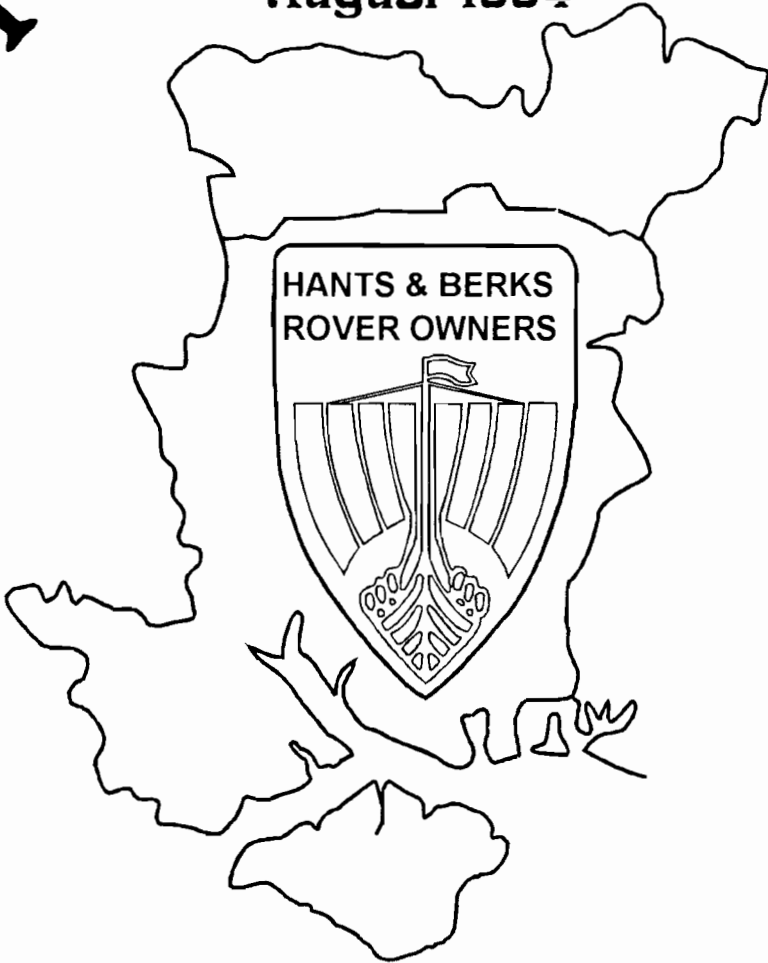


# Pants & Barks

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Newsletter of the Hants  
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## Editorial...

So what have I got for you this month? I always seem to start by saying that and then often apologise for the deliberate error in the previous month's issue. Who spotted it? It was the bit that said "RTV / CCVT at new site at North Marden. Details later." Trouble is, I can't remember who told me about the new site in the first place. The "details" never arrived "later" but I hope the site will be available sometime.

I've listed the scores that HBRO members got in the International Rally in case you didn't know on the day. Several entries didn't make it into the competition s for various reasons and several names appeared on the list that I've never heard of before! The most infamous non-arrival on the site was the Rangy of Nick Woodage. Just outside Newbury, his engine decided to look just like the picture in the parts catalogue, i.e. all separate bits.

I have included a brief report on the June ARC meeting. (This is a new interpretation of the word "brief") Actually, much took place and the visit by Ian Davis of the RACMSA was most enlightening.

The 1995 ARC Handbook is here. I told you so. If you can pick yours up at events or pub meets, please do so to save the club some postage money as they're 40p a shot by post. They're free otherwise. All the new rules and regs plus loads of interesting reading on various topics.

We'll be holding the AGM again this October (so soon?) The current treasurer gives notice that he will not be standing for any official post at that time, so we're going to need a new treasurer! Any offers?

HELP. Do any members keep their newsletters but want to get rid of a few? My "set" is incomplete and I would like to fill in a couple of spaces. Does anyone have February 1992 and April 1992 Pants & Barks that they are willing to part with?

Does anyone want to go green-laning mid-week? If you do, contact Mike Dyer on 0276-473907 who is keen to give it a go.

The published trial at Brick Kiln Farm clashed with an AWDC event at the same place, so we returned to Nellies Dell earlier than planned. Sincere thanks to those members concerned in re-arranging things so promptly, including urgent calls to the RACMSA to change the venue. Report next month.

In order to get the newsletter to you by a reasonable time each month, everything must get to me by the 20th of the month absolute latest. If you are posting something to me, give me a call to let me know it's coming in case it gets delayed. Any faxes to 081-562-6660 - ATTN: Steve Kirby. Thanks.

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Don't forget, you get a full page advert free if you sponsor an event!  
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## Off-Road & 4 Wheel Drive Show

The short notice to attend this show seems to be an ongoing feature! The promised 20m x 20m pitch turned out to be well under half that (area wise) but we managed to get five cars a caravan and a tent into that, leaving enough for visitors to wander round among the vehicles and view the photographs and other items on display. The pitch was manned by Richard and Lesley Emery & family, Adrian Bolge, Steve Kirby, Gary Langton and Nick Woodage. Adrian brought the flag and pole and his HBRO banner. The ARC banner flew alongside it this year and we had a new large Club sign on display courtesy of, er, well, let's just say it was free! Most of the photos were displayed in posh frames this year. The whole quality of our presentation is improving.

