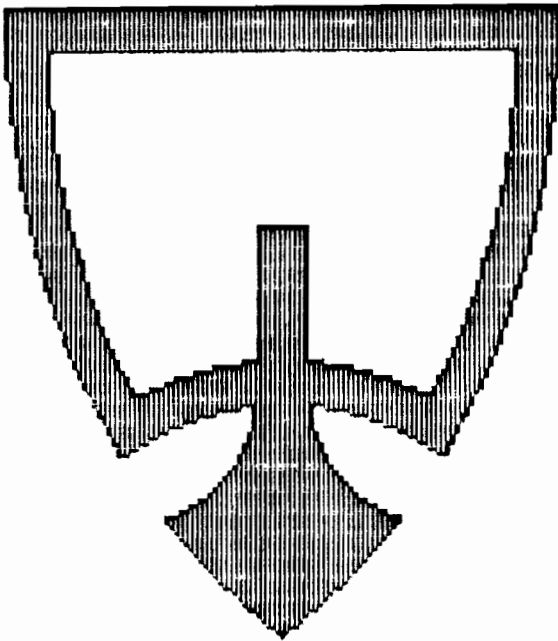


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Newsletter of the Hants & Berks
Rover Owners

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EDITORIAL.....

I expect you noticed that last month's newsletter was a bit on the small size. That was because only that amount was submitted. I ended up typing the whole lot so I suppose I can't complain! Chairman Pete, Roger Pattie and Dave Cuthbert now own word processors, so the editor's work-load should diminish somewhat. The front and back covers were done using a fancy art package on my computer. (Show off!)

Any contributions to the magazine will be gratefully received. If you can type or print them out in A5 magazine format then that would be a great help. See Red Leader's articles in this

issue. (For new members, Red Leader is the pen-name of Dave Cuthbert who is a stalwart member of this club, but who now lives in North Wales.) The mixture of typefaces that results from this is a small cross to bear. Anything that reduces the amount of typing I have to do will help.

The club now owns a special grid capable of producing acceptable quality pictures from photos on a photocopier. In order to achieve good quality, first generation copies are necessary. That is, the photos have to be copied directly onto the final magazine page. So send me your pics. This process should be possible if I can use the same printing house I used last month. This is run by a friend of mine, so a sincere thanks to Tom of T.B.Andrews Ltd. for the printing. See advert elsewhere in this issue.

Major changes continue to take place in the club. Andy Smith suddenly announced his desire to relinquish his post as club secretary. We now have only THREE officers of the club doing the jobs of SIX!. If anyone wishes to take on this interesting job or knows someone who is keen, then please contact Chairman Pete. We don't need to hold an extra-ordinary general meeting as the remaining committee can co-opt new committee members; their position being formalised at the next AGM. Andy's address will remain in monthly and annual publications for sometime to come, so he will forward any communications as necessary until the new address gets circulated. We also need extra committee members without portfolio (That means they don't have a specific job to do) to make the numbers up to the five required by the constitution. Any volunteers?

The THING on the cover is the new Rover Group logo that appeared in their adverts recently. Last month's cover was a feeble attempt at a steering wheel which one member pointed out was upside down. Dave Cuthbert points out that the name of the club was incorrect too!; I hope this month is better Dave. Incidentally, does anyone know why the word 'club' was left out of the title?

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Apparently I upset a couple of people last month with what was said about holding a mini-safari.

If you read what was said carefully, you can see what I was trying to say. Basically please don't use the club's name without the knowledge of the committee, if you want to organise an event involving the club then consult the committee, then they will have an idea what is happening.

It was then also pointed out to me that we were trying to censor the members from talking to one another about such an event. If this impression was given it was in no way intended as it's actually a good thing that members are interested in organising new events, so I apologise now if I did upset anyone in such a way.

I also have to report that our Secretary for the past couple of years has had to stand down. I know we all wish Andy well and thank him for his support whilst at the post. But we now need someone else to take over.

It's not as bad a job as some would have you believe, and basically means dealing with any general communication we receive or send out and often passing people on to other committee or club members, which if we were a large club would involve a large chunk of time, but for this post only requires a small amount of time each month. Don't worry about what to do as there are others who have had experience at committee level and will help guide you on your way.

We also need another committee member to assist with the running of the club, basically with Howard standing down we need a fifth committee member, so all you club members that want to help the club, let the committee know.

