

Events for Your Diary

- * First Wednesday of each month, Noggin & Natter at The Jolly Miller on the B3349, between M3 and Odiham aerodrome, Hants. (From 7:30 p.m. Plus Land Rover related videos if possible.) SU734517 approx.
- * 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.

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*. Will event organisers please let me know when any of these is confirmed / changed / cancelled etc.. Major changes, cancellations etc. are highlighted in **bold text**.

Short-term events programme is shown below; long term programme can be found inside the back cover.

WS = Winter Series SS = Summer Series

March 8	Broxhead Common. Trials and Scenic drive. WS.
March 14	ARC AGM. Solihull, Birmingham. Come along.
March 15	Green Lane trip. Wokingham area. Contact Dave Ridden.
March 15	National green Lane Day.
April 10 - 13	Easter Rally, Nelly's Dell RTV / CCV / Camping. Rally 2000 poll results & decision.
<i>May 9 - 10</i>	<i>Broxhead RTV / CCV / Camping (?)</i> . SS
May 22 - 31	ARC International Rally. Eastnor.
June 15	<i>Bowhill. RTV / CCV / Camping. Summer Series</i>
June 21 - 22	<i>Goodwood Festival of Speed.</i>
June 21 - 22	<i>Stag Owners Rally.</i>
June 21 - 22	<i>National Off-Road Show.</i>
June 21 - 22	All Rover Weekend. See August 29 - 31.
July 11 - 12	War of the Roses, Cumbria. Team now set but if you want to go on standby, call Adrian Bolge.

Pants & Barks












1998



Newsletter
of the
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Rover Owners

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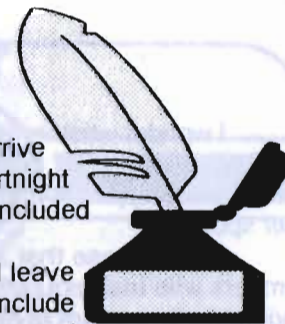
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Editor's bit....

"ARC News" backlog news... Issue 17 didn't arrive until January and got mislaid. It turned up about a fortnight ago and Issue 18 arrived on Feb 7th. So they're both included this month.

The Rickshaw Ramble seemed to go off OK. I'll leave any reports (note the plural!) until next month so I can include pictures as well (Hooray!). Thanks to all who set it up and marshalled, and thanks for the documentation / maps showing the marshals where to go and when.



This month...

More pictures this issue; including our very first in an advert. Not many of you will be familiar with John Kaye's 101 but if you want one, it's a good deal. For all sorts of reasons, we didn't have a committee meeting this month and I wasn't able to put names to the Surrey Saw Mills photos that Alan sent to me by post. So if anyone posts or e-mails pictures to me, captions please!

- Two sets of ARC News this month.
- There are some articles from Alan Smith wearing his various hats, including that of member.
- CCCC from Nick J.
- That's about it...

...and finally, please do respond to the various comments, proposals and opinions that you see in these pages. We really do want to know what you think.

Steve Kirby

On-Line...

Don't forget to visit our Web site at:-
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In order to get the newsletter to you by a reasonable time, everything must get to me by the 20th of the month absolute latest. If you are posting or faxing something to me, give me a call to let me know it's coming in case it gets delayed or mis-routed. If you use a PC, please send articles on 3½" or 5¼" disc if you can and I'll return it afterwards if needed. Practically any word-processor format will do. If you have a fax machine, send any faxes to me at my home number. Phone first so I can set up the machine as it's not left on normally. Alternatively try e-mail. Send word processor files or plain text. (Please indicate in the text of your message the address code you used and your own full e-mail address.)

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Trials Handicaps

I wonder whether the club would like to consider an handicapping system which would level the playing field for us lesser mortals. After all they have similar handicapping system in golf, horse racing and I am sure there must be other sports.

So I propose that at the beginning of each year the committee gives all members who trial regularly in the club RTV Trials a declared handicap and this is added to their score giving those with no handicap a chance to win. The level of handicap would have to be decided within the range of 1 to 10 depending on your overall placing at the end of each year. So Andy Bunion gets 10 points immediately, Hugh Duffet gets 9 points and Steve Skinner 8 points, Nick Van Den Braak 7 points and so on down the line. This would leave Alan Smith and Peter Leverett with no handicap.

We could perhaps take the system a bit further and give negative handicaps to those that try but fail to make it, names that come to mind are Nik Watts with tyres that never climb, Eddy Gordon with the tyres that never seem to make it even on the flat and Keri Seamer with the fatal attraction for the 8 or 9 canes.

If anyone would like to pass comment please address all calls to Santa Claus care of the North Pole.

There are several clues as to who suggested this idea and there are no prizes for getting it right.



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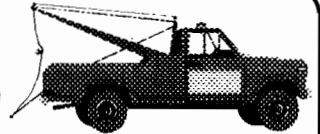
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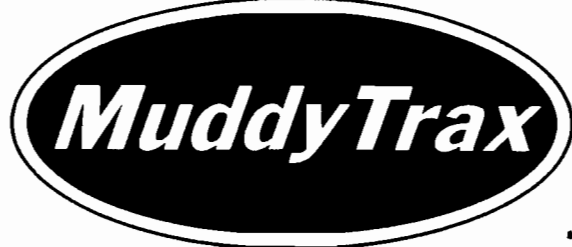
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Trials Versus Rickshaw

I would like to ask the question, do we want to waste the month of February on the Rickshaw Ramble or do we want an RTV Trial? I think the Rickshaw Ramble has little interest for those of us who like to trial regularly. It may interest other members of the club and for these members we may well have to continue with our participation in the event. For my part I want to know why we have to give up trialling so as to allow members of the CSMA to have their trial. Perhaps they would like to give up one of their weekends to marshal for HBRO so we can all trial. Why can't they do as other clubs do, some trial and some marshal.

