

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.

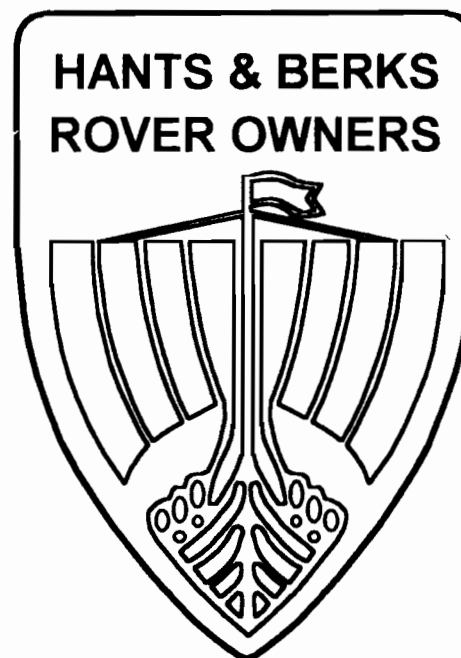
I've printed the dates of everything I know about at the moment so get your diaries out! Note that *provisional* events are printed in *italics*. Will event organisers please let me know when any of these is confirmed / changed / cancelled etc.. Major changes, cancellations etc. are highlighted in **bold text**.

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

WS = Winter Series. SS = Summer Series.

May 9 - 10	Broxhead Common RTV / CCV . SS
May 16 - 17	Army charity event. NO NEWS. CANCELLED.
May 22 - 31	ARC International Rally. Eastnor. Volunteers wanted to run Rally Control.
June 7 / 8	<i>Bowhill. RTV / CCV / Camping. Summer Series</i>
June 13	ARC meeting, LR factory, Solihull.
June 14	<i>New Site at Romsey. RTV.</i>
June 20 - 21	<i>Goodwood Festival of Speed.</i>
June 20 - 21	<i>Stag Owners Rally.</i>
June 20 - 21	<i>National Off-Road Show.</i>
June 28	<i>Green Lane Treasure Hunt & BBQ. Call Dave Ridder.</i>
July 4 - 5	<i>Brick Kiln Farm. RTV and camping.</i>
July 11 - 12	War of the Roses, Cumbria. Team now set but if you want to go on standby, call Adrian Bolge. RTV on Saturday.
July 18 - 19	<i>Billing Show.</i>
Aug 1 - 2 or 8 - 9	<i>Battlehurst Farm Interclub Challenge. Summer Series.</i>

Pants & Barks



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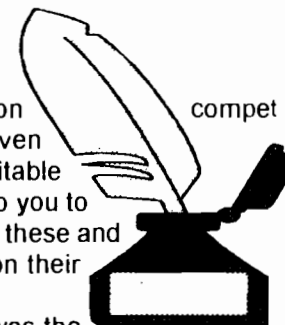
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Notes:- * committee member. # member of ARC Scrutineering Committee.

"Hants & Berks Rover Owners" is a member of the ARC (Association of Rover Clubs), the RACMSA (RAC Motor Sports Association) and the ACSMC (Association of Central Southern Motor Clubs.)

Editor's bit....

As promised, this month we have a cartoon competition. This started with a few humorous drawings being given to Alan Smith. Then Nick Jennings had a go at adding suitable captions. These are shown with each cartoon but it's up to you to come up with alternative (printable!) ones. Nick will judge these and award a prize as he sees fit. Bribes will be considered on their merits.



One of the items discussed at the Easter bash was the matter of forwarding members names and addresses to the ARC so ARC News can be sent direct to members. This issue consumes 6 pages of ARC News, so in the future we can save some printing costs for P&B.

This month...

- CCCC from Nick Jennings.
- ARC News 19 arrived too late to make the April issue.
- ARC AGM report. There's a lot going on so find out.
- Sam Parker puts fingers to keyboard while she waits for her offspring to appear!
- Mike Clark puts pen to paper...
- Santa Claus responds.
- More letters.
- That's about it...

We have been contacted by club member Stuart Diack whose Zeus timing gears failed on his TDi 90. Much engine damage resulted. Has anyone else had problems or seen reports of problems with these gears? Call Stuart on 01628-780112.

Many members will know John Murphy who used to work for a now-defunct company in Chandler's Ford. He's set up on his own. See Heron 4x4 advert in this issue.

Steve Kirby

On-Line...

