

For a change this month, I will start by looking at some future events.

The most important is the Birmingham Classic Car Show. The committee is working on the details, but we need as many photo's as possible. Also if anyone would like to make some Papier-Mache rocks etc (the idea is to have Toby in a simulated off road position) please let me know. Beyond that, come and see us at N.E.C. May 5-7th.

At Easter (April 21-23rd) the All Wheel Drive Club are holding their Bovington 150 event. The main event at the weekend is a Competitive Safari on the Sunday, starting at Midnight. We get very few chances to watch night motor sport in U.K. so I'm sure it will be worth the effort. If any one is interested in making it a club event (either by sharing vehicals or a convoy run) let me know and I'll try and arrange something. **DAVE'S NO. HACKWOOD 6227.**

The last event is the association of Rover Clubs National Rally at Leighton Buzzard, May 26-28th. We are not yet a member of the A.R.C. but should be by then. I don't know the exact program but it usually takes the form of a Trial on the Saturday, Team Recovery on the Sunday and competitive safari on the Monday, with suitable social events in the evening. If anyone is interested in going please let me know. I know a number of members who are in A.R.C. member clubs are going. If you get in touch we can send in the applications together and get adjacent plots.

At the start of the month we went out in the area South of Basingstoke. We were being led by Mike Scott of the A.W.D.C. who knows the area well. We were augmented by some of his friends and it was a convoy of 3 Range Rovers and 8 Land Rovers which set off for a day's frolic in the mud. The whole thing was recorded for prosperity on Video, I have seen the "rushes" and they look good. It all started rather ominously, most of us getting stuck within 100 metres of leaving the road, but we eventually went in a loop to the South East of Basingstoke through some deep mud holes to Lasham for lunch. In the afternoon we were joined by a J\*\*p, but it couldn't take the pace and retired part way round. The first obstacle to overcome was a very steep bank for which nearly everyone needed assistance either from a winch or man power. It was followed by a steep, slippery decent to a main road, very hairy. It showed those of us with little off road experience how much we have to learn. Several more deep mud holes followed before we arrived back in Basingstoke as darkness approached. All in all a good day with several obstacles connected by a lot of muddy tracks with the minimum of road work inbetween. Thanks Mike.

#### FUTURE EVENTS

Green roading

4th March Petersfield Railway Station at 09.30. We usually get a good turnout from the South of the county to "our" end so let's see lots of you from the North at Petersfield. If you are a passenger make sure you have your lift arranged as we will not be finishing at Petersfield.

1st April Details later, but probably in the area between Basingstoke and Andover. This will be our last chance to complete the Video for N.E.C. so please turn up and become famous.

29th April The Ridgeway. Details later, but probably starting from the A4 South of Swindon at about 10, meeting in the Newbury area about 9.

3rd June Any offers?

Photographic Day Details should be elsewhere in the newsletter. The aim is to get photo's of every members vehicle (s) so please try to attend with your (Shock, horror) clean car.

RED LEADER

## MONEY GRABBERS REPORT

This month we have no report from our "I've got a problem" Chairman, did I hear Hooray?. This month Pete has been busy and has not been able to put pen to paper, he has been seen on the M4 screaming to and from London and Woolhampton Village Hall which he is modernizing, so if anyone wants building work done, Pete is the bloke to see.

The membership stands at 28, of which about 18 are Landrover Guys, and us saloon drivers have been out again with them on greenroading, and they seem to be the most enthusiastic section of the Club. Pete, Andy and I are really going to concentrate on the Saloon side of the Club, and organise events that are better suited to our cars. Hugh Glossop keeps saying "Why don't you come greenroading with your P5s?" We can only say one thing to that "Ball joints".

## RESULTS OF THE FEB RALLY.

The maximum points available were 25 - this was not a timed rally, so there was no need for going round on "doorhandles". Unfortunately, we only had 4 cars turn up, it was great to see Bruce Williams from Gosport - a very good effort to come and support the Club - thanks mate.

- 1st - 24 points - Rex and Sheila Ward - nice to see some of the ladies coming along.
- 2nd - 23½ points - Bruce Williams & Ian Seggie (non member but he bought the beer)
- 3rd - 23 points - Dave Cuthbert & Andy Smith (Andy driving under instructions)
- 4th - 22 " - Neil Randle (in Rex Wards car helped by Rex's kids)
- 5th - 21½ " - Hugh Glossop & Howard Vyse driving under Hughs instructions.

The HBRO trophy was awarded to Rex and at considerable expense the Club bought two drinks for the winners (massive cost of £1.50). Rex was suitably impressed by the trophy and kept trying to give it back, but no way do we want it back (until the next rally). It was agreed that the rally was very enjoyable but the clues were too easy. WAIT UNTIL NEXT TIME.....

## CLASSIC CAR SHOW - NEC BIRMINGHAM May 5 - 7th

As reported in the last newsletter we are doing a VIDEO of Club events. Ian Stewart is the director, producer, cameraman in fact the LOT, and at the last Green Road the first part was ~~been~~ completed. NOW we need to complete the video with the saloon car side, and we are going to meet at the Chapel Street Multistorey car park, Reading, on 11 March. What we require are cars to be lined up for still shots and cars being driven on a driving test (we now have our own cones, courtesy of Richard Stewart). As we are trying to involve more cars maybe the following would contact the Hon.Sec. Andy Smith on Tadley 3395.

Brian Wheeler (where have you gone?)

John Dentry (come on John I still have to get my revenge!!)

Colin Pemberton (How can you disappear?)

Des Barnes P5 3 litre (repaired the rad ?)

Mike Burkett P4 (come in Mike where are you?)

Robert Chapman P6 (two wheels on my wagon or nearly'').

Barry Element (new member - very nice P4 100)

Pete Nightingale (don't be late mate)

Len Sparrow (we have a member in Exeter - smashing)

Ian Stewart (nice SD1 - how about coming, you have got the camera).

It goes without saying Pete, Andy and I will be there, after filming it will be off to the pub, but please ring ANDY and he will give you further details).

NEXT MEEINGS :

WEDS. 14th March

SUNDAY 25th March

24th March Andy and Red Leader are going to Solihull to a meeting of the A.R.C. to put our case for joining this Association. This will enable the LR guys to join in any A.R.C. organised event, likewise we could invite any A.R.C. members to our events.

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

Andy Smith has named himself MEGAWALLY because on one of our photo expeditions, in the early hours of the morning, he tried to take time exposures without a cable release (money grabber to the rescue) and after freezing (nearly rattled my fillings out) he says "I really am a MEGAWALLY, because my film has split and I haven't taken a shot".

Our Chairman now has a new method of getting noticed : he always arrives late and makes a grand entrance at about 100 mph. Still he's not a bad chap!!