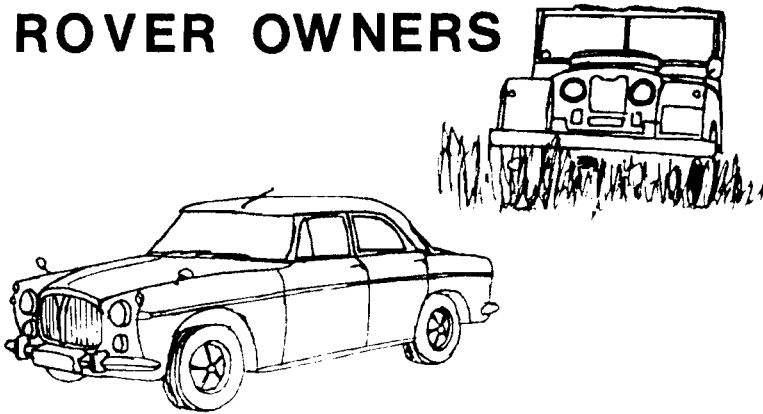


# HANTS & BERKS

## ROVER OWNERS



H.B.R.O.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

August/Sept. 1984

Summer's about over so some people think but as I sit here writing yet another thrilling, exciting instalment of the HBRO newsletter the temperature outside has just hit 88 degrees. No, I'm not in the Bahamas as somebody pointed out but sitting on top of the Hampshire Downs. I know it's summer because the cars in the opposite layby have all got their bonnets up. Also, about this time of year we see several rare breeds of animals amongst the hedgerows. For example there is the MUCHOS ANGRY-GAIRS. You can't miss him. He is normally found on open spaces such as besides motorways, also sometimes found in urban areas. He is instantly recognised by the steam from the front and the normal look of gloom.

Then there is the country dweller (sightus seevo). He is normally found around country lanes and roads. Often leads the front of queues or is apt to stop in his favourite dwellings such as gateways etc or on those awkward little rooks and crannies. Normally recognised by strange optical equipment round his neck and the Safari Park sticker in the back window. THE MORAL OF ALL THIS..... firstly, remember the temperature outside is high so keep the cooling system checked over. It only takes a minute or so to top up the radiator, and don't forget the passage of air through the radiator and check fanbelt and hoses.

For the sake of 10 mins on a Sunday morning it could save an embarrassing callout from the emergency services.

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DAK

Having spoken recently with Dak Autos, they tell me they have wings for P5B and are produced from the original factory drawings. This might be worth following up with other enquiries as they cater for all the P types. While writing this they were just completing restoration on a speed 20.

FILMING

Some weeks ago I mentioned about a possible TV film about the Rover I can now confirm that the idea was put forward and accepted. Filming will start in the autumn so if all goes well we will let you know as we go.

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Sept 8th Brighton speed trials. For those interested, contact Tadley 5194

Sept 9th Beaulieu Auto Jumble. This is a must, meeting at 9 am in the square, at Kingsclere

Oct. 6/7 Camping in Wales

Nov. 2, 3, 4 France.

## FOUR WHEEL DRIVE NOTES

As this month's main event, the Petersfield Nationals, was reported in the last newsletter there is not much to say this month.

If you are interested in going to Four x Four 84, see last month for details, and wish to share transport contact me now and I will try to arrange it. I will be away for two weeks in September so there is no time to lose.

The begining of August saw several of us converging on New Alresford where we found Roy waiting to lead us round the area. There were few problems, such as finding the right of way leading to the back of Brown Candover Church doesn't cover the last 50m to the road, showing that very careful map reading is required, and the day went very well.

### Future Events

We are starting to receive information about other clubs events. I will only publish those that are reasonably local, but anyone who is going away and wishes to attend any Land Rover events whilst they are away should contact me on Hackwood 6227.

26 Aug. AWDC comp safari at Weavers Down, near Liss. Come and watch Hugh Glossop and Dave Cuthbert in action (no.20).

27 Aug. AWDC trial at Weavers Down.

2 Sep. Green Roding. Meet in Andover High Street at 09 30

29 Sep. Four x Four 84 at Shrewsbury, see above.

6/7 Oct. Camping at Llangtowy Priory

Red Leader.

