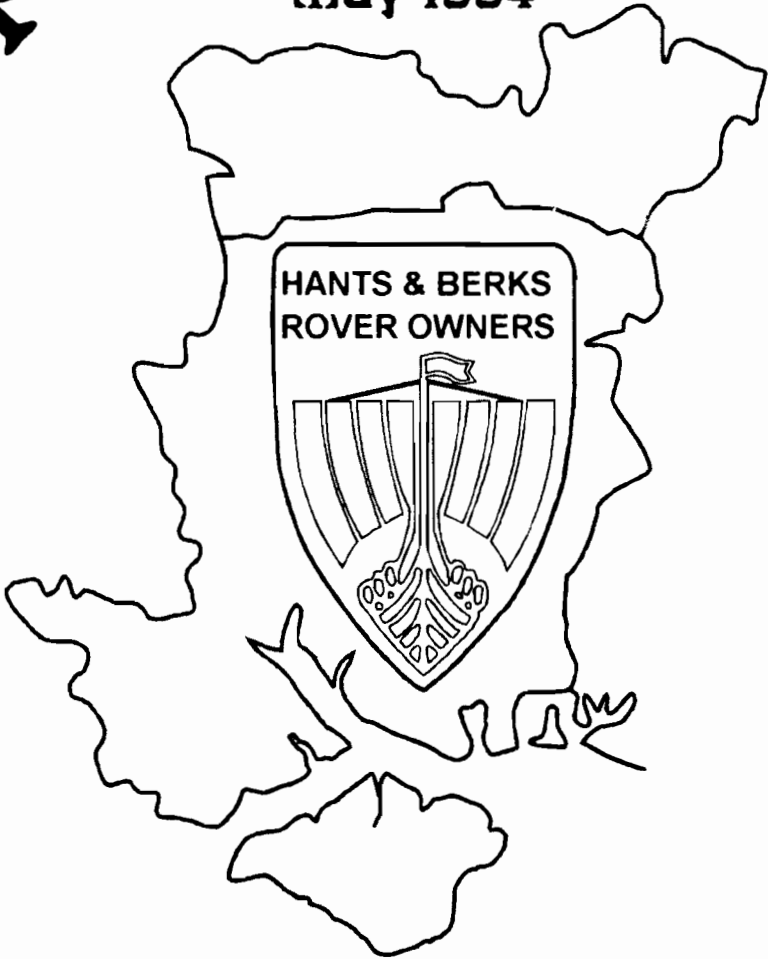


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Editorial...

So what have I got for you this month? There is a the final part of Adrian's epic tale of last year's French National Rally.

We also have a long boring report on the ARC AGM. Seriously though, I hope some of you will read it and take an interest in the ARCs activities. As mentioned, only two HBRO members went to the meeting.

The photos last month made a change. All the hard work was varried out by Isobel and Mark Wardley of KEYLINK, our printers. They do more than just print, they distribute the completed newsletters as well using addressed envelopes provided by Judith risby, our membership secretary. There's a lot going on behind the scenes to get the newsletter to you each month.

Next month we have a fine report on the Rickshaw Ramble. This event could not have happened without the stalwart support of HBRO members. Shame I missed it!

POST BAG

Warwick Power Washers are offering special deals on W105 (1900 psi, 11 litres/min) and W130 (2200 psi, 12 litres/min) portable cold power washers. No specific prices or discount is quoted but if you are interested, call Ian Monk on 0865-340322.

Brittany Ferries. As members of an ACCEO-affiliated organisation, we are offered special terms on the Poole-Cherbourg route. Service is four times a day and it takes 4¼ hours. Reservations and enquiries are on 0752-221321 or 0705-827701. Brochures available 24 hours a day from 0752-269926 or 0705-751708.

Escapades et Privileges are offering an excursion across the Cevennes in France from Monastier to St. Jean du Gard. It's a 3 day trip following a route taken by the author Robert Loius Stevenson in the latter half of the 19th Century. Dates are May 21-23. Deadline for reservation is May 5th so you'll have to act quickly.

Address is:-

La Garenne, 43150 LE MONASTIER SUR GAZEILLE, FRANCE.

Tel 71.08.36.01. Fax 71.05.01.62

Price is 1800 Francs for the driver plus 400 Francs for association membership. Passengers are another 1800 Francs each.

NATIONALS WARM UP WEEKEND
 NELLIES DELL, WOODSIDE FARM, NR PRIVETT.
 APRIL 29th-2nd MAY

FRIDAY	12.00	Site opens. Setting out
SATURDAY	8.30-9.45	Scrutineering
	10.00am	CCV Trial
	4.00 pm	Team Recovery/Winch Recovery
	6.00 pm	Mountain Bike Race/Trial (All Ages)
	7.00 pm	Barbecue will be lit
SUNDAY	8.00-09.45	Scrutineering
	10.00am	RTV Trial
	5.00 pm	Mountain Bike Race/Trial (All Ages)
	6.00 pm	Tug of War Practice
	Evening	Barbecue will be lit
MONDAY		Lazy Day - Farm Walk? - Watercress Line? Any suggestions welcome 6.00pm Site Closes .

To keep traffic to a minimum through the farm all 4x4s must follow TRIAL SIGNS and enter the back way. Cars, Caravans and trailers must follow the CARAVAN SIGNS. Spectators should follow the TRIAL SIGNS and park on the grass verge. 10 MPH maximum every where on the farm please.