The pitch was made available at no charge by Janet Belton of Link House Magazines via June and Jack Green of the ARC. We decided to promote the ARC as well as the HBRO this year because, although there were several ARC affiliated clubs present, there was no publicity as to the existence of the national body. June and Jack Green sent the aforementioned ARC banner and some documentation for us to use.

We had many visitors to the stand and enrolled some new members, even though we were well out of our "area". The shortcomings of last year (lack of "grass-roots" equipment and sales areas) appeared to have been resolved. The trade stands were actually very good and I saw various HBRO members sneaking bags of stuff into their cars! Why do they want to keep their purchases secret? "Land Rover World", new sister magazine to Off-road and 4-Wheel Drive, was prominent. The 4x4 market is clearly now big enough to support another magazine after several titles failed some years back. We can get a discount on LRW subscriptions.

New vehicles on show included the Toyota RAV4, being easily confused (name-wise) with the Suzuki RAVE on the next stand! At around £14500, the RAV is grossly overpriced for such a small vehicle. New versions of the larger Toyotas, Nissans, Isuzus and Jeeps were there to keep Land Rover Ltd on its toes. (No mention of BMW anywhere).

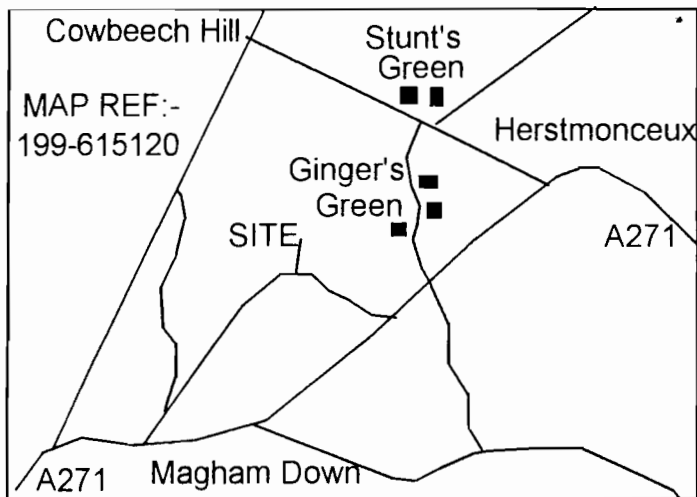
The ongoing Comp Safari event was quite a draw with Peter Jeffs giving it his all and practically demolishing his racer in the process. The arena was forever busy with demonstrations of various vehicles. Anglian ROC gave demo drives with triallers to members of the public. The Military vehicles mob ran two Stalwarts, an FV434 (an FV432 APC with a recovery crane) and an Abbott tank (It's a self-propelled gun actually. I have to get the facts right with so many army personnel in the club!!) a massive Scammel recovery vehicle and a huge ex-army lorry. This lot naughtily thundered and clanked around the site at midnight but do you really expect to be able to sleep on a weekend like that?

Numerous HBRO members turned up as visitors to our stand. "Thank you for your support, I shall always wear it" as the saying goes. 'Nuff said.

Steve Kirby

## Invite to Southern Rover Owner's Club Two Day CCV Trial at Deudney's Farm September 17th & 18th

We have been invited by Southern Rover Owner's Club to their two day CCV trial at Deudney's Farm, Herstmonceux, East Sussex. The event is open to all fully paid-up members of HBRO. The trial scores for the two days will be added to make an overall score. Teams will



comprise 2 drivers in single vehicles or one double-driven vehicle and the event will consist of sixteen sections over the 2 days.

**CAMPING:-** Site opens on the 16th to Monday the 19th. Fee £2 per night. Local B&B available.

### RULES:-

- 1) This is a two-person-team event. Vehicles must be to ARC spec.
- 2) If a team starts in two vehicles and one breaks down, they will be allowed to continue by double-driving one vehicle.
- 3) There will be an individual's competition within the team event. Awards will be presented to the 1st, 2nd & 3rd overall individual in both leaf and coil sprung vehicles.
- 4) To claim an individual award, you must finish the trial in the vehicle in which you started.
- 5) In the event of a joint placing, the team / individual with the most "clears" throughout the day will be the winner.
- 6) If a tie-break or run-off becomes necessary due to bad weather, lack of time etc, this will be done at the discretion of the clerk of the course.
- 7) Trophies to be presented are:-
 

Two-person team awards (any CCV vehicle)	1st, 2nd & 3rd overall.
Individual leaf-sprung awards	1st, 2nd & 3rd overall.
Individual coil-sprung awards	1st, 2nd & 3rd overall.

