



Andy's G406WAC

G-WAC Notes

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



Lee's G524WAC

July 2010 Notes

Plymouth seems to be coming on fine; I hope the weather stays nice for us.

Margaret and I will be travelling down on the Friday and staying at the Holiday Inn Express, Armada Way, Plymouth. The HI Express disabled rooms are excellent and the breakfast included is always good.

It's good to see Ian is showing 603 and getting some interest in these factory-registered cars. 526 will be at the Ripley Castle Classic Car & 4x4 Spares day on Sunday 1st August. I should be able to pick up a couple of short seat belts for the rear seats, and I need a new rear wiper motor.

Roy

603

I haven't done much as yet to 603 but have done a complete fluid change & replaced a rear window latch that broke, and now in the process of getting a new windscreen rubber due to the original perishing a bit. The screen looks almost new with an Autoglass emblem in the corner so I presume they have replaced it quite recently.

We went to our first show recently, it was the Quexpo in Birchington Kent, in Quex Park Estate. It was a 'weekender' covering the 10th -11th July. We entered the Classic Car section and there was quite a bit of interest in 603, (especially from the local LR club) Many stopping to read the car's history that was stuck to the window.

The Invicta Land Rover Club had their stand only a few yards up from the Classic line and nearly all came over for a chat or gave the Landy a wave as they went past.

The show also included, Tractors, Classic Bikes, Steam Engines and many stalls and trade stands. Children were well catered for with funfair and a wall of death!

A fantastic weekend and super weather. We will be doing another show on the weekend of 31st July 1st August at Chilli Farm, Shepardswell, Kent, near Dover. This is a 'biggy' so looking forward to this one.

Not to sure if I will be able to make the Land Rover Shows this year but if I could make just one of them then I would love to do Plymouth in October but with very young family and long working commitments means I may not be able to. My company has sent out a letter saying no more time off can be taken over the summer due to it all being booked up.

Ian

Discovery Press and Dealer Launch Fleet. Plymouth 1989

When I bought 526 from Peter and Margaret Wykes last year, included with the documents was a list of all the 86 cars with SDV number, engine numbers etc. in a nice laminated pouch. Nic has recently spent some time on the DVLC website and has enquired of all the registration numbers and the results are quite interesting.

The DVLA site shows the date of registration as 01.10.89, and the DOL (date of liability), which I take to mean is when the cars were due for relicencing, either because the licence had expired or the licence had been surrendered. Perhaps someone will correct me if I am wrong?

456 has a DOL of 01.11.89, which means that it was only on licence for one month.

26 cars have a DOL of 01.02.90.

Three cars have a DOL of 01.05.90,

One car a DOL of 01.08.90,

Seven cars a DOL of 01.10.90.

So that is a total of 38 cars that we can only surmise went back to the factory and never came out again!! Or is there another explanation?

There are a few mistakes on the list, which I think could just be typographical errors, 496 and 497 have the same engine number and so have 509 and 535. The engine number on 484 starts as 21L whereas all the other diesels start 12L. Some colours are different but that could be because owners have changed the colour after my list was compiled.

The DVLA introduced the SORN declaration on 31.01.98 so cars with a DOL after that date should have a SORN declaration. But it is my understanding that if you have not relicenced or declared the car as SORN, you get an automatic fine through the door.

The cars listed as unlicenced after 31.01.98 are: - 455, 468, 469, 470, 473, 482, 484, 485, 496, 525 and 528. Perhaps the owners were fined.

The list shows 11 cars as SORN and four cars currently licenced.

I have appended a sample and it shows the content of our combined lists, mine is in blue and Nic's is in black.

If anyone would like to see the entire list, please let me know and I will email/post one to you. The full list is in Microsoft Excel, which makes it easy to sort.

Roy

G67 RYJ

Have decided to keep the Disco, but use it. Was in two minds about selling, and recently the interior trim has started to lift and the rear door external hand opener refuses to come down, and is now a pig to open the door

Was speaking to one of the reputable breakers at Billing who said all LR's have gone up in value, and low mileage 3dr Discoverys are rare, partly due to the off road fraternity feeding on the cheap prices of them at the moment, but worth keeping as they will one day be as rare and sought after as 3dr RR's

Peter

480 and 463

I see that Peter has decided to keep his early 3dr and yes they must go up in value at some point.

As for the lifting trim and sticky back door handle I can sympathise with him there as I think that has happened to most of us at some point.