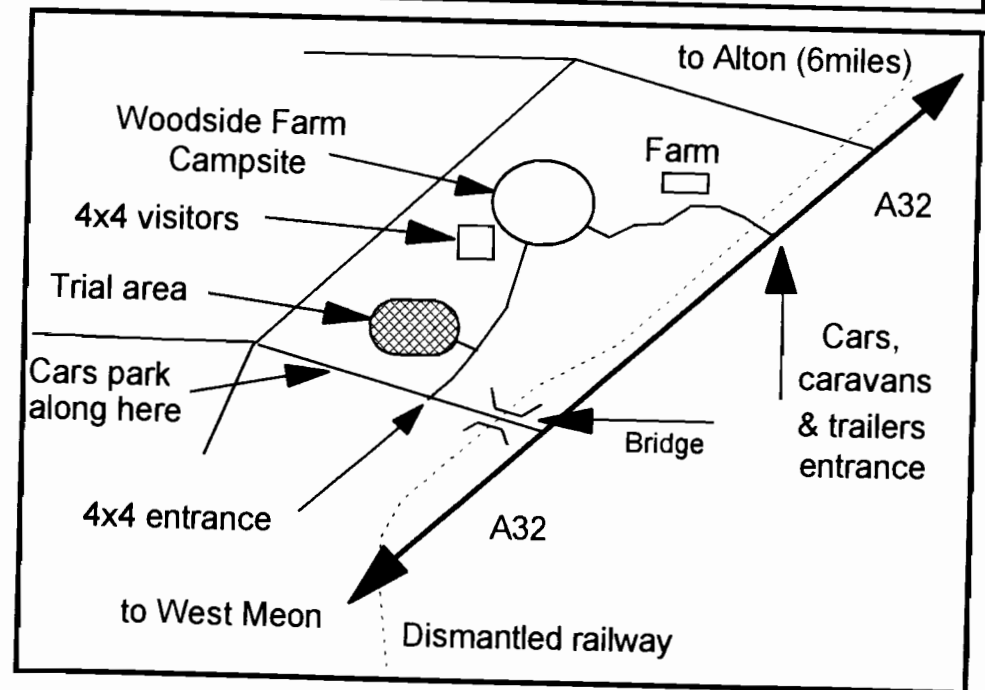
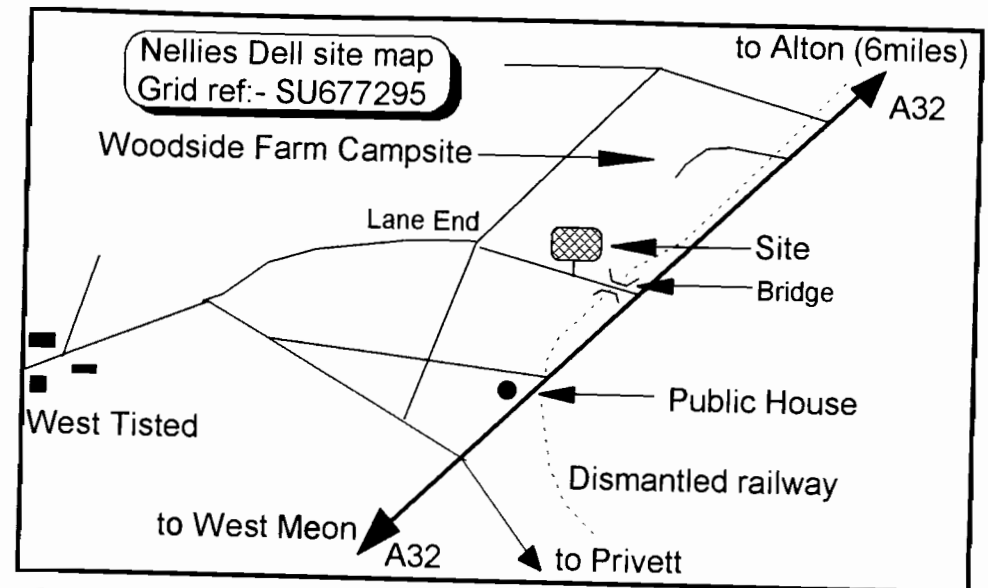
Entry fee for RTV and CCV will be £10.00 prebooked and £12.00 on the day.

Camping is £3.50 per night or £10.00 for the weekend per unit. Water and chemical waste disposal on site. The Club Caravan will have a toilet in it for campers. There is no need to book, but it would be nice to know if you are coming.

The event is open to all fully paid up members and will be held under RAC General Regulations and ARC regulations including the camping and caravanning code. RTV will be a qualifying round for the "Red Leader Sheild" and the "Pilot Trophy". Dont forget your driving/RAC licence MOT and membership cards.

All pre-entries and enquiries to Gary Hodgson, 5 Beckham Lane, Petersfield, Hampshire GU32 3BU Tel: 0730 267146.

Nationals Warm-up Weekend
 Nellies Dell, Woodside Farm, Near Privett.



"The All Rover Weekend"
The Heritage Motor Centre
 Banbury Road, Gaydon, Warwick, CV35 0BJ

Join in and celebrate the marque

- Rover display areas including the current Rover Group range
- Rover Motoring Cinema
- Club Members' bring-and-buy
- Daily Treasure Hunts for young and old (on foot!)
- Children's Entertainment - competitions, cartoon.shows, etc.
- Evening Barbecue with Bar (on Saturday)
- Best Car of the day, each day.
- PLUS of course, access to the superb museum!

Parking for ARC Club members including caravan / camping area with water supply and Elsan disposal will be available adjacent to the Heritage Motor Centre, but you must provide your own toilet facilities and all rubbish must be removed from the site at the close of the event.

Advance ticket prices:-

	<u>1 day</u>	<u>2 days</u>	
Adults	£4	£6	
Children (5-16)	£2	£3	(Under 5 are free.)
Caravan	£5	£5	

Off-Road & Four Wheel Drive Show '94.

Still no news at time of going to press (18 April) but for the last couple of years we have availed ourselves of a free stand at the Off Road and 4 Wheel Drive Show West Wycombe Park Estate, BUCKS. (off M40) We may well be offered the same again this year. We had a 20 metre square club stand big enough for 5 vehicles and a couple of caravans. Four free exhibition passes were provided by the organisers. We had good displays for the last two years with several vehicles, the HBRO flag and pictures and display boards. More of the same will be needed this year please. Discounted tickets will be available for club members. This article is just to give an early warning. Using last year as a guide, the event will be around the weekend of July 16th - 17th. Watch this space!