- 8) Entries will cost £15 per competitor and must be pre-booked. No entry on the day will be allowed.
- 9) Entries are restricted to 30 teams and will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. Three teams will be allocated in case of withdrawal etc.
- 10) Entries to be sent to:-

Tracey McCartney, 5 Regency Way, Crook Log,  
Bexley Heath, KENT DA6 8BT (Tel: 081-301-5451)

## Major's Trial. Eastnor, 7th - 9th October.

Many years ago, the first ARC National Rally was run at Eastnor Castle under the watchful eye of Major Hervey Bathurst, the land owner. As a gesture of thanks, the Midland ROC gave the Major a beautiful rose bowl for his mantle-piece. After the event, he got to hear comments that the dry summertime event was too easy and lacked real challenge. He was annoyed by this and said "You should try it when it's cold and wet later in the year" So he threw down the challenge and arranged a trial in the rainy season and put the rose bowl forward as the trophy. Ever since then, an intentionally very difficult trial has been organised by MROC in October with the Major's rose bowl as the (returnable!) prize. It is therefore in keeping with this history that the weather is usually poor, with rain often creating slippery conditions making it very much a trial for the experienced driver. It is therefore particularly pleasing that HBRO should have once won the event under these conditions. HBRO is also the only club ever to field a team of three Range Rovers but not with the same result! Note that there are no runners-up in this classless event; it's winner take all. There are, however, additional prizes for nominated teams, best team of "Standard" vehicles and other special awards.

Anyone want to have a go? Last year, we were allowed to have two teams of three vehicles with another team on reserve; depending on the size of the entry; I expect it will be the same this year. I'm not sure yet what the timescale will be for us to be told whether the third team can participate or not. Please let me know so that I can make the appropriate arrangements.

As I understand it, the Major's Trial is on the 8th with a Comp Safari on the 9th, Sunday.

That's what I have to date, (4th June) More details soon.

Steve Kirby

## The "Green Book" 1995 ARC HANDBOOK

The 1995 edition is available now. Initially, we will be handing these out at meetings and events in order to reduce postage costs. The 1995 Handbook defines the regs valid from January 1st 1995 and supercedes any other sets of regulations. Please bear in mind the new Roll-bar rules will be in force from that date too. Remember that the regulations in the RAC Yearbook apply to us as well, and most of the relevant ones are printed in the 95 ARC Handbook. Such a lot to read!

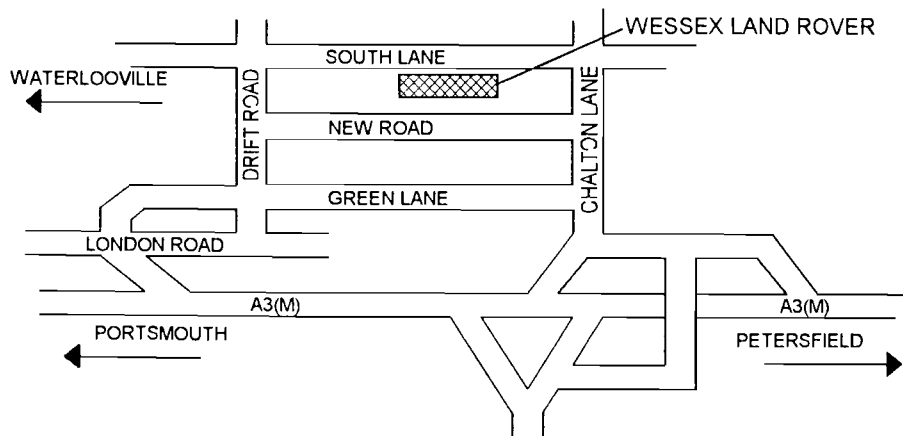
The contents of the HBRO Trials Handbook has again been incorporated, albeit in a modified form, into the ARC Yearbook. The dedicated HBRO version is still available and can be distributed to members at club meetings. So if there is an argument about crossing tracks, looping or taking a shunt, then the solution is now in writing.

Steve Kirby

## WESSEX LAND ROVER

A new Land Rover dealership has opened in Clanfield, Hampshire. They have agreed to offer HBRO members a discount on purchases from them. No specific figure has been quoted but if you live in the area and want genuine parts then pay them a visit or give them a call on 0705-595600 or fax 0705-599845.

Address is:- 33 South Lane, Clanfield, Waterlooville, Hampshire, PO8 0RB.



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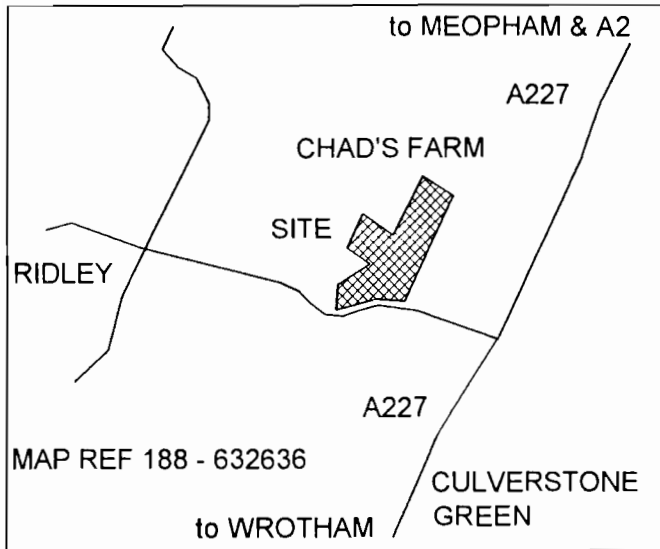
Company	Facilities	Discounts etc.
Brooklyn Engineering 0703-252281 0703-269990 (fax)	Spares, servicing	Depends on what you are buying, but about trade prices.
RoverTune. 0734-842777, 0734-842000, 0860-560556 0734-843019 (fax)	Spares (new and s/h), servicing. (Range Rovers a speciality)	Trade prices, 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.

