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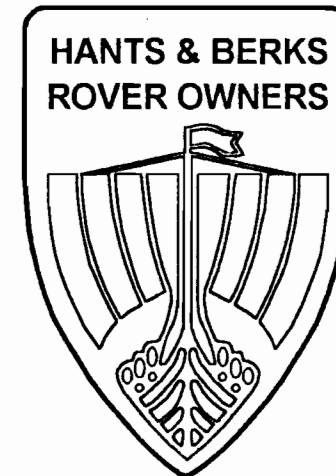
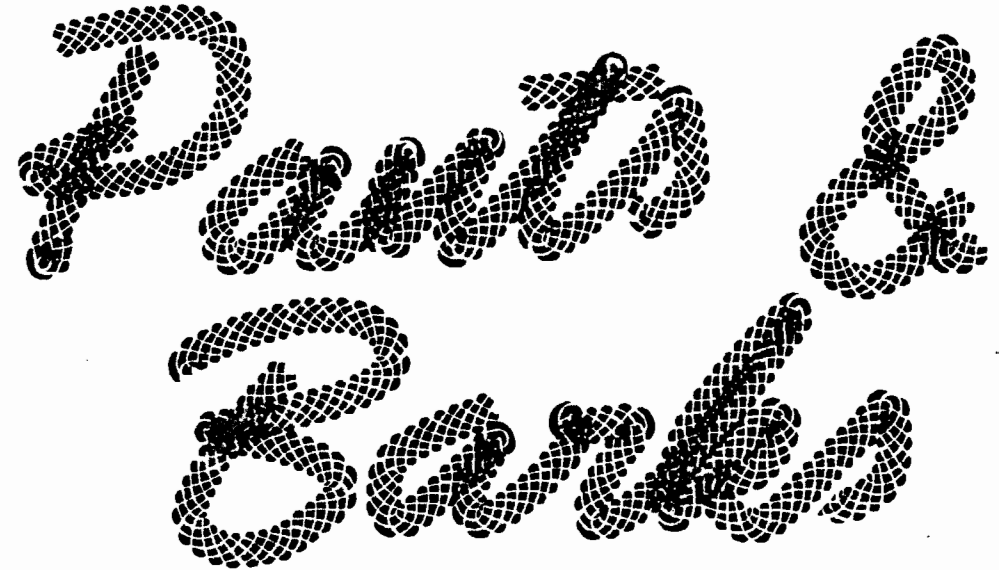
- * First Wednesday of each month, Noggin & Natter at the Hind's Head, Aldermaston. (From 7:30 p.m. Plus Land Rover related videos if possible.)
- * Last Wednesday of each month, Noggin & Natter at the White Swan, Bank Street, Bishop's Waltham, Hants. (From 7:30 p.m. Plus Land Rover related videos if possible.). See OS sheet 185, SU555175 approx.
- * Green-lane trips will usually be as advertised elsewhere. 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.

There seems to be masses on the calendar so I've printed the dates of everything I know about at the moment so get your diaries out! Note that *provisional* events are printed in *italics* and major changes highlighted in **bold text**. Please let me know when any of these is confirmed.

By popular request, the short-term events programme has been moved to the back cover for ease of access.














September 12	National Rally 2000 meeting at ???????
September 14	Thruxton Festival of Motorsport. CANCELLED
September 21	Trials. Wessex Shield & Safari Engineering Challenge. Hook End Farm. Camping.
September 20	ARC EGM Solihull, Birmingham. NEW DATE
September 27 - 28	Bagshot Heath Off-Road Show. Hosted by HBRO.
October 4 - 5	Major's Trial. HBRO Team wanted!! Details elsewhere
October 4 - 5	Dunsfold Open Weekend. Details elsewhere.
October 12	Trials & Scenic drive. Slab Common. Details elsewhere.
October 10 - 12	<i>Welsh Hill Rally. Provisional.</i>
October 26	<i>HBRO AGM. Provisional.</i>
November 2	<i>Trials. Nelly's Dell. Provisional.</i>
December 6th	Christmas Dinner. Alton. Book now! Call Maxine.
December 13th	ARC EGM Solihull, Birmingham.
May 22 - 31 '98	ARC International Rally. Eastnor. (Yes, it's all week.)

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Editor's bit....

First of all, thanks to Alan and Maxine for adding the missing bits to last month's P&B. Lying in bed with one's spare PC alongside isn't the best way to write a newsletter but at least it kept me sane (even if it sent the rest of you round the bend!)

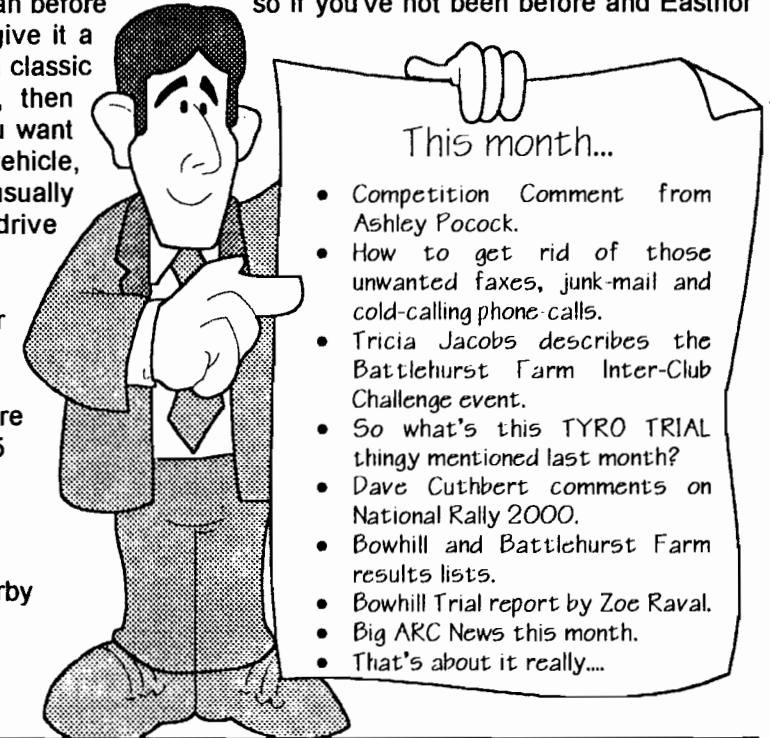
If you've been writing events and dates in your diaries, then checkout the events page as there have been some significant changes / corrections.

Bit of a date clash on the Major's Trial / Dunsfold weekend. They're quite different kinds of events though. The Dunsfold event is building up into more of a family affair than before so if you've not been before and Eastnor

is too far, then give it a try. If you have a classic / historic Landy, then do take it. If you want to buy such a vehicle, then there are usually some to buy, drive away or restore.

Christmas Dinner - only 30 places left (15 couples max.) Deposits are required now - £5 each please to Maxine. Thanx.

Steve Kirby



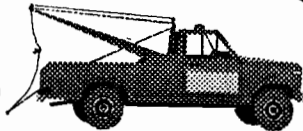
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Fax Off !!

I've noticed many members quoting fax numbers in their address information. There's a lot of junk fax-mail coming in these days either with advertising or in the form of a questionnaire. Not only does it use your paper but the reply number for the latter is often a premium one and it'll cost you to respond. If you want these junk faxes to stop, write or fax to:-

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Steve Kirby

Wessex Shield RTV

Safari Engineering Challenge, CCV

Major trophies to be won!

Hook End Farm, Pangbourne
September 21

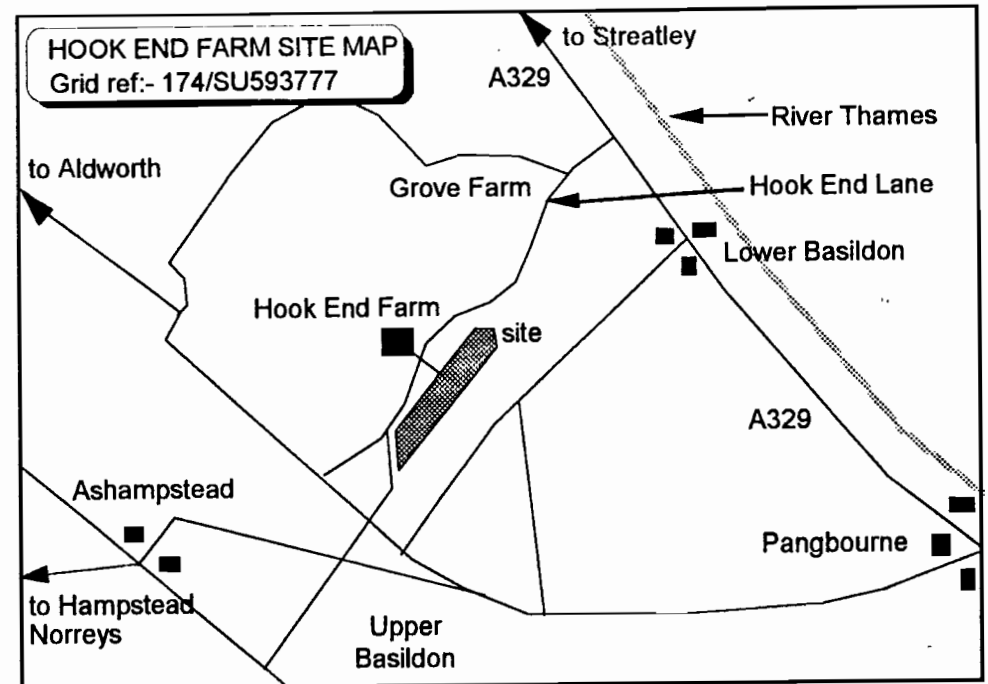
We don't have many CCV events these days, so make this a good one. If your usual RTV vehicle is CCV-legal, have a go at a CCV trial this time!

Hook End Farm is on Hook End Lane, a turning off the Pangbourne to Streatley road, the A329 about 9 miles West of Reading. Or, from the Newbury area, take the B4009 to Hampstead Norreys and thence East to Ashampstead, or take the A4 towards Reading and at Theale, take the A340 North to Pangbourne. Please come along to help prepare this site, generously made available by Mark Ambler and his family. Contact Ashley for more details. The event is open to all fully paid-up members of HBRO. Entries should be on an official entry form if possible. The fee is £10 in advance or £12 on the day. Payment to Ashley. (Address inside front cover.) Scrutineering will be at 9:00. a.m. and the competition will start at 10:00. a.m. prompt, so please be on time. ARC rules will apply as usual. You should now all have a 1997 ARC Handbook. Contact the secretary if you haven't got one yet. Don't forget your MOT certificates and driving licences.

RTV will be a qualifying round for the "Red Leader Shield" (for standard leaf-sprung vehicles) and the "Pilot Trophy" (for Range Rovers).