Don't forget to visit our Web site at:-
<http://www.gtmedia.u-net.com/hbro.htm>

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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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!
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Country 4x4, Terry Vincent, Caversham Heights, Reading.BERKS 01189-471931, 0836-577892 (mobile)	Spares (new & s/h), servicing on Range Rovers and Discoveries. Any specialist work undertaken. Engine swaps etc.	Very hard to beat prices! Deliveries / collections of vehicles / parts negotiated.
Heron 4x4. John Murphy. The Herons. Heron Lane. Timsbury, near Romsey HANTS 01794-368355	Land Rover, Range Rover, Discovery spares NEW and USED. (Fax - 01794-367626) (mobile 07771-626538)	No specific discounts but very competitive prices.
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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 essentially "one-man-band" companies are offering deals / 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.

Chairman's Chit Chat Corner

With last month's mag. you will have received notification that we intended to hold an "E.G.M." at 5p.m. on Sunday 12th April. The term "E.G.M." (Extraordinary General Meeting) was in fact incorrect and should have read "Special General Meeting". This was just a "slip of the tongue" and I think most of the membership understood the spirit of the notification if not the exact letter. Before the meeting started I announced and apologised for this error and asked those present if there were any objections to continuing with the meeting as a Special General Meeting. There was not a single objection, and so the meeting went ahead as planned.

The Easter Rally will now have come and gone and I hope all those who braved the weather enjoyed the event. There is a lot of hard work involved in staging an event such as this and in my opinion your committee did the club proud again. My thanks to them for all their continued hard work that makes the club what it is.

Friday was the general setting up day, sorry I arrived too late to help with the erection of the tent. Later in the day Kiran & Zoe took us on a walk on the wild side. I had nearly reached exhaustion and was expecting the return leg at any moment us to start when my grandson Alex asked Kiran "How much further?" Kiran said we were only at one third distance my spirits sank. The walk was officially 4 miles but I think it felt like 24 miles. Thanks Zoe & Kiran great walk, great company, shame about the weather.

We had a gymkana on the Saturday that was dogged by the weather but I think all enjoyed the event judging by the cheering and laughter. Gary Hodgson organised a treasure hunt / navigational scatter, with some cunning clues, around the footpaths near the site. One of the clues asked punters to collect "The worst part of a dog". I gather the correct answer was to collect some bark (bark worse than bite). Did I really hear that someone was trying to get their dog to pass wind into a plastic bag !!!!

We had a word-search competition on the go throughout the weekend and Saturday night saw fun and games in the tent.

Due to the climatic problems in the Midlands and subsequent cancellation of a major event in Wales the trialers were to see a demonstration of impeccable driving by Andy Bunyan. His total score for the day was one solitary point. Equally impressive was the drive by Paul Webb with a four point total in his Rangey.

Monday was reserved for the girls. Only five takers this year but the competition was fierce and the entertainment of the highest class. Barry and the boys had laid out six mixed sections and with only the five players lunch time saw all done and dusted. Well done Karen, a great drive.

The rest of the day was spent clearing up the site, packing up the marquee, putting the trailers away etc. All in all a great weekend and here's to the next one.

Nick Jennings (Email address 101743,1615@compuserve)



A.R.C. NEWS



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ADMIN.

Club Officer Changes

Please note that Staffs & Shrops Membership Secretary Vanessa Johnson's telephone no. is 0121 580 1490, not the number quoted in Arc News 18. I just copied it from their circular letter!

Car Clubs Liaison Officer

At long last the ARC Council has a car clubs representative, in the form of Paul K. Williams of RSR. He is contactable at 41 Church Street, St. Georges, Telford, Shropshire TF2 9JZ, tel: 01952 419781

SOLIHULL HERITAGE RUN Sunday 26th April

Entries have now been sorted for the 50 years of production grouping, and approaching 40 of the "Specials" grouping. If you have something special like a fire engine, special body conversion, etc, and would still like to enter, get in touch urgently with Chris Savidge on 0115 926 7716. All drivers will be receiving an official invitation from the Company.

Official timings are as follows:-

NEC West Car Park	9.00 - 11.00 am
Land Rover (Damson Parkway)	10.05 - 11.20 am
Solihull Town Centre	10.30 - 11.40 am
Heritage Motor Centre, Gaydon	11.30am - 4.30 pm
Baddesley Clinton House	4.20 - 6.35 pm
NEC Pendigo Lake	6.20 - 9.30 pm

Please note the West Car Park access off the A45 Coventry - Birmingham road is **not** the main NEC exit, but the Birmingham Airport exit.