Don't forget the treasure hunt on 10th April, rumour has it that there will be a trophy for the winner and no, it's not a bit of Roaring Rat !

Pete Nightingale

From Andy Smith

I regret that I must tender my resignation from the post of secretary of the Hants and Berks Rover Owners.

Whilst secretary of the club I was able to gain a valuable insight into the running of car clubs and have found it quite fascinating, as I have been a member of the club from its start and indeed was a "founding member", however, I feel that the time has come to give someone else the opportunity to take over as secretary. As most of you will know, club members are becoming much more interested and involved in the off-road vehicle trials than was envisaged when I took over as secretary some 18 months ago. Although I am keen on greenroading and on such competitive events as treasure hunts, I really do not have an interest in the competitive events in which the club is becoming more and more involved with, and feel that the Hants and Berks Rover Owners would benefit from having a secretary who was both interested and keen on the new competitive nature of the club.

I will, of course, be willing to help the club on occasions if the need arises, and also to offer advice to my successor.

PSST! WANNA BUY A CARIBA?

I expect you remember the Ninety based CARIBA project car that was in the news not so long ago. Well, according to a Rover Group salesman that I know, it was sold at a private auction for £24,000. Not bad actually when you consider that it is reputed to have cost over £30,000 to build. So if you want one, you're too late!

FOR SALE

SET OF 4 NINETY REAR SEATS (FOLDING) £50
Contact Richard at:- 5a Church Road
Tadley
HANTS RG26 6AU

HAM LANE TRIAL.

by Steve Kirby.

On the 20th of February, Roger Pattie and Richard Stewart laid out the sections for the club trial. On Sunday morning they had to do it again because some kind souls had pulled all the canes out! However, their hard work was rewarded by a good attendance which filled all twenty allocated places. The weather had been dry for some time prior to the event, so the site wasn't as wet as usual; but it was still a bit gooeey at the bottom.

The entrants were split into two groups to reduce the waiting time. Unfortunately, all the Rangies were together in one group: we'll sort you out next time! We were delighted to see some new comers having a go. Richard Spikins' first RTV was hampered by reduced steering lock. He soon realised that most vehicles present had their steering stops 'adjusted' well beyond factory settings! Kit Maxwell also fared well in his first attempt. Rangy tow-hitches make good ploughs don't they Kit? There were several other faces not familiar to me; come and make yourselves better known at the pub meets or green-lane outings. We were also delighted to welcome Red Leader (Dave Cuthbert) back to the fold for a day, having chosen to drive down from North Wales specially (almost) to compete. The journey was worthwhile by the look of the results.

The prize-giving was delayed a bit by the discovery that some vehicles had been put in the wrong classes. This was sorted out and the awards presented. After everyone had gone, Roger realised that he had omitted to award Malcolm Whitbread his trophy for second place. This was handed over a few days later. Sincere apologies Malcolm.

Dave Cuthbert was seen by all to be making a video of the event. Unfortunately, a recurring fault in his machine has resulted in a silent movie! Dave will, I'm sure, pull out all the stops to produce a watchable film. Does anyone know how to play the piano!

HAM LANE RTV RESULTS

<u>CLASS 1. (SWB/4cy1)</u>		<u>CLASS 2. (SWB/V8)</u>	
	Points		Points
D.Cuthbert	20	S.Hazell	10
J.Gifford	21	M.Whitbread	16
M.Adamson	23	J.Blumlein	20
R.Michael	23	A.Mottram	39
J.Eggleton	25		
T.Moore	37	<u>CLASS 4. (Rangies)</u>	
R.Maskelyne	41		Points
S.Glossop	44	N.Hucker	38
R.Spikins	57	K.Maxwell	40
		M.Fish	41
<u>CLASS 5. (Specials)</u>		N.Jennings	52
	Points		
H.Glossop	22		(No entrants in
A.Tew	31		class 3, LWB L/R)
M.Maskelyne	34		

Note:- Where scores are equal, the higher placing is given to the driver who went clear for the most sections.

