



Steve's G534WAC

# G-WAC Notes

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



Peter's G526WAC

## April Notes

## Land Rover Enthusiast magazine March issue

The show season starts here, well almost, with Gaydon on the 2nd-3rd May.

Graham Bethel has secured a space for us to show our cars and up to now four will be present.

We are listed in the clubs entry on the Heritage website as the GWAC Register !!

Peter and Margaret Wykes will be taking part in the Heritage Run on the Sunday, so may not be able to get to our space when they return from the run.

I look forward to seeing you all there.

Roy

The Pre-Pro pages in the March issue of LRe show some good pictures of G-WACs on page 51.

A Land Rover driver, Brian Linton, who was present for the launch in Plymouth, took the pictures. I will try to contact him so that I can send him a copy of the Notes.

The pictures show the full assembly of all the cars on Plymouth Ho, but the only one that can be identified is 455.

Other pictures featured in the article show 518, 453, 471, 534 and 476. I wonder where they are now?

## Discovery Owners Club at photoshoot.

The Discovery Owners Club were asked to provide some cars for a forthcoming article to be published in Land Rover Owner International magazine, and the article starts on page four of the May issue, entitled 12 Discos On Test



12 cars were featured and the first picture, the oldest car, shows Peter Wykes's 526. Other DOC members who attended include, Jim Allder, Carl Barrow, Mark Bumstead, Jon Crossland, Steve Gadd, Roger Spencer, Roy Newland, Karl Webster, and Scott Webster.

Augusto Carvalho and Neil Watterson drove two other cars. Neil Watterson is Assistant Editor at the magazine.

The shoot took place at the off-road site of Avalanche Adventure at Sibbertoft.

## G603WAC

## The Shamel.

I have been working hard on it getting it back together, so by the time you read this it should have a MoT certificate and be ready for taxing for Gaydon.



The last job I did on the "to do" list was to fit the rear ladder. The roof rack is the next job, and mud flaps to go back on.

I bought some new alpine window rubbers as the old ones were past their best. Fitting the alpine windows are tricky but once you get confident with a rubber hammer, they go in reasonably easy.

The back door was a nightmare swapping over all the bits and bobs from the old door to the new door, which was bare, it took over a day to fit the door up and get it all working. Have had some issues with the lock mechanism that I am still trying to sort - a few more parts needed I think.

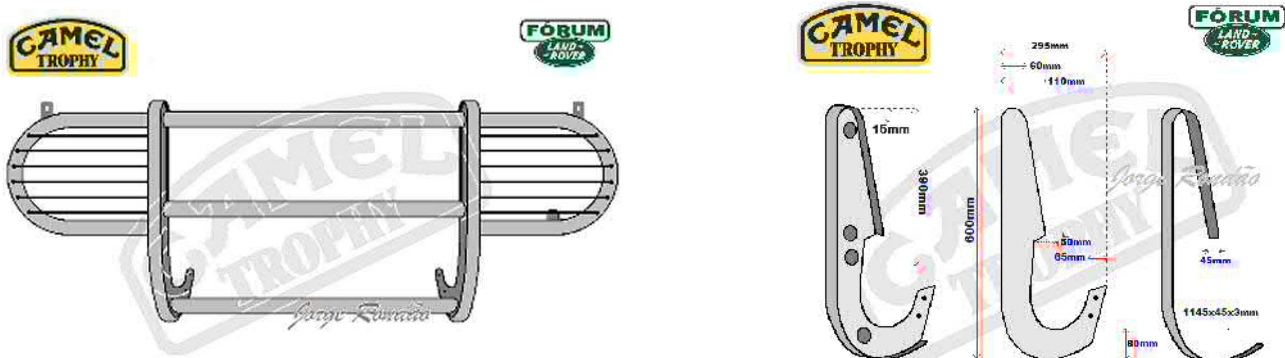
To protect my investment I have also invested and had fitted a Toad immobiliser.

Next on the "shopping list" is a decent set of five wheels, hopefully these will be found, and re-painted and fitted in time for Gaydon.

