



Julian's L470 WAC

G-WAC Notes

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



Mark's L489 WAC

August 2016

We had a good show at Billing, with five cars on the stand. Kevin, of Duckworth Parts, very kindly allowed us to take some of his space, as we had given quite a chunk of our allotted stand space over to the Discovery Owners Club.

As reported elsewhere, James, Lucy and Patrick entertained the CVC members with a wood fire and some drinks on Saturday evening.

Five spaces have been booked again for the Peterborough LRO Show, so we hope for good weather again.

1993 Tdi for sale. K310EEW.

After 16 years faithful service and starting first time, and just 2 weeks after a full service and MOT, which required a new Land Rover fitted ball-joint (and all that goes with it), the compression in one cylinder has now gone.



It still drives, but now smokes a bit and the repair is beyond my abilities and pocket, at garage rates, and I don't have off-road parking.

The upshot being a reluctant parting of the ways. I have all the paperwork on it, since it was born, and it's been serviced regularly.

It has a full tank of diesel, brand new tyre, brand new ball-joint and nearly 12 months MOT.

Mileage 124,000. MOT to 11.08.17..5-door. Green. It would be a shame, for it to be just scrapped.

As for money, £200 would be appreciated, if only to help with £1000, the M.O.T eventually cost!

Geoff Flower (tel. 02392612895) Portsmouth.

Discovery Birthday Party. The Hoe, Plymouth 15th – 16th October 2016

Members of the Discovery Owners Club, along with other Discovery owners (this is not just a DOC event), meet on Plymouth Hoe each October, to celebrate the original press and dealer launch, which took place in 1989, and to take part in a weekend long birthday party for the Discovery.



October 2014, was the 25th year since the launch, so the event organisers put on a special show with over 100 Discoverys present.

There will be many G registered Discoverys there, and a few G-WAC launch cars plus G-WAC Range Rovers and Land Rover 90s.

You don't have to be members of the DOC to take part in the gathering, so try to be there to meet many enthusiastic Discovery owners, and see the latest models from the local Land Rover dealer.

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Billing Land Rover Fest. 29th – 31st July.

Once again Billing rolled around far quicker than I had expected. It marked the 3rd show of the year as a family, and we were a little more prepared this time as Lucy has got into the swing of camping during the Edinburgh Show.

I had managed to purchase the biggest tent by accident (it genuinely was a case of it didn't look that big in the picture).

The trip down to Northamptonshire on a Friday afternoon was as expected, a complete headache, but once we arrived at the show ground, it was great to see friendly faces and willingness to help set up. A little reshuffle took place and before I knew it the tent was up and I was eating some supper.

The show itself was great, I have been surprised over the last few years with the change in attitude towards early Discoverys, and the number of visitors that we get onto the stand. Perhaps when they see the 'G' registration, they expect to see a bob-tail or a battered off-road version - instead they see our collection of very original and shiny 26-year-old cars.

Saturday started with five vehicles on the stand. Roy's G526WAC and pre-pro G513DHP, Graham's pre-pro G226EAC, Patrick's G580BKV and me with G534WAC.

We had a fairly busy start with a trip into the arena with CVC Register, and then many people coming over to talk to us on the stand. Once the show closed for the evening it was great to have a social with the

CVC gang, who came over to enjoy the campfire and a brilliant game of Cards Against Humanity, won by someone you would least expect.

It was a brilliant evening and it reminded me of what club socials used to be like in past clubs years ago. Sunday very much picked up from where Saturday left off, and again lots of people coming onto the stand.



I haven't been to Billing for a number of years but I definitely got the feeling that the show has got smaller. A few big trade names I would expect to see were missing, and I was surprised how little I had spent on bits. The auto jumble was a mass of Defender parts; lord only knows how many vehicles could be built with the amount of parts available.

Sadly, I couldn't tick much off my shopping list for my 1971 Range Rover, so hopefully the Peterborough show will provide a few more elusive parts.

I always like to take a look at Duckworths, to see what old stock OEM gems they have unearthed, this time to my surprise they had some NOS early Discovery front grills.

I am looking forward to the next one!

James.

Good shells from Portugal.

Chris Hodgson, from Staffordshire, has bought some good D1 shells from Portugal, they are virtually rust free.

If you are thinking of a major rebuild, give him a call to enquire where you can see them.

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Show dates 2016

September

17th-18th Peterborough Land Rover Show
25th Ripon 4x4 & Vintage Spares Day. Ripon Racecourse. HG4 1UG.

October

2nd London To Brighton Land Rover Run.
15th-16th Discovery Birthday Party Plymouth Hoe
23rd National Restoration Show Stoneleigh Park. CV8 2TL

November

11th- 13th Classic Motor Show NEC

Steady progress with G488 WAC, and another purchase or two

Just an update on 488. She came to me for a small amount of work - mainly being replacing the rotten front inner wings. This was swiftly done after the NEC show in March.

Further inspection around the Discovery found a complete rotten rear body cross member and rear pillars. The boot floor had been replaced at some time, leading to further rotten wheel arches and side panels.

Removal of all these uncovered more rot in the rear chassis around the petrol tank and rear cross member. With all this rust and corrosion on the chassis, with more to come it is now going to be a complete body off restoration. I will keep you updated with progress.