What do they give us in return for our effort. They use our equipment and bet they do not replace any items that get damaged. Does it give us any lever to use when we want to have access to Army land, we get no consideration what so ever. They could donate a small fee to the club for services rendered, no chance, all we get are beer mats.

My one experience of the Rickshaw was that it was a long boring day with very little to do. The main activity seems to be laying out using our equipment and tidying up afterwards. This is not just my impression of the Rickshaw, others have made the same comment. Last year's Rickshaw was a shambles from the comments I have gleaned since.

So I propose that we have at least one trial in February and those who want to continue with the Rickshaw are allowed to do so. Please let me know if you agree or disagree. For my part I think the club is taken advantage of with nothing given in return. At least when we marshal for the Bagshot show we get a small donation to the club funds. We are also making friends showing new off roaders how to cope. We also introduce new members to the club.

Alan Smith

Membership Secretary's Report

Membership fell over the last year by about 40 members resulting in a loss of £800.00 subscriptions. This level would have fallen even further if it was not for a good Bagshot, Slab and Broxhead off-road days. These three shows have resulted in a complete recovery in membership level to the present 333 members, just one behind the level at the last AGM. Membership dues will remain static at £20.00 for Full Members and £2.00 for Associate & Social Members.

There had been some confusion as to who could be an Associate and who was a Social member and I must admit to errors in applying the rules. In my own defence no one spotted that the constitution already defines who can be

what.

Full or Ordinary Members have the right to take part in any activity of the club and has full voting rights.

Associate Membership is restricted to the spouse legal or otherwise and only one Associate can exist for each Full Member. At present Associate Members cannot vote on the running of the club, but they can drive in any trial held by HBRO.

Social Membership is available to any person who is personally known by an Ordinary member. This allows friends and other members of the family to participate in all club activities. They can only be a passenger and cannot drive.

Sons and daughters can only be Social Members and are not able to drive in any trial held under ARC rules. If they want to drive they must become Full Members.



Aaah... a lovely Disco.

Aaagh! I can't remember who's it is!

Excuse...

I've been moving office at work (again) and although this picture was safely retrieved from the e-mail and brought home on disc, the text that came with it disappeared. It came from Thailand if I remember correctly. Why? Owner explain please!

Steve

Treasurer's Report

The club has continued to grow in wealth and this due in main to the great effort made by all at the recent fun days at Slab and Broxhead. The kitty just failed to make the £4000.00 level prior to the AGM, an increase of £700.00 since the last AGM. In the last 12 months the club has spent well on equipment and this included a very large tent for use at camping rallies and a smaller tent for use at fun days. Both have been put to good use over the last six months. The club also bought disco equipment for use at the camping weekends. The latest purchase was a 4Kw generator and lighting units for use with the tent.

The other major purchase for 1997 was four hand held CB units and these have been well used.

The magazine has been printed by myself for the last 30 months and this has been a considerable saving to the club funds. Unfortunately due to other demands I have had to stop doing this and we now have to use a local printer. This has meant a 50% increase in the printing costs. On the up side it has meant a neater more presentable magazine. Coloured front cover, pages that line up and the right way up.

The only problem with the magazine at present is the content. It has progressively got smaller from 40 pages right down to 20 pages. As treasurer I should be clapping my hands as printing charges have been halved. As a member I find it depressing that very few make the effort to contribute, and I include our competition secretary who failed to get any trial results printed for many months. So come on please send something in for us to print. We have had no trial reports and what happens on these green lane trips.

Membership dues remain unchanged at £20.00 per Full Member and £2.00 for each Associate or Social Member. It is a pity that the ARC could not contain their own costs, both membership and camping dues have increased. It is difficult to see what we get for our money since they seem to be a law to themselves with the respective clubs having little or no say in what they decree. Trial entry fee will be held at £12.00 per driver, rising to £15.00 for Army Land. The AWDC increased the membership fee by 25% and trial entry to £18.00, so we feel we have done well to contain our own charges.

Alan Smith



A.R.C. NEWS

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1. ARC News Circulation

There are now 29 UK clubs receiving ARC News direct from Lode Lane, which by my calculation leaves six who do not

Can I appeal to all Membership Secretaries (or whoever does the job) to keep Andrew Neaves updated with membership addresses on a regular basis. After each issue of ARC News I get a batch of "change of address" notifications. I cannot do anything with these, the system can only work by regular update of club discs

There have been three changes of Secretary recently, these being -

Rover Sports Register - Tony Atkins, 27 Coventry Road, Warwick CV34 4LJ

Newcastle & Nantwich ROC - Mrs Georgie Hand, Hollinhurst Farm, Park Lane, Endon, Stoke-on-Trent ST9 9JB

North Wales LRC - Brian Lewis, 14 Woodside, Knutsford, Cheshire WA16 8DX

2. Tyro Trials

I was interested in a snippet from Mark Freeman in a recent Somerset & Wilts magazine 'Full Tilt', pointing out that TYRO stands for "Try Your Rover Offroad" not "Tip Your Rover Over". He finishes off by saying - "I've a feeling attendances (in future) will far outnumber those at RTV's/CCVT's."