The Heritage Motor Centre at Gaydon is open from 10.00 am to 6.00 pm for a special Anniversary and Marque Day, with club stands, trade stands, Land Rover displays, Land Rover cinema, Pig Roast, Jazz Band, and children's entertainment. During the cavalcade lunch break at the Centre, there will be a Guest Speakers Open Forum, with various past executives and engineers from the Company. Drivers of Land Rovers and Rover cars will gain free entry, their passengers get a £1 discount off normal prices.

We can fly Club flags at the NEC Pendigo Lake location throughout the evening celebrations, if you can provide a club flag, please contact Chris Savidge (Snr) - tel 0115 926 7716

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

The 50th Anniversary Association of Rover Clubs' International Rally is drawing closer. The competitions are very well subscribed to with the 'spread-out' timetable proving to be popular. Land Rover Ltd. are being very supportive of the whole event and regular visitors to Eastnor Deer Park will see new roads and less muddy tracks than in the past. This is thanks to the Company. The camping and caravanning bookings are surprisingly balanced over the nine day period and at the end of January over 400 units were booked in for the whole 9 day period. In early February full 9 day bookings were averaging 6 per day, thus a bumper International is foreseen.

There will be a plethora of activities to keep everyone amused throughout each day in addition to the usual competitions. these attractions include:-

- Scenic Drives around Eastnor Estate in your own vehicle.
- Visits to the Motor Industries Heritage Centre at Gaydon
- Visits to the Land Rover factory at Lode Lane, Solihull (limited numbers will apply)
- An extensive Off-Road Scenic Drive on military land in the Brecon Beacons
- Concours competitions for both Rover Cars and Land Rover vehicles
- Special entry arrangements to Eastnor Castle

Further, there will be regular arena events including vehicle displays, vehicle building competitions, military vehicle demonstrations and much more.

The thoroughbred Rover P3 Saloon is similarly celebrating its 50th Birthday and enthusiasts of this vehicle will be at the event providing a comprehensive display.

The Trade stands will be at the event in force where enthusiasts of all Leaf Sprung and Coil Sprung Lode Lane marques will be able to order or buy their spares and add-ons. Dunsfold Land Rover will be bringing a huge range of Series One spares and Series Two and Series Three owners will see more of their models' spare parts than ever before. Simmonites 4 x 4 and DLS will each have large display units offering all parts and accessories. Famous Four will have their ever popular handling kits for sale and much, much more. Further, Superwinch are generously supporting the event and will have their full range of winches on display.

ARC have arranged an excellent deal on vehicle insurance for its members with NFU Mutual and they will have a presentation stand at the event. Similarly CLA, the Country Landowners Association, are invited. It is to their members that we look for land for our activities in the future. Therefore this is the opportunity for clubs to make their requirements known to landowners in their area.

You will find a booking form in this newsletter for both the official video and the exclusive 50th Anniversary clothing. The logos for the 50th have been specially designed for us by Pete Wilford. These are unique to ARC and will never be available again after this year so the clothing will be a collectors item as practical good quality wear.

The video can be pre-ordered thus saving £1.00, the production will include the cavalcade of fifty Land Rovers, one from each of the last fifty years of all models and types. It is good value, costing less than the official National video from the past four years.

There you have it, whether you are a competitor or an enthusiast, a 9 day break at Eastnor Castle is the place to be from 22nd to 31st May, if you miss it there will never be another chance, never be another fiftieth.

Day visitors are welcome and ample car parking awaits them

Trade stands are still available from £100 for a 5m x 5m pitch - contact Steve Wells on 01472 398019 or 0976 510433

A "Radio Amateur" member of the 101 FCC&R is planning to set up a 'licensed Radio station' at Eastnor for the event, if there are any other enthusiasts out there willing to help, please contact Chris Savidge.

Don't forget the craft displays, if you are 'into' any form of craft hobby and wish to demonstrate, display or sell your products, contact Chris or Bonny Savidge.

Please note that the Grand Raffle will not now be linked with the International Rally. Due to increased administration requirements dictated by the higher than normal (to ARC) prize values, the draw for this raffle will take place on Saturday 3rd October at the Major's Trial. Please note also that the main prize will be a Camel Discovery not a Camel Freeland.

John Bradbury is organising a cavalcade of 50 Land Rovers to run from Anglesey on Saturday 23rd May to arrive at Eastnor during the opening ceremony of the International Rally. If you are interested in taking part, please let John know asap. If you also applied for the Solihull Heritage Run, advise him of that fact, he can then liaise with Chris Savidge for photos and vehicle details etc. John's address etc are on the back page of this ARC News.