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### WALLIES OF THE MONTH

Yes, we have two this month. First Wally is Masher, who on the way to the Bowman was being directed by "R.R", stopped at a road junction, R.R. saying "Turn Right", so Masher turns right, only to find he is going up the wrong side of a dual carriage way. "Panic stations", slams in reverse and with tyres smoking backs at about 80 mph (all Pete's fault). Second Wally. This goes to "Roaring Rat"-if you have read about the Ken Drackett Show this was only surpassed by R.R. making a noise like a stone crusher. Even Ken stopped singing. We all looked at R.R. and he seemed to be chewing a brick. "What are you eating" asks Ken. "Nuts" says R.R. There he is eating Pistachio nuts which have to be shelled first, only R.R. is eating the lot. If you have eaten these nuts, then you will know that the shells are like "Pyrex Plates". PS. R.R. is visiting the dentist.

Question of the month. Where do the Portuguese Race their sardines?

Dates of next meeting.

Wed. 12th Sept. Hinds Head      Sunday 23 Sept Hinds Head      Wed. 26th Sept.  
Bowman

SPARES. Breaking P5B saloon. Details Tadley 5194.

New front wing for P5, still in primer. Contact Pete.

WANTED : SD 1 prefer bare shell but roadgoing car accepted. Must be V8 and manual.

Suggest odd copper brake pipe set as last letter and again DAK AUTOS as Technical experts for P tyres for P1 to P6.

For Sale : front offside wing for P5 3 litre as new

Breaking : P5B saloon complete minus washer bottle and propshaft.

Price negotiable. Tel. Tadley 5194.

Owners of P6 models. Noted at 'T' junction on A339 at Headley near the Village Hall is a 3500S that appears in reasonable condition. I believe the engine is missing but might be worth following up.

Series 1 80" parts for sale. Send SAE to James Wallis, 19 Tilmore Road, Petersfield, Hants GU32 2HJ or ring Petersfield 62057.

During the attempted restoration of Roaring Rat (yes, it does still exist), I intend to make up my own carpet set. If anybody's interested I can do the same for P5 and 6, once suitable templates have been made. Anybody interested in this contact me on Tadley 5194.

Finally, anybody interested in some LUCAS WFT 6 auxillary front lights complete for P5B or lenses only. All new. Contact me on Tadley 5194.

Lastly. Who said Brian Wheeler was spotted. I thought he was perfectly normal the last time I looked..... and perhaps Dave Cuthbert has recovered and the 9/16 spanner we sent him helped with his loose nuts.

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#### MONEY GRABBERS REPORT.

AGM Please make a note that the AGM is on Wednesday, 10th Oct 1984 at 7.30 at the Hinds Head, and I'm pleased to say that we are solvent - only just - because in the early days I was able to get printing and envelopes done free. The committee has done a few sums and subs will be going up, but not by too much, so come along to the AGM and have your say.

#### EDITOR'S REPORT (MASHER, AGAIN).

In future when Club meetings coincide with Bank Holidays, we will inform everyone that the meeting will be changed. This is because at the meetings on Bank Holidays we have only had Pete and myself turn up, which results in us playing snooker, and Pete's getting fed up of losing.

Meetings at the Hampshire Bowman. As you all know, the meeting is on the 4th Wednesday of every month at 7.30. At the last meeting "Roaring Rat" and "Masher" sped across country to partake of the ale (actually Masher drank 4 pints of orange and lemonade YUK). There were about 10 members there and we were having a good old natter when in comes "Ken Drackett". The evening then took a very different "tune" because Ken is an entertainer!! (He sings medieval songs, and his voice is "evil"). Ken asked the Landlord if it was OK to sing so he starts singing very doubtful songs. At one point he had "Loopy" actually crying with laughter and all Ken said was "as stiff as a chocolate frog". Then Ken mentioned to "Roaring Rat" that he had a portuguese porridge gun, whereas R.R. just wept into his beer. Well, after Ken's performance the H.B.R.O.. had to book him for the next rally, in fact, we all went home with aching faces from laughing so much.

Camping in Wales. This event is being run by Loopy and is at Llantowy Priory, which is in Gwent on 5th, 6th and 7th Oct. The pub is in the Crypt of the Priory and closes at the end of October. If you want to go, give loopy a ring on Soton 448260 and knowing Loopy, it will be a mad! mad! weekend.

Newsflash. After last month's newsletter Adrian Bailey of the 3 - 3½ litre club contacted Andy and Pete and let us know that he is still trading, in fact he is expanding (his business, not himself) and now has 5,000 sq ft of floor space, and 3 people working for him. As Adrian was involved in a serious accident-in which he fractured his skull, this will explain why some people had not heard anything from him. I hope that I didn't give the wrong impression in the last n.l. If you wish to contact Adrian, then ring Andy Tadley 3395 or Pete Tadley 5194. They have his phone no. and new address. We will publish his new address in our next news letter.