Please come along on Saturday to help lay out. On the Sunday, please enrol as a marshal once in a while, we'll show you how to score if you've not done it before!

Camping available Friday to Sunday.



HBRO Web Site?

Does HBRO have a Web site? If not, should we have one? Have other members got e-mail addresses?

Martin Parsons
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TREASURE HUNT
20th September 1997
Hook End ---- 3.00pm
3 hrs duration-
Contact Ashley 01264 710546

TYRO TRIALS

Last month's ARC Report mentioned Tyro Trials. So what are they? These were introduced at the start of 1997 but details were finalised too late to be included in the 1997 Blue Book. The following detailed regulations were copied verbatim from the Spring 97 edition of RACMSA News:-

Vehicle eligibility.

All Standard Production 4x4 vehicles with Petrol or Diesel engines, mass produced by a motor manufacturer and generally available for normal retail sale or was available via a network of dealers, whether designed principally for the transportation of passengers, commercial use or dual purpose. Saloon cars and car derived commercial vehicles are prohibited.

All vehicles must display a current VED disc (trade plates are not acceptable) and where appropriate the vehicle must possess a valid MoT certificate.

Front seats may be replaced but rear seats, and the original number of seats with which the vehicle was manufactured must be retained. Bumpers must be retained in their original position. Safety improvements may be added to the vehicle.

Driver and Passenger Eligibility.

Drivers must hold a valid full RTA licence (not provisional) in respect of vehicles having more than three wheels (see E.2.6.) The SRs may permit entries to be accepted in respect of drivers who are 16 or 17 or over without a full RTA licence, provided that the passenger holds a full RTA licence and is a person who has experience of Off Road Trials. The vehicle may only be driven between observed sections by a crew member who hold a full RTA licence.

All drivers must produce a valid club membership card. More than one passenger may be carried where the driver hold a full RTA licence. Passengers under the age of 16 will not be deemed competitors for the purposes of licences or club membership and will not be required to sign-on. They will however be required to produce a letter of consent from a parent or guardian at 'signing-on' and this letter will be retained by the organisers.

All passengers shall be properly seated, the seat back shall be upright and the seat adequately fixed. All occupants must wear an approved seat belt at all times.

Only passengers seated in forward facing seats will be allowed, the seat back shall be upright and passenger(s) shall face forwards. The passenger sitting alongside the driver must be at least 14 years of age.

Passengers who occupy the rear seats of the vehicle must not be less than 2 years of age, any child under 4 years of age must be seated in an approved 'child seat'.

Organisation.

Events must comply with the following;

- 1) The terrain chosen should be such that vehicles should not catch the bodywork on approach, ramp breakover, or departure angles, and consideration should be given to the vehicles entered when laying out sections.
- 2) The maximum longitudinal gradient shall be 50%.
- 3) The maximum transverse gradient shall be 25%.
- 4) The maximum depth of any water shall be 0.3 metre.
- 5) Vehicles must be capable of traversing sections without contacting any trees, bushes or other natural features.
- 6) No features may be included within sections which are likely to cause damage to the underside of competing vehicles.

END

There seems to be much repetition and tautology in the text but I'm told this is deliberate in order to highlight the gentle nature of the event. Note that the above describes the manner in which a trial is to be run for the benefit of tyros (beginners) and does not mention the status of the participating vehicles. Don't forget that a 50% (1-in-2) climb / descent and a 25% (1-in-4) side-slope may seem rather tame to an experienced trialler, but is probably quite exciting for the first-time off-road driver who finds the Peak District daunting.

If you want to run an event to these rules, please contact Ashley and volunteer. We tried running "tame" RTVs some time ago for first-time drivers and / or new vehicles but there wasn't a specific set of regulations to act as guidelines. Now that there is, perhaps we should try again.

Steve Kirby

New Arrival

Trevor Jones appeared at Battlehurst with his "10 day old son", for his first taste of Off-Roading. Trevor was certainly the proud father, and will sign his son up for membership of HBRO as soon as he can say 'Series 2' (his son, that is). Details are: Name - Huw Emrys Selby JONES, Born - 23 July 1997, Weight - 9lb 14.5 ounces. Congratulations and Well Done Jane and Trevor !!

Ashley.

THE TRUE VOICE OF THE HBRO?

As a long time member of the Hants & Berks Rover Owners as well as Rally Secretary of this year's ARC International Rally, I read Sue & Nick van den Braak's article with interest. They are of course quite right that these matters must be discussed, but I would like to counter, and perhaps correct, some of the points they raise. (If I talk about "us" as the NWLRC and "you" as HBRO, this is only for convenience, if Hants & Berks do put on the International, I'll be there helping.)

It is some years since I was able to attend an HBRO AGM, although I have been asked to come to this year's to talk about the International Rally and, work permitting, fully intend to, so I do not know what "very poor" attendance means. I am sure I have read somewhere that if you get more than 10% of members attending an AGM you are doing well (this applied to organisations in general, not just Rover Clubs). In fact we have recently been getting a quarter attending so we can't be doing too much wrong.

The question of the Club not being big enough is an old one that doesn't hold up under examination, according to the figures I have, based on what clubs declare when paying their ARC subs, HBRO are the second biggest club not to have staged a National Rally in the past ten years (Scottish are bigger but obviously have geographic difficulties) some are considerably smaller. As for the number of active members from conversations I have had with other clubs, I don't think yours are untypical. I accept that we got our sums wrong and most of the problems we had can be traced back to a lack of manpower, but if all clubs could guarantee they had all the manpower they need before bidding for an event, I doubt there would ever be an International Rally. You are in a different situation as although membership levels are similar, the area isn't. How many HB members, living within the Club area, regularly have to travel over 60 miles to attend a club trial also held within the Club area? You should not be afraid to look beyond the Club looking for help, we have L&C on our eastern boundary and S&S off the SE corner, and that's it. You appear to be almost surrounded by ARC clubs, as well as having at least two thriving non-ARC clubs in the area, if approached correctly many of their members may be more than happy to assist and have the necessary knowledge of other events, there is nothing in the rules that states Marshals' vehicles must be ARC-legal!

Our Subcommittee consisted of around 17 members but of those the bulk of the work was done by about half a dozen, admittedly they have had a busy year. It is only over the event that larger numbers are needed.

As for finding a site, whilst this is important I doubt that half the (Inter)Nationals held over the last ten years have been on the site intended when the bid was put in, I suspect the figure is far lower. As it is necessary to put the bid in about three years in advance it will often be impossible to tie down land owners (especially Welsh sheep farmers) that far ahead.

Sue & Nick have suggested some questions to put to members, perhaps

I could comment on these.

- 1) Self explanatory.
- 2) Although these tasks need spreading around, I am no fan of large committees.

Most of these jobs, provided you only take on jobs you are capable of, are not too arduous, although the ability to take the odd day off work will help, but it is only a small handful who will find their lives taken over, and I suspect those are the ones advocating the event anyway.

- 3) Although a lot of work was put in during the months preceding, only two of us moved on site on the Monday (although a couple more were there but going home at night). This figure built up, with many coming after work (some having finished early) for the evening, but it was Wednesday when I moved in. The work force had split in two, some, mainly self-employed, had been able to take odd days off during the week in the months beforehand (some almost one a week) but were reluctant to leave their businesses for a fortnight, others, mainly in employment, found taking days off inconvenient, but were able to take their holiday over the Rally.

- 4) Amazingly the site was largely cleaned up by Tuesday evening, from then it only required a couple to stay until the last of the contractors had removed the toilets, marquees, etc.

- 5) This is the biggy, the question of members participating was the most controversial decision we made, and only after a lot of very heated discussion. Other matters that need deciding early, although possibly by the Committee rather than all the members, is whether members should pay for camping (this will depend largely on the agreement with the land owner, if he is requiring payment per caravan per night over the entire period, this could get expensive), and how expenses are to be paid. If anyone enters into organising this event and expects to be reimbursed every last penny they are in for a rude awakening (and I would question their motivation) but we should not be expecting officials to become virtual sponsors and be subsidising the event out of their own pocket.

And so to this year's Rally. Fifty HBRO members present, I don't think we have ever had more than twenty NWLRC members at a National until this year, perhaps this makes us naive trying to do it. I would love to know who Sue & Nick spoke to. In fact, looking at what was said, I know exactly who they spoke to! And I feel they were slightly misled.

On a minor point the bid was put in three years ago, maybe some people only got involved later and so do not know the full story. Yes, membership this year has dropped but not by a great deal (we have a fixed membership year, comparing the highest figure in December just before they all expire with the figure in May can be misleading). Identifying the reason is a bit harder, certainly despite our intentions Club activities had suffered during the build up to the event. More to the point, we were having problems with the Newsletter due to a change of circumstances with the Editor. He was doing his best but it was appearing later and later until in the end we had to skip an edition totally, this for

a newsletter that only appears every two months normally. When it appeared it often didn't say what it should, and was out of date anyway. This affected both the running of the Club and the International Rally, as members didn't know what was going on. This was nothing to do with the International Rally, although if we hadn't been so involved with that event, the Committee may have taken firmer action earlier to rectify this problem.

As for costing the Club £26000, that is rubbish (and that figure is totally wrong anyway) to start with the Club did not have £26000, so the event cannot have cost the Club that! We set up a separate account for the event about 15 months beforehand, roughly the time we went firm on the site, as we knew we would have to start paying out, primarily the deposit to the land owners. Up until then the amount we had spent on the event probably didn't run into three figures, I suspect less than half that. We transferred a sum from the Club account that was roughly half the figure Alan Smith has mentioned to me as wanting to have in advance of running the event. This did constitute a significant proportion of the Club's balance, but left more than enough to continue running the Club, including staging our Porthmadog Interclub weekend in August. Our Treasurer also found two sources of additional loans, but in the end we didn't require either. As many of you will know Southern allowed us to put entry forms in that year's Rally Packs, a move that was well worth doing. The entries started coming in quickly (the first two were received whilst the Entry Secretary and I were both doing the RTV) and by the time our August event came about we had more in the International Account than when we opened it, despite paying the land deposits, legal fees and getting the entry forms (14000 of them) printed. By the autumn we were in a position to transfer the original sum back into the main Club account, so you will see far from costing us money apart from the initial boost, the event was self-financing, most of the income coming in advance, whilst most of the bills came after the event.

As for causing a lot of friction within the Club, well there were disagreements, and we certainly look at some people in a slightly different light, but we have just had a perfectly amicable AGM and there is only one person maintaining friction.

My biggest regret is that I spent far more time than I hoped in Rally Control and so didn't get as much time to socialise, especially with my fellow Hants & Berks Rover Owners, perhaps if I had, Sue and Nick would have got a more balanced view of the event.