In the last few months I have purchased L490 WAC and L489 WAC.

490 is a complete mess. I found it being scrapped, but got there too late really. It had everything taken off. The shell, although tipped on its side, was in reasonable condition with most of the blue interior still present. This company vehicle has an amazing story to it. It has been on a trip around the world following a submarine from port to port! The private adventure has been filmed by the owner, who sadly isn't in good health at the moment, but is trying to find all the information for me.

I have tracked down the original early 3.9 V8 engine, and I still have to collect it. This will be a complete chassis up rebuild, which has just begun.

489 has been off the road for a few years and parked in a field. To my surprise it is a complete rot free example with no welding needed or ever had to be. The 200Tdi is a sweet runner. All that is needed is a rear seat in tan and a bit of paintwork on the o/s rear, where the sun has bleached the black paint.

Mark.

Current known owners of launch cars. @ August 2016

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|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| G457WAC | Julian Lamb |
| G459WAC | (Amphibian. The Dunsfold Collection) |
| G461WAC | John Boucher |
| G463WAC (Camel training hack) | Ian Rawlings |
| G465WAC | Jack Straw |
| G469WAC & G490WAC | Jon Chester |
| G470WAC | Rob Stewart |
| G478WAC & G526WAC | Roy Preston |
| G480WAC, G482WAC, G486WAC & G524WAC. | David Ashburner |
| G488WAC | Robert Blanchard (USA) |
| G494WAC (Camel training hack) | Mark Harrow |
| G496WAC | Rob Ivins |
| G510WAC | Mark Dixon |
| G511WAC | Colin Crossley |
| G531WAC | Ashley Culling |
| 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

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| B62COH & C60JKG | Philip Bashall (The Dunsfold Collection) | G323WAC | Colin Crookson |
| C742HUH | Charles Whitaker | G347WAC (LR110) | Ron Boston |
| G226EAC (5-dr) | Project Jay Preservation Group | G395WAC | Sean Coleman |
| G266BJU (5-dr) | Julian Lamb | G405WAC | Harry Harrison |
| G513DHP (5-dr) | Project Jay Preservation Group | G406WAC | Keith Britton |
| G84 WAC (LR90) | Mike Smallbone | G410WAC | Alan Young |
| G97 WAC (LR90) | Ted Billington | G553WAC (LR90) | Gary Smallbone |
| G175WAC (RR) | Julian Lamb | G563WAC (Camel) | David Spirrett |
| G180WAC (RR) | Guy Butler-Henderson | G584WAC (RR) | Sharon Paige |
| G279WAC | Neal | G601WAC | Paul Hughes |
| G302WAC | Lee Haywood | G603WAC | Ian Redfern |
| G308WAC | Robin Gray | G610WAC | Kevin Bond |
| G310WAC | Mark Simpson | G611WAC | Jamie Menzies |
| G311WAC | Ivor Ramsden | G617WAC (LR90) | Gary Bryans |
| G312WAC | Simon Purcell | G618WAC | Steve Ducker |
| G314WAC | Owner not known | G635WAC | Alec Gatherer |
| G316WAC | Mike Smallbone | | |

Some other factory registered cars.

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| G580BKV | Patrick Berry | G601BKV | ??? |
| G628BKV | Alan Young | L470WAC | Julian Lamb |
| L489WAC | Mark Harrow | L490WAC | Mark Harrow |
| L479YAC | Stuart Laird | P647KAC | Patrick Berry |

Other early cars

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| G28 RMW | Glyn Jones | G711YRY | Derek Henman |
| G39 WJD | Bob Jolleys | G757SGX | Paul Bishop |
| G41 VHA | Simon Tinkler | G834FPR | Sue Virgin |
| G43 KWO | Victor Mitchell | G843FPR | Jon Isacc |
| G67 RYJ | Alan Mitchell | G892VPM | Mike E Hall |
| G101GEL | Robert Hoskins | G907VYT | Alan Young |
| G203DPF | ? | G923PUE | Nigel Burland |
| G229TDV | Wesley Beynon | G942UTT | Keith Taylor |
| G234CBG | Dan Hunter | G950CAF | Elvet Price |
| G253RFL | Lee Haywood, Silkstone Land Rover | G987LKU | Andy Greer |
| G266BJU | Julian Lamb | H83 YYN | Richard Llewelin |
| G272WDL | Andrew Maclean | H95 DBK | Dave Dorling |
| G374UYR | Jack Straw | H367OBE | Dave Mummery |
| G412FSJ | Andrew Cameron | H776POJ | Duncan Campbell |
| G436GUY | Andy Jones | J463HVK Ambulance | William Wallace |
| G441WPX | Mark Harrow | J932PBW | Archie Cursham |
| G442AJM | Scott Seacombe | AZ-829-TJ | Raymond Bechetoille (France) |
| G456AVT | A Burchell | 3656 TW 24 | Keith S L Daffern (France) |
| G553OWD | J Herod | Formerly G531DHP | |
| G560EDY | Mark Dixon | LA DC 502 | Dr. Hofmann (Germany) |
| G580PNU | Ian Rawlings | | |
| G577GTY | Craig Pusey | | |

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