## Invite to Southern Rover Owner's Club Family Vehicle Trial and Gymkhana September 10th & 11th.

We have been invited by Southern Rover Owner's Club to their Family Vehicle Weekend on the 10th and 11th of September. The venue is Chads Farm, Meopham, Kent, right near to the Sussex / Hants border and will be a camping / caravanning weekend. Saturday will feature a four wheel drive



gymkhana run by Mary and Trevor Garwood. If the weather is fine there will be a barbecue on Saturday night.

On Sunday, Rob Lawson will be running a Family Vehicle Trial, not to be confused with the common or garden RTV Trial. It will be suitable for vehicles not normally considered as triallers for example a new Discovery or a freshly restored old'un. The tasks will be suitable for novices or

experts and it is hoped the event will be a gentle introduction to off-road competition. It will be **STRICTLY NON-DAMAGING**. Note that at least one section will be negotiated with a trailer in tow so make sure you've got a standard 50mm ball tow-hitch fitted. The final task will be a treasure hunt around the farm with map and question sheet.

Classes will be:-

- (a) Leaf - 80 / 86 / 88 Series One.
- (b) Leaf - SWB Series 2 / 2a / 3
- (c) Leaf - LWB 107 / 109 and Forward Control.
- (d) Coil - 90.
- (e) Coil - 100" (Disco and RR)
- (f) Coil - LWB 110 and 130.

This is the kind of event that that Gary Langton and others have tried to promote in HBRO without a great deal of success. Let's support this one and see how it goes.

## Nellies Dell Trials, 18th June

This event would not have been such a success without the support and hard work carried out by the following:-

Setting out day:-

Gary Hodgson, Dave Ridden, Gary Langton, Neil Webster, Hugh Duffett, Mike Dyer, Chris Homewood, Dave Henry.

Event Day:-

Secretary of the Meeting:- Gary Hodgson, Clerk of the Course:- Dave Ridden, Chief Scrutineer:- Nick Woodage. Steward:- Adrian Bolge.

Marshals:- Gary Langton, Chris Homewood, Nick Woodage, Dave Ridden.

CCVT RESULTS:-

Malcolm Whitbread - 29

Mark Furnell - 32

Michael Tombs - 36

Brian Warn - 36

Paul East - 38

RTV RESULTS:-

Class 3:-

Garry Parratt - 18

Neil Shawyer - 23

Neville Dewdney - 28

Trevor Clayton - 30

Russel Vare - 42

Andy Bridger - 45

Class 4:-

Hugh Duffett - 7

Steve Creamer - 19

Roy Michael - 33

Class 5:-

Steve Kirby - 26

Keith Jones - 39

Mike Dyer - 50

Jamie Bartholomew

63 (in a 101 !)



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## ARC Meeting 11/6/94

As usual, very little interest from HBRO apart from Adrian and myself. Is no-one else really interested in the workings of the National body? The usual Presentation suite was being refurbished so we held the meeting in the Driving Experience Centre. Anyhow, I will give you a run-down of the proceedings in simplified form. Numbers and letters are from the agenda and any missing or out of sequence numbers mean that there was nothing to report there.

### 5) Chairman - Peter Oakden.

The council meeting that usually takes place between each pair of EGMs was due to be at the Rally but due to pressure of work there, it didn't happen. Vote of thanks to P&D for an excellent rally. Land Rover (who put up a lot of money for the Rally) were very happy with the event and they recognised shortfalls from their side and they regard this event as the first major involvement at this level. That is, they are treating the current ARC/LR relationship as a "fresh start" following recent upheavals. (BMW). The meetings with the overseas members at the Rally were satisfactory.

### 6) Secretary - Any Stavordale.

Highlighted publicity material received first:-

- Land's End to John o'Groats run. ARC is invited and is named on the Clubman's permit this year. Entry fee is £500+ !
- Norway - 20th birthday. Special deals available.
- Rally on 3rd to 6th December for pre-1967 utility vehicles.
- Invite to take part in a charity competition. DORA - Disabled Off-Road Access - wants a 110 to be paid for.
- Staffs & Shrops Comp Safari Invitation.
- Breckland LRC invite to Comp Safari and driving weekend at Halesworth, Suffolk. £15 entry, free camping, contact Carol Roberts or Wendy Chandler.

Andy also commented on:-

- The food laid on at these meetings was charged at £2 a head which didn't cover costs. Those present agreed to a £3 charge next time. (If any HBRO members do want to come next time, let Steve Kirby know so he can arrange for the appropriate amount of food.)
- Scrutineers are "on duty" throughout an event.
- Rally - thanks and congratulations to P&D.
- Overseas clubs were commenting on the high cost of competing and the requirement to join a UK club. If we are a federated Europe why the problems in cross-border competing? (The RACMSA require membership of a UK club for insurance.) Our German friends pay £70 a year for membership of their clubs. Think about that when you pay your £10 to £20

for a UK club.