3. Bull Bars

Yes, it's that subject again I'm afraid. The Government have issued a consultation document, which I can't reproduce here, it's about 20 pages long. It looks at proposals as to how to deal with banning, or not banning, existing bullbars, and banning, or not banning, or testing, 'new' bullbars, and subsequent enforcement

If you have strong feelings on this issue, get a copy of the proposals, and/or address your ideas to

Mr. C. Howsham, VSE6, Zone 2/04, Great Minster House, 76 Marsham Street, London SW1P 4DR as soon as possible, nominally by 31st Dec 1997!

4. Book Review

Did you know that the first jet engine used in powered flight was mounted as a "tail engine" in a Lancaster bomber in 1942? And did you know that one of the first jet engines to provide powered flight was built by Rover?

A new book is available in A5 paperback format (131 pages) called "Vikings at Waterloo" by David S Brooks, published by Rolls Royce Heritage Trust as No 22 of their Historical Series. It details the wartime work on the Whittle jet engine by the Rover Company, and is a fascinating insight into some of the wartime history of Rover at Clitheroe and Barnoldswick in Lancashire.

It is available via the Heritage Motor Centre shop at Gaydon priced at £10.95 plus postage £1.00. The ISBN number is 1 872922 08 2

5. 1998 Events

5.1 Greystoke 98, Cumbria

Red Rose LRC and Cumbrian ROC are getting together again to run Greystoke 98 over Easter weekend 9th-14th April. There will be RTV, CCV, Winch Recovery and Gymkhana, lots of family activities, plus camping and caravanning. Contact John Sturgess, Fickle Hall Farm, Duckshaw Road, Darwen, Lancs BB3 2VA, tel 01254 771376 or fax 01254 774472

5.2 Heritage Solihull Run, April 26th

Following a recent meeting at Lode Lane, we can confirm that most of the outline plan listed in ARC News 16 is now relatively firm. The start time is now anticipated to be 10.00 am rather than 9.00 am. Return to the NEC remains as approx 6.00 pm. On the return leg between Warwick and Meriden, a call into Baddesley Clinton (a Natural Trust property) has been added for afternoon tea. Sunset is at 8.14 pm on the day (over which we have no control!) so the firework display will start at 9.00 pm.

In view of the potential attendance levels, entry to the NEC and to Heritage Motor Centre will probably be by ticket only, details of availability later.

At the end of this ARC News there is an Application Form and instructions for those of you wishing to enter your vehicle.

5.3 International Rally, Eastnor, May 21st - 31st

Latest news from the Planning Committee is as follows:-

Brief Timetable of Competition Events:-

Saturday 23rd	Grand Opening, Showroom Event
Sunday 24th	Cross Country Vehicle Trial, Concours d'Elegance (cars only)
Monday 25th	Competitive Safari
Tuesday 26th	Team Recovery, Concours d'Elegance (Land Rover products)
Wednesday 27th	Inter Club Challenge, Concours d'Elegance (Land Rover products)
Thursday 28th	Timed Trial
Friday 29th	Winch Recovery
Saturday 30th	Road Taxed Vehicle Trial, Closing Ceremony

Please note that the Concours for Rover cars will be held only on Sunday 24th May and will be held in the courtyard of the Castle. The Land Rover Concours on Tuesday 26th/ Wednesday 27th will be held in the Rally Arena

1998 is also the 50th Anniversary of the introduction of the Rover P3 car, it is likely therefore that this will be featured in the Car Concours. The 80" Land Rover did of course utilise much of the drive line of a P3

Entertainment:-

To accommodate those who like peace and quiet, and those who like something a little more lively, we will have two marquees, with a bar in each. Nightly entertainment with live music has been planned, starting on Saturday evening with a late forties/early fifties theme, dancing to the music of Ray Macvay and his orchestra. We hope as many people as possible will join in the spirit of the night and dress in the style of the era.

Other events throughout the week:-

Gymkhana, trailer reversing, scenic drives, factory visits (subject to demand), can all be booked and paid for on the day. Other attractions include a bike trial, childrens club, displays, demonstrations, talks, repair clinics, craft stalls, club stands, auto jumble, and not forgetting the most important, trade stands.

Site Services:-

Quality catering, toilets, showers, bus service around the park, and in the evening to and from the beer tent (we wouldn't want you to drink drive around the site, now would we?), and subject to negotiations, on-site banking, shop, telephones, caravan shop and gas, battery charging, and a daily bus service into Ledbury.

MROC as the local geographical club has taken on the mammoth task of Site Services management. They need a lot of help from other clubs or individuals, so if you or your club can help, please contact Steve Cook on 01527 525021.

We are also looking for each Club to have a nominated caravan marshal, or rota of marshals, for its own area. Could all Clubs please notify their nominated marshal(s) to Steve Cook.

'First Aid' is already in hand but we would like to have a 'duty doctor' available throughout the rally, are there any club member doctors out there who would be prepared to help, even if only for an hour or two? Please contact Harold Lowe on 01772 716956.

5.4 Shugborough 27th/28th June

The Series I Club and the 47-51 Register are getting together for the biggest ever Series I event. All ARC single marque clubs have been invited to have a club stand, and there will be lots of trade stands. Whilst the weekend rally is only open to Series I Club and 47-51 Register members, day visitors are, of course, welcome, at a nominal entry fee yet to be settled. In the region of 300 Series Is are expected, and the late John Parker's collection of model Land Rovers will be on display.

If you need further information or entry forms, contact Peter Hughes, 332 Priory Road, Shirley, Solihull, West Midlands B90 1BQ. Tel 0121 430 4712.

