

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Well, you happy band of Rover Owners, it looks as if you have the pleasure of my company for the coming year. Or put it another way, it gives me great pleasure.....to remain as Chairman of the HBRO.

Chair-
man &
officers.

To give everybody a quick brief, we are basically to remain the same as we have been for the last six months, but with a few changes. For a full report of what happened at the first AGM, a list of the officers of the Club and constitution appears further on.

One thing I would like to point out is that anyone who has a complaint must let us know as soon as possible. Also, I hope that everybody will remain with us for the coming year, as we are still struggling but expanding slowly.

News-
letters

The Newsletters will be on a monthly basis from now on, and with luck you should see a new format from the end of November/Dec. onwards. Another little surprise is a year book at the end of January, so if anybody would like to contribute to this, or indeed if you feel suitably inclined and would like to be famous, you could put a small article in the monthly mag. if you wish.

Year
book.

Howard (who remains with me as Treasurer, Ye Gods) did try to do such a piece of literary brilliance, but unfortunately being connected with the money side of our group, diluted the ink so much that it faded, so with rushing off to the shops for more ink found his little legs rubbing together so fast they burst into flames. He is now doing an impersonation of matchstick man, with plaster found both legs. Being a little fella, I heard the other day he now has trouble getting in his high chair.....

THE
CHRISTMAS DINNER - ROWBARGE, WOOLHAMPTON - Friday, 16th Dec.
A la carte. Dinner dress & tie will be worn.

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Treasurers Report : At the AGM it was decided that the annual subs. will be £4.50 full membership and £7.50 for overseas membership. We have only one so far, so maybe Ralph Francis can enrol a few more member. As you can see the Off Road Section is having a great time. I must get a ride on one of these outings. Anyone game to give me a lift??? The Chairman has struck back at me - shades of "THE EMPIRE STRIKES ETC" at least this is all in good humour (THE SWINE). Andy Smith is the Secretary and will be thrusting application forms up people's noses. As Treasurer I will be looking closely at all our members to see if any of you have some nice sayings or characteristics (I will not comment on nasty ones) in the same way as Pete (I've got a problem) and I(short hairy legs!!) Well, I have observed another of Pete's sayings and it is "Let's put it another way!!) so keep your ears open for any good sayings. See you on the 9th November.

MEETINGS AT THE HINDS HEAD, ALDERMASTON.

2nd Wednesday and 4th Sunday of each month
7.30 pm 12.00 noon

Wet and windy it was (not the last Club meeting). To rush back from London in the early hours of the morning, to find Howard and Andy putting signs up in the pouring rain made me feel proud to belong to a Club, and to be associated with them!!

For it was the time of our National Rally, and what a time we had. For our first rally, I think we did rather well. For example, we had people from as far away as Gosport and Shepperton, including the local Fuzz - what with the Treasurer shouting such comments as "They've come to take me away" and so on - this did the world of good for our public relations.

To bring the whole thing down to scale we had some 30 plus vehicles in attendance, with a good turn-out from the SD 1, and off road section. We even had a 205 BHP Special which we will feature later. From this day, our Club gained some 5 new members including an A reg. SD 1 and "Y" reg. land-rover. We also gained a P2 into the Club so perhaps Colin would like to get in touch with the said person. To sum it all up, we will be doing it all again next year. Just try and stop me!!!

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I was thinking the other day about how much has been accomplished since we started some 3 months ago. For example, we have members all over Southern England, as far as Swindon, Gosport as well as a local nucleus. We even have one member in the States and enquiries from such unlikely places as Jamaica.

What with the National and one thing and another, we now come to a point that several people have asked about. That is - the Annual General Meeting.

It is important to me that as many people as possible attend this, as I would like your opinions and comments to improve the Club, and guide our future. Remember our aims of being social and helping each other and have a think about what you would like the club to do.

The venue is the Club Room at the Hinds Head, Aldermaston Village on Wednesday, 26th October, at 7.30.