If you wait until everything is in place, all the marshals posts allocated etc, you will never do it (neither would any other club) but if we can do it, so can you. We certainly made mistakes, and things went wrong, but unless everyone is lying through their teeth, we got away with it and most people enjoyed it, I certainly do not regret it.

Go for it!

Dave Cuthbert

Competition Comment

The Bowhill weekend with YROC went really well, despite the threat of inclement weather. Gillian and John Saunders from YROC who organised their clubs' holiday trip to sunny Sussex, introduced HBRO to some interesting variations on the Off-Roading theme, including: Bike Trials (painful for some), Wellie Throwing and Sack Racing. HBRO retaliated with Tug-o-War, Barbecue and Beer. I'm not sure what the scores were in the end, but I think the beer won. The trial on the Sunday featured the 45% slopes of the Bowhill Woods, with sections also laid-out on the meadowland. Results are detailed elsewhere in P & B. Many thanks to the setting-out crew, marshals, officials, washing-up girls, and especially to PAM, BBQ Chef par excellence, and the FOOD TEAM. YROC have invited HBRO to a return trip to the wilds of Yorkshire, so maybe something can be arranged next year. Of course I expect many of us will be attending the 1999 ARC annual rally in Yorkshire so at best we have two years to get to grips with the rubber-boot hurling thing !!

Battlehurst Farm inter-club trial with Southern Rover Owners is over, with pretty much a clean sweep for HBRO, which makes a well deserved change from previous events. HBRO won all classes except for class 1, overall, and the team shield. Results elsewhere in P & B. Well done everyone, SROC were close on our tails, and it made for an exciting event. Now we have to start planning for 1998, when SROC will be hosting the event. Unfortunately the Gymkhana didn't quite get going, with one section only completed, but it was a useful warm-up for the Nelly's summer special, to be run by Nick Jennings. The bike trial was entertaining, and painful (this is more dangerous than trialling !!?) and won by Gary Hodgson. The Farm drive, was a marathon and I believe thoroughly enjoyed by all, with even a section of 'challenging terrain' thrown in for good measure. Brian Bashall's owls are magnificent, for those who made it passed his collection of Land Rover products. Many thanks to Brian, and the Farmer for the Farm drive/tour, to Barry/Andrew Simpson and team for 2 weekends preparation and setting-out of the event, and to the marshals, officials, helpers, etc., for making it all happen.

Southern Hill rally or the 'I can't see a thing' Rally has been and gone. HBRO basically got the Alton Down stage to marshal, and on the first day ran the finish timing. Unfortunately due to the dry weather any vehicle driving on the plain created a plume of dust which covered everything and everybody. This was particularly noticeable when Hill Rally Competitors for some reason insisted on rushing everywhere as if they were in a bit of a hurry !! There were lots going-on through the day and evening at the main arena, however us dedicated marshals obeying the safety rules dutifully manned the 5 stages throughout the weekend for up to 4 hours per stage. Nonetheless it was good fun, even though only a privileged few got to see the Simmonites roll early on the Alton Down

stage.

Festival of Motorsport has now become a bi-annual event, and will not take place this year. So you now have a free weekend on the 13/14 September 1997.

Hook End is the September (20/21), venue for RTV and CCVT (if anyone is interested, please call me), trials, courtesy Mark Ambler. Camping is available from Friday through Sunday. No barbecue this time. Dogs on leads please, this is a sheep farm.

Bagshot Show is on the weekend of the 27/28 September, and HBRO will be the host club for the weekend. See Alan Smith for details.

ARC National Rally Meeting will take place on the 12 September, with the participation of Dave Cuthbert, who will give us the inside story on this years event in North Wales, and the committee will expand on its thoughts for running the event in the year 2000. PLEASE TRY TO ATTEND THIS MEETING - IT IS VITAL TO AIR THIS SUBJECT WELL IF WE ARE TO DECIDE WHETHER TO RUN THE RALLY IN THE YEAR 2000.

Off-Road driving day & Trials at Slab is set for weekend of the 11/12 October. The DLS has issued the licence for the site, so all is well. The Sunday will be both a 'Trials day' and a Scenic/Leisure drive day. The scenic drive day will be open to other clubs, and the public. Please tell all your 4x4 friends, relatives, neighbours about it, blackmail your local LR dealer, parts suppliers etc., to get their customers along. I will be preparing some hand-out sheets for distribution, shortly.

AGM date has moved to the Friday 31 October or Saturday 1 November due to venue problems. Watch this space for the exact date and location.

I spoke with Dave Cuthbert about the **Nationals results**, which he tells me were distributed several months ago to Club Secretaries. Maxine has not seen them, so Dave has agreed to send me a copy asap.

Ashley.

ARC Nationals 2000

OK, here's the situation: HBRO has made a provisional application to run the Nationals in the Year 2000. This has been accepted in principle by ARC, subject to a formal proposal being satisfactory to the ARC Committee.

HBRO is not committed to run the Nationals in the Year 2000, yet, and must prepare a detailed plan for how it will undertake and finance the event, before anyone, HBRO or ARC, will agree to proceeding with the project. The provisional application was submitted to determine whether 2000 was an acceptable year for HBRO to be considered for running the event. Now we must consider the implications of organising such an event and determine whether we are both capable and willing to fulfil the obligations involved in such a major undertaking.

To move things forward, the Club will host an open evening during September, at which several distinguished visitors who have experienced the rigours of running a National Rally, will present their knowledge on the subject, and the HBRO committee will present its view on how the club could undertake the event if member support is forthcoming. The date for this 'National Rally 2000 review' meeting will be printed in the September issue, and circulated at events and meets, as soon as agreed.

If there is substantial support for the event, then HBRO participation will be put to the vote at the AGM in October, and if successful, a Rally 2000 committee will be elected at the AGM. If poor support is shown, then we will withdraw, and let another club carry the flag for the Rally.

If you have anything which you feel would contribute to the discussion, please give me a call and tell me about it.

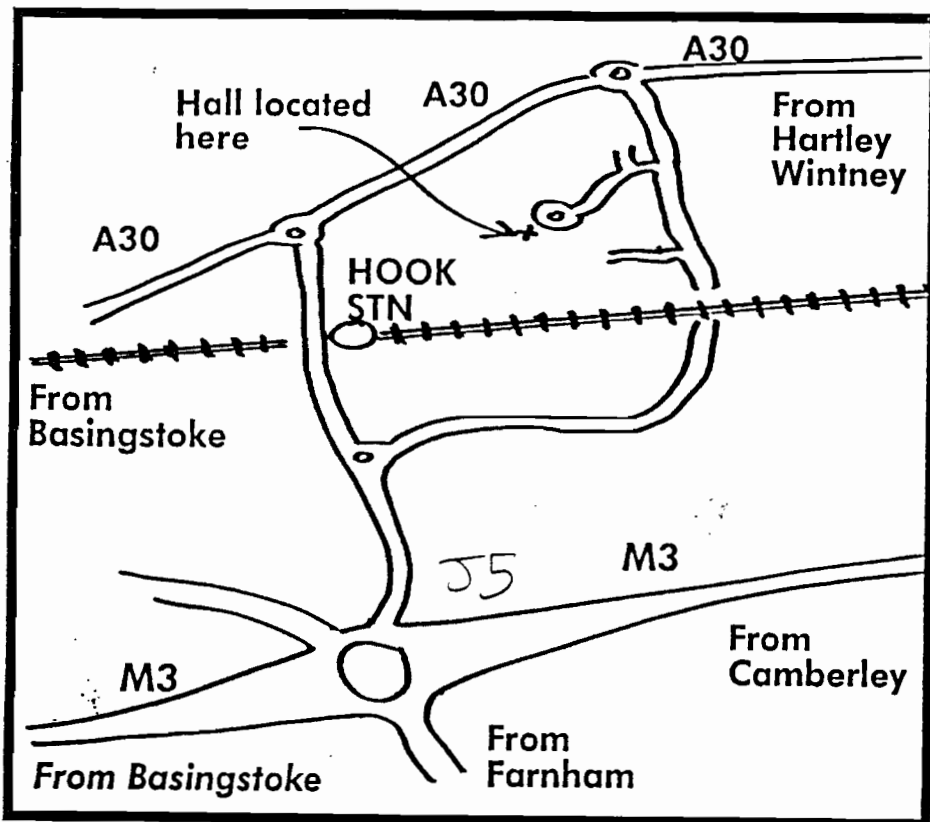
Ashley.

Ash Park Trial - Results

The following were the results at Ash Park trial on the 29 June 1997:

Class	Position	Name	Points	Comments
3	1	Neville Dewdney	22	
3	2	Sue Lea	26	
4,8,10	1	Steve Skinner	20	Overall winner with 5 clears
4,8,10	2	Nick Jennings	20	4 clears
5	1	Paul Webb	23	
5	2	Ashley Pocock	37	

Thanks to the officials who were: Gary Hodgson, Peter Leverett, Brian Frankland, Sam Parker, Mark Halliday, and Dave Ridden.



NATIONAL 2000 MEETING

A meeting will be held in the Community Hall, Hook on Friday 12th September at 7.00pm. The Community hall is located in Ravencroft Road, Hook.

The meeting will discuss the HBRO application to run ARC National in the year 2000. So please attend and let us resolve the position. We hope to have speakers from other clubs who have already run previous ARC Nationals.



A.R.C. NEWS

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1. Admin

1.1 Caravanning / Camping

Jim Campbell, National Caravan Secretary for the ARC, has recently renewed our exemption certificate, allowing him to continue to issue permits for our member clubs' caravan rallies.

The DOE have reviewed their rules and procedures, and some of their changes have a marked effect on our rules in turn.

These are:-

- a) Only members of member clubs (and their immediate families) may attend a rally run under an ARC permit. You cannot invite family or friends in another tent or caravan to an ARC permitted rally under any circumstance. If you choose to have friends/family stay with you in your van, or awning, or tent, that is permissible, but in another unit (tent or caravan) it is not.
- b) The previously used 'escape clause' of making people 'temporary members' for the weekend (or period) is not permissible. 'Members' means fully signed up members for the full financial year.
- c) The principle of allowing attendance at one rally to allow potential members to see whether they like us (!) is not permissible.

We are sorry if this inconveniences any of you, but we have to enforce the rules or lose our privileges. The breaking of these rules could lose us the ability to hold caravan/camping rallies, and would result in the landowner being taken to court by the Local Authority for infringement of Planning Law.

Therefore, please do not put our permit at risk by hoping you can talk your way in - your friends/relatives will be turned away.

Many clubs have rules which allow non-Rover-owning 'enthusiasts' to become members, this is the only non-risk route to take and it's not expensive.

Rally organisers within the clubs should also make it clear to landowners that we do have the ability to raise these permits, and should warn landowners about approaches from other organisations who do not. These organisations could cause the landowner to be taken to court, and then you lose the use of that land - protect your privilege.