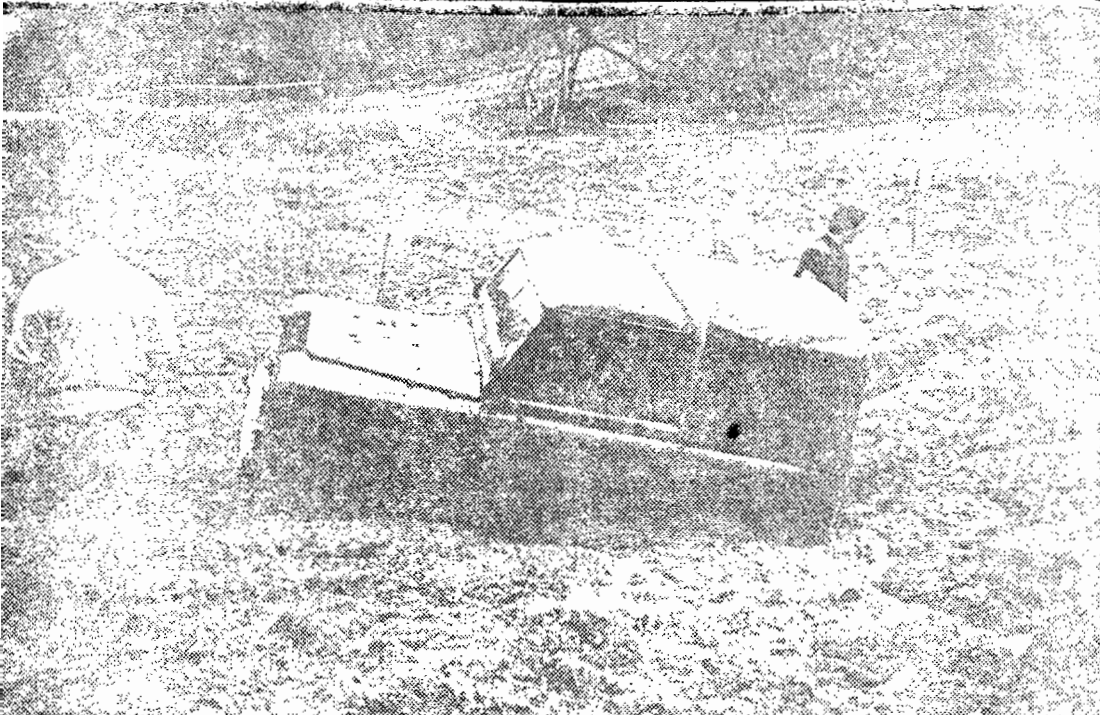
SALES and WANTS

To get rid of the bits and pieces that fell off your vehicle at the last club event, or to try and get hold of those replacement bits and pieces, HBRO members can advertise **for free** in **Pants and Barks**. Send details either to the Editor, Steve Kirby, or to the Treasurer Roger Pattie.

