



JUNE NEWSLETTER 1985.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS.

Once a month I sit down and look at a blank piece of paper and think, What the heck do I write this month?.. Well! apart from panic each time, to start this month's banter, did anybody notice the new typeface? Kathy (me) has a new electronic typewriter and has been let loose on us with what is now known as the infernal instrument of torture ..or something similar .. zmxncbvnxmz,.. Being somewhat new and not yet quite used to it, she made one or two errors! So, now I must make an apology to one of our members in London who mistakenly became known as **SPROGGY**. This should have read **SPRAGG**. So, apologies Colin from Kathy. Hope you have a sense of humour, mate! (You must have to join a bunch like these guys). Actually, I think Sproggy is much better than Spragg.....

Next point .. our Treasurer - cum - editor has dropped me in it by cutting out some vital bits of information. Apparently, I got the times for ferry crossings wrong in the last newsletter. The time taken should read Dover - Calais 1 hour 15 mins, Dover - Zbrugge 3½ - 4 hours crossing. .. Fuller details next month..... Finally, I would like to wish our member **Leif Norredal** in Denmark Good Luck on starting a Rover Club in his country. He has eight members so far. The total Rovers in Denmark is ten, so I presume this is the P5 model. I hope the eight find the other two soon, .. can you imagine it. Having every Rover in the country in the Club!

NEW P5 CLUB

Many of you may have heard of the 3/3½ litre Club that trades under the name of **ROVERLAND**.

During the Bristol Show a certain Mr Norman Pearce put the proposition that he would start a **NEW** club as there was a different need for one. Dave Lee and myself who were on the stand at the time agreed, and so Norman has now launched the P5B Club. He is also a member of the HBRO and can be reached at IOOA, Thorpe Lee Road, Egham, Surrey. We wish him every success in this venture.

ANNUAL RALLY

I'm afraid this will have to be called a Rover Rally from now on or Annual Rally. This is because of a misunderstanding with the ARC who think people may think its their National Rally. My argument is that we have members nationally and even internationally, and also invited National Clubs so why not the Hants and Berks National Rally.? Anyway, the Rally will take place on 20/21 July at the White Horse Inn, Priors Dean, Petersfield. What I can tell you is there will be camping allowed Saturday night with Bar-B-Q. Equipment provided, and Ken will be strumming his instrument of torture. This must not be missed. Sunday starts with many hangovers and a breakfast of Alka-Seltzer Plus Class Awards for P3 and before, P4, P5, P5B, P6, P6B, SD1 plus 200 series, Land Rover and Range Rover. There are also awards for driving tests, rolling disaster and long distance as well as two awards for condition and Concours.

There are also two new awards this year. One for Best Rover Derivative and one for Club Member Of The Year. Also, we will be presenting plaques to each car entry on the day. Entry fee is £1.50 per car and includes entry to all classes and awards. There will be a small charge of £1.00 for camping overnight. Hopefully, the programmes will be printed next month and full details will be in that. Finally, we hope to attract trade stands this year and if anybody wishes to bring parts to sell, we welcome this.

Hopefully everybody will have a chance of winning something, and we will have a bigger event than last year. So, don't forget to tell everybody, even those with Mg V8 and Morgan V8 etc.

MEMBERS CARS.

After looking through our newsletter the other week it struck me that we never seemed to have any sort of technical stuff. So, to add some more interest to our interests in Rovers I took it upon myself to start something about our own vehicles within the Club. If all goes well I hope to keep this going every now and then, and will probably pounce on some unsuspecting person when they least expect it. However, if you would like a mention, then just send me or one of the committee members the history of your car and as much detail as possible, and we will make you famous.



To start this month **ANDY SMITH** was cornered to reveal all. Those who have seen his vehicle of late must agree that this vehicle is in very nice condition. The car itself is a P5B saloon registered LGF 492 K of 72 vintage. Andy bought the car from its last owner in Guildford for £500 back in August 82 and since then has had some quite eventful happenings.

The car was originally bought by A and B Plating in London as a company car and had 2 years ownership before passing to another company as a chauffeur driven hire car. Two years later the car finally passed into private hands who was its last owner before Andy and was stored for the last 3 years of his ownership.