5.5 Land Rover Register 1947-51 - Anniversary Tour 9th-22nd August

Anniversary Tour to Switzerland, details as in ARC News 16.



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A.R.C. NEWS



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ADMIN.

ARC NEWS circulation.

We continue to get complaints about duplication on one hand, and a lack of two copies for two separate members at one address on the other, so Andrew Neaves explains some of the technicalities:-

"We have had some correspondence recently regarding the distribution of ARC News and although Geof has printed the reason why we get duplicates, I would like to expand on this further and why also numerous members at one address may only get one copy.

How it works... The clubs that participate send me on disk a copy of their membership lists which I compile into one list and send to Land Rover who then print thousands of labels and stick them onto envelopes etc.....

Simple eh! Well not quite, the lists from the clubs are for the most part not membership lists but mailing lists. i.e. the same as used for the club's magazine. These include other clubs' magazine editors, Tom's repair shop down the road and a whole host of other people. Magazine editors would get thirty-plus copies.

So we have to sort this lot. - By name? no, too many names the same. By address? no, same problem as the name plus you get differences depending on how it was entered in the first place, extra spaces etc. So that leaves us with the postcode. It's not good but it is the best we can do at the moment. We check for duplicates on postcode then cross match for differing numbers in the address field (so we do not remove those living in the same road) and then remove the duplicates. You may think that solves the problem....well...no. Some postcodes have been entered with extra spaces or wrong characters, so we will get duplicates, please let us know so that the program that I have written can be modified to cope with any new anomalies.

As for the two members at one address, sorry I can't do much about this, we will over a period of time be able to standardize on the formats we receive from the clubs and then we may be able to introduce some specials. If this is a major problem please let your club know, on the other hand if you do not currently get your own, you may know someone who would be more than happy to give you one."

I would add to that, two comments:-

- Could clubs please supply update disks to Andrew on a regular basis - once every six months is not good enough.
- If you get more than one copy of ARC NEWS, please return both (or all) labels to me, Andrew can then analyse them for discrepancies.

ARC Meetings.

Dates for ARC meetings for 1998 will be as follows:-

Council meetings... Feb. 14 ; May 16 ; Aug. 15 ; Nov. 14;
E G M s... Mar. 14 ; Jun. 13 ; Sep. 12 ; Dec. 5

Club officer changes.

Please note that following their AGM the new officers for Staffs. & Shrops L.R.C. are:-

Chairman	Graham Medicott	Tel. 01588 650661
Secretary.....	Helen Medicott	Tel. 01785 760293
Memb. Secretary.....	Vanessa Johnson	Tel. 0121 533 4070
Tale Gate Editor.....	Alan Hickinbottom	Tel. 0121 680 7022

SOLIHULL HERITAGE RUN Sunday April 26th.

Entries for the run are coming in steadily, my postman hasn't resigned yet, so keep them coming, don't forget the closing date of February 14th.

The Heritage Motor Centre at Gaydon will be running a special Land Rover celebration and Rover Marque Day on the 26th, open from 10.00 am till 6.00 pm, with lots of attractions in the grounds and in the museum. Vehicles participating in the Run will be on display during their lunch stop, and all Land Rovers attending Gaydon during the day will be able to go on show in the arenas. If Clubs would like to set up a club display for the day, talk to Jane Roche on 01926 641188.

For those of you following the progress of the cavalcade throughout the day, there will be food available at the start at the NEC west car park, also at Gaydon, in the coffee shop and in the grounds (pig roast and beer tent), and at the tea stop at Baddesley Clinton, located slightly west of the B4100 road between Haseley and Chadwick End.

This latter stop is a superb medieval moated house dating back to the 13th century, and now operated by the National Trust. Entry prices are :-

AdultHouse & Garden £4.80 Garden only £2.40 Children..... half price.

50th ANNIVERSARY INTERNATIONAL RALLY - EASTNOR May 21-31st

- The Supplementary Regulation printed on the back of the booking form:-
- "CCV Trial/Competitive Safari specification vehicles entered in both the CCV Trial and/or the Competitive Safari and the RTV Trial will not be eligible for annual awards in the RTV Trial" is deleted.
- The "Rally Fee" of £10, quoted on the booking form is applicable to camping/caravanning units only.
- 'Day visitors' will be charged £5.00 per car at the gate - tickets need not be purchased in advance.
- If there are any members fluent in any foreign language(s), who would be prepared to assist in rally reception, even if only for an odd hour or two, please contact Harold Lowe on 01772 716956.
- Line Dancing demonstrations and classes will be available during the rally - bring your boots and stetsons - times and location to be announced.
- If there are any 'craft' workers or model makers willing to display their wares or skills (or both) please contact Bonny & Chris Savidge on 0115 926 7716
- Range Rover Register have offered to run their "Pride of Ownership" concours during the rally. This is a simple form of concours where a small team of judges select the vehicle they would most like to take home, without the depth of inspection and complication of a normal concours. More details at a later date.
- Plans are in hand for a Grand Raffle dedicated to the memory of Major Ben Hervey-Bathurst. First prize will be a Camel Trophy Freelanders from Land Rover, with other desirable prizes such as a 9000lb winch from Superwinch, a set of tyres from Bronco Tyres, a year's vehicle insurance from NFU Mutual, and possibly others. Provisional plans are for the draw to take place at the rally closing ceremony on Saturday 30th May, drawn by Mrs. Anne Hervey-Bathurst. Proceeds of the raffle will go to the Eastnor church maintenance fund. More details and possibly an issue of tickets (at £1 each) with next ARC News.
- Don't forget to get your booking forms in by the end of March