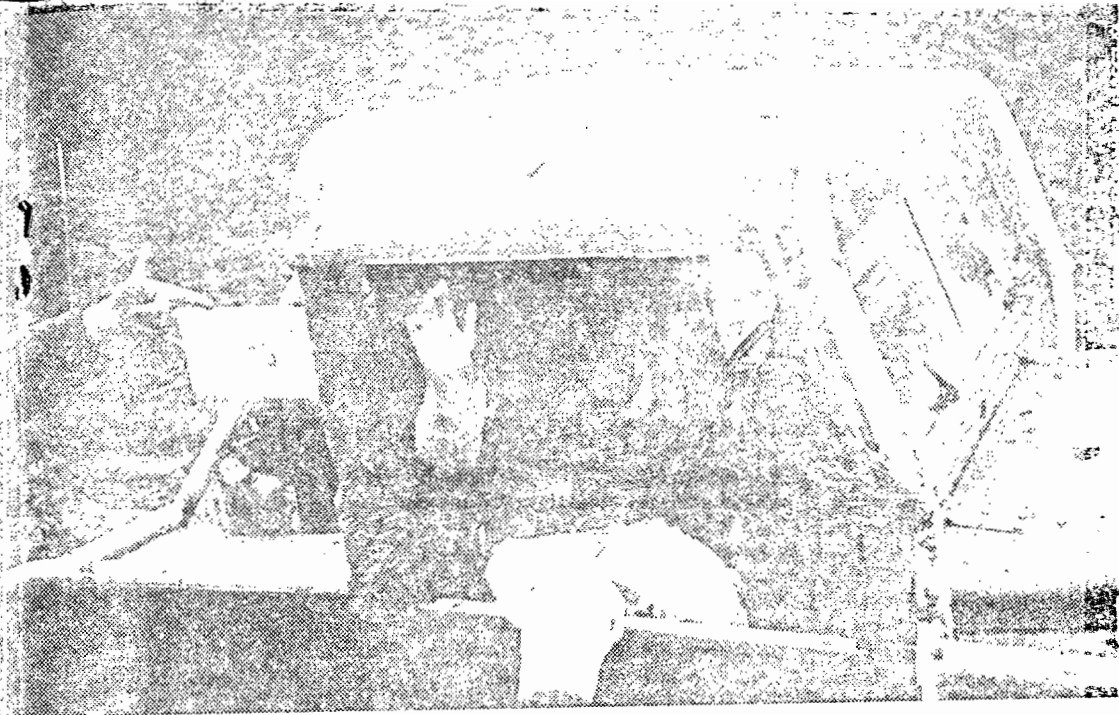
Late News

The Hants and Berks Rover Owners will be holding an RTV at Ham Lane, Langrish on Sunday 5th June 1988.

More details next month.

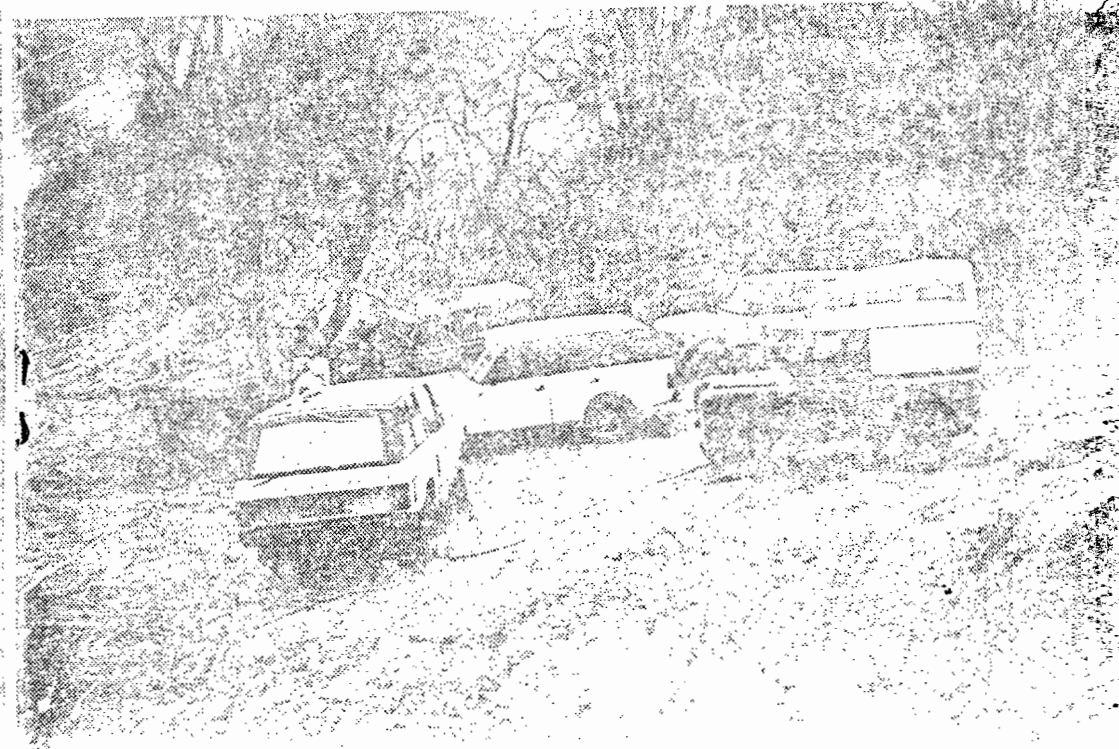


TOP ROY MICHAM in the pier at Ham Lane.



TOP THE CLASH OF the fire and explosion at the
 BOTTOM: A view of some of the wreckage of
 the Ham Lane Truck, set of 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100

BOTTOM ROY WARDLONAH and STEVE HAPPY (left) and
 (right) are looking at the wreckage of the
 truck at the Ham Lane Truck, set of 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100



Ham Lane Trial

On the February 21st the Hants & Berks Rover Owners held its first RV of 88 at Ham Lane, near Petersfield. I decided to go down in "Wow", my Ser2 SWB, so the weekend before the preparation started with a quick spin up the road to make sure it would make it, as it had only be used once since Christmas, and an even quicker check to make sure it would pass scrutineering.