- All Rover Weekend bookings coming in slowly. Wendy Roberts has promoted the event in Classic Car Magazine. The event will take place again next year on 15th - 16th July 1995.

### 7) Treasurer - Laurence Johnston.

- RAC Recovery forms available. ARC has received £400 commission from ARC members joining the RAC Recovery Scheme through the ARC.
- There are 4 overseas now as full members. Germany - 2, USA and Netherlands - 1 each.
- ACCEO insurance may want to advertise in individual club magazines - ask them!
- The high running costs of the ARC are still eating into our assets.

7a) ARC Handbook - STILL not ready! By the time you read this, they should be being distributed.

### 8) Inter-National Rallies 94 / 5 / 6 / 7.

- There were 100+ caravans and tents present his year,
- 1995 - Lincs running this one. Progressing satisfactorily.
- 1996 - Southern. Progressing.
- 1997 - any offers?

### 9) All Rover Weekend

Only 26 bookings so far (as of 11-6-94). This is basically a Social event. £5 is a bargain plus cheap entry to the Heritage Museum.

10) New members. The P6 Owners Club, who left a while back have now rejoined and their return to the fold is welcomed.

### 11) Scrutineering.

- Confirmed Dave Marsh Chairman and Steve Kirby secretary.
- The log-book system can now go ahead.
- The Implementation Guide, a copy of the Check Sheet and a copy of the sizes chart to be published in all newsletters.
- Clubs must ask their scrutineering committee to attend to review vehicles belonging to that club.

### 12b) Overseas Liaison Officer. Fran Luxton.

Enthusiasm still good for Rovers World-wide but information is not getting through.

### 12c) Rights of Way - Tony Kempster.

- April LRO had an article about a head-to-head comparison between two Range Rovers. The antics that they got up to with these vehicles was a



quite irresponsible use of a right of way. LRO have been taken over by EMAP and hopefully, this sort of thing should cease.

- Copy of Byways and Bridleways Trust Law Reports for TK - previously these cost £120 p.a. but we now receive LARA's "second copy" at a cost of £65 p.a.
- 94/5 membership of LARA cost £2700; in line with inflation instead of the set 10% which was the rate of inflation when the system started. We all agree that we should pay but where will the money come from? A levy of just £1 per person would solve all the ARC's financial problems, not just LARA membership!
- Peter Williams of the AWDC has offered a pooling arrangement of all ROW information Nationwide. This is all on computer.
- Alan Kind is to take up Chief Executive of BBT with LARA's Tim Stevens taking up some of his tasks but a replacement is being sought.
- LARA minutes are to be sent to Andy Stavordale on a regular basis.
- The "Gap Road" 1000 signatures were sent to POWYS who have deferred a decision on the closure.

12e) RUNES is to be kept to 40 pages as this is the maximum size to keep within the 19 pence postage. (Note : P&B uses posher paper which means we can have only 28 / 32 pages in the same weight category.)

12i) ARC shop. Graham Chick.  
ARC stuff sold well at the Rally.

12j) Car Clubs. Tony Holder.

- DoE second implementation of the EC directive on driving licences. Major issues relate to towing certain weights with an extra test soon. <750 kg will be OK but > 750kg will need an "E" licence attainable with a towing test.
- Any vehicle with over 9 seats is a mini-bus and will require a different licence and a minimum age limit of 21 years.

12k) RACMSA Liaison. Harold Carman.

- Cross Country Committee now to be known as the Off-Road Committee.
- Noise testing results wanted. Tests were done at the International Rally but no evidence / results sheets have been forthcoming from the clubs.
- RACMSA is considering the purchase of sites for Off-road motor sport areas (not just a field!)
- Tyres - these are being used beyond their marked ratings. More regulations needed for this.
- The National "A" events and the Hill Rally - regs should list tyres that may be used rather than ones that are prohibited.
- Clerks of the Course for Hill Rallies. You need to apply to be a CoC and prove experience and attend 2 of the 3 annual seminars.
- Log-books for other off-road clubs were mentioned. The ARC is a special

case and exempt from some regulations.

- Representation from UK clubs on FIA committees has been discussed including possible reciprocal arrangements.
- Roll-bar regs working group.
  - Would the ARC accept AWDC roll-bars? (The AWDC don't actually have any designs of their own, they use the ones from the Blue Book)
  - Representations have been received from different organisations such as Safety Devices who are pressing the RACMSA to persuade the ARC to allow Safety Devices designs. Comment was made that if they make them to ARC designs then that will be OK!
  - Only two clubs have exemption to design their own roll-bars (ARC & AWDC) but the ARC is the only one actually to publish any.
  - Working party to consist of 4 member groups, RACMSA, ARC, AWDC & A.N.Other. Comment was made that as only the RACMSA, the ARC and the AWDC are granted design rights, then only those organisations should be on the working group.
  - We, the ARC, must defend the work we have done.
  - Peter Oakden suggested that the ARC designs should be adopted as the National Standard for Land Rovers (and possibly any vehicle with a comparable chassis). The other vehicles without a chassis would need to be dealt with separately by organisation(s) that run other than Land Rover vehicles.