SHUGBOROUGH 27th/28th June

The biggest ever Series 1 Club and 1947/51 Register event at Shugborough Hall just a few miles east of Stafford. For more information, contact Peter Hughes, 332 Priory Road, Shirley, Solihull, West Midlands B90 1BQ, tel: 0121 430 4712

ALL ROVER WEEKEND 1998

National Agricultural Centre, Stoneleigh, Warwickshire 29th - 31st August

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, Chris Savidge needs an indication of camping / caravanning numbers by mid-May, please complete the slip attached and return it to him

1998 CLUB EVENTS

May 1st/4th Lincolnshire LRC at Manby Showground
Contact Vince on 01673 885115

July 31st/Aug 1st/2nd The newly formed **Association of North American Rover Clubs** holds a 50th Anniversary Event at Greek Peak, Cortland, New York State, with RTV, Off Road Trail Ride, Technical sessions etc. The 'founder clubs' of the ANARC are Bay State Rover Owners Association, Ottawa Valley Land Rovers, and Rover Owners Association of Virginia. You can contact ANARC via e-mail at anarc@unix-off-road.com, and you can see details of event proposals on their web site at www.rover-clubs.org. UK visitors or clubs would be very welcome

Aug 29th/31st Peak & Dukeries Interclub Eckington '98
RTV, CCV and Comp. Safari Contact Rosine Barton 01623 655334

Aug 29th/31st North Wales LRC Bala '98
Bank Holiday at Bala instead of Porthmadog - usual competitions, but a change of scenery - contact Sue Bennett 01824 780474

Sept 11th/13th Yorkshire Rover Owners Club Langley Farm event
Contact Mick Moses 0113 286 0586 (evening only)

CLASSIC VEHICLE EVENTS

5th April Cheshire Circular - Classic Tour for pre-1979 vehicles. Light military and 4 x 4s welcome

16th/17th May Dambuster Classic - Tour of the dams in North & Mid Wales for pre-1979 vehicles. Join on either or both days.

6th/7th June Celebration Run for Land Rovers - Gaydon to Anglesey - with overnight stop in Mid Wales. Limited to 50 Land Rover products.

21st June Snowdon Passes. Classic tour for pre-1979 vehicles

For details of all these events contact Start 2 Finish, High View, Rock Place, Coedpoeth, Wrexham, North Wales LL11 3RS. tel: 01978 750150

RAC MSA NEWS from Harold Carman

Over the past twelve months I have reported from the RAC MSA Off Road Committee some concern regarding A.F.F.F. fire extinguishers:- it had been reported that some did not work correctly. Tests were carried out at a number of events to try to eliminate the possible causes of the problem. Unfortunately they could not come to any conclusion, the manufacturers were consulted and they agreed to look at the problem.

I reported back to the ARC that yes, mud could block the jets and jam the swivel nozzle, a simple shroud could be fitted (loose fitting) to eliminate the problem and all fire extinguishers should be checked by an expert. Tell the supplier what you are doing with it and if you are fitting it correctly, lying down, fastened to a roll bar, standing upright, you name it we do it!

All this advice is still good but a new development has come to light. Some supplies of the plastic nozzle could have been fitted without the required hole in the nozzle. Do check yours if you have one and do let me know, it would help if we could identify a 'batch' of these nozzles as the RAC MSA could then go back to the manufacturers with some evidence

The ARC council and Scrutineering committee do take this problem seriously and have been following developments, they ask all club scrutineers to check all fire extinguishers and at this year's International Rally '98 L&C will also check fire extinguishers. As a matter of course this is an ongoing investigation and when further information comes to light I will report back to the ARC.

LARA NEWS from Tony Kempster

We have now heard what conclusions the Government has drawn from the consultation exercise on managing vehicles on byways conducted jointly by the Departments of the Environment and Transport in 1996.

In answer to a question in Parliament, Michael Meacher, Minister for the Environment, said: *"Motor vehicles on byways can cause considerable localised damage. There may be a need for better management of byways at local level. We therefore:*

- *acknowledge that there may be a case for changes to the road traffic regulation powers of highway authorities. We intend to consider whether the scope of the circumstances for making traffic regulation orders should be widened to include nature and landscape conservation. We also intend to look at the scope for streamlining the procedures surrounding traffic regulation orders.*
 - *are publishing today a practical guide to managing vehicles on byways "Making the Best of Byways". Copies are being distributed to highway authorities and others with an interest; and*
 