Steve Kirby

SLAB COMMON 20th March 1994

Sorry, no report in time for this issue but sincere thanks to the following for making it all happen:-

Secretary of the meeting - Gary Hodgson; Clerk of the Course - Gary Langton (RTV) and Peter Jeffs (CCVT); Chief Scrutineer - Neil Shawyer; Steward - Adrian Bolge.
 Marshals:- Tracey Doherty, Dave Ridden, Maureen Ridden, Neil Shawyer, Martin Pike, Karen Pike, Alan Smith, Jeremy Matthews, Carol Grace, Clive Parker, PJ Pilcher, Mike Clark and P. Bass.

RESULTS

CCVT

Mark Furnell - 58	John Tester - 59	Mark Tester - 83
J. Hynes - 101	J. Monaghan - 108	

RTV

OVERALL - Nick Jennings - 5	Hugh Duffett - 20	Mark Burrell - 32
Class 3		
A. Roberts - 33	Neville Dewdney - 37	
Class 4		
Steve Creamer - 36	Paul Cole - 37	Mark Benger - 69
Class 5		
Chris Homewood - 37	P. Webb - 37	Nick Woodage - 50
K Jones - 52		

Apologies for initials-only in some of your names.

Fire Extinguishers

If you look carefully at your National Rally entry form, you will see that all competition vehicles need a fire extinguisher. ARC rules don't require these for RTV vehicles but the organising club does, so you will have to comply.

Romsey Fire Protection Limited can supply fire extinguishers of all types for all applications and they can also give you advice on types/sizes to suit your requirements including domestic and industrial.

Prices (excluding VAT):-

2.5kg Halon 1211 BCF	£57.90 (ARC preferred type)
2.5 kg FM100	£60.25 (ARC alternative type)
1.75 litre AFFF foam	£35.00
2.2 kg Dry Powder	£31.50

Contact:-

Romsey Fire Protection Limited
24, Bell Street,
Romsey, Hampshire.
SO5 8GW.

Our RFP contact is Dave Ridden and he can be contacted on 0794-514834 and he can bring one to the next meeting or event.

Steve Kirby

ARC AGM 1994

Only Adrian Bolge and Steve Kirby attended from HBRO this year. Surely some more of you are interested in the workings of the National body!

Anyway, here is a summary of events made from notes taken at the meeting. Any accusations of bias should be addressed to the editor.

Matters Arising (from previous minutes):-

Harold Carman will provide a flag-pole for the new flag (the previous one having been stolen whilst on loan to the RAC) Harold is also looking into a grand Comp Safari Series to be run in rounds in different parts of the country. Tony Kempster (vice chairman) is looking into the possibility of running some Road Rallies (for all types of vehicles)

Chairman's Report. Peter Oakden.

We have had a successful and progressive year with the council working well as a team. New events have been promoted and relations with Land Rover Limited have been improved.

On the matter of BMW, where is the ARC going now and what should its official opinion / view be? Basically the ARC has no objection to the take-over.

1994 National rally run by Peak & Dukeries - there is substantial support for the event.

The 1995 Hand-book is progressing well with Land Rover now paying half the £10,000 cost.

The All-Rover Weekend at Gaydon on the 16th and 17th July is also progressing well. There will be Water supplies and Elsan disposal but visitors will need to bring their own toilets. Entries to Andy Stavordale (ARC Secretary). Caravan rate is £5. Parking for pre-booked ARC visitors will be on the same site as the caravanning. 600 passes (300 / day) are to be distributed to clubs. There will be a Best Vehicle event on each of the two days. There will also be an Auto-Jumble but will not be allowed to degenerate into a junk sale. There should also be an on-foot treasure hunt.

Ian Davis of the RACMSA is to be invited to the National Rally and also to the June ARC meeting to answer questions from members.

The ARC should bring our two patrons, Tom Barton and Major B. Hervey-Bathurst closer to the organisation. At the moment, they are merely names on our headed paper.

Despite the change of policy by the RACMSA, the ARC does not accept financial sponsorship for competition vehicles.

The ARC needs a long-term plan in the form of a policy statement as to where the ARC will be in the next 5 or 10 years.

6) Secretary's Report. Andy Stavordale.

Advertising material received was laid out for delegates to peruse.

Some 1994 Hand-books are still available.

On show was the Tom Boydell Memorial Trophy.

The ARC is an Authorising Body and attended a meeting of the Association of Authorising Bodies. ARC has been invited to join at a cost of £50 p.a. The AAB will be administered by the ACU (Auto-Cycle Union) and will provide a central forum to external bodies such as Police forces.

Some car clubs and the Series Three Club want to come to the National rally even though they are no longer members of the ARC. They were asked if they wanted to re-join - the P6 club stated they would rejoin but the Series Three Club wasn't so sure. Andy stated that despite some mis- and dis-information, the Series Three Club can be re-instated and are welcome to return to the "fold". (They left somewhat under a cloud a while back)*.

Dave Barker's article in LRO has caused a stir but the matter should now be considered closed.

The NRA (National Rivers Authority) have complained to an ARC club about pollution resulting from vehicles driving through a stream. The complaint wasn't about oil, pollution in this case was defined as "Suspended solids" i.e. silt stirred up by the vehicles and drifting downstream and upsetting fishermen. Strange set of standards here where a blood-sport takes priority!

Fire-proof overalls - despite statement in adverts from certain manufacturers, fire-proof overalls are not required for cross-country events. (Yet)

7) Treasurer's Report. Lawrence Johnson.

Main point is that outgoings exceed income!

Expenses - Lawrence felt that council members' telephone bills and travelling expenses should not be paid by the ARC. He cited £1700 claimed by just two council members. The view from the floor was that the council members shouldn't have to "sponsor" the ARC in this way. I think Lawrence really raised the point to highlight the running costs of an organisation of the size of the ARC and if the 10,000 or so members want about 20 others to drive around, make phone calls, write letters etc. etc. on their behalf, then they will have to pay for it. The ARC is rapidly developing into a large, highly regarded, professional organisation and all this has to be paid for. A quick vote of those present clearly indicated that the members are indeed willing to pay for this activity.

