting on in Scotland with his G302WAC. It is his daily driver and must have over 200,000 miles on the clock by now.

The last picture that I saw of Keith's G406WAC, **4.06**, was when he had removed the windscreen, and was doing some paintwork to the front of the roof above the windscreen aperture.

By this time I am really starting to get sleepy but feel that I must stay awake until twenty-six minutes past five, **5:26** to catch a glimpse of what can be described as the number plate of my good runner G526WAC.

Once **5:26** has passed by, I then wondered why I did not see the time relating to my other G-WACs. G465WAC, which is now owned and

being restored by Jack in York, and G478WAC, my Foxfire red waiting to be restored. After much thought from my now tired brain, I realise that there is no such time as sixty-five minutes past four, **4:65**, or even seventy-eight minutes past four, **4:78**.



Another short sleep and I can't forget my neighbours, James, Holly and young William, with G534WAC, so have to stay awake until **5:34** has passed.

Not long now to **6:35** coming up, so I waited until I saw Uncle Alec's G635WAC on the clock, (another daily driver workhorse), and decided that it was time to get up and make my breakfast of a two egg and bacon omelette, with a cheese and tomato topping.

I hope that I can sleep on Christmas Eve, otherwise Santa will not visit me. Ho hum.

Roy.

**Current known owners of launch cars. @ December 2014**

G457WAC	Julian Lamb
G459WAC.	(Amphibian. The Dunsfold Collection)
G461WAC	John Boucher
G463WAC	Ian Rawlings
G465WAC	Jack Straw
G469WAC	Lee Barnett
G470WAC	Rob Stewart
G478WAC & G526WAC	Roy Preston
G480WAC, G482WAC, G486WAC & G524WAC.	David Ashburner
G488WAC	Robert Blanchard (USA)
G490WAC & G496WAC	Rob Ivins
G494WAC	Mark Harrow
G510WAC	Mark Dixon
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 pre-production, and G-WACs**

B62COH & C60JKG	Philip Bashall (The Dunsfold Collection)	G347WAC (LR110)	Ron Boston
C742HUH	Charles Whitaker	G395WAC	Sean Coleman
G87 WAC (LR90)	Chris Simms	G405WAC	Harry Harrison
G226EAC	Project Jay Preservation Group	G406WAC	Keith Britton
G513DHP	Project Jay Preservation Group	G410WAC	Alan Young
G279WAC	Neal	G563WAC	David Spirrett
G302WAC	Sandy Andrews	G601WAC	Chris Lowe
G308WAC	Robin Gray	G603WAC	Ian Redfern
G310WAC	Mark Simpson	G610WAC	Kevin Bond
G311WAC	Ivor Ramsden	G611WAC	Jamie Menzies
G312WAC	Simon Purcell	G617WAC (LR90)	Gary Bryans
G314WAC	Owner not known	G618WAC	Steve Ducker
G316WAC	David Cox	G635WAC	Alec Gatherer

**Other early cars**

A428JAC	Roy Preston	G767NRH	David Ashburner
G28 RMW	Glyn Jones	G834FPR	Sue Virgin
G41 VHA	Simon Tinkler	G843FPR	Jon Isacc
G43 KWO	Victor Mitchell	G892VPM	Mike E Hall
G67 RYJ	Craig Pusey	G942UTT	Keith Taylor
G101GEL	Robert Hoskins	G987LKU	Andy Greer
G229TDV	Wesley Beynon	H776POJ	Duncan Campbell
G234CBG	Dan Hunter	H871EWK	Mark Hardwick
G374UYR	Jack Straw	J140OAC Ambulance	Neil Witt
G442AJM	Scott Seacombe	J463HVK Ambulance	William Wallace
G553OWD	J Herod	3656 TW 24	Keith S L Daffern (France)
G577GTY	Craig Pusey	AZ-829-TJ	Raymond Bechetoille (France)
G656RYB	Graham Welch	LA DC 502	Dr. Diether Hofmann (Germany)
G757SGX	Paul Bishop	G—YBE	Ashley Culling

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He also has another website to advertise Classic Rallies and shows.

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