12l) Shows and Displays. June and Jack Green.

Event mentioned were Billing (see LRO for details), Top Farm and an RACMSA show at Castle Donington (contact Les Needham at the RACMSA for details)

Next meeting - 17th September 1994.

Steve Kirby

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## Ian Davies - Visit to the ARC

Ian Davies, Technical Director of the RACMSA paid the ARC as visit at the June EGM at Solihull. He had been provided with some questions in advance but the best way of reporting the meeting is to record the responses and comments he and others present passed.

- Comp Safaris are only a very small percentage of all events / competitions.
- Aggressive tyres
  - OK on condition that the type of tyre and its rating are suitable for the

- speed and weight of the vehicle.
- An “approved” tyre list may be used but to ban a particular brand of tyre is highly inadvisable.
- The Cross Country committee makes the rules and recommends that tyres must be fit for the purpose that they are being used for. This refers to the load and speed rating. A “J” rating (56 mph) is the minimum recommended.
- Roll-bars
  - The RACMSA is aware that there are four sets of roll-bar regulations around - FIA, RACMSA, ARC and AWDC. (The AWDC have design authority but don't use it.)
  - The RACMSA recognises that the Blue Book designs are not satisfactory for off-road use. The ARC has only to design the roll-bars to suit a particular product whereas the AWDC designs have to fit all vehicle types. Ideally, the RACMSA needs just one overall set to cover every eventuality - race and off-road.
  - There is no suggestion that the ARC should step back from the effort it has made in setting the standards of roll-bars.
  - If the ARC designs were accepted as the “National” set for Land Rovers, that would leave only the other types to be considered, taking a large bite out of the future work-load.
  - Sport is at club level and so any newcomer should contact a club first. Some clubs are using the Blue Book first and building an off-road vehicle only to find it doesn't comply. Someone already involved in motor-sport will know the ropes and will usually contact a potential club for rules, SRs etc.
- Points versus time for Comp Safari scoring - why can't we publish the results as time instead of points? - Penalties for +/- target time. Slower than target time will give negative penalties whereas faster than target time will give the target time (i.e. no bonus for exceeding it). Rule H.14.7. says ARC can issue an SR to state that the results CAN be scored on seconds instead of points but a “fastest run of the day” is not permitted because runs are compared to a target time.
- RAC Cross Country Championship - Permit required in national “A”. There us a waiver that allows for a club licence. The hill Rally does require an “A” licence so it is open to more people, clubs, countries etc. (EC with “A” licence).
- Fireproof overalls and plumbed-in fire extinguishing systems - These normally apply to an event that would require a crash helmet to be worn. However, Cross Country events are exempt. The washing of overall washes out the fire-proofing treatment and plumbed-in fire extinguishers clog up with mud.
- Hill Rally - Driver needs a National “A” licence (because the National “A” is valid throughout Europe) but as no “A” licence exists for Cross Country

event, entrants would need a Rally “A” licence and would need to take part in 4 rallies to get it. This obviously isn't practical so an exemption has been granted. During 1994, the RACMSA will accept proof of four finishes from the past 2 years in a Hill Rally, a Road Rally or a Comp Safari. 1993 events - proof can be from results sheets but from 1994 dated events, a signature on the licence is required. So by next year's Hill Rally, the previous two years events must be signature-validated. Drivers licence will be £38 and Navigator's licence will be £25. No previous experience is required by the navigator.

- Is day membership allowed? Can the public participate? RACMSA rule B.5.1. allows for this in a gymkhana and also for a trial if they are signed-on. Whether the ARC allows this or not is another matter!
- The trouble with the Blue Book is that whereas altered / added rules are highlighted by a mark in the margin, deleted / removed rules or parts of rules are not highlighted.
- On licensing, the club card is deemed to be an “entry -level” licence.
- Can the ARC run a round of the RACMSA Cross Country Championships? Of course, they need only the enthusiasm to do it. Perhaps they could borrow the AWDC's timing gear (only to maintain a standard piece of equipment throughout the championship - there's nothing wrong with the ARC's gear). You would need an eligibility scrutineer as well as a safety scrutineer. You would also need a championship steward and an event steward.
- Can event officials compete in an ARC event? All you need to run an event is a Secretary of the meeting, a Clerk of the Course, a Scrutineer, a Steward and a timekeeper if it's a comp safari. One person can, in theory, be the Secretary, CoC, timekeeper and the Scrutineer with another person being the Steward. So you need only two.
- How can I scrutineer a helmet? You have to upgrade to level two to do helmets although this is difficult without experience in another higher level of motor sport which is the normal way to upgrade.
- Can non-competitive clubs run gymkhanas? The RACMSA can issue an exemption to an affiliated club. Apply for a gymkhana under B.5.1. to allow the public to compete, as a non-affiliated club is deemed to be “the public”.
- Again, a non-competitive club can't run a Promotional Event except under the conditions just described.
- A certificate of Exemption for Gymkhana and Promotional Events does not give RTA (Road Traffic Act) exemption and is £1:50 per entrant.
- What about “Training Days”? These are recognised and insurance cover will cost £7:50 - a bargain.