A large amount of material, equipment and promotional items was donated by Land Rover Ltd about five years ago to the ARC Club Shop (Which no longer exists). This realised about £6000 which was put in the separate "Club Shop Account" in case LR wanted it back. Lawrence asked if this could be released into the main account. A vote on-the-spot said "yes" so the ARC 1995 accounts will get a welcome injection.

8) ARC Vehicle Log Books and Scrutineering Committee Restructuring.

This has been described before and following a brief discussion, the scrutineering Committee will go ahead and establish the system and its attendant documentation in readiness for final voting in June. If the ARC's Log-

book is rejected, then we will have the RACMSA one thrust upon us instead. There is no escape.

9) Vehicle Regulations

The list has been published before. All were accepted except for non-Rover engines in Range Rovers and locking diffs. The latter just failed by 12 votes to 10. If I keep trying, perhaps the rest of the ARC will see sense next time. (There's bias for you!!)

10) Rally 1994 and 1995

Rally 1994 - RTV, CCVT, Comp Safari entries now closed. Notts LRC are running a rough terrain off-road course. This is NOT a scenic drive in the usual sense in that it will not be suitable for Range Rovers with spoilers etc. Southern ROC are running a follow-on rally.

Rally 1995 - Lincs. LRC are running this at Blankney Park, 8 miles south of Lincoln.

11) Election of Officers.

Dennis Bourne is now Vice Chairman and Peter Oakden is to take on Rover Group Liaison following Charles Whitaker's retirement from the position. Steve Barnwell has left the Scrutineering Committee and we have Martin Dransfield of the Yorkshire club in his place.

12)

A) Caravan Officer. Jim Campbell reminded us that the Landowner's permission (there is a form for this) is needed as well as the application form. Events lasting up to 5 nights do not need planning permission as the ARC has DoE (Department of Environment) exemption. The fee is only £2. Contravention of this could easily lose the ARC its DoE exemption - so don't abuse the privilege.

If you tow with your vehicle, make sure you have an "E" category on it - you can't tow without one!

Warning on 4-wheel caravans with ALKO chassis - Check for suitability if towing with a Land Rover; you may need a stiffened A-frame on the caravan as these can crack if you use the vehicle to position the van on rough ground.

B) Overseas Liaison Officer. Fran Luxton.

Asked for a "Certificate of membership" for overseas member clubs.

C) Rights of Way and Land Use. Tony Kempster.

Discussion mainly on the finances of LARA. A £2700 grant has been given to LARA from the Sports Council.

Increases in fees from the likes of the ARC are to be restricted to the rate of inflation.

To increase membership of LARA, Associate Membership is to be introduced to enable individuals to be involved in LARA.

Post-cards are available to enable prompt reporting of obstructions to relevant councils.

The Ridgeway. The code of Conduct / restraint seems to be working, still.

Byways & Bridleways Trust. The ARC subscription to the "Law Review" is £145. This includes the 10 journals and the £65 extra for the extra copy for the Yorkshire club. Suggestion that the ARC should be an ordinary member at about £25 p.a. and pay LARA the £65 to get an extra copy from them. This would save some money whilst still providing the information to Tony.

D) National Rally Liaison.

Information already covered in item 10.

E) ARC Newsletter. Ted Ivory.

Although Ted didn't like the name "Runes", it seems that the membership do so the ARC Newsletter will be called "Rover Runes" again.

F) Press, Publicity and Sponsorship. Wendy Roberts.

Nothing of note to report.

G) Rover Club Liaison. Charles Whitaker.

He is resigning his post due to other work commitments but will endeavour to provide Land Rover World newsletters to the meetings.

H) Technical Officer. Ken Knight.

Not present

I) Club Shop. Graham Chick.

The "Anything you can do" video is now available. (I bought one)

J) Car Clubs Liaison. Tony Holder.

The-is basically covers the non-competitive clubs. They are to ask the Rover Group how to further the aims of the Rover Group and the non-competitive side of the ARC

K) RACMSA Liaison. Harold Carman.

Clerks of the Course. These are not needed for cross-country events. The RACMSA are to introduce them for Auto-tests in 1995 and are considering if and when to extend it further.

First-Aid. The ARC view is that any qualified first-aider should be acceptable. If a member is a first-aider in the factory where they work (for example) then that should be good enough for the ARC.

Log-books. The RACMSA recognises and accepts the ARC log-book. The

AWDC and other organisations also need one but if they don't produce one themselves that is acceptable to the RACMSA, then they will have to use the RACMSA one. A big problem is the lack of standardisation and compatibility of rules between all organisations. The ARC is unusual in being a "One Marque" club and its rules will always be different.

Noise. Harold asked for information from member clubs on noise. Is there any to be had?

Hill Rally. This is to be run to National "A" rules and it appears that the driver and navigator need to have a National "A" licence too. They will need to have completed four Comp Safaris to qualify. An existing licence can be upgraded. This is a change from previous information which stated that a "B" licence would suffice. If you intend to compete, contact the organisers ASAP to check. Roll-bars. The RACMSA is showing an interest in ARC roll-bar regs. The ARC is the only organisation in the country with a published set of regulations for roll-bars dedicated to Cross Country vehicles.

The Hill Rally scrutineer wants the ARC and the AWDC to agree on a common set of regs. When you've stopped laughing you can read on.

L) Shows & Displays. June & Jack Green.

It seems that the grass-roots level members bring their complaints to June and Jack! This is probably because it is only them that are visible at major events. Material is still wanted from clubs - badges, newsletters, anything that can be given to interested members of the public to promote the ARC and its activities.

The BFGoodrich show - no news at this meeting but details should be available by the time you read this.

M) Scrutineering. Dave Marsh.

Not much to add following previous discussions on rule changes and the log-book.

N) CCMSA co-ordinator, Cross Country Motor Sports Agency. Andrew Neaves. Andrew has processed six applications this year. Well, it's a start!

AOB

Overseas members are to have a new organisation for members of overseas clubs to participate in UK events.