James and Ian have given me some information on the subject of wheels and tyres. The first Camel Discos had 600 x 16 tyres. If I go to Defender wheels with 7.50 x 16 then I will need a Camelcut to the wheel arches, but I can go to 235 x 70 R16 BFG muds without a wheel arch modification.

I think that I am going to struggle to find all the other kind of kit. After looking at the Camel Club web site most people seem to be getting stuff hand made individually to rebuild their cars. Safety Devices are apparently making the roll cage again, with the correct rack mounts to the cage, but again these are being hand made.

All this is very costly. I am looking at a winch bumper, and I have a fabrication man close by work that will build it if I can get a good drawing. The winch was always housed in a discreet under bumper winch mount, and the front bumper was cut to allow the fairlead through



I have some pictures of the Camel bulbar. Might be worth finding someone who could do a batch of them and I'm sure a few CTOC members would be interested. It might work out cheaper than a one off fabrication?  
See you all at Gaydon

Graham

## Show dates 2009

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
May 2nd/3rd	Heritage Land Rover Weekend	Gaydon Warwickshire
May 9th/10th	Land Rover Spring Adventure	Driffield East Yorkshire
May 21st/26th	ALRC National Event	Manby Motorplex Lincolnshire
June 6th/7th	Land Rover World Show	Eastnor Castle, Herefordshire
June 20th/21st	Dunsfold Open Weekend	Springbok Estate Dunsfold.GU8 4NP
June 26th/28th	Manby Land Rover Show	Manby Motorplex Lincolnshire
July 17th/19th	Land Rover Shows	Billing and Newark
August 15th/16th	Berkshire 4x4 Show	Grazely, Reading Berkshire.
September 12th/13th	Land Rover Owner Show,	Peterborough
September 26th/27th	Abingdon 4x4 Festival	Dalton Barracks Abingdon.
October 4th	London to Brighton	

### Gaydon Heritage run 3rd May

I have secured some display space for early pre production, G-WAC's, H-EWK's 5-doors, G registered or similar. We can have about five cars on site for the Sunday 3rd May (one day only show this year)

You will get free entry for the car and driver and one passenger. Discount camping is available at £15.00 Friday to Monday if paid in advance on the Heritage website, [www.hlrw.co.uk](http://www.hlrw.co.uk)

If you are interested in displaying your car, and wish to confirm a place, then please let me know as soon as possible, with details of your car.

You will need to be on site from 08.30 am on the Sunday and you will not be able to depart until approx 5.30 pm.

Let's see if we can put on a good display again

Graham.

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## Driffield. Land Rover Spring Adventure 9th-10th May

Land Rover Owner International magazine is the sponsor of this show. The Discovery Owners Club will be in attendance with their club stand.

The DOC have been asked to organise a display in the arena to celebrate the 20th year of Discovery.

G226EAC will be on display, but ideally we need a G-WAC there also.

If any of you intend to take your car to the show, then please let Paul France know (Franny) and he will save a ticket for you.

Paul can be contacted on 01709 324945 or [paulnshaz@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:paulnshaz@blueyonder.co.uk)

### ALRC National 21st-26th May

The ALRC National event takes place at the Manby Motorplex site in Lincolnshire.

The event is an all off-road competition and includes a Tyro Trial, RTV Trial, CCV Trial, Winch Recovery and Comp Safari speed event.

Entertainment for the children during the day and for adults in the evening in the campsite.

Clubs will have stands to display their goods and enrol new members.

More details about the event from the ALRC website at [www.alrc.co.uk](http://www.alrc.co.uk)

### 480, and yet another Discovery

Who would have a Discovery? I am now wondering why, after driving my Series III safari for a while, that I have gone and purchased another Discovery! (actually I don't really need to wonder because the Series III is a pain to drive every day).

The new Disco is a 300 Tdi auto ex Japan 1998 on an S plate and she is very nice. Up to now no rot. I'm sure that will change,

Anyway 480 has come out of her winter slumber today for the MoT, which I thought would be a mere formality. Lo and behold she has failed on welding again, rear wheel arches in the area of seatbelt mounting, ~@#\*@##

The axe man cometh for her if she be not very careful. She will be sorted soon and I'll see some of you at some of the shows

Ian

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