Steve Kirby

## GREEN LANE TRIP

10TH JULY 1994

The initial venue - a garage on the A33 - was published in P&B; by 1015, there were three Range Rovers, two Discoverys (Discoveries???), one SIII, one Lightweight and a block of flats, sorry a 101, equipped with a very serious Harvey Frost - and a very pretty Doberador (or Labramann??) dog. The owner of the garage had left a twin-axle car trailer unlocked on his forecourt, he must have got very nervous when he saw all those unused towitches milling around. After a very short space of time, it dawned on me that

1.- Uncle Adrian wasn't coming with us due to his attendance at the Battle of Bosworth Field.

2.- I had the club maps, in addition to an accurately-marked Reading Sheet 175 courtesy of the local AWDC ROW officer.

3.- Being a polite and democratic gathering, no-one wanted to be elected Dictator for a Day.

The end result was that we were still undecided about where to go; in the event we split into two groups, four vehicles going off towards Lambourn and the Ridgeway, the other aiming for the Arborfield area. Due to non-working CBs, even our group split up, and Cathy and I in our Range Rover with Ian Rose and Adrian Slater in their SIII set off *tout seul*.

Now let me digress for a minute whilst I nominate these two gents for some sort of award... Cathy and I have done some laning, but not much with the club; I know how to read the Big Words on the bottom of an OS map but not the picture drawn above them; I don't really mind if the RR gets mildly bent but I have heard that some other people actually want to keep their P&Js\* in one piece - strange, I know, but it's only what I've heard. Now, faced with this level of potential disaster, the only thing I heard from Ian was 'it's alright, we'll follow you'. I don't know where those blokes get their Happy Pills, but take my word for it, they should be available on the NHS. When someone puts that much faith in you, you have to try and pull a very large rabbit out of the hat.

So... where did we get to? Well rather than go into fine detail, lets just say 'around Arborfield, Crowthorne, Broadmoor, White Waltham and Binfield'. We had a short break around 3.30 chez nous to walk the dogs, this gave my hound Daniel the opportunity to steal a butty from Ian's plate - you weren't that hungry anyway, were you Ian???? On one of the lanes, we got well stuck once, Ian got stuck trying to pull us out; I got my nice shiny rope not so shiny, it'll be

back from the dry-cleaners tomorrow, can't go getting me rope dirty, now can we??? Adrian got coffee all over the passenger seat, well the SIII was at a silly angle at the time; for those of you interested in aeroplanes, there's a US-registered Beech Staggerwing living at Waltham, one of the prettiest aircraft ever built, well worth the trip.

When we passed Broadmoor on a 'bit of a lane' a chap was actually measuring a carpet that had been dumped in the grass; if he's that desperate why didn't he nick a few sample books from the soft furnishings department at Allders?

Notes for your use in future.....

The lane that runs north-south just to the west and south of the church at Farley Hillis a no-no, its now part of a housing estate.

The lane that goes over the railway bridge adjacent to White Waltham airfield doesn't, courtesy of some 30-ton lumps of concrete; either BR reckons their bridge is unsafe or else some rambler was going to be very sure that no-one else was going to use 'his' pathway.

The Roman Road that goes through the Crown Estate behind Broadmoor ( Hiya Ronnie! How's Reggie???) is a lane in theory but there's some industrial-strength locks on the gates further in.

There's a lane between Arborfield Cross and Wokingham called The Coombes which is worth doing just for the view of the sun through the trees - made me soul go all poetic, like.

To conclude - my apologies to anyone who failed to be impressed with my powers of organisation - we had a good day out, I just hope everyone else had as much fun.

Michael Dyer

\*=Pride & Joys

The official story on the lumps of concrete on the railway bridge are that they were put there during the war to stop German tanks (now known as BMW Range Rovers). Despite a barrage of protestations to the County Council several years ago, they remain in place.

Steve Kirby

# NORTH WALES LAND ROVER CLUB LTD

## PORTHMADOG '94

### August Bank Holiday Inter-Club Weekend

Invitation to an inter-club competition at Dolbenmaen, near Porthmadog at the entrance to the beautiful Llyn peninsular on the edge of the Snowdonia National Park in North Wales.

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 (or 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.

Dave Cuthbert

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## For Sale

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\* Parts clearout Flat type 2A heater - nearly new; £25. Pair brown cloth reclining seats on adjustable runners - will fit Land Rover OK. Good condition & comfy, £30. Good s/h 88" petrol / diesel tank, £15. Set of unused Goodrich braided steel brake hoses to suit 88" SWB LR, £25. Call Charles Best on 0705-377488 (AUG94)

\* Land Rover 90 parts Petrol 2¼ engine with all accessories - £250. Land Rover 90 "A" frame link with new joint - £20. Call Robb Unsworth on 0703-260501 (AUG94)

\* Range Rover parts Rear axle casing £15. Call Robb Unsworth on 0703-260501 (AUG94)

\* TYRES Five Michelin M&S 205R16 tyres. Very low mileage, one is brand new. Call Colin Gross in Ruislip on 0895-638957 (AUG94)

\* Series III top tail-gate. Has bigger than normal window. £30. Contact Mike Dyer on 0276-473907 (JUL94)