Defender hand-books clearly state that these vehicles should run on radial tyres only. What is the ARC doing about this? The Scrutineering Committee will discuss the matter.

Steve Kirby

T-Shirts and Sweatshirts

Fancy an HBRO sweatshirt or T-shirt? Gary Hodgson has arranged production of these in a range of sizes and colours. They're good quality but delivery might be a tad slow as he has to order a dozen or more to get the very good prices quoted. See the order form elsewhere in this issue. Sweatshirts are £12, T-shirts are £7 and base-ball caps £5. Contact Gary Hodgson.

If you would like to place an order, please complete the order form (or a photocopy) below and send it with a cheque for the appropriate amount payable to HBRO to me, Gary Hodgson (5, Beckham Lane, Petersfield, HANTS, GU32 3BU). Due to the cost of printing, I have to order in batches of 12 or more so delivery may take a while

ADULTS SWEAT SHIRT - £12				
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GREEN				
BLUE				

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BLACK				
RED				
GREEN				
BLUE				

If you are in doubt as to size, order a size larger.

Name _____
 Address _____

TALE FROM A NEWCOMER

I've only been a member of the club since September 1993 and as yet have not been to any meets, but first a little history.

I own two Land Rovers, a 1976 SIII LWB safari which I obtained in 1987, and a 1963 SIIa SWB which I got in 1992. The LWB was purchased with the excuse that I needed it for the Boy's club I ran at the time. This vehicle is currently undergoing restoration and has been for the past three years, but I'm getting there. The SWB was found by my wife (who doesn't like Land Rovers because of the amount of time I spend on them). A colleague where she worked mentioned that her husband had an old Land Rover in a barn. My wife thought I could use it for parts for the LWB. I paid £150 for it, the 5 new Firestone SATs alone were worth the money, and a few hundred pounds and many hours later managed to get it through an MOT.

When I moved to Aldershot four years ago I didn't think it worth joining the club at the time because I hadn't got a serviceable Land Rover to join in events with. In the event I missed out on all the expertise and skills that can be gained from the club, such as Neville Dewdney who recently did some welding for me.

Although I've owned a Land Rover for seven years now, until recently my only experience of Off Roding was driving into field for the boy's camps. A friend at work, Dave, who owns a SIII SWB safari, and I decided to start off on the right track and go on a proper Off Road training course. So on April 7th we arrived at David Bowyer's Off Road School in Devon for a 1½ day course. As Dave's vehicle was newer and had 7.50 tyres on it he agreed to use his Land-Rover for the course. To cut cost we decided to camp, a bad decision. We travelled down on the Wednesday in good weather. When shown the field we were to camp in we thought it must be part of the course. It had a 40 degree slope to it and was very boggy. The field was in the grounds of the village pub which the school uses for lunches. All was calm when we pitched our tent but in the night it blew a gale and Dave had to admit that his girl friend was right in that it wasn't altogether waterproof.

On arriving at the school was found there was only one other Land Rover on the course. There was however three people doing the Frontera course, but they don't use their own precious vehicles. The other Land Rover was a coil sprung SIII built by Warwick 4 x 4. An interesting vehicle but a bit expensive at £9000. Dave had mentioned that it some times jumped out of 1st gear, not uncommon as I'm sure you know. However, come the first descent of the course, it wouldn't go 5 yards without jumping out. You couldn't even hold it in. The instructor didn't like it at all and for a minute I thought we wouldn't be allowed to carry on with the course. However, we were able to continue using 2nd gear, along with the gentle use of cadence braking. As it was we only missed out on a couple of obstacles where first gear was an

absolute must.

We arrived back at the camp site that day to find the strong winds had broken the tent. As it happened the wind had done us a favour. It transpired that the pub had a few flats that it rented out. One was empty under going a few repairs. The owners very kindly let us use this flat, at no extra cost. That night we slept soundly without fear of being blown away or getting soaked. It also meant we were able to pack all our gear properly in the dry.

The next ½ day's training covered winching. After the usual classroom talk on the whys and wherefores and do's and don'ts it was out in the rain for some hands-on. We looked at the various uses of the high lift jack, then pulled one of the Land Rovers with a Tirfor (actually a Branð version that David sells) before going back onto the course to do a Kinetic Energy Recovery. This did not give the jolt that I was expecting but then I wasn't properly stuck. After a final play on the course it was back to the yard to pressure wash the vehicles before departing.

All in all a very worthwhile and enjoyable course. I still find it hard to believe that I actually drove over / through some of the obstacles on the course and eagerly await the return of my photos to prove it. I'm looking forward to joining some of you green laning and helping set out on some of the events. As for actually taking part in the trials, well we'll have to wait and see.

Roger Hardwick
Aldershot.

Land Rover (BMW) Factory Visist Solihull, 28th June 1994

For the benefit of new members, a visit consists of 24 persons being able to visit the Land Rover / BMW factory. Split into two groups, you will be shown a video of the history of Land Rover, given tea and biscuits, a drive round the whole site and a walk round an assembly line (the identity of which is not known until the day)

The guides are all retired employees with many amusing tales to tell and they can answer any questions you may have. Each individual visitor is supplied with a headset which enables them to hear the guide at all times. Sorry, but no cameras are allowed in the site.

We must meet at the gate at 1:00 p.m. If you wish to eat or drink beforehand, the Oulton Park Hotel just down the road serves good food.

The visit is free apart from transport costs. If you would like to go, please contact Gary Hodgson on 0730-267146.

War of the Roses 1994

The correct date for this event is the weekend of the 8th, 9th and 10th July. Our entry has been accepted and Adrian is the "declared" captain. Members who wish to be considered for team selection with or without their vehicles, (please state which) are invited to send written applications to Adrian Bolge as soon as possible to arrive at the latest on Monday 13th June. Such formality is called for in view of late unavailability following verbal misunderstandings in recent years. A firm commitment is essential for effective planning. For more details, call Adrian on 0705-377488.