♦ **The provisional timetable for the rally is as follows:-**

Thurs 21st May	Rally site opens	12.00 noon
	Rally reception closes	00.00 Midnight
Friday 22nd	Reception open	07.00 - 00.00
	Scrutineering open	13.00 - 20.00
Saturday 23rd	Reception open	07.00 - 00.00
	Scrutineering open	08.00 - 21.00
	Official Opening Ceremony	12.00 noon
	Showroom Vehicle Test	14.00 - 17.00
	Children's bike trial scrutineering starts	17.00
	Children's Bike Trial starts	18.00
Sunday 24th	Reception open	07.00 - 00.00
	Scrutineering open	06.00 - 08.00
	CCV Trial Marshals briefing	08.00
	CCV Trial starts	08.30
	Car Concours	T.B.D.
Monday 25th	Scrutineering open	06.00 - 08.00
	Comp Safari Marshals briefing	08.00
	Comp Safari	08.30 - 16.00
	Prize-giving	18.00
Tuesday 26th	Scrutineering open	08.00 - 09.30
	Team Recovery	10.00 - 16.00
	Land Rover Concours	T.B.D.
Wednesday 27th	Scrutineering open	08.00 - 09.30 & 18.00 - 20.00
	Inter-club Challenge	10.00 - 18.00
	Land Rover Concours	T.B.D.
Thurs 28th	Scrutineering open	08.00 - 10.00
	Timed Trial	10.00 - 16.00
Friday 29th	Scrutineering open	08.00 - 09.30 & 12.00 - 20.00
	Winch Recovery	10.00 - 16.00
Saturday 30th	Scrutineering open	06.00 - 08.00
	RTV Trial starts	08.30
	Prize Giving & Closing Ceremony	18.00
Sunday 31st	Rest day and site closure	

The bar is open every day and closes at 23.00 each night.

SHUGBOROUGH 27th/28th June

Whilst the Solihull Heritage Run and the International Rally at Eastnor are going to be prestigious celebration events, surely one of the most impressive sights of 1998 will be the assembly of several hundred Series I's at Shugborough.

Two thoughts spring to mind:-

- ♦ has someone approached the Guinness Records people?
- ♦ has someone laid on some aerial photography?

We have all seen the impressive (or depressing?) sight of hundreds of new cars 'stored' on docksides and airfields awaiting customers, but can you imagine several hundred 45 - 50 year old Landies lined up at a stately home? - it's mind boggling! - will it ever happen again?

In ARC News 17 I stated that the late John Parker's collection of models would be on display, this is not correct, they now reside at Dunsfold. The display at Shugborough will be that of Mike Hardiman and others - sorry!

Day visitors will park in the Shugborough Hall general car park (parking fee approx. £2) and then admission to the rally site is free.

For more information contact Peter Hughes, 332 Priory Road, Shirley, Solihull, West Midlands B90 1BQ Tel. 0121 430 4712.

THE ALL-ROVER WEEKEND 1998

from Chris Savidge, Non-Competitive Clubs Co-Ordinator

Arrangements are in hand to hold this year's "All-Rover Weekend" within the Motoring Festival section of the Town & Country Festival, to be held on 29th - 31st August at the National Agricultural Centre, Stoneleigh, Warwickshire. The prime reason for doing this, as opposed to the usual event at the Heritage Motor Centre, Gaydon, was to meet the need which has been identified by the ARC Non-Competitive Clubs Sub-committee, for there to be more at the event to interest "the rest of the family".

With so much else happening in the 50th year of The Land Rover, it would not be possible to arrange our own, independent event which would satisfy this identified need. The idea of "attaching" our All-Rover Weekend to an existing, suitable, event began to look attractive! We investigated several such events, even visiting some, and the Town & Country Festival came out well in the lead.

The Town & Country Festival is actually made up of four 'Festivals': Motoring - Live Entertainment - Leisure and Shopping - The Countryside. The venue, at the Royal Agricultural Society of England's headquarters, is superbly laid out with permanent infrastructure. Camping and caravanning are available (by pre-booking) adjacent to the showground - toilets and showers available, and I need to know approximate numbers in order to reserve adjacent sections of the camping and caravanning areas for our members. Price for those exhibiting vehicles is £20 per unit for the weekend (max 4 nights), and this fee also includes 2 adult entry tickets to all three days of the Show. Additional adult (over 15 years) and children's (5-15 years, under 5's are free) tickets can be bought in advance for the three days of the show at discounted rates. Caravanning for those not exhibiting vehicles is £35, and advance entry tickets available at discount. Day visitors may also purchase 'advance' tickets.

If you are interested in attending this event, either camping or caravanning, please get in touch with Bonny or Chris Savidge (Snr) on 0115 926 7716 as soon as possible, before 15th May 1998.

1998 CLUB EVENTS

♦ **Lincolnshire Land Rover Club** are running a 3 day open event on **Manby Showground** near Louth over May Day Bank Holiday weekend May 1st - 4th. RTV Trial, CCV Trial, Comp Safari, Ladies Event and Bike Trial are all featured. Camping/ caravanning is available with water and toilets on site, and within walking distance of a pub! For more details phone Vince on 01673 885115.

♦ For those of you more supportive of the Classic Car scene, and within reasonable distance of Bolton, there is a half-day **Classic Rally** in aid of Bolton Hospice on Sunday 7th June. A route of approx 60 miles is covered including the West Pennine Moors, and the rally winds up with a buffet lunch for all, and presentation of finishers plaques. For further information contact Mrs Brenda Thornley, Ardoyne, 86 Chapelton Road, Bromley Cross, Bolton BL7 9NE, tel. 01204 310544.