During Andy's ownership the car managed to break down in the first hour of trying to return home; this was because of too rich a mixture. So far the car has had a completely new gearbox, starter motor, fuel pump and an oil seal in the back axle.

When Andy first had the car it was a two tone paint scheme that was not original, but now I am pleased to say it has original Rover colours of silver birch base with burnt grey sides. And very nice it looks too. Incidentally, the paint work was done by a Rolls Royce trained person, so you see what I mean by 'nice'. The interior is brown leather and Andy has managed to maintain part of the original tool kit, also the proper Rover radio. The only unusual point is the carburettors. When you first look there are no float chambers, until you realise they are emission control SU HF6s and have the float chambers combined. The only misshap was when the brake pipe split on the MOT ramp.

For the future Andy intends to sort out the windscreen leak and insists the rear wings need to be replaced. All in all, a very nice and presentable Rover that I feel we will see at many more shows and rallies.

Recently, Andy has removed and rebuilt the engine, crank regrind, big ends, cam shafts and followers, tappets; in fact, the whole lot. He completed this mammoth task in about 4 weeks, with help from Roger Pattie. So, if anyone wishes to know about engines!!!!

Those still looking for the report of the Petersfield green roading in the last newsletter, look no further. There was no report, not because I didn't get round to writing it, but because we didn't go. At the evening meeting at the Hampshire Bowman four days before the trip, it was discovered that the 'leader' wasn't going to be there and it was uncertain what had been planned and also there was a distinct lack of landies from the Petersfield area due to repairs and rebuilds - planned or otherwise. Rather than have a couple of landies driving all the way down to wildest Petersfield, it was decided not to go green roading. The 'regulars' were notified, so to those who turned up (I only know of one - sorry James) in future it will be worth contacting me or Dave a couple of days before the trip to let us know that you will be coming, otherwise we'll assume that you aren't, and you will then be told if there are any changes and so avoid a wasted journey. In fact anyone coming along should let me or Dave know; however....

Last summer (you remember those three days) Dave (Red Leader) had thought of stopping green roading for a while, as on a couple of occasions, there were only two landies - his and mine - plus passengers. This summer because his landie is now off the road (no pun intended) a halt has been called to HBRO green roading, so none on 2nd June. Actually green roading in the summer isn't always much fun with rock hard tracks, o.k. for those with rangies, and lots of dust - and not much mud! However if you are thinking of going out green roading yourself, it's worth giving a 'phone call - could be free for an evening amble.

There is no truth in the rumour that the reason Sleepy Anderson dozed off while being driven along the Ridgeway (see his article in the May newsletter) was that I was driving so slowly.

Sunday 5th May saw a group of four landies and a rangie meeting at Basingstoke. Directions had been given to the Viabes Craft Centre but as there was an exhibition there that day, those directions were unnecessary as there were plenty of signs up.

Nice to see some new faces (and vehicles) and reappearance of old ones (nothing personal). A short drive up the A30 past Basing to a short starter track at Water End. Unfortunately the ruts at the start of this track had been filled with gravel and we all got through with no trouble. The last occasion we drove onto this section there was an en masse 'stuck situation'! The low slung petrol tank of the 80 inch landie was a problem on the rutted hard ground further on, but a quick push and pull and all was well. The next track rapidly deteriorated to a long muddy water hole, discretion this time reversing up the hill. It's interesting that passengers think that off road vehicles can perform a lot better than the drivers know they can!

A couple of tracks later, after passing Lasham Airfield we got onto some muddy sections. The cameras came out hoping for good pictures ie vehicles stuck - not to be. At the end of the track the front two vehicles had disappeared from sight, we followed our noses and found them at a hostelry at Lower Yield (moral is to keep the vehicle behind in sight) After lunch more muddy tracks and a way barred by two chained gates, however a detour led us to more interesting tracks!

A leisurely drive along sections of the Ox Drove and Wayfarers Walk and up towards Dummer where the group split up. A good day out, for some the first green roading.

Let us hear what you want to do about green roading

At last I know why I always seem to end up covered with mud - it's because I'm the only one who owns up to having a towrope and shackle and as it's mine I'd better fix it to the other stuck (in the mud of course) vehicle.