TREASURER'S REPORT. The Rally made a "profit" after much discussion and arm bending we were able to hire the playground for £5.00 instead of £16.55, which was quoted; this was only possible by the fact that I am the Chairman of the Badminton Club, of which the School Warden is a member, so like a good Treasurer, I scratched his back etc. As from now, Pete (the Chairman) is to be known as "Pete, I've got a problem", as he always starts his telephone calls this way. As it is not a personal problem, you can still stand near him...

As for the AGM, I have drawn up a set of Rules and a Constitution based on other clubs I have belonged to, as a guideline which we can discuss.

At the AGM we will be electing a Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary. As Kathy is not technically the Secretary, merely the typist, we do need a bod for this post, and also two committee members.

So, get to the AGM, voice your opinions as to how you want the Club run, because Pete and I are not ANGELS!!

FOUR WHEEL DRIVE NOTES.

On Sunday 25th Sept. we had our first 4WD section event, a trip to the All Wheel Drive Club competition safari at Sidbury Hill, Tidworth. Three of us, the Stewart brothers Ian and Richard and I met outside Wheelgame and set off in Richard's newly acquired lt. wt. for Salisbury Plain. The first sight we saw was a blue ser.1 No.112, driven by Hughie Glossop and John Griffith, off for one of their runs. We spent a couple of hours out on the course watching the action before returning to the paddock to look at the competing vehicles close up.

At this point, Hughie offered to take me round as passenger on his last run. This was a bit worrying as they had just been telling us they had been slightly delayed on their first run as they had tipped it. However, I was quickly helmetted and strapped in and with a quick warning to keep my hands inside, we were off. If I had any literary skills I could tell you about the trip, but it was a very difficult experience to put into words. To be honest I was expecting 20 mins. of sheer terror but instead it was an absolute delight. Over the years in the Army I have been passenger in many Land Rovers but never one driven as hard or confidently as this. Once I realised it would brake and corner on the rough in a way I wouldn't expect my Manta to on the road I really enjoyed it. The speedo wasn't working but at times it was pulling hard in top, which must have been 60+ mph, between virtual stops to negotiate crossditches. Overall we averaged 30 mph to achieve their fastest time of the day. My thanks go to Hughie for taking me and to John for giving up his seat.

All this fine effort resulted in 5th in class, 17th overall, currently 24th in the Championship.

Future events

16th October. All Wheel Drive Club competition safari, Slab Common near Bordon.

Slab is often a slower, muddier, event offering, to my mind, good spectator appeal, although not, perhaps, so popular with competitors. Anyone interested, meet opposite "Wheelgame" Tadley at 10.30 a.m.

30th October. Green Road Run.

Obviously an event for 4WD vehicles, but we will find seats for others. This is intended to be a non-damaging day, so bring your "A" reg. Range Rover. We will be aiming for lunch at the Pot Kiln, Frilsham (GR 552730). It has a large car park and serves snacks (rolls etc) so perhaps the saloons might join us there. Go through Bucklebury village (north of Woolhampton) and then head north towards Yattendon (not Frilsham). It's standing on its own after about 2½ miles, looking more like a house than a pub.

Meet opposite "Wheelgame" (no, I've not got shares) at 9.00 a.m. We will be heading for the Bucklebury Common area so those from north of the A4 may want to meet up elsewhere.

Well, another month gone, and a busy one its been. First, the National, fully reported in the last newsletter, so all I need do is apologise for my absence, especially to the new off roaders. I hope we see a lot of you in the future.

AGM. Next came the AGM. For those of you who missed it I have been elected your representative on the committee.