Selection of team and reserves will be from those who apply. The event is set out to be non-damaging. However there can be no guarantee that in the stress of competition, your pride and joy will remain in pristine condition. That said, Angie's LWB was, before and after, the shiniest vehicle in the competition last year. A team consists of 3 vehicles and up to 6 persons. It is essential that one winch, capable of sustained operation, and preferably one other, are available among the team's vehicles.

Adrian Bolge


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The following events will take place:-

26th& 27th, Lloyd Motors Scenic Drive	£10 / day
27th, North Wales Land Rovers Repairs Team Recovery	£10
27th, North Wales Land Rover Club Winch Recovery	£10
28th, North Wales Land Rover Centre CCV trial	£10
28th, M & M Land Rover Services Road Taxed Vehicle Trial	£10
29th, D. K. Services Competitive Safari	£15

The weekend should give everything the seasoned competitor could desire without forgetting the all important social side of Land Roving.

The site is on the border of the National Park and although the final approach is narrow, it is only a mile from the main A487 trunk road so the journey will be easy in any vehicle. The campsite has all the basic facilities and will suit the self-sufficient too. Camping Caravanning is £15 a pitch. Site is open from the evening of the 25th to noon on the 30th. There are also numerous other campsites, hotels and guesthouses within a few miles of the site

If you want to compete, contact me (Steve Kirby) for a copy of an entry form or send all relevant details (Your name, address, phone number, membership number, event type, ARC Class, event fee etc) to Miss Janice Kelly, Endon, Willow Road, Coedpoeth, Wrexham, CLWYD. For more information, contact Janice on 0978-757560, Club Secretary Dave Cuthbert on 0492-534417, or Competition Secretary Dave Kelly on 0978-356157.



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Company	Facilities	Discounts etc.
Brooklyn Engineering 0703-252281 0703-269990 (fax)	Spares, servicing	Depends on what you are buying, but about trade prices.
RoverTune. 0734-842777, 0734-842000, 0860-560556 0734-843019 (fax)	Spares (new and s/h), servicing.(Range Rovers a speciality)	Trade prices, regular special offers.
Wadham Kenning, Guildford	Vehicle sales, spares, servicing	To be advised.
J.W.Clark's Exhaust and tyres 0705-671231	Exhaust systems, tyres. Good selection of exhausts from Series One to RR.	Trade price less 10%
Urquharts, Petersfield. 0730-261022	Spares.	Cost+20% on non-franchise parts. Trade price on others.
Country 4x4, Terry Vincent, Calcott, Reading. 0734-412412, 0836-577892	Spares (new & s/h), servicing. (Range Rovers only). Custom bull-bars by SIMBARS.	No set discount but very hard to beat prices!
Southern Winch Centre, Southampton. 0703-270600	Superwinch, Warn, Ramsey, Rule winches. Winch accessories, ropes (£2:60/m incl loops), Hi-lift jacks, spotlights etc	Discounts vary but very competitive prices and free fitting on winches

These companies / dealers are offering discounts to HBRO members on items specified.

Don't forget to take your membership card with you!
 If anyone can add to this list, please contact Steve Kirby with the details.

Comparison of ours and Pierre's road books confirmed that after different beginnings all books followed the same route. At my errors we were gradually overtaken by twos and threes. Pierre decided his tribe were out for the count and made for camp. My navigators' heavy eyelids led to our losing our way, so we had to give up. My local map came to the rescue and we made it back about one forty-five. Others were still returning as I at last reached the land of nod.

You can't go landrovering on the continent without meeting someone from last time. I had been to an Italian randonee back in November '91 so into whom did I run but Amedeo Valentino with wife and daughter. He introduced me to the rest of "The First Landrover Club Italia" but my Italian deserted me at the crucial moment. Another previous acquaintance, from the same trip, turned out to be Phillip de Villefranche, whose metaphoric baby this French National is. He has two other young children and his relatives own the Château.

From early morning it began to drip. Traction was swiftly lost on the tracks around the camp. The ground didn't cut up, the mud just squeezed through to the surface. Fitting the new UJ was an ideal passtime for the morning. Pierre lent me a pair of circlip pliers, it was at least dry underneath the 110. The afternoon inherited the morning's skidpan tracks, just the job for the trial! There were only a dozen competitors, whose task was to overcome the terrain rather than avoid canes. The single section commenced with an almost suicidally fierce one in one exposed downhill right-hander. Within a yard the offside front wheel dropped a further foot with the SATs grating on radius arms as the drivers crept gingerly down, half an inch at a time. No "low first and feet off", you used brakes, both feet on the ground and a ground anchor to safeguard your progress! Definitely an "Anglian" trial.

The predominance of British Land Rovers are on the "straight" side. The French seem less fettered by the "original spec" school. This was refreshingly evident in the wealth of imaginative and free-thinking colour schemes and modifications to be found on every side. Amongst the former were an eye-catching reptilian mottle in white on blue, the amoebiform 'mottles' being about 18 inches across, and a go-faster stripe modelled on the pyrenees. Words cannot do them justice. You must come to Thénisey and see them for yourself. A real "breath of fresh air". Generally there were more lwb deisel hardtops with side windows than I recall from home 'Nationals'.

A ninety near my tent had an unusually neat bonnet-mount for its spare wheel. The roll cage was carefully arranged to disfigure the bodywork as little as possible by using existing bolt locations for nearly all the mounts. It's neatness impressed me, as did the rear door interior mounted toolbox. The owner, in contrast to his engineering ingenuity and flair, was as impressive for his abominable diction. I can manage to follow many broad dialects within the British Isles. Here, even with the object of discussion under our very noses, this fellow's was beyond the pale. The situation was compounded by his hopelessly poor recall of the details of the job. It sounded as if the speech chip in his brain contained a computer virus as the output of sounds, syllables, words and then sentences gradually merged as he spoke.