EVENTS

- 16th June : Braemar House, Hants.
Excellent event and well worth going to. The Club has two stands booked but still has space for two more vehicles. If you would like to attend, please phone me on Tadley 5194. For those going, I would suggest leaving at 8 am from the Village Square, Kingsclere as last year we had to be there at 9 am.
- 23rd June : RSR/Rover P4 Guild Rally, Leeds Castle, Kent.
Last year we attended this and certainly made ourselves known. Quite an interesting event, set in splendid grounds. If going and you would like to go in convoy we meet at 9 am and leave from the car park at the rear of Barclays Bank, Tadley.
- 30th June : Newbury Pageant of Motoring. Racecourse, Newbury.
If we can get a stand in time I hope to see you all there. If not it's local and well worth a visit.
- 7th July : Easthampstead Auto Sunday.
Those who attended last year inform me that it is an excellent event.
Details - Bracknell 54995
- 20/21 July : Annual Rally.

SPARES

Gavin on Tadley 4555 has a good quantity of P6 spares.

Chairman is breaking a P5B saloon. Anyone interested in parts can contact him on Tadley 5194. He also has some 3 litre spares.

FOR SALE

LWB late series 2A 109" approx. 3,300 m £1,100 o.n.o. Phone Roy Micheal, Eastleigh 611491

LWB Safari 1967 series 2A. £350 o.n.o. Part restored. All parts available. Phone Kevin Bartlet Gladstonbury (0458) 33593 Must be before 8.30 pm or ring Malcolm Jefferson on Soton (0703) 555086 for details, if no reply from above.

MONEY GRABBERS REPORT. At the Bristol Show I was talking to Dick Bassett of the Torbay Rover Car Club, and he has sent their newsletter to us each month (contact me and you will be able to read all about T.R.C.C.) They don't cater for Land Rovers, and as we sent them our newsletter they now know all about us. We hope that we can attend the **YEOVIL PAGEANT** when we can meet them. Their meeting place is in the local **PRISON!!** (I wonder if they know about **PLASTIC PELLET?**)

OVERHEARD AT THE BRISTOL SHOW. Alf Nightingale's saloon was placed in the wrong place and another exhibitor wanted him to move his car. Conversation went : "Bill, ask the owner of that car to shift it forward". (Bill). "How about you asking him?" 1st bloke shouting to a 3rd bloke - "Dave, ask **CRUSHER** to move his car".

For those who do not know Alf he makes **GEOFF CAPES** look small.

HANTS AND BERKS ROVER OWNERS.

1. TITLE. The name of the Club shall be "H.B.R.O." hereafter referred to as "the club".
2. OBJECTS :
 - a) to further interest in motoring and motor sport,
 - b) to provide members with information, advice and assistance on matters connected with motoring and motor sport,
 - c) to watch the local administration of the laws and regulations affecting motoring and motor vehicles, and to report any proposed local action or scheme to the RAC MSA Ltd.
 - d) to promote motor competitions in accordance with the Rules of the RAC MSA Ltd.
 - e) to arrange tours, lectures, discussions and social and other meetings,
 - f) to afford members such benefits and privileges as it may be possible to arrange.
3. CONSTITUTION. Ladies and gentlemen of not less than (17) years or age shall be eligible for membership. The membership shall consist of (a) Life members, (b) Honorary members, (c) Ordinary members, (d) social members.
4. MANAGEMENT. The authority and responsibility for the transaction of the business of the Club for its management shall be vested in a committee, who, in addition to the powers and authorities by these rules expressly conferred on them, may exercise all powers and do all acts in furtherance of the objects for which the club is established, other than those hereby expressly directed or required to be exercised or done by the club in General Meeting.
5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS. Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary and Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and, subject to termination of office by resignation at the next Annual General Meeting following their appointment. The committee shall have power to co-opt other members as they deem necessary. The retiring officers and other members of the committee shall be eligible for re-election.
6. COMMITTEE. The committee shall consist of not less than four and not more than (8) members, exclusive of the Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary, who shall be ex-officio members of the committee.

Nominations of candidates for election to the committee may be taken at the AGM.