On Wednesday I took it into work in order to swap the wheels over. It will become apparent that wheel swapping plays a fairly major part in my Land Roving as I own two sets of wheels, one fitted with "Teflon Special" road tyres (Goodyear Hi Milers) and the other with Goodyear Xtra Grip cross country tyres. Those who have experience of Xtra Grips will know they have two major faults when used on the road, firstly they are very noisy and secondly they wear remarkably fast. I suspect that they don't do too much for the fuel consumption, but when you are used to 45-50 miles from a gallon of Diesel, the difference between 14 and 15 miles to a gallon of petrol seems insignificant! To get back to the plot lunch time saw me in the carpark putting on the road tyres, 300 miles in a 29year old Ser2 is bad enough without the tyre howl, to be greeted on my entry to the Sports & Social by a rousing Chorus of "You can't do better than a Quikfit Fitter".

I eventually got away at eight on Saturday morning, not as early as I had hoped, but intime to reach the Fox by two, much to Scotty's disgust, he is beginning to wonder if I have actually moved yet!

Soon I was down in Eastleigh where I was staying with Roy Micheal, with enough time to change the wheels again before it got dark. Roy is the current holder of the Red Leader Shield so I was hoping some of his luck may rub off, although anyone who has seen him in action, trialing or greenroading, will know that very little luck is involved.

The following day dawned bright and dry and we soon arrived at Ham Lane, to find a minor crisis had taken place. Clerk of the Course Richard Stewart, together with his band of helpers, had laid the sections out on the previous day, but had arrived at the site, which is mainly used for motorcycle scrambles, to find that someone had kindly removed all the canes and stacked

them all in a neat pile! However by the time every one was signed on and scrutineered the eight sections had been laid out again. The Ham Lane site can be split into three areas, the top, really only suitable for the paddock, the lower grassy bit and below that the muddy crater. Four sections had been put on the grass and four more in the crater.

The trial had attracted about 20 entries. The majority were Land Rovers, including several V8s, but the entry included several Rangies, including a Vogue and a few specials, including a Range Rover based out and out Comp Safari racer (fully road legal) and "That Range Rover" of 4x4 fame. We split into two groups, our group included a mix of standard Landies and the specials. We went into the crater first where the sections gave a definate advantage to the specials, and by the second section my score was into double figures. The morning was interesting, but not too succesful. The afternoon found us back on the grass where the sections were more to my liking, i.e. easy. This didn't stop a couple of the "experts" coming a cropper on section one by attempting the section with the brain in nuetral (some unkind person suggested I spent the whole day in that state!).

Discretion suggests I draw a veil over the actual results, lets just say no one was more surprised than I was.

On leaving the site it was soon obvious that all was not well. Wow would only go on 3 cylinders, and then only with the choke out. I struggled on for a few miles flat out at 40 mph for a few miles till I reached the meeting point and was able to have a look. I replaced the wayward plug lead but still all was not well although we struggled back to Eastleigh, with just enough light left to attack the carb jets before calling it a day.

Monday morning saw me changing the wheels over and cleaning the plugs prior to the long trek home and by mid afternoon I was back in Colwyn Bay. It would noy be quite true to say that Wow had never missed a beat in 600 miles, but it had certainly done well with no major problems. All that was left was too change the wheels ready for a North Wales Land Rover Club trial the following weekend.

Red Leader
Written for the North Wales Land Rover Club.

ROAD TRIM VEHICLE TRIAL

The Hants and Berks Rover Owners will be holding a Road Trim Vehicle Trial on **Sunday 8th May 1988** at Ham Lane Leisure Centre, Langrish near Petersfield.

The event is open to all fully paid-up members of the HBRO, and membership cards will be inspected when entrants sign on for the event.

Entry will be limited to **20 drivers**.

All entries must be made on Official Entry Forms and be accompanied by the entry fee.