And finally, will organisers please send the application forms to Jim Campbell early enough to allow for work, holidays, postal delays, power cuts, etc, and if dealing by post, you must enclose a stamped addressed envelope for return of the permit to the relevant person.

1.2 ARC News Circulation - Membership Lists

Andrew Neaves has asked me to appeal to club membership secretaries to keep him up to date with membership lists on a regular basis in order to avoid 'hiccups'. If individual members change address, you must notify your club quickly and your club must keep Andrew updated. There is no point in advising Andrew or myself of your change, because if your club's next disc isn't changed, your old address gets re-inserted. Likewise if you are a member of several clubs, and most make the change but one doesn't, your old address gets left in the list.

1.3 EGM's - Agenda

It has been said in the past that EGM's spend 90% of the time discussing competition rules etc, and never discuss the subjects you want discussed. It is worth noting that competition matters at recent EGM's have taken perhaps 5% of the meeting time, but it does allow us to remind you that if you want a subject discussed, ask John Bradbury - in writing - to put your item on the agenda. Individual members do, of course, need to do this via their club committee, preferably in writing to the club secretary.

1.4 Finance Matters

Following questions at a recent EGM, Andrew Stavordale explains below two items of ARC financial matters:-

The ARC Fighting Fund was set up around 1990 to provide a source of money to aid in the funding of legal action against any body that seeks to remove the right of way from or access to public areas/roads. This includes councils attempting to place a TRO on a RUPP to major events like a widespread closure of a recognised right of way e.g. The Ridgeway.

Legal action is expensive and the fighting fund is not a bottomless pit and has been used over the years to aid in various actions, more often in paying for expert witnesses or testimony in a particular case.

The fund is kept going by donations from ARC clubs and concerned individuals and since this year the fund will receive 25% of the ARC levy received from the International Rally. Since January 1996 the fund has only paid out in one case, that of the Presili Hills Enquiry when an expert was assigned to help prepare the case against the action. More details of this particular case can be obtained from Tony Kempster, ARC Rights of Way and Land Access Officer. The fund currently stands at about £600 and donations are being sought to help increase its balance - if you or your club wish then please give generously. The fund is managed by five trustees: ARC Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Tony Kempster and Tony Holder.

ARC Expenses

Like any business, the ARC incurs expenses in providing the day to day service to its members. Much of these expenses are incurred by ARC directly, such as LARA subscriptions, photocopier maintenance etc. Other expenses are incurred by persons working on behalf of ARC such as the secretary, who spend money on postage, stationery, travel etc. As a national organisation, it is not practical to have a 'post room' or 'stationery cupboard' in a central location so these people claim these expenses back from the treasurer. An official form is used for the claim and details and receipts must be provided to substantiate the claim. Travel expenses are paid where the claimant has made a journey which, were it not for ARC, he would not have made. These are paid on a pence per mile basis dependant on the vehicle's economy. Expenses can be claimed by anyone working on behalf of ARC but should be approved in advance where an exceptional expense may occur.

1.5 Competition Scene

With their 'plan-ahead' hats on, the Scrutineering Committee offer the following advice:-

"If you are planning to buy safety equipment in the near future, the RACMSA say that whilst it is not yet mandatory for national motor sport it is recommended that replacement items are to the following standards:-

Competition Seats - Approval to FIA 8855
Safety Harnesses - Approval to FIA 8853 and 8854

Fire extinguishers hand held - Approval to BS5423 or EN3 with Fire Industry rating of at least 34B.

Note that Halon/BCF extinguishers cease to be an approved type from Jan 1st 2000. Recommended contents for new extinguishers will now be ZERO2000 or AFFF (Aqueous Film-Forming Foam)."

2. LARA News from Tony Kempster

2.1 The July LARA meeting confirmed Tim Stevens as LARA's new Motor Recreation Development Officer (MRDO) and the Information Officer. A new post of Planning Officer has been filled by Alan Kind who has been very much involved with LARA for many years following its inception in 1986. Officer contacts are:

MRDO - Tim Stevens 01630 657627, Fax 01630 658928, E-mail timLARA@aol.com

Motor Sport Development Officer (MSDO) - David Kersey 01788 541137, fax 01788 573585

Principal Officer - Alan Kind Tel & Fax 0191 236 4086, E-mail Alan Kind@highwayman.dcom.co.uk

2.2 Vehicular Use of RUPPs

LARA is obtaining a legal opinion as to whether to lodge an appeal against an inspector's decision earlier this year that vehicular user evidence of a RUPP in Somerset is inadmissible. His decision follows a Planning Inspectorate guidance note issued in April this year which advises inspectors that all post-1930 vehicular use of RUPPs is a criminal offence and cannot be taken as user evidence to establish BOAT status.

If an appeal is made, the Planning Inspectorate of the DOE can choose either to admit they are wrong or fight it in court. This is a very important issue - if the guidance note is not successfully challenged by way of an appeal against the inspector's decision, it will have serious consequences for all recreational vehicle users. It means that all RUPP reclassifications would result in their becoming bridleways unless there were sufficient documentary evidence for BOAT status which is often not the case. It is also likely that some RUPPs previously reclassified as BOATs could become bridleways. There is additionally potential for prosecutions for illegal driving on RUPPs since 1930.

This important issue was put to the June ARC meeting and it was agreed that the ARC would support an appeal and the Trustees of the Fighting Fund subsequently agreed to contribute towards the cost. If you feel strongly about the continued use of green roads, ask your club committee to consider underwriting part of the appeal cost - or even doing so yourself. All ARC club secretaries are being sent further information.

Bullet point notes on the Somerset RUPP case are listed below

- Norton Malreward is a small village in Somerset. Nearby is a not-very-remarkable green road which was put down on the definitive map as a Road Used as a Public Path (RUPP).
- Somerset County Council duly started its review of RUPPs and made a reclassification order to reclassify NM-RUPP as a bridleway.
- Local TRF (maybe other users too) objected to the order.
- At the public inquiry in 1994 the inspector took the objections on board and decided that the RUPP should be a BOAT.
- The evidence was a mixture of old documents and user - but it was not strong evidence. Had the inspector decided that the status *should* be bridleway it would not have been a great surprise, nor something that could have been challenged at appeal.
- The order was re-advertised as BOAT. Further objections were received (including one from Mrs Masters of GLEAM).
- A second public inquiry was held, in spring 1997, with a new inspector - the first one had died. Mrs Masters and others objected and put in some new documentary evidence which, they said, showed that the road was not a BOAT.
- In his decision letter the inspector acknowledged the new objections. He then said that the user evidence accepted in the first inquiry was no longer valid. That, he concluded, meant that there was insufficient evidence to show BOAT status, so he put it back to bridleway.
- The reason why he could not accept the user evidence was because in April 1997 the Planning Inspectorate issued a new "guidance note" which advised inspectors that all post-1930 vehicular use of RUPPs is a criminal offence and cannot be taken as user evidence.
- The rights of way "brains" in LARA and the BBT believe that this "guidance note" is fundamentally wrong in law. If it is, the inspector has misdirected himself in law during his deliberations.
- The only effective course of action clearly visible is to lodge an appeal against the confirmation of the order on the grounds that the inspector misdirected himself as to the law.
- If this appeal is lodged (and the last date to lodge is 8 August) then our case will be set out in a formal statement of case. The Planning Inspectorate can choose to admit they are wrong or fight it in court.
- If we win (either way) the judge will strike down the second public inquiry decision and order it to be re-made with proper regard for the legal position. The inspector might still say "only a bridleway" to the NM-RUPP. That does not really matter.
- Our real target is the erroneous guidance note. It has now been used to our disadvantage in at least five RUPP reclassification cases. If it is not successfully challenged then the whole position of driving on RUPPs is seriously undermined.
- Also damaged is the chance of reclassifying RUPPs to BOAT in the future, and some RUPPs previously reclassified to BOAT might be struck down to bridleway.
- The appeal also gives us the opportunity to air to the judge the views of Lord Denning and Lord Diplock that RUPPs *are* more than footpaths and bridleways - a line of attack steadfastly denied by the Planning Inspectorate over the years.
- The real attraction of NM-RUPP as a case to appeal is the very fact that the actual evidence of status is thin. That concentrates the question right on the issue of the guidance note.

footnote. 9.7.97: Tony Kempster is in touch with barrister Edwin Simpson to review the case, and to discuss if it is strong enough to take further. This first consultation will cost probably £400-500. If we proceed further, it will be work in hand and not money wasted.

3. Stolen Caravan

Ken Knight went to unload his caravan only to find it wasn't there. Some 'low-life' had taken it away complete with years' collections of models and memorabilia. It is a 1985 Lunar Delta 500 Twin 4, in white and green, chassis no. 8451/85, with LR logos, MROC, RRR, and ARC National Rally stickers. Two number plates were fixed to the rear - P976 YAA and HOD 420 V. If you see anything suspiciously like this description, contact Ken on 01980 610776 or your local police.

4. Save a Classic!

4.1 Deryck Newsham in North Wales Land Rover Club has come across a Stage 1 V8 109 Station Wagon in good condition but at risk of being left to rot! It is Bronze Green with Limestone roof, 1982 X reg with 90,000 miles to its credit. The engine is good, with electronic ignition, and the vehicle is in original condition, a little work required. An offer of £2700 - 2800 could secure a nice future classic. Contact Deryck Newsham on 01492 573630 if interested.

4.2 Mark Griffiths of Huddersfield Land Rover Centre has found a Range Rover 2 door En Vogue with 78,000 miles, average condition, 80% original, needs paint and some trim work, complete with mint condition hamper and cool box, which in themselves are like 'hens teeth'. It is in Great Yarmouth area - talk to Mark on 01484 542092 if you have about £3500 to spare.

5. Events Past

5.1 International Rally - Llangollen

You have probably seen the classified results in the 4 x 4 magazines, but I list below the winners of the various trophies by now adorning a multitude of mantelpieces and trophy cabinets.