♦ **Yorkshire Rover Owners Club** are again running the **Langley Farm 4 x 4** event, this year over the weekend 11-13th September. This is an open event, open to all 4 x 4 owners. There will be trade stands, Club stands, an off-road course, a vehicle display area (with prizes), and a prize draw based on a completed questionnaire. For more information contact Mick Moses c/o 26 White Rose Way, Garforth, Leeds LS25 2EF, tel. 0113 286 0586 (evenings only).

CONTACTS

If you are an ex-military vehicle fanatic, are you aware of MVS Ltd at Units 14/15 Fradley Park, Gorse Lane, Fradley, Lichfield, Staffs WS13 8EN, tel. 01543 417733? They sell ex-military vehicles, spares and ancillary equipment, and are currently disposing of 3000 Series III Land Rovers. Talk to Tony Trowell and mention ARC News.

Recovery Plan

I feel that it's time to have another prod at fellow members after the few problems at Surrey Saw Mills on the 25th January.

I'm referring to the subject of recovery. We shall all need it sometime or other and in my opinion it needs a lot more thought by the members. So you've got a piece of rope with a loop at each end. Well, I'm afraid this is not enough. For a start, is it the right kind of rope for the job? i.e. is it of a nylon type, does it stretch? If it doesn't, then there could be very serious consequences. The point at which it's fixed to - yes, you or someone could end up wearing that item. This brings me to another point of importance. Has your vehicle got proper recovery points and are they strong enough for a SNATCH recovery. After all, you won't be in control if you're stuck, who ever is attempting to pull you out will assume that what they have fixed the rope to is as good as theirs, that is if theirs is good in the first place. Tow-balls are fairly good and quick to hook on to, but a locking pin is much safer as it can't come out even if the rope is at an acute angle. The recovery point needs to be fixed to the chassis for best results and strength if not directly but indirectly, and with the minimum of $\frac{5}{8}$ " diameter bolts. I know it's a problem with the front of Range Rovers and Discoverys but with a little thought and planning it can be done quite easily. (See note below)

I've been Land Roving for approx 10 years now and this subject has always been prominent in my mind as having had many a need for assistance in my own vehicle and while helping others not only at trials but a lot of green-laning as well. I know the initial outlay for the vehicle is the largest sum of money but you will need virtually straight away some equipment to go with it. An AWDC spec nylon rope was my first purchase followed by a Hi-Lift jack, various shackles and straps soon followed.

What is more important, proper equipment for your beloved Land Rover or a few pints of beer down the pub on a Friday night. Well the equipment will get you out of trouble while the beer will get you into trouble and be even more expensive in the long run.

It's nice to have fancy gadgets such as GPSs and winches, but let's get the basics first. When I first joined the AWDC you had to have a nylon rope to complete the scrutineering before a trial. Sadly this is not a requirement with the ARC. Personally I think and I have tried to convince the committee that it should be obligatory. In HBRO it's always left to the caring few to produce the right equipment when a situation arises. A few pounds spent now will give you peace of mind later and a good sense of security should you have to need recovery later.

Nick Woodage.

NOTE. For RR, Disco and 90 / 110, try Land Rover chassis shackles, part number RRC3237 attached with bolt BH110281L and HT nut. Cost about £25 but they're made for the job and you can take them off, if you sell the vehicle, and fit them to the next one!

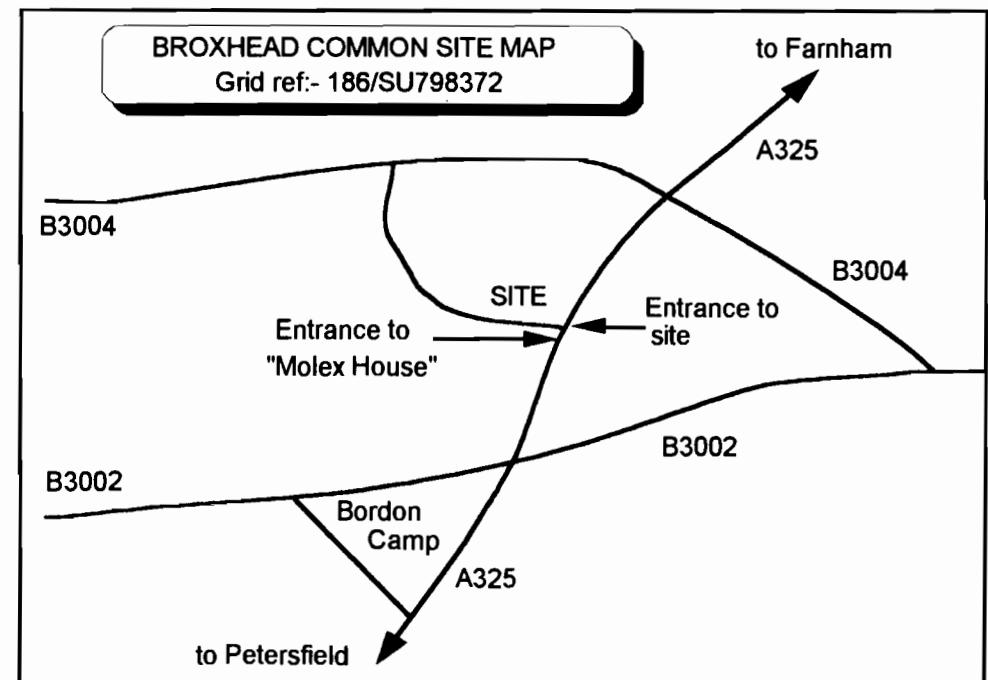
Steve Kirby.