Entry Fee : £7.50

Scrutineering commences at : 9.00 am

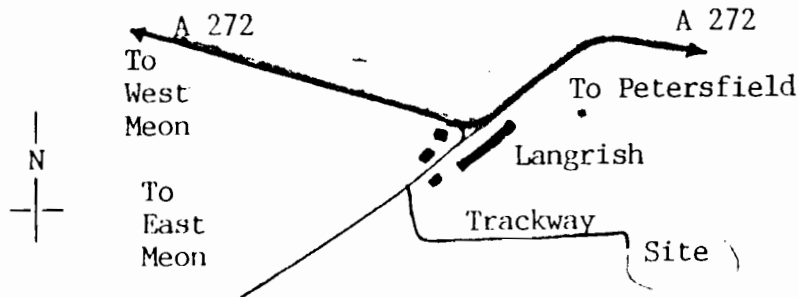
Competition starts at : 10.00 am.

Secretary of the Meeting : Roger Pattie,
Firhill Cottage East,
Whitchurch,
Oxfordshire.
RG8 7HQ.

Tel. 07357 2884

Clerk of the Course : Allan Tew.

Scrutineer : Rob Unsworth.



Map reference of entrance; OS sheet 197: 704 235

PLEASE NOTE

The last trial in February was **OVERSUBSCRIBED** and it was only the non-attendance of some competitors that made it possible for those members who turned up "on spec" on the day to participate. Next time they may not be so fortunate. Send your entry in **NOW**. Don't delay or trust somebody else to let me know of your intentions. Don't wait until the last week to send in your entry, but if you do, then it will be advisable to contact me before you set out for Langrish in case I haven't received your entry and the trial is oversubscribed. If I haven't received your payment by signing on **you will have to pay again**.

There will be 5 classes.

Class 1 : Standard Rover with a wheelbase of less than 93" and factory fitted engine, 2½ lt and under

Class 2 : As class 1, but using any other engine.

Class 3 : As class 1, but wheelbase more than 93".

Class 4 : As class 2, but wheelbase more than 93".

Class 5 : Special class, for non-Rover vehicles or for home built "specials".

Classes may be amalgamated or divided at the discretion of the organisers.

Marshals will be required to assist with the running of the event, so, if you want to assist, or haven't taken part in a vehicle trial yet (and marshalling is a good opportunity to see what goes on) and want to help the club, then contact the Secretary of the Meeting.

F O R S A L E

Exhaust System for Series 2A 109 Station Wagon, this was new when vehicle scrapped ... £10.00
 4 No. 6-00 x 16 Wheel and Tyres £10.00
 4 No. 7-50 x 16 Wheel and Tyres £20.00
 Truck Cab off Series One also Wind Screen ... £20.00
 Bonnet for Series 2A £2.00
 2 No. Front Wings for Series 2A £20.00

W A N T E D

Good back body for Series One 86" with tail board.

I have two back bodies that would be good enough for a trial vehicle, but no good for a restoration.

INTERESTED?

CONTACT ROY ON EASTLEIGH 611491.

WANTED

After the death rattle of it's engine, my Series 2 requires a replacement engine, preferably running, a 2¼ litre petrol "lump". Telephone Tim Moore on Maidenhead (0628) 29073 and haggle.

F O R T H C O M I N G E V E N T S

APRIL 3rd 2nd Challenge Match against Anglian. Isle of Wight Farm, Bucks (not on the Isle of Wight!) Be there by 9. See article in March issue for full details.

APRIL 10th Green lane outing. Phone Steve on 01-894-3961. May be moved due to treasure hunt on same day.

APRIL 10th Treasure Hunt.Meet at Alton Station 4:00p.m. Ends near M3 around 7:00 to 7:30 p.m. at a pub serving food!

APRIL 13th Hind's Head, Aldermaston, 7:30.p.m. Pub meet. Noggin and Natter.

MAY 1-2 Essex Motor Show. See Jan's mag for details.

MAY 1st Green lane outing. Phone Steve on 01-894-3961.

MAY 8th RTV Trial at Ham Lane, Langrish. HANTS. See map in this issue.

MAY 11th Hind's Head, Aldermaston, 7:30p.m. Pub Meet. Noggin and Natter.

MAY 27th/31st ARC NATIONALS, TRENTHAM, NORTH STAFFS. Contact Roger Pattie if you want to book. See last month's issue. (Note:- This is a Red Leader Shield Qualifying round for HBRO members.)

WANTED

Good radiator and front bumper for Series II. Phone Tim Moore on 0628-29073 for a haggle!