RTV

Taliesin Trophy	Stephan Smerdon	CDLRC
Pirelli Scorpion Cup	Kenneth Brain	CDLRC
Land Rover Discovery Cup	John Richardson	NERO
North Wales Land Rover Club Diesel Trophy	Rex Ward	CDLRC
Carol Roberts Trophy	Amianda Kitchen	YROC
Lincolnshire LRC RTV Team Trophy	Rex Ward, Kenneth Brain and Nigel Gummer	CDLRC
Breckland Land Rover Club Trophy	Midland Rover Owners Club	

CCV

Land Rover Owners Club Rickards Trophy	Mark Ambler	HBRO
Land Rover Parts Cup	Anthony Retallack	CDLRC
Mitchin Industries Trophy	Paul Hooton	BLRC
Cornwall & Devon Cup	Anthony Retallack	CDLRC
Colbourne Trophies Perpetual Cup	Tina Graves	ENLROC
Seniors Cup	Howard Clinton	CDLRC
Rover Owners Association Pirelli Cup	Anthony Retallack	CDLRC
Land Rover Owners Club Total Team Trophy	Colin Gilbert, Anthony Retallack & Anthony Tucker	CDLRC
Rover Owners Association Inter-Club Challenge Cup	Leicester & Rutland LRC	
Blackwool Farm Spoon	Patrick Long	CDLRC

Competitive Safari

Yorkshire Cup	Glen McKeith	PLRC
Crossland Filters Shield	Hugh Haines	MROC
John Craddock/Land Rover Parts Shield	Adrian Longstaff, Peter Roberts & Darryl Key	SSLRC

Combined Awards

North Yorkshire/South Durham Trophy	Tom Boydell	LCLRC
International Off Roader Trophy	David Barret	LLRC

Team Recovery

Rover Challenge Trophy	Maurice Flanders, Andrew Flanders	101FCCR
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Winch Recovery

Fairey Winches Trophy	Mike Hopley, Ian Joustra	PDLRC
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Gymkhana Rover Owners Association Gymkhana Cup	John & Pauline Beadle	ELRC
Concours David Bowyer Cup	Graham Medicot	SSLRC
Non-Concours William Farvis Trophy Gill Floyd Forward Control Cup	Keith Gissing J Ipenburg	Ser II Dutch LRR
Others Tony Hutchings Salver	John Nuttall	NWLRC

I think the only useful comment I can make is that those of us outside Cornwall & Devon need more tin in our water or more clotted cream in our diet!

5.2 All Rover Rally - Gaydon

Gaydon 1996 was held in July and some of us got a touch of sunstroke. Gaydon 1997 was moved to June and we got rusty - nuff said!

47 outfits camped in the meadow inside the Heritage Motor Centre grounds, which is an extremely pleasant location. When developed further, with its own access road, proper water supplies and loo disposal facilities, it will be a delightful site for 100 units or more.

The rally was well supported by RRR, 101FCC&R, and Series I Club, but the arena display numbers were below par, no doubt due largely to a lack of one day visitors because of the weather.

Thanks to RRR, particularly Frank & Pat Smith marshalling the campsite, and to Pete Kenworthy for the Arena Displays. Thanks also to Frank Myatt and the Series II Club, together with Chris Myatt and Simon Taylor of MROC, for their valiant efforts with the Bike Trial.

Winners of the Bike Trial were:-

up to 16 -	Trevor Smith	101 FCC&R
up to 17 -	Simon Taylor	MROC
up to 18 -	Ben Hanbury	LR Series II Club

At the request of HMC, prizes were donated to the best car, best Land Rover (Defender/ Series style), and best Land Rover (Range Rover/Discovery style). Mike Watson, Chairman of RRR, made his Chairman's Choice, these being:-

Best Car	PSB Coupé	ALH 25H	
Best Land Rover (Land Rover style)	Land Rover Series I	FSU 178	Peter Hughes
Best Land Rover (RR & Disco style)	Range Rover	G282 CEH	Ron Hewitt

Would the owner of PSB ALH 25H, who left before the closing ceremony at 4pm, please make contact with me - I have a prize for him!

6. Events coming

6.1 Fylde Series I Land Rover Action Weekend Sept 19th/21st 1997

The weekend, organised by the Red Rose Land Rover Club, is based at Hamilton House Farm, St Michael's on Wyre, on the A586, just off the A6 between Junctions 32 & 33 of the M6, some 12 miles from Blackpool, Preston and Lancaster, and will include a winch log recovery, gymkhana, trailer reversing, static display, concours, auto jumble and a number of trade stands. Series I's fitted with specialist equipment will be invited to demonstrate. Camping is available adjacent to the activities from Friday pm to Sunday evening at £8 per unit. For more details or entry form, contact Harold Lowe, 89 Broadwood Drive, Fulwood, Preston PR2 9TE or tel: 01772 716956.

6.2 Longleat Family 4WD Safari 25th/26th October 1997

Apparently the off-road course of this event passes through the lion enclosure! These are lots of other attractions, and discounted admission for ARC members. For details contact Clare Hopkinson on 01985 844400

6.3 Desert Pro-challenge Nevada Dec 5/7th 1997

Do you fancy a holiday of a lifetime 'way out west' with some off-road competition for good measure? then the Land Rover Owners Association of North America has just the event for you. Originally planned to mimic the early Camel Trophy events, the focus of this event will be more like the Wain Trophy/Challenge currently run in the UK and Europe. Navigation tasks will involve a fair bit of driving as the competitors try to locate Waypoints scattered across Northern Nevada. Hidden checkpoints and special tasks will be thrown in without warning in order to confuse the issue even further. Later a Challenge Compound will be the site of further tasks, including winching, vehicle recovery and special tasks. The Challenge is scheduled for December 5/6/7 in Nevada. Entries open August 1st, the pre-entry cost being \$225 per car until November 6th (a \$100 non-returnable deposit is required.) Post-entry \$275. For info contact Michael Green at 190 Airway Boulevard, Livermore, California 94550 USA or tel: 001-510-606-8301 or fax 001-510-606-8302

6.4 Greystoke 98 - 9th/14th April 1998

Red Rose LRC and Cumbrian ROC are getting together for their third Greystoke event, to be held over Easter weekend next year on the Greystoke Castle Estate about 5 miles west of Penrith. Camping/Caravanning available Thursday noon until Tuesday 16.00, events include Bike Trial, RTV, CCV, Winch Recovery, Gymkhana, Easter bonnets, Tug of War etc. Contact John Sturgess, Fickle Hall Farm, Duckshaw Road, Darwen, Lancashire BB3 2UA for booking forms.

7. 'Bedtime reading', by Tony Kempster

"Shire Publications Ltd of Princes Risborough, Bucks, have recently issued a second edition of 'Four-Wheel Drive and Land-Rover' by Nick Baldwin. It is number 221 in the Shire Album series and is an A5 size booklet of 32 pages that should be found on every Land Rover enthusiast's bookshelf. The front cover features Andrew Stevens, Chairman and Newsletter Editor of the Series One Club, at the wheel of his restored early 80". The text gives a brief history of four wheel drive vehicles and includes a section on the Land Rover. Another section refers to various other manufacturers that have produced 4x4 vehicles. Although there are a few minor errors with regard to details which perhaps only an aficionado would notice, at £2.50 it should be included in the collection of all ARC members."

STOP PRESS

- **EGM September 1997** Please note that, due to non-availability of the Presentation Suite at Lode Lane on Sept 13th, the EGM will now be held on September 20th 1997.
- **Land Rover Register 1947-51** At their meeting held at Billing on July 20th, the Club decided by unanimous vote to stay in the ARC.
- **NFU Mutual** - ARC Secretary John Bradbury writes:-
 "I am pleased to announce that our special arrangement with NFU Mutual is now up and running. NFU Mutual insure more 4 x 4 vehicles than any other company in the UK and will in addition be able to help in areas other than motor insurance. Further details will be enclosed with the next issue of ARC News, but in the meantime call 0345 045031 for your nearest office. In addition I will shortly be writing to Club Secretaries with suggestions on local involvement of NFU Mutual Agents in Club events.
 Please make full use of this service which has taken a lot of effort to set up for your benefit. I believe that with the discount offered to ARC members the already highly competitive rates offered by NFU Mutual will be even more attractive.
 I would like to thank Pam Swift, George Stonley and Andrew Siggs of NFU Mutual for their goodwill, help and support during our negotiations and, of course, my friend David Carter of YROC for the original idea."
- Please note that from 8th August 1997, John Bradbury's telephone no. will change to 01706 638801

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**RTV Trial and Scenic Drive at Slab Common
 October 12th**

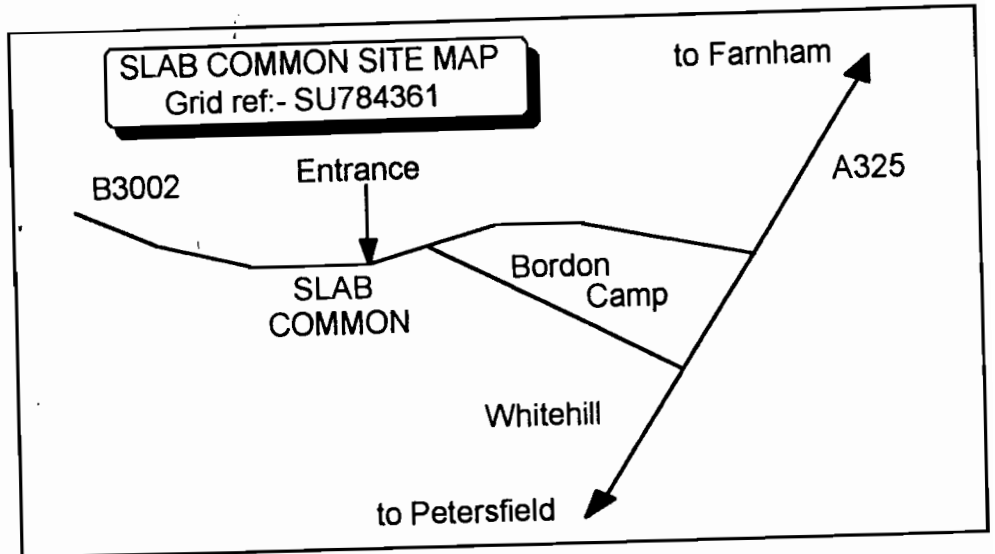
We are holding an RTV trial and scenic drive at Slab Common, near Bordon, halfway between Petersfield and Farnham, HANTS. The RTV event will be open to all fully paid-up members of HBRO. Competition entries should be on an official entry form if possible. The fee is £15 in advance or £18 on the day. Payment to Ashley. (Address inside front cover.) Scenic drive will be open to the public and fee will be £15 per vehicle.

Scrutineering start at 08:30.a.m. and the competition will start at 10:00.a.m. prompt, so please be on time. Classes will be as per ARC rules but experience has shown that amalgamations are probable. The 1997 ARC Handbooks are still available. These contain the new vehicle regulations. It is still up to you to ensure your vehicle complies. Don't forget your MOT certificates, and driving / RACMSA competition licence.

RTV will be a qualifying round for the "Red Leader Shield" and the "Pilot Trophy".

Please come along on Saturday to help set out the sections, it's always the same few who get lumbered with this. On the Sunday, please enrol as a marshal once in a while, we'll show you how to score if you've not done it before!

More info next month...