With the UJ replaced I tried to obtain a "Day" Roadbook from reception. "Too wet still." was the response to my request. I settled for what might be called a "Villages" or "Sightseeing" Roadbook. The southwesterly sun showed off, to advantage, an oceanic expanse of soft fluffy cloud as I breasted the rim of the plateau. The billows were supported by pairs of pylons which dominated the scene like gaint chess kings and queens striding to the horizon, as I set off on the start of what, in total, would have been a forty-mile itinerary.

An "Agricultural Machinery Museum" caught my eye. It was a large collection, far from fully ordered. I spent the best part of half an hour fathoming out a kind of lathe that made clogs! Clogs are hardly the most symmetrical of creations, so how could they be made on a lathe, which just goes round? At last light dawned as I searched for a cam to produce the eccentric shape. The machine did not work from scratch. It used an already made clog as the master/cam for the next. It didn't manage the whole job but certainly made light work of the main lines, hand finishing being the order of the day at the turn of the century.

I returned to camp to meet my tent-neighbours on the other side. Alexis, Colette, Romain, 6, and Benoir, 5, come from the Somme area. Alexis bemoaned the high cost of 4 x 4 accessories in France. He estimated that my Brownchurch could set him back about 600 pounds. I countered that they were only a third of that brand new, mine was second hand and I would find him one when I returned home. A card to Gary mentioned this and he had already found one in MROC mag as soon as I set foot on blighty. It started its journey looking very small in a Beauvais International tautliner. (Colette's employer's carrier). Alexis couldn't afford to come over and pick it up but wanted it for their Summer holiday. When it arrived, Colette was teased by being told that 16 roof racks had arrived. ("4 x 4 roofrack")! I collected the Ffr600 when I called on them between the German and French Velocette rallies in September.

The atmosphere at Thénisey is very friendly and relaxed, due not least to the absence of a competition treadmill. There is no 'trade' activity. The site does not cater for as many people - 1500 - on a regular basis. The number of loos and wash basins adjacent to the Château can be counted on two hands. Bring your own. (Hands, of course) What I will call a 'canteen' runs for breakfast and evening meals if you fancy the local fare/plonk and don't want to cook.

For Sale

Note that small ads are free but please let me know when a sale is complete so I don't keep printing an out of date ad each month. I know I forget sometimes so you may need to remind me more than once! Please help potential customers by quoting location and dialling code in your adverts. Thanx.

Commercial Adverts:- £50 for half page, £80 full page and £100 for whole back page per annum; payable in advance. These rates are very good considering the perfect targeting. Current circulation is over 200.

All adverts are dated as to their first month of publication. When they become about 6 months old, they will be dropped unless the "owners" renew them!

* Tyres Five 205 x 75-16 Pirelli Akros (OE Discovery) for sale. One unused (spare) with 10mm tread and four with between 5 - 6mm tread. All VGC. £70+VAT each when new, now £150 the lot. Call Ian Brandon on Bracknell on 0344-420176. (APR94)

* Tyres Two Avon Ranger 7:50x16 as new, very little used, and one 7x16 with good tread. £80 the lot or will split. Contact Ian Bailey in Alton on 0420-89010 (APR94)

* Tyre One 7:50x16 Traction King. Done approx 100 miles. 14mm centre tread depth. Inspection invited. Start haggling above £50. Call Adrian in Portsmouth on 0705-377488 (APR94)

* 2 1/4 Petrol engine Stripped ready for rebuild. All parts available. Rover V8 inlet manifold c/w twin Strombergs. Twin Solex carbs from Jaguar straight six, aluminium sump, water thermostat housing and breather / water casting from Jaguar straight six. Any offers on the above to Paul Barker in Basingstoke on 0256-469674. (FEB94)

* 5-SPEED GEARBOX 1992 spec Discovery gearbox with double synchros; no transfer box. Removed for auto conversion and is complete with the bell-housing and the flywheel casing for Tdi engine. Less than a year old when removed. Offers to Colin Gross in Ruislip, Middlesex on 0895-638957 (FEB94)

* Chairman's Wares & Spares:- 90 bonnet, needs tidying - £30. 'Dead' tow-ropes, hemp, 20' with soft eyes - £10 each. Made to order RR tow brackets with permanent rope fixing ring - £52. Mountain bike racks; carries bikes and tows trailer on same hitch - £25. Series IIIa handbrake lever (new) - £5. RR heavy duty tow bracket with two available tow-ball heights, easy to fit - £30. Contact Nick Woodage in Liss on 0730-894418 (DEC93)

For Sale

* Michael's Miscellany:- SD1 Auto-box, working order. Only £30. Brownchurch full-length roof-rack for 110, c/w ladder, brand new condition, £150. Assortment of wheels / tyres:-

Goodyear XtraGrip	750x16 VG	Tube and knackered LR LWB rim.
Michelin XMS	205R16 G	With tube and RR Rostyle rim.
Michelin XMS x2	205R16 Fair	With tube.
Firestone M&S	205R16 G	With tube and RR Rostyle rim.
Desert Dueller	205R16 G	With tube and RR Rostyle rim.
Avon RangeMaster	205R16 Fair	With tube.

Contact Michael Dyer in Windlesham on 0276-473907 or 0831-466306 (MAY94)

* Two kayaks water-worthy, ideal for beginners or improvers. Fibreglass construction, similar to Snipe Tourers, c/w paddles and spray decks. £35:00. Call Paul Barker in Basingstoke on 0256-469674. (FEB94)

* Fairey Winch. Engine driven type, complete with chain drive transfer case, levers, drive-shafts, etc. Fits series I, II and III Land Rovers. Used on 1991 and 1992 Wars of the Roses by HBRO team. New cable last year. Can bring to club evening or event. £350. Call Steve Kirby in Twickenham on 081-894-3961 (DEC93)

* Discovery gearbox £350. Three various ratios transfer boxes from £200 each. 2-pin diff centres, £30-35, 4-pin diff centres, £85. 90/110 bonnets, 1 good, 1 fair, offers? Paint - deep bronze green, 5 litre cans, £20. Mike Doherty, Aldershot, 0252-27198 (FEB94)