480 just passed her MOT but due to the fact I have too many projects on the go, she's been sat outside for the last week or so. I am going to get 463 out of the garage and put 480 back away in an attempt to preserve her the best I can. Damn rain, it doesn't matter at this stage what happens to 463, I've hardly started on her yet!

With another 12 months MOT under her belt, 480 just needs two front tyres and a slight weep on the power steering, and these were the only advisories. The best thing about it is that no major welding was required, there's still a bit of remedial work on the inner wings to make her 100% but that can be this winter's weekend work. She got another waxoyling last week before the weather turns bad so at least the rust should be kept at bay for a while, she was pressed into service to bring home a Rover SD1 that I have just bought, no point having all that lovely V8 power if I'm not going to use it.

Still quite pleasing to know all the efforts to bring her back to original condition are paying off with her condition improving all the time.

Ian

635

MoT saw new front shockers & cones, new rear springs & shockers (standard height heavy duty), (photo of her doing what she was bought for)



A wee bit of welding near the body mount by the driver's door, one rear stop/tail light bulb holder (the original one had been arcing and the metal strip burnt through), n/s headlamp aim (adjusters totally seized - help!).

The driver's seat needed the frame-runner bolts tightening. Advisory for front discs.

So will try to do them before Plymouth. Really looking forward to Plymouth.

Alec

21 Years of Discovery. Plymouth. October 16th-17th. 2010

We've now got people that have booked accommodation for the weekend, travelling from Shropshire, Yorkshire, Wales, and London. Lee had an industrious weekend at Billing advertising this event. The Camel Owners Club, The G4 Owners Club and David Lovejoy an LRM writer have all shown an interest and have said they will try and attend.

The flyers are still going out and a few of us are attending a show on Sunday 1st August at Mount Edgcumbe Estate, to publicise it a bit more.

The show is the Classic Car Show and Summer Fayre, held at Mount Edgcumbe House and Country Park, Cremyll, Torpoint, Cornwall. PL10 1HZ

There usually isn't a limit on space, and the more that can attend, the better. I'll be getting some 21st birthday helium balloons and birthday banners for my Disco. The event starts at 11.00am

Ian



Dartmoor last year



Mount Edgcumbe

Billing Land Rover Show 16th-18th July 2010

Without a doubt, the event is still a large draw for Land Rover enthusiasts. With visitors from over 17 countries, it is still the one that folk can identify with.

Billing is always in the calendar and trying to remember where the other shows are, Newark, Stoneleigh, Malvern, Peterborough, etc is most confusing.

The Discovery Owners Club stand, numbered D1, was out of sight this year behind the trade stands along with other club stands, so EAC and 526 were not very visible.

Although the stand numbers were listed in the Clubs' page of the programme, there were no stand numbers on the site layout.

The arena was crowded when it was our turn to show our cars and little was said about the early Discoverys.

Kevin Davies from Wales received an award for his bobtailed D1.

Roy



Current known owners. @ July

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
G406WAC	Andy Baker.
G410WAC	Robin Jeffery
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 & G610WAC	Meghan & Gary Timmins
G482WAC	Jeremy Jackson
G486WAC	John Capewell.
G488WAC	Clive Richfield
G490WAC	Rob Ivins
G510WAC	Nick Prior
G511WAC	Colin Crossley
G534WAC	Nicholas Webb
G563WAC	David Spirett
G601WAC	Ben Arnold
G603WAC	Ian Redfern.
G635WAC	Alec Gatherer
G711YRY	Peter Hares
G834FPR	Sue Harvey
G987LKU	Andy Greer
H776POJ	Duncan Campbell
H871EWK	Mark Hardwick

Other known cars

G401WAC, G466WAC, G496WAC, G521WAC, G525WAC, G602WAC, G640WAC

G-WAC Notes on website

Brian Radford of Northmead 4x4 is keeping up to date with his copy of the Notes on his website. All the back issues from the start in May 2007 are there.

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

The logo for Northmead 4x4 features the word "NORTHMEAD" in a large, bold, blue, blocky font with a white outline and a slight 3D effect. To its right, "4x4" is written in a smaller, similar font, also in blue with a white outline.

Compiled by Roy Preston. If anyone would like to contribute an article for these notes, or receive a copy, please email me at roy@scawdel.orangehome.co.uk or post your address to B R Preston, "Scawdel", Dove Bank, Wormald Green, Harrogate, North Yorkshire, HG3 3PU. Phone 01765 677124.

Issue 37 July 2010