BATTLEHURST POO FARM

Well, arrived at Battlehurst Farm Friday evening. What's that smell? Was the expression on our faces as we all pulled into the field, for once Russell had his jeans around his waist so it wasn't him. As we squelched through the field the smell wafted into the cab. So with Max's help we had to find a poo free spot big enough for Zoe and Kiran's awning and my tent. Much to everyone's amusement I couldn't find a spot big enough, so I had to borrow Pete's shovel and yep, that's right, before I could pitch I had to shovel it.

As the sun went down this made the terrain a tad more tricky, a few skids later and we all settled down for the evening, enjoying the beer and that lovely fresh country smell.

Awoken Saturday morning as the sun hit the tent, I don't know if any of you know how fast it heats up in these lightweight tents, but it's a pretty good alarm clock. Kiran and I had planned to go for a run but he was still tucked up in his cool caravan, so I waited, when him and Zoe eventually showed their faces, the three of us decided to go for a brisk walk.

Now when you've got two tall, long legged striders they mean a brisk walk, nearly two hours later (and suffering from joggers ampit) we eventually found our way back to the site, doing a complete circle around some of the farmers land (poor farmers).

As the sun blazed down the pats were forming a crust and the smell was calming down (or were we getting used to it). Kiran had the great idea of playing Frisbee, yeah great Kiran, dodging cow pats and catching is a bit much, even better when it was loaded after landing in one. Paul had a narrow escape, trying to catch it whilst sitting down and falling out of his chair (try not to drink so early in the morning!).

The decision was made not to bother with the marquee as there wouldn't be much of a dance floor for that evening, so two sun canopies were put up (oer! Oh no, I mean erected!) As a few more victims turned up Gary was finalising the bike trial and (Sexy Socks) Ash was getting the reversing section ready.

When names were asked for the bike trial I declined, but unfortunately NO must mean the opposite for someone, as I found out when we went to watch the trial, Penny and Jean told me that my name was down as well. Watching the men do the first section I was doubtful, but as Jean was on the start line Gary took a couple of gates away, much to the men's disgust as Penny and me took a clear. This wasn't the case in the second section which started with an uphill (whoever took that picture of Gary and me, what's it worth?) After the third and last section I was just escaping for a beer when Ashley announced that penny and myself had to do a run-off as we had the same score. We reversed part of the last section, and I scraped through to win. (Where were Southern?)

Next came what was supposed to be the Gymkhana but we had run out of time so it was reversing the Landies through 10 gates, now if you read how

badly Karen and I did at Nelly's in the reversing section we thought we needed to practice, as we think it's going to be a regular section with the club. We didn't do too badly but it was easier with the soft top off.

The Farmer picked us up in his Rangy at about 6.45pm to have a tour round his farm, this was great, Max especially liked the cow shed with pregnant cows, taking a heart felt pity for the first timers. The calves in another shed that were being weaned off milk took a liking to Pam's hand, although Russell was chuffed with himself as he got one of them to feed.

After the walk around the farm yard, it was off in the Landies and that JEEP! (kids hey Mark), to have a razz round the rest of Battlehurst Farm. I didn't know that HBRO had a Comp Safari Team, (oh they must have been getting ready for the Nationals 2000).

Before returning to the camp site we stopped off to look at some owls, the snowy owl being the favourite, although Sam pointed out one of my favourite hobbies, (nice one Sam that's the first listing of Chicks).

Back at the camp site the barbies were being lit while Zoe and me washed our hair. A few beers and a feed later we gathered under the canopies with the clubs new disco system set-up. It wasn't long before the dancing was under way, we didn't need our handbags to dance around, there was a strategically placed cow pat for the job.

As the night wore on the music had to come to an end, everyone went to bed except Pam, Mark and myself, we were all wide awake, so the three of us went back to my tent via Pam's caravan to pick up some take-outs (sorry about the noise everyone).

Sunday morning, not much sleep and a hangover later, the sun decided it was time for me to get up. Everyone was gathering for the trial and getting their motors scrutineered, it was a good turnout, with oh, did I mention Southern Rover Owners, a few of them entered for the inter-club Trophy.

The first section was a disappointment as most people were getting caught out with the cross axle at gate 9 Karen and I got through but with a little too much momentum not making the turn on the next gate.

The second section, another cross axle, unfortunately we didn't beat this one, so we drove on to complete the course anyway. As we got to the 9 gate there was a bit of a side slope mixed with a large tree stump that Karen didn't see, the next thing we knew we were up on two wheels and our eyes were stuck to the windscreen, for once the smell wasn't coming from the cow field (it was the smell of adrenalin).

Well after that the day got worse, the rain started persisting down, although the water fight at lunch time was fun. The ground got much harder to drive as everyone was losing grip on the wet slopes.

We were right, the last section that we drove was in reverse, we were pleasantly surprised at how well we did coming away with a 2.

With the rain still pouring the awards were issued, HBRO won the Trophy for the Inter-Club Challenge. (Did I mention SRO were invited?)

PTO

A great weekend, although maybe next year the cows will have vacated a little earlier.

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The New Pub Meet

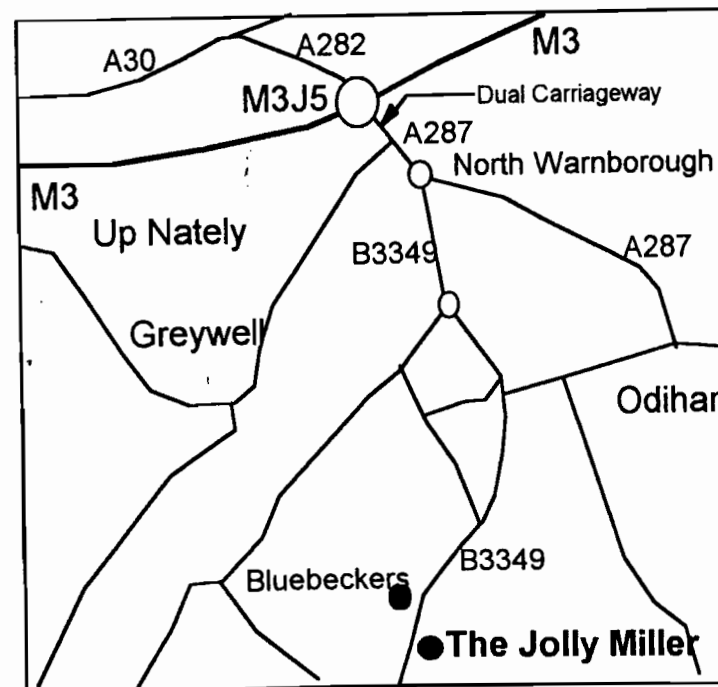
The pub meet on the first Wednesday of the month is currently held at Aldermaston. Unfortunately, the attendance has dropped over the last 6 months to last month having only 3 people attend and a report from the Landlord of no-one turning up on at least one occasion. This could be due to the location of our members in the northern half of the club area changing. The number of members in Berkshire has dropped and more members are joining from the area of Guildford, Farnborough, Aldershot, Bagshot, Sandhurst, etc. So as to be able to give a pub meet that the loyal members from Berkshire and the new members in the north of Hampshire can attend, we have decided to try a pub meet in North Warnborough. This is 2 minutes from the M3 junction 5 (Hook and Odiham). This will be closer to the Hampshire members, easy to reach for the Berkshire members and may be the members from the south coast could be tempted to come straight up the M3.

The Jolly Miller.

If you are coming from M3 junction 5, take the turning to "Farnham and Odiham," along a short stretch of dual-carriageway to a roundabout, take the third exit "Alton B3309, North Warnborough, Odiham". About 500 yards down this road is Bluebeckers Restaurant on your right and then round a bend The Jolly Miller is on your left. It has a car park at the back entering on the right side

of the pub. To start with, we will be meeting at the bar and then if the numbers are sufficient, the pub will let us use their function room and set up the TV and video. So starting on the first Wednesday of October, this is where we will be, so we hope to see you there.

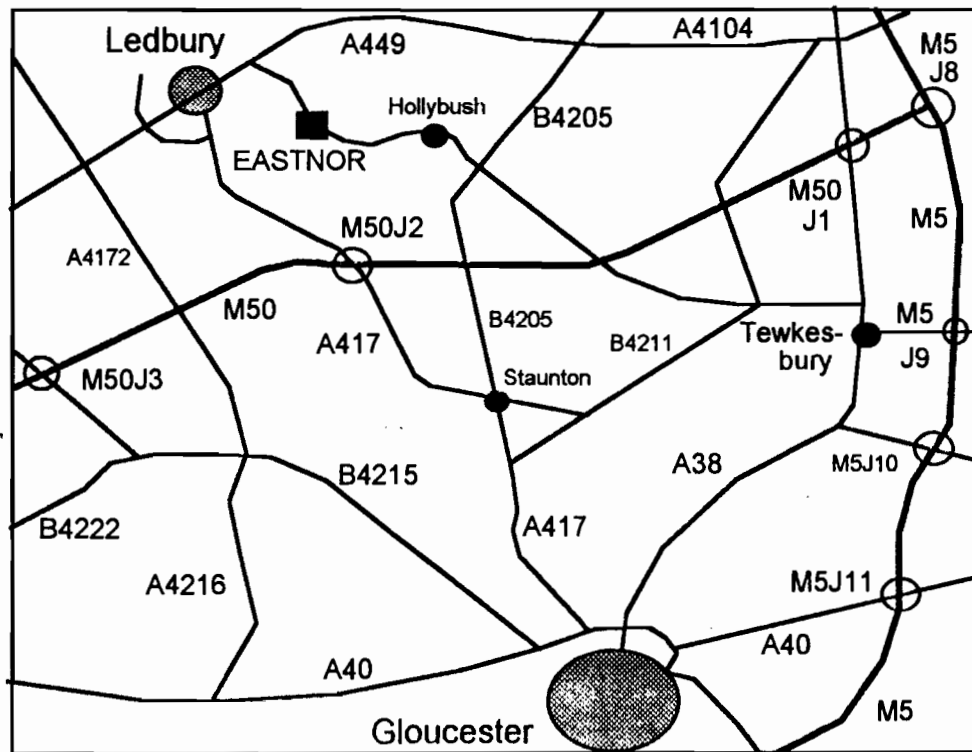
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Major's Trial & Comp Safari - 4th-5th October

This is a deliberately difficult trial to be held at Eastnor Deer Park near Ledbury. The event is open to all classes but experience has shown that a 'normal' road-taxed vehicle is unsuitable. You really need a dedicated CCVT or Comp Safari type vehicle. There will be a maximum of three teams of three vehicles from each invited club; two main teams and a reserve. If the entry list allows, the reserve team will be notified two weeks prior to the event. The teams are yet to be allocated so if you want to enter, give Ashley Pocock a call if you're interested. Entry fee is £45 per team of three vehicles but this is paid for by HBRO; all you have to do is to get there. Hurry, hurry. Our completed entry must be in by Sept 14th.