Then on the 30th we had our first day of Green Roding. Nine o'clock at Tadley saw me with my 80" and Richard and Bev with his Lt/wt with Ian and Christine as passengers. A short drive to Buckleberry Common where we met David and Pam and family in his Ser III SWB with John and Pam and family, and we were off. Unfortunately, a blown head gasket had prevented any recce so we had to go in cold but soon found some hopeful tracks until the vegetation closed in and the others chickened out. Looking at my wing mirrors they were probably wise. A chance meeting with a local resident, who turned out to be a L.R. buff and potential member, pointed us in the right direction. An interesting drive followed down a narrow muddy track getting valuable practice for the afternoon. Midday found us 200 metres from the end of the track, about 5 mins from the Pot Kiln, unfortunately that last 200m were impassable and we had to turn round and retrace our steps reaching the Pot Kiln about 12.30. There we met Ian with his V8 Safari and Tommy with another 80". In the afternoon we decided to try to follow a 2 mile track through the woods so the five of us set off. All was going fairly well until I nosedived into the mud, we got my 80" out quickly but Richard with his Lt/wt wasn't so lucky. He managed to get nicely bogged in but this was where Ian's V8 LWB came into its own - powering through the mud to get to a suitable towing position and assist getting all the vehicles through. After this the path started to deteriorate rapidly, degenerating into little more than a path at times. Our next problem was a collapsed tree blocking the track. While we were finding a way round John recceed on ahead by foot and returned to announce that apart from a soft bit, which would cause no problem for a light vehicle, we had a clear run. Once my wagon was past the tree he nicked it to prove himself wrong, and got it stuck in a big way. This proved to be the biggest problem of the day and I think had most people worried by the time it was eventually extracted, about 1½ hours later. Fortunately, this was near the end as it was dark by the time the last one was clear and it was necessary to guide the convoy out by foot.

Altogether an enjoyable, if tiring day. I was particularly pleased to see the presence of wives/girlfriends. I hope we see more of you at future events.

Talking of future events, it is hoped to make green roding monthly. To avoid clashing with the club meeting (4th Sunday) we will miss November and then start on the 1st sunday from then on. I intend covering different areas each month, so the meeting places may vary. It will be in the newsletter but if in doubt phone me on Hackwood 6227 if you wish to join us enroute please let me know, including who will be in your party. If anyone knows any good areas let me know and you can lead us.

Future events : 4th Dec. Green Roding. Meet in Kingsclere, in the car park by the church at 09.30. I propose following a route reported on in the AWDC mag. It appears to have reasonable width so we shouldnt have the clearance problem we had last time, although without a persona reccee I cannot guarantee this.

1984. If we go out on the 1st Sunday, this is New Year's Day. So if you want to go on the Bank Holiday Monday let me know early so that I will know if there are enough of us (a minimum of 3 vehicles).

Future events.

Phone No.

Future dates.

MEMBERS TO DATE 18/10/83

1. Pete Nightingale, 4 Council Houses, Ashford Hill - Chairman
 2. Howard & Kathy Vyse, 67 Long Grove, Baughurst - Tadley 2708
- A Shaw, 9 Eliot Close, Thatcham
C Pemberton, 28A Rowan Road, Tadley
H Glossop, 15 Titchfield Close, Tadley
J Griffith, 31 Rowan Road, Tadley
D Barns "The Bungalow" Broadway, Lambourne
N Giles, 38 Northfield Road, Thatcham
A Smith, 29 Silverdale Road, Tadley
B Wheeler, 34 Reading Road, Burghfield Common
I Smith, 53 Old Kempshott Lane, Basingstoke
D Cuthbert, 313 Cranbourne Lane, Basingstoke
M Burkitt, 46 Ascension Close, Basingstoke
D Buzza "The Pantiles" Bethesda St Upper Basildon
N Haag, 33 Wigmore Lane, Tadley
I Stewart, 40 Brookside Walk, Tadley
G Pearce, 6 Wildwood Drive, Baughurst
R Soar 3 Teasbrook, Covington, Swindon
I Hancock, Cheyland, The Stocks, Beenham, Berks
J Stewart, 5A Church Road, Tadley
M Harrington, 165 Overdown Road, Tilehurst
S Whitcomb, Hillside Cottage, Beenham
B Williams, 51 Bury Road, Gosport
J Dentry, Roselea, 6 Station Road, Lambourne, Bucks
A Nightingale, 4 Council Houses, Ashford Hill.