* Caranex H4 Land Rover tent. Very good condition, used only once. Fits rear of Land Rover. Same height and width as vehicle, 7'6" long, 2 berth. Includes free-standing kit. £150. Contact Mick Pinchbeck in Pagham near Bognor Regis on 0243-267591 (JAN94)

* JJ's Spare Part Service SWB Hard-top complete with safari door. Four 600x16 Firestone SAT, VGC. Range Rover radiator. Range Rover / Discovery nudge-bar. Contact J Walker on 0252-28494 (ansafone) (MAY94)

Vehicles for Sale

* Series III SWB Hard-top. 1978. Taxed. MOT. Side windows. Adjustable tow-ball. Not used "in anger"! £1800. Call Norman Shergold in Southampton on 0703-474236 (MAY94)

Vehicles for Sale

* Range Rover Pick-ups, two. First vehicle 1977 reg. Recently fitted with recon SDI engine. Full roll-cage and front bar. Five Firestone SATs on 8-spoke wheels. Five month's tax, tested until May 94. Used daily. Second vehicle 1975 reg, suitable for spares / repair. No tax or MOT. £1500 the pair. Call Robert Shirvell at home on 0256-478821 or at work on 0256-397948. Basingstoke. (FEB94)

* Trialler. Series One 80" ARC spec trialler with 2¼ engine and full roll-cage. Complete ready-to-run CCV package for £650. Call Steve Barnwell in Newport Pagnell on 0908-616878. (MAY93)

* SERIES IIA LWB Land Rover. Truck cab (1965). Fully rebuilt chassis including new outriggers and back. Renewed braking system including new slaves and pipes all round New suspension all round. Recon 2¼ petrol engine from Brooklyn. New hubs and swivels with all bearings and gaskets being replaced in the transmission system, including wheel bearings. Rebuilt steering box. Reworked gearbox with all bearings seals and various gears being replaced. In all, many new parts on the vehicle. This is a restoration project started about 4 years ago but the last 10 months have seen no further work on the vehicle. Unfortunately it has now got to go. It is still unfinished with bodywork and electrics still to do. All body panels are on the vehicle. The Land Rover is open to any offers. Call Paul Barker in Basingstoke on 0256-469674. (FEB94)

* 3 Series Ones. One 1954 and two 1956. One robbed and suitable for spares. Two restorable - one hard-top, one soft-top. original registrations. Plus loads of bits. Offers around £800 for the lot or offer for individual vehicles. Call Peter Saint on 0734-483208 (MAY94)

Wanted

* Canoe Canadian style, not kayak. 16 or 17 foot. Contact Ian Bailey in Alton on 0420-89010 (APR94)

* Small flat type oil cooler. RR radiator and RR headlining. Contact Nick Woodage in Liss on 0730-894418 (DEC93)

* 110 Rear hood and sticks Contact Michael Dyer in Windlesham on 0276-473907 or 0831-466306 (MAY94)

If your advert has disappeared and you didn't want it to, give me a call and I'll reinstate it and redate it. This is the process described in the heading to these adverts.

Scrutineering Matters

Are you entering another club's event? Have a good look at their SRs (Supplementary Regulations) if any. We recommend that you all carry a suitable spare wheel and tyre and paint your tow-points in a contrasting colour in accordance with RACMSA rules in case the scrutineers request it. HBRO's SRs (published last month) do not require tow-points to be painted nor for CCVTs to need a spare wheel. Also check that your wheels are covered by mudguards, flares etc. and that your engine bulkhead has no holes in it. Note too that engine air intakes / filters are not permitted inside the cab.

HBRO Scrutineers

Events for Your Diary

*First Wednesday each month, Noggin & Natter at the Hind's Head, Aldermaston. (From 7:30 p.m. Plus Land Rover related videos if possible)

*Last Wednesday each month, Noggin & Natter at the White Swan, Bank Street, Bishop's Waltham, Hants. (From 7:30 p.m.). See OS sheet 185, SU555175 approx.

*Green-lane trips will usually be on the second Sunday of the month. See list below. If this second Sunday clashes with an HBRO trial, then it may be moved to the first or third instead. Tracey will try to book trials on dates other than the second Sunday where possible. There will be someone present to indicate rights of way on the maps. It is recommended that those involved obtain current maps of Hampshire and Berkshire, or borrow the club's set. If there is a lot of rain on the few preceding days, anticipate postponement.

Green Lane Trips:-

Those marked with an asterisk (*) opposite, please call Adrian Bolge on 0705-377488 if you are coming.

April 29th - May 2nd	Nationals. warm-up weekend at Nellies Dell, a new site 6 miles south of Alton down the A32. This is quite a small site in an old chalk / flint pit. RTV and CCVT. This site is ideal for practicing your team recovery and winching techniques. Camping is on Woodside Farm with water and chemical waste disposal. Details elsewhere.
May 8th	Green Lane Trip. Meet at t Granada Services, SE corner of junction of A34 and A4. Entry is on south-bound A34. Ref OS Sheet 174, SU481726. *
May 27th - 30th	ARC National Rally, Lawn Farm, Shottle, Belper, Derbyshire.
May 31st - June 5th	Follow-on rally organised by the Southern Rover Owners.
June 12th	Green Lane trip. Meet at Petersfield Station (East side). Ref OS Sheet 197, SU744236 *
June 25th - 26th	RTV, CCVT. Details later.
June 28th	An afternoon at the Solihull Land Rover (BMW?) factory. Details later.
July 10th	Green Lane Trip. Meet at the filling station on the A33 south-bound approx 1 mile south of junction M4 and A33. Ref OS Sheet 175, SU707672 *
July 8th - 10th	War of the Roses weekend. Details later but same as 1993. HBRO has been invited to participate again - contact Adrian Bolge.
July 15th - 17th	"All Rover Weekend" Gaydon. Just off J12 M40. Details later.
August 26th - 29th	North Wales Land Rover Club - Porthmadog '94. Dolwgan, Dolbenmaen. North Wales. Details later.
October 7th - 9th	Majors weekend at Eastnor Castle. Details later.