There is a Comp Safari on the 5th October at Bronsil, an adjacent site. Entry fee is £17 per vehicle; payable in advance by the entrant. Sorry, no HBRO freebie for this one! Camping on site is £5 for 1 night, £8 for 2 and £11 for three payable on arrival. (Last year's prices) Site opens at noon on Friday 3rd with Trial scrutineering from 16:00 to 20:30. There's more scrutineering from 07:30 to 08:45 on Saturday 7th and the trial starts at 09:45. Scrutineering for the Comp Safari is from 08:00 to 10:00 on Sunday 5th and the event starts at 10:30.



Discounts and Services

Company	Facilities	Comments:-
Brooklyn Engineering 01703-252281 01703-269990 (fax)	Spares, servicing	Discount depends on what you are buying, but about trade prices.
RoverTune. 01734-842777, 01734-842000, 0860-560556 (mob) 01734-843019 (fax)	Spares (new and s/h), servicing. (Range Rovers a speciality)	Trade prices, plus regular special offers.
Safari Engineering tel: 01734-732732 fax: 01734-732732 mob: 0836-384505	Series I, II & III, 90 / 110 bits new and s/h.	No specific discount, just a jolly good deal!
Urquharts, Petersfield. HANTS 01730-261022	Spares.	Cost+20% on non-franchise parts. Trade price on others.
Country 4x4, Terry Vincent, Caversham Heights, Reading. BERKS 01189-471931, 0836-577892 (mobile)	Spares (new & s/h), servicing. (Range Rovers only). Custom bull-bars by SIMBARS.	Any specialist work undertaken. Engine swaps etc. Very hard to beat prices!
Southern Winch Centre, Southampton. HANTS 01703-270600	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
DroverCare. Winchester. HANTS 01962-886722	Service & Spares for all Land Rover Products.	10% discount on labour. Parts prices very competitive.
CHIRON. Brenda Taylor. Reading. BERKS. 01189-880228.	Digital Communications. ISDN installations and equipment.	Latest high speed data communications for businesses large and small. Call for advice.

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.

Bagshot Heath Off-Road Show 1997

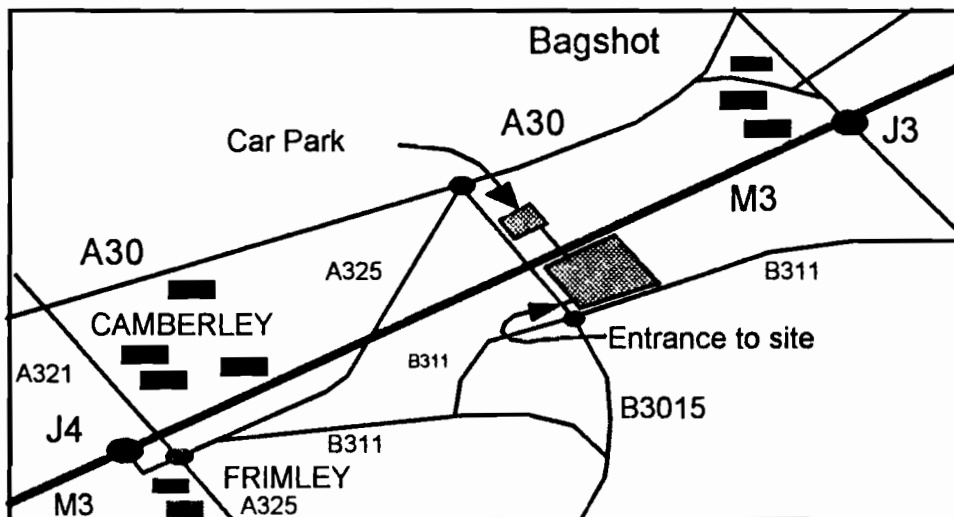
The show will take place on September 27th and 28th. HBRO will be official hosts this year. Many other clubs will be assisting us. There will be some setting out to do on the Friday before (26th) but the main workload will be on the two days, marshalling the visitors and manning the HBRO stand.

HBRO will have a club stand as usual and this will need to be manned over the two days. We can have our new trailer or a caravan as before and this can be used as over-night accomodation. The main arena will hold the trade stands, dealers and distributors so you'll be able to buy your new and second-hand bits as usual.

The Alpine Course and the Cross-Country section will be in use again this year. "Trials" sections will sprout from the Alpine Course at various points. These will be fewer in number but much longer. These will need to be devised and manned.

Any HBRO members wishing to help set up the special sections or to marshal on the day, etc. please contact the organiser, Chris Jones, on tel: 01344-25867 / fax: 01344-291689 or e-mail bagshot@ndirect.co.uk. Web site is <http://www.bagshot.ndirect.co.uk>. Alternatively, call Tracey Doherty on tel: 01252-27198.

Entry by the public will be by ticket only, so if you have any friends who want to go, call Chris Jones on the above number for application forms. The site is right alongside the M3 but you'll have to leave it by junction 3 or 4. The site entrance is off the B3015 just a few yards to the north of the roundabout with the B311. There is a car park off the B3015 just to the north of the M3 connected directly to the site by a walkway under the motorway. (You cannot drive through this tunnel).



Bowhill Farm Results.- 26-7-97

CoC & Scrutineer - Brian Frankland. Scrutineer J. R. Walker.
Marshals; Brenda Taylor, Peter Wimpenny, Jim Taylor, J. Saunders, Alan Smith, Ashley Pocock, Dave Room, G. Docherty, W. Caloccia, L. Hyde, C. Chesters, D, Hyde.

Class 3 & 4
 Nick Moses - 1 Peter Leverett - 2 Karen Duffett - 7 Hugh Duffett - 8
 Kiran Raval - 12 Mark Halliday - 14 Pam Duffett - 15 Dave Allen - 17
 Russel Vare - 19 David Horvath - 21 Matthew Hewitt - 22

Class 5
 Paul Webb - 5 Graham Taylor - 29

Class 8 & 10
 Austin Laughton - 0 Alan Cope - 1 Andy Bunyan - 3 Martin Parsons - 6
 Ian Copplestone - 9 Steve Skinner - 14

Battlehurst Farm Results.- 3-8-97

CoC - Barry Simpson. Secretary of the Meeting - Ashley Pocock.
 Scrutineer Gary Hodgson. Steward - Jackie Pocock.
 Marshals; Andrew Simpson (chief), P. Dale, Dave Fitness, J. Lyon, Ashley Pocock.

Class 1
 S. Greenwood - 17

Class 3
 Neville Dewdney - 21 Matthew Hewitt - 39 Karen Duffett - 49

Class 4
 Hugh Duffett - 23 Dave Allen - 27 Peter Pike - 30 Dave Ridden - 31
 P. Mayes - 31 Alan Shorter - 32 Charlie Ward - 33 Peter Leverett - 35
 Nick Woodage - 35 Kiran Raval - 38 Mick Shotler - 44
 Mark Halliday - 44 Tim Marsall - 46 Pam Duffett - 49 Zoe Raval - 53
 Jenny Shotler - 54 Peter Sackley - 56

Class 5
 Paul Webb - 25 Dennis Smith - 34 Keith Jones - 53

Class 8
 Steve Skinner - 35 Mel Stemp - 39

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Weekend 25th / 26th / 27th July Bowhill Farm

Arrived on site Friday evening, all the flat pitches had been taken, okay so YROC were on holiday, we'll let them off. Paul & Jean nearly lost their caravan down the hill as they tried to pitch, luckily members of YROC rushed to help.

Saturday morning I woke to the sound of rain on the caravan roof - not a good start, however it would make driving in the woods interesting. The morning slowly stepped into action with various tasks being carried out. Pam prepared the food, Ashley arrived with the BBQ equipment, J.J. arrived with his 'organisational skills' and Alan & Dorothy arrived with their cottage (nice caravan Alan). The weather slowly improved with the rain stopping at about 5 o/c.

Saturday evening started with the bike trial organised by YROC. The BBQ was great, an excellent team headed by Pam served the food (well done Pam). The tug of war and 'wellie wanging' took place on full stomachs and was well worth a watch. Also there was a sack race (nice style Janet). It looked like the YROC members were not really into disco's as there was only 5 of their members in the tent all evening. Of course we tried to keep the dance floor alive, however we did miss 'shakey Susan'. Charlotte and Victoria tried their hardest at pole dancing (trainees Tricia).

Sunday morning started bright and breezy. J.J was organizing the vehicles and scrutineering, there were 19 entrants in total. Hugh, Pam & Karen triple drove Hugh's 90. Due to the number of vehicles and the small amount of passing space in the woods, the group was split into two. I was Karen's passenger for the day we were in group 1, straight down to the woods we went. The ground had dried out a lot from the day before. Kiran had a puncture and had to change a tyre between sections. The second section was the reverse of the first and had a climb at the end to the one gate. Karen got a clear (well done Karen it must have been your passenger), but managed to get stuck half way up the slope. Luckily Dave Ridden was there with his vehicle, and to his joy had to winch us up. Oh my, what would we do without you Dave? The rest of the day was enjoyable with no major hiccups. YROC managed to 'steal' the overall trophy with a complete clear all day (well done YROC). Karen beat Hugh (her daddy) in his own vehicle, we won't go on about that will we Hugh! I still think it must have been your ACE passenger Karen!!! The sunny afternoon and evening meant that most campers stayed until the evening, a fantastic weekend had by all.

Zoë Raval

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 (nearest large well-known town) and dialling code in your adverts. Thanx.

Commercial Adverts:-

£25 for half page and £50 full page per annum; payable in advance.

These rates are very good considering the perfect targeting. Current circulation is around 250.

All adverts are dated as to their first month of publication. When they become about 3 months old, they will be dropped unless the "owners" renew them!

Bits & Pieces...