\* SD1Rover Vanden Plas being broken up. All electrics, windows, mirrors, sunroof etc. Full leather interior, alloy wheels with excellent tyres. All parts available except the engine but some ancillaries for sale. All parts cheap to clear. Call Gary Langton on 0705-388929 (JUL94)

\* Land Rover bits. SWB hard-top (no windows) with Safari rear door - £85. Series III gearbox - £50. Series I 86 / 88 windscreen (including glass and sunvisors) - £25. Incomplete vehicle: 110 chassis and wings, bulkhead, screen and truck-cab on axles. Many parts ready to put on and is complete with V8 but needs attention. - £1200. Call Chris Bowler on 0850-792374 weekends only please. (JUL94)

## For Sale

\* 2¼ 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)

\* 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)

\* Tyres Avon Rangemaster radials 7:50x16, three available, only 4mm tread. Any offers? Call Adrian in Portsmouth on 0705-377488 (AUG94)

\* MICK's Miscellany Breaking Range Rover - all the bits except the engine. Any offers? SD1 manual gearbox, £50. Series Ila gearbox, good condition, £65. Front axle for 109 c/w diff and springs. Excellent swivel joints and brakes. £75. Contact Mick Maskelyne in Newbury on 0635-874013. (AUG94)

\* 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)

\* 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)

\* Michael's Miscellany:- SD1 Auto-box, working order. Only £30.

Assortment of wheels / tyres:-

Goodyear XtraGrip	750x16 VG	Tube and knackered LR LWB rim.
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)

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)

## Vehicles for Sale

\* 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)

\* Chairman's Wares & Spares "Dead" tow-ropes in hemp with soft eyes - £10 each. Mountain-bike racks for tow-bars - £POA. Range Rover tow bracket - £15. Range Rover bits:- New water pump, distributor & electronic ignition, inlet manifold & Strombergs, exhaust manifolds (1½ pairs!), flywheel & part-worn clutch. Any offers? Contact Nick Woodage on 0730-894418 or Mobile 0850-408161 (JUL94)

\* 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)

\* 1975 SWB Land Rover Hard Top, 2¼ petrol, Full MOT, 205x16 tyres, white colour. £1150. Call Mick Maskelyne in Newbury on 0635-874013. (AUG94)

\* 1960 SWB Land Rover. 2¼ petrol, soft-top. New chassis in 1992. Alloy wheels with Kelly tyres (full set of 5). Kenlowe fan. Too many new parts to mention. £2000 o.n.o. or part exchange with Range Rover. Call Paul in Emsworth on 0243-376292 (JUL94)

\* Land Rover 110 chassis and wings, bulkhead, screen and truck-cab on axles. Many parts ready to put on and is complete with V8 but needs attention. - £1200. Call Chris Bowler on 0850-792374 weekends only please. (JUL94)

\* 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. (MAY94)

\* 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)

## Wanted

\* Parts wanted Good s/h or cheap swivel housing for leaf-sprung LR (one only required). Full canvas and sticks for 109". S111 rad with duff / leaking core. Call Charles Best on 0705-377488 (AUG94)

\* CB Radio Cheap. Green lane use only. Nothing fancy needed. Contact Mike Dyer on 0276-473907. (JUL94)

\* 109 Rear hood and sticks Contact Michael Dyer in Windlesham on 0276-473907 or 0831-466306 (MAY94)

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### WARNING

Adverts dated FEB94 will disappear next month unless you renew them!

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## 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.

August 14th *	Green Lane trip. Meet at West entrance to Micheldever railway station at 09:45-10:00. Grid ref: 185 - 518428.
August 21st	Bognor Regis Rotary Motor Gala, West Park, Bognor Regis, West Sussex. This is a cavalcade of vehicles around the town and static displays by motoring clubs. Trade and Craft fair. Contact Steve Kirby for information/entry forms.
August 26th - 29th	North Wales Land Rover Club - Porthmadog '94. Dolwgan, Dolbenmaen. North Wales. Details elsewhere.
August 27th - 29th	Invite from SROC to RTV / CCVT / Comp at Quarry Farm, Bodiam, West Sussex. Deatils elsewhere.
Sept 10th - 11th	Invite from SROC to a proper Family Vehicle Trial. No "triallyers". Details elsewhere.
Sept 17th - 18th	Slab Common - RTV / CCVT. Details later.
Sept 11th *	Green Lane trip. Meet at Foxley Green, 3 miles West of Malmesbury, 6 miles North of junction 17 on the M4 at 10:30-11:00. If you're late, tuff!! Grid Ref: 173 - 896859.
Sept 17th - 18th	Invite from SROC to a 2-day CCVT event at Deudney's Farm, Herstmoncuex, West Sussex. Details elsewhere.
Sept 24 - 25	Bagshot Heath Off-Road Show. Details later.
October 7th - 9th	Majors weekend at Eastnor Castle. Details later.
October 22 - 23	Broxhead Common. RTV / CCVT. Details later.
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AUG 8th - 13th	Norwegian Land Rover Club 20 years anniversary, LILLEHAMMER, NORWAY. Sightseeing, Green-roading, trials, social events Etc. More later.