The committee shall have the power to appoint a sub-committee of not less than three persons to meet on its behalf in respect of any matter which is specifically referred to such a sub-committee.
7. MEETINGS OF COMMITTEE. The Secretary either of his own accord or by the direction of the Chairman shall unless otherwise agreed by all the committee give at least 7 days written notice of a meeting.
8. ABSENCE FROM COMMITTEE. Any member of the committee who shall, without sufficient reason, absent himself from three consecutive committee meetings may be called upon to resign his position upon the committee..

9. DUTIES OF SECRETARY. It shall be the duty of the secretary to attend in person or by deputy all meetings of the club and all meetings of the committee, and to take minutes of the proceedings. Such meetings shall be entered in a book and presented for confirmation at the following meeting.
10. BANKING. All monies of the Club shall be banked by the Treasurer in the name of the club, and no disbursements shall be made therefrom except in accordance with the form or forms authorised by the committee.
11. ELECTION OF MEMBERS. Applications of candidates for membership of the club shall be submitted to the committee by the secretary, and the election of such candidates shall be at the discretion of the committee. The name and address and description of the candidate and the names of his proposer and seconder, being members of the club, shall be stated on each application submitted to the committee, provided that in the case of a candidate who knows no member of the club, the committee shall be empowered to carry out the election after proper enquiries.

Membership of the club shall continue only for the period covered by the current subscription, and members shall be subject to re-election annually by the committee.

All applications must be made by an individual in his own correct name and be signed by the said applicant personally.

12. MEMBERSHIP OF ANY OTHER CLUB. If a candidate is a member of any other club or organisation he shall not be entitled to affiliated membership, honorary, social or otherwise, either free or at a reduced rate.
13. PROVISIONAL MEMBERS. Any candidate for membership of the Club whose subscription has been accepted by the secretary shall become a provisional member of the club. Provisional membership of any candidate shall only hold good until the meeting of the committee next after payment of the subscription of such candidate.
14. VOTING OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS. Each member present at a meeting of the committee shall be entitled to exercise one vote. The committee shall vote by ballot if any member present so demands. A vote of one third against any applicant for membership shall exclude from membership.

No collective voting shall be allowed nor shall any proxy voting be accepted either individually or collectively.

15. SUBSCRIPTION. (
16. PAYMENT OF SUBSCRIPTIONS. Payable 1st November each year. Full rate applicable up to 8 months of full year, if only 4 months of year left then one third of full year subscription payable.
17. NEW MEMBERS. Any member who has been notified of his election and who fails to pay his subscription within one month of such notification shall be again requested in writing by the secretary or treasurer to pay the same, and if he fails to make payment within 14 days thereafter, his election shall be ipso facto, null and void. No newly-elected member shall be entitled to any of the privileges of membership until after the payment of his first subscription.

18. NON-PAYMENT. Any member of the club who has not paid his subscription within two clear months of the date on which it became due shall be notified of the fact in writing by the secretary or the treasurer, and one month thereafter any member who has still failed to pay his subscription may, unless sufficient reason be shown to the satisfaction of the committee, be taken off the Register of members forthwith. No member whose subscription is in arrear shall be eligible to take part in any competitions organised by the club and the rules of the RAC MSA.
19. RESIGNATION. Any member wishing to resign his membership shall give notice in writing of such desire to the secretary on or before the date on which his subscription would have become due for renewal in any year, otherwise he shall be liable to pay his subscription for the ensuing year. Also any member ceasing, voluntarily or otherwise, to be a member of the club, shall thereafter cease to have any claim upon the property of the club or to enjoy any privileges of membership, but he or she shall remain liable for the payment of any debts due to the club from him or her.
20. USE OF CLUB NAME AND ADDRESS. The name and address of the club shall not be given by a member as his address for trade, advertising or business purposes or in connection with any legal proceedings.
21. LIFE MEMBERS. Subscribers of not less than (10) times the annual subscription for the time being may be elected Life Members by the committee, and shall be exempt from the payment of annual subscriptions. A member cannot become a Life Member until after re-election.
22. EXPULSION OF MEMBERS. It shall be the duty of the committee if at any time they shall be of the opinion that the interests of the club so require, by letter to invite any member to withdraw from the club within a time specified in such letter, and in default of such withdrawal to submit the question of his expulsion to a meeting of the committee to be held within 6 weeks after the date of such letter. Members of the committee shall be given at least 7 days notice that a question of withdrawal or expulsion is to be discussed at a meeting of the committee. The member whose expulsion is under consideration shall be given at least 7 days notice of such a meeting and shall be allowed to offer an explanation of his conduct verbally, or in writing and if two-thirds of the members present shall then vote for his expulsion, he shall thereupon cease to be a member of the club.
23. THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. The Annual General Meeting of the club shall be held in the month of October in each year upon a date and at a time to be fixed by the committee. The Annual General Meeting shall :
 - a) receive from the committee a full statement of accounts duly audited showing the receipts and expenditure for the year ending
 - b) receive from the committee a report of the activities of the club during the said year.
 - c) elect the Chairman and the Secretary and Treasurer of the Club and two auditors.
 - d) elect the committee.
 - e) settle any remuneration for the officers of the club.
 - f) decide on any resolution which may be duly submitted to the meeting as hereinafter provided.

24. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING. A Special General Meeting may be convened by direction of the committee, or on a requisition to the secretary stating the business for which the special general meeting is required and signed by not less than 12 members. If the meeting so requisitioned is not convened within 21 days, the said 12 members may convene such meeting. Fifteen members shall form a quorum.
25. AGENDA. When members wish a matter to be discussed at a general meeting the text of such matters signed by at least two members shall be sent to the secretary at least 14 days from the date of such meetings so that it may be included in the Agenda.

A copy of the agenda shall be sent to each member at least 5 days prior to the meeting, but the fact that any member has not received a copy of the agenda shall not invalidate the proceedings. No business which is not included in the agenda shall be discussed at the meeting unless every member present is in favour thereof. Should the proposer of any motion fail to move a resolution in respect of the relevant item on the agenda, then any other member shall be entitled to do so.

26. VOTING. Every person with a right to be present may exercise one vote. The Chairman shall not vote except in the exercise of a casting vote. At all general meetings, except as provided in Rule 30, a majority of votes decides a resolution. At any general meeting any 12 members may demand a poll, and thereupon the meeting shall be adjourned to a time and place to be named by the chairman, and a postal vote shall be taken of all members of the club. The decision of the members, as shown by such postal vote, shall be reported to the adjourned meeting, and shall be deemed to be the decision of such meeting. The Rules relating to collective voting and proxies shall apply as in Clause 14 hereof.
27. RIGHT TO BE PRESENT. No one can take part in general meetings unless he has been duly elected as a member of the club, and had paid his subscription according to these rules.
28. OBSERVANCE AND INTERPRETATION OF RULES. Every member binds himself to abide by the rules of the club, and also by any modifications thereof made in conformity with such rules, and also to accept as final and binding the decision of the committee in all cases of dispute or disagreement as to the interpretation of these rules.
29. ALTERATION OF RULES. Any alterations may be made in these rules by a general meeting provided (a) that details of the proposed alteration or alterations are included in the notice of the general meeting and (b) that the resolution proposing such alteration is carried by $\frac{2}{3}$ of those present and voting at such general meeting or by $\frac{2}{3}$ of those voting should a poll be demanded as provided for in rule 27.
30. EVENTS. All motor competitions organised by the club shall be held under the rules and requirements of the RAC MSA Ltd. Any member convicted of an offence arising out of his being in charge of a motor vehicle in any club event or on club business shall thereupon be liable to expulsion from the club under rule 23.
31. COPIES OF RULES. Every member shall be furnished with a copy of the club rules and regulations on election.
32. BADGES. Any badges issued to a member by or for the club shall remain the property of the club. On termination of their membership, members shall deliver up such badges to the secretary.
33. DISSOLUTION. The club may be dissolved by a special general meeting convened by direction of the committee, or on the requisition of the majority of the members. If the resolution of dissolution be duly passed, the committee shall forthwith liquidate the affairs of the club and if there be any surplus assets on realisation, these shall be disposed of at the discretion of the committee.