- * Land Rover Bits Series III Gearbox / transfer box unit with V8 adaptor kit. Can be heard running OK in vehicle until end of September. Flotec low-profile oil pump base and remote filter assembly for V8. £375 the lot or may split. Contact Andy Smith in Wokingham on 0118-9793827 or e-mail on andrewsmith@motivepr.co.uk. (SEP97)
- * Land Rover Bits. Breaking SIII LWB Safari all parts except engine. Wings, very straight - £35 each. Bonnet c/w spare wheel carrier - £25. Dash - £25. Rad - £25. FWH - £20. Seat bases (good) - £5 each. Backs (good) - £5 each. Props - £15 each. Rear door - £25. Breaking SIIa LWB Hard Top c/w side windows - runs. Engine - £150. Gearbox - £100. etc. 90 rear half of chassis ideal for hybrid - £40. Plus other bits of junk. David Hatch, 4a Gordon Road, Fareham, HANTS. PO16 7TW (SEP97)
- * Bits Five Freestyle alloy wheels with good 205x16 Michelin XMS tyres - £500. Steering protector bar to fit 90 / 110 £40. - TDI engine blanket - £20. Contact Tony Blaze in Newbury on 01635-248852 or 0410-227012. (SEP97)
- * Land Rover 90 front seat set (3). Black leatherette material. Excellent condition complete with mounts but no headrests. £100. Call Alan Smith on 01252-835821 (SEP97)
- * Land Rover 90 electric-winch bumper. £90. Call Alan Smith on 01252-835821 (SEP97)
- * Land Rover Parts Four Discovery steel wheels - £80. One Discovery tyre, brand new, GoodYear Eagle, 235/70-16 - £50. Five Pirelli Scorpion 255/65-16 tyres, 3000 miles only, on Discovery steel wheels - £350. Land Rover Series

truck cab with all fittings - £20. 90 / 100 / Defender truck cab with full interior trim - £200. Call Ian Woolfs in Bracknell, Berks on 01344-50360. (AUG97)

- * Rover 3.9 V8 engine. Lightened and balanced by J.E. Modified heads. Complete with SU carbs, distributor etc. Low mileage. Can be test-driven in vehicle - £1500. Reason for sale - buying larger engine! Call Brian Wam in Oxford on 01865-763985 or 0468-808780. (AUG97)
- * Bits and Pieces:- Range Rover chassis - £50. V8 with ancillaries - £150. 4-speed gearbox - £150. Also breaking lightweight. Call Mr. West on 01489-894223 anytime. (JUL97)
- * Breaking 2-door 1978 White Range Rover (or make me an offer for the whole thing.) Chassis poor / repairable. It's all there except rear dampers. Contact Mike Dyer in Windlesham on 01276-473907 (JUL97)
- * Range Rover Parts (2-door 1980) Top tail-gate - £65. Latest style rear side windows (no runners to go rusty, similar design to 90 side windows) - £45 pair. Front wings - £10 each. Rear wings - £15 each. Bonnet - £35. Full internal Safety Devices internal roll-cage - £100. Rear seat - £10. Dash board - £10. Front & rear wiper motors - £10 each. Heater unit - £15. Front inner wings - £25 pair. Parts can be delivered to any trial or club meeting. Contact Gary Langton in Felpham, West Sussex at home on 01243-582473 or at work on 01705-486363 ext 8204 or e-mail glangton@xyratex.com (AUG97)
- * Land Rover Series 2a Parts:- Wings - £15 ea. Driver's door, glazed, needs paint - £25. Door-top, no glass - £2. Rear safari door, poor - £2. Front panel including headlight bowls, not perfect - £30. LRO / LRW magazines, about 20 - £20. Highlift jack - £30. Radiator muff for Series 3, £10. Light guards front & rear - £15. Work lamps - £10 each. All or nearest offer - everything must go! Phone Andy Fellows in Abingdon on 01235-818878 (JUL97)
- * Brian James Trailer. 16'x6' bed. 4-wheeler. New tyres. including spare with less than 400 miles use. Hand winch. £900. Contact Peter Golding in Winchester on 01264-860505 (eves or w/ends) or 01962-760515 (daytime) (JUL97)
- * Wheels. Four steel Discovery wheels £20 each. Four WolfRace alloy wheels, multi-spoke type. New. £160 the set of 4 includes special nuts. Gary Grange - 01189-813138 Reading area.(JUN97)

Vehicles for Sale

- * Series 3 SWB Land Rover Dark blue with cream roof. A-reg. 2¼ petrol. Fully

serviced. 72000 miles. New front seats. Two folding rear seats. Full sound proofing. Fully carpeted. BFGoodrich Trac-Edge tyres. 40-channel hand-held CB with external arial (worth £100 and only 3 months old.) Ex-RAF. MOT to September 97. £3800 o.v.n.o. or trade / swap with a Range Rover. Contact Martin Heydon in Basingstoke on 01256-463764 (work, 9 to 5 Monday to Friday) or at home on 01256-322487. (AUG97)

- * Series 3 Lightweight 1973 Hard-top. 2½litre Mercedes diesel engine. High quality professional installation, engineer's report available. Economical, 30 m.p.g. 750x16 tyres. FWH. Soundproofed. County seats. 12 volt. Drives and steers excellently. Reluctant sale. £1950 o.n.o. Call Andy Fellows in Abingdon on 01235-818878 (JUL97)
- * Range Rover 1978 White. V8. Needs a couple of repairs on the chassis and a new rear "cross-member". Body is fine and engine runs well. £600. Contact Mike Dyer in Windlesham (near Bagshot) on 01276-473907. (JUL97)
- * Series IIa / 110 Hybrid-Truck. Cab extended to include passenger seating (all Range Rover). Rover V8 engine - unleaded. Free-Wheel Hubs, Kenlowe Fan, K&N filters, Rear roll-bar. General Grabber tyres. Grey spoke wheels. New MOT. Tax exempt. Year-long rebuild and respray. £3,900. Contact Peter Golding in Winchester on 01264-860505 (eves or w/ends) or 01962-760515 (daytime) (JUL97)
- * Series III Lightweight. W-reg. White 5-spoke steel wheels. Mud-Pluggers tyres (SAT type remoulds). Bull-bar. Air intake snorkel. MOT to 5th September 97. In good condition and running order. Must be seen (Reading). New family and re-location forces sale. £3400 o.v.n.o. Call Tony Clark on 0370-570998 (mobile) anytime. (JUL97)
- * 100 inch V8 hybrid. 4-speed auto. EFi V8. Stainless steel exhaust system. WolfRace alloy wheels. Hardtop and safari rear door. Ninety side windows. Goodrich tyres. Good reliable vehicle. £4950 o.v.n.o. Call Bob Barber 01239-810050 (JUN97)
- * 100 inch V8 hybrid Red and Silver, MOT to April 1998, Free Tax. Including 5x 750 SAT's, new clutch, new steering box, water pump and Alternator. Lots of other bits including 5 road wheels and tyres, cab, high lift etc. and all the bits out of the shed. £3,000 o.n.o. Call Rod Robertson 0118-981-1831 home (Tadley) or 0118-944-1544 work (Reading) (JUN97)
- * Military SIIA Hardtop going cheap. A neighbour of mine has a SWB SIIA (MOT expired, not failed) hardtop which he bought last year for £850. I saw it then and commented it seemed like a good deal. It's military spec with twin fuel tanks (filler under seat), and 24V. Petrol 2.25L. He's changed job, and now

needs the garage for another car. I'd have it myself, but my garage has my SIII in it! He wants £500 to clear it. Call Simon Taylor, at work - 01256 332800 (simon@tdc.co.uk), or at home - 01252 377099 (simontaylor@compuserve.com). Location is Farnborough. (JUN97)

- * 1986 Land Rover 90 V8 auto Station Wagon. Superwinch X 9000 in winch bumper. Spot lights. Up-rated camshaft, 4 in to 1 exhaust headers, Disc brakes all round, 4 pinion heavy duty diffs front and back, heavy duty half shafts all round, side mounted protection bars, chassis mounted spare wheel carrier that operates with the rear door, 3 speed auto conversion by Ian Ashcroft, 5 x 265/75 B.F. Goodrich Mud Terrains on Disco rims, locking wheel nuts, Glass panel sunshine roof, 12 months tax, 12 months M.O.T., New exhaust ½ system. Offers are invited in the region of £7000 o.n.o. Call Nick Jennings in Caversham on 01734-471528 / 475172 Works number, 01734-471258 / 543056 Home number, 0836 604 885 Mobile number. (JUN97)

Wanted

- * Land Rover Bits. 90 / 110 Windscreen & bonnet, must be straight. 90 2½ engine crankshaft pulley with power steering. 90 front & rear props. David Hatch, 4a Gordon Road, Fareham, HANTS. PO16 7TW (SEP97)
- * Tyres 265/75/16 BFGoodrich Mud Terrain tyres. Contact Tony Blaze in Newbury on 01635-248852 or 0410-227012. (SEP97)
- * Range Rover. or trade / swap with a rather nice Series 3 SWB Land Rover. See advert in For Sale section. Contact Martin Heydon in Basingstoke on 01256-463764 (work, 9 to 5 Monday to Friday) or at home on 01256-322487. (AUG97)
- * Forward Control Series IIa wheels. 7" rim width pattern, 16" dia. 5-stud. With or without tyres. Call Steve Kirby in Twickenham on 0181-287-0377. (AUG97)
- * 90 / 110 truck-cab. Call Mr. West on 01489-894223 anytime. (JUL97)
- * Brownchurch Roof Rack for Range Rover Also twin Kenlowe fan setup for RR. Contact Mike Dyer in Windlesham on 01276-473907 (JUL97)
- * Bedford HA Van. Good / fair condition. Wanted by another club for restoration. Will be painted in BEA colours to accompany a preserved Trident airliner. Contact Steve Kirby in London on 0181-287-0377 (JUN97)

WARNING

Any adverts dated up to and including JUNE may disappear next month unless you renew them!

SERVICES / ONGOING

- * Hoods & Tilts etc.:- For all standard models of Land Rover, or made to measure for specials, in khaki, blue or green. Soft windows put in from new or added to old tilts. Seat covers made, any upholstery made. Repairs to hoods upholstery, tents, etc. There are very few people offering this kind of service. Call Lorraine and Jeff Heydon in Alfreton, Derbyshire on 01623-552309 or 01773-830551.
- * WHEELS & TYRES:- Call Southam Tyres on 01865-716777 for all your wheel and tyre needs. "Just Tyres" (One of the Southam Tyre Group) have depots in Reading and Southampton for example so they're not too far away. Discount is variable and there are very special deals available on wheel/tyre pre-assembled combinations. Several club members have already found the deals to be very good.
- * Roll-bars In stock or made to order. Fabrication and welding service available from BS certificated welder. Call Neville Dewdney in Ashvale on 01252-650212. Note the new number.
- * SCALE MODELS. I have a small selection of Land Rover model kits which are available to club members at a special price. Land Rover 101 GS £21.00 each, Land Rover 90 Defender Station Wagon £17.50 each, Series II/III Hard Top or Station Wagon £17.50 each. Others available on request. Call Alan Smith on 01252-835821.
- * Pressure Cleaning Low cost pressure washing service and equipment hire (with full accessories). Great for spring cleaning or assistance with restoration. Also wet sand blaster for chassis cleaning and stripping. 15 mile radius of Tadley (North Hampshire) Ring Bob Lloyd on 01734-816318 anytime.
- * VIDEOS Professionally made videos produced and distributed. Contact Dave Jeffery of "4-WHEEL FILMS" on 0181-546-5301 or 0181-715-4861.