Scenic Drive and RTV Trial Broxhead Common, March 8th

We are holding a Scenic Drive and RTV trial at Broxhead Common, near Bordon, halfway between Petersfield and Farnham, HANTS. 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 £15. 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. The rules in your 1997 ARC Yearbooks are still OK. (The new one will be out soon.) Don't forget your MOT certificates and driving licences. RTV will be a qualifying round for the "Red Leader Shield", the "Pilot Trophy" and the Winter Series.

The Scenic Drive is open to the public and members alike. Fee is £15. (Members showing their club card can drive round for £10) There will be the HBRO tent with club merchandise, refreshments (Tea and soft drinks) and sweets.

We urgently need club members to come and marshal the events. It would be very helpful if you could come along on Saturday to help lay out. On the Sunday, please enrol as a marshal for the scenic drive or for the RTV trial. We'll show you how to score if you've not done it before!



Chairman's Corner Chit Chat

The club is organising another public off-road drive day, alongside an RTV trial on March 8th. Trevor Jones will be CoC for the trial and Nick Woodage has agreed to do the scenic drive yet again. We will be needing lots of marshals to run this event. If you can attend on the Saturday to set out either event please contact me as soon as possible.

Went to the trial at Surrey Saw Mills today. Last time there we ripped the silencer out of the exhaust! This time it was the drag link on the steering. Banana shaped or what? I spent lunch time crawling around in the mud under the ninety to get the offending item off, and with the assistance of Nick Woodage we straightened it, got it back on, and was just in time for the restart.

There is some else who crawls around under motors on a regular basis. That unsung hero is the scrutineer. This much maligned official has to inspect your vehicle to ensure it is safe to compete. It makes the job of the scrutineer much easier and more pleasant if the vehicle has been cleaned.

p.s. The A.R.C. book says that you may fail scrutineering if the vehicle is too dirty.

Lightweight Magazine !!!

Have you noticed the size of the magazine lately. It appears to have been on a diet. This is due to the lack of input from you the members. It's your magazine, what do you want to see in it? Why not put finger to keyboard, pen to paper, quill to parchment, chisel to tablet, what ever medium you want and sent something to Steve Kirby. Let us all in on your hot DIY tip, lets all have a laugh at your latest attempt to qualify for Wally of the Year, lets get some articles in stock ready for the quiet months. (don't all rush now)

Discovery Recovery

Some years ago when funds were a little flushed I travelled to deepest Devon to visit Mr. David Bowyer. I have got to know him quite well over the years.

I had decided it was time for a winch on the ninety. I spent all day there fitting a Superwinch X9000 and B.R.B. winch bumper. So what happens next? Apart from a couple visits to the War of the Roses I have had virtually no need to use a winch. That was until just lately. First came the abandoned trial at Chiddingfold (aka the HBRO trials for the Camel Trophy) too many vehicles to mention, followed by Bagshot Heath & a dead series 3, Slab Common & the stranded Discovery and now the latest event at Surrey Saw Mills - Range Rover versus tree. It is an interesting and challenging recovery method, while at the same time it can be fraught with danger. Does anybody out there want to have a go a winching for the first time. You can use my vehicle and equipment and I will show you the basics. Give me a call and I will try and arrange something at a

forthcoming event.

...and finally... I am sorry if I missed you at the Rickshaw do. Friday went well and we set out eight section for the MOD. Saturday started well enough but I some how got sand & grit in my eye. To cut a long story short I left the site mid morning to find the nearest first aid facility and ended up at A&E in Reading who let me go about 5 p.m. . All's well now though.

Cheers for now,

Nick Jennings

New Member Signs in...

Hello!

I have just received a copy of the Newsletter (November 97) via Maxine at HBRO. I have just paid my subscription to join your club, and eagerly awaiting the January / February newsletter.

I will briefly introduce myself !.

I'm the owner of a 1979 2¼ Diesel Safari, husband, and father of 5 daughters (hence the Safari).

Having purchased the vehicle 2 years ago upon the pretext of using it whilst carrying out a running restoration programme. However after failing the 'Smoke Test' I decided serious work was required.

During the this time further worked developed and with my limitations of time at work, ballet and tap (not myself), household pressures etc. Off-Road to my wife had a completely different meaning, it doesn't go anywhere but it kept my sanity almost intact! Anyway here we are ready to experience the joys / challenges of Green Laning etc.

I read from your article about becoming Marshals at events and the shortage of good folk! I would be interested to know more about this and would endeavour to be available assist etc. I read an article in LRO the other week about marshals around Bagshot.

Green Laning - is there a definitive map your group uses, as the Land Ranger maps are a little vague.

Are Club venues usually around Bordon Slab Common, as many a day and night was spent recovery in the REME at Bordon, until the walls on the assault course seemed to grow year by year !

Anyway must depart, if around Terminal 3 give me a call and I'll treat you to a Eurest Sausage Sandwich.

See you around!

Steve Ellis

For Sale

Note that small ads are free but please let the editor know when a sale is complete so we 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), phone number with full national dialling code, fax, e-mail, etc 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

* WEBER carburettor. For Series II or III Land Rover. Engine upgrade necessitates sale. Used for 2000 miles only. Original box and fitting instructions. Cost £136. Sell for £50 Please call Paul Flett in Wokingham on DAY 0171-465-4646 or EVES 0118-9734-430 (MARCH 98)

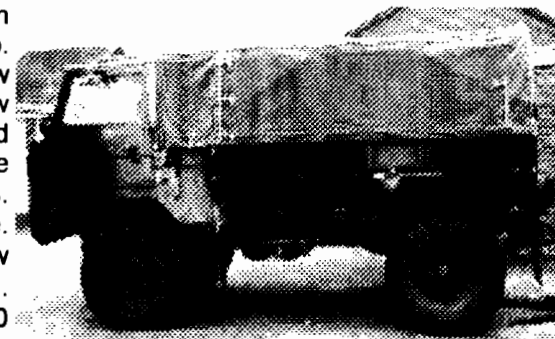
Vehicles for Sale

* SWB Series IIa 1971 2¼ petrol engine. Complete with roof-rack and six metal jerrycans. Some attention is needed to the brakes. £1500. Call Michael Dominic on 0181-677-0550. (MAR98)

* Series IIa 1972-ish. 100,000 miles. Runs very nicely. MOT. Lots of service history. Will need outriggers done next year. 5 new tyres. New battery. £2000. Call Mike Brett on 01737-210799. (MAR98)

* 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. (MAR98)

* Land Rover 101 Forward Control G.S. 12V RHD 1977 (R Plate). Ex RAF Rapier Tractor Low Km's. Good Condition. Lumination Electronic ignition. 5 new Michelin XZL Tyres. Halogen Lights. New genuine front prop. Original 101 Winch fitted. New Clutch and many other new parts. Maintained by Dunsfold LRs. Fitted with removable towbar for ordinary trailers. Excellent off road performance. With large trailer on new 9.00x20 tyres, tows very well. New House forces sale. £5000 complete. Call / Fax John Kaye in Reading on 0118-944-1292. or Mobile 0385-243206 (MAR98)



* Series 1 SWB 1956. 2 litre diesel. Hard-top. Original engine (smokes which means it won't pass the MoT). Chassis OK. New doors and glass (not fitted). All original body - mainly farm used. £1000. Call Mike Tarrant on 01488-657543. (FEB98)

* Isuzu Trooper Turbo Diesel 2.3litre. 1987 (E). New tyres. Excellent Condition. Bull-bar. MOT. Tax. Tow hitch. Only used for church on Sundays. £4600. Call 01483-488691 (JAN98)

* S11 SWB 1957 Very early Series 2. Much hacked about (shortened by 4") 2¼ lump. Must sell as neighbours are complaining. Will make a good project or spares £400. Contact Andy Wilson in Andover on:- Work 01256-372608, Home 0126-355246. (DEC97)

* "POOTLE" Land Rover Series III 1974(N) SWB 2¼ petrol. MOT July 1998. Tax to Dec 1997. 72000 miles. New springs, shocks, carb, transmission brake. Original hard and soft tops. Very reliable. Excellent drive. First home forces sale. Offers around £2000 to Kathryn Cleary in Christchurch, Dorset, on 01425-673597. (DEC97)

* Land Rover 90 E-reg 1987. County model with 7 upholstered seats. 86,000 miles. Tax till end Jan 98. Mot till end Mar 98. 2 owners since new. Towpack. Remote controlled alarm. Spotlights. 2 new tyres recently. Steps. White. Very good condition. £7,495 ono. Contact Amanda on 01932-220386 eves or 0181-562-3184 days. (DEC97)

Wanted

* Cheap and cheerful Land Rover To be a first car for lad living in the country.

Series 2 or 3 SWB will do fine. Call Angie Marynicz on 01666-822348, or fax to either 01666-823186 or 01666-826505. (JAN98)

* PTO / Power Take Off for Series I / II gearbox. Attaches to to the bottom of the transfer box. Believed to be manufactured by Aeroparts Engineering. Have you got one or do you know where to get one? Please call p. Howes on 01902-755974 or fax 01902-686926. (JAN98)

* Series 2 or 2a SWB 25+ years-old (no tax!) for off-road and green-lane use. What have you got? Anything over and above considered. Call Leigh Durham on 01425-621433. (DEC97)

* 80" series 1 trialler or road vehicle must have reg docs or ARC log book (if trialler) Phone Martin Pike 01252 332646.(DEC97)

* 90 Fuel Tank and 2¼ Diesel Engine. Call Wayne Osborne in Gosport on 01705-582338 (DEC97)

WARNING

Any adverts dated up to and including OCTOBER 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.

* 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 0181-548-5301 or 0181-715-4861.

Long Term Events Programme.

July 18 - 20	Billing Show
Aug 2 - 3 or 9 - 10	Battlehurst Farm Interclub Challenge. Summer Series.
Aug 16 - 17	Southern Hill Rally. CANCELLED
Aug 23 - 24	North Wales Club event at Porthmadog
Aug 29 - 31	All Rover Weekend. Town & Country Show, Agricultural Centre, Stoneleigh, Warwickshire. See ARC News.
Aug 30 - 31	HBRO Summer Rally. Nelly's Dell. Summer Series.
Sep. 14	Festival of Motor Sport, Thruxton.
Sep. 21	Wessex Shield and Safari Engineering Challenge.
Sep. 27 - 28	Bagshot Heath Off Road Show.
Oct 3 - 4	Majors trial. Devon?
Oct 3 - 4	Dunsfold open Day
Oct 10 - 11	RTV / CCV Trials. Military Site.
Oct 9 - 11	Welsh Hill Rally.
Oct 30	HBRO AGM
Nov 2	RTV / CCV Nelly's Dell.
Dec ??	XMAS DINNER
Dec 14	RTV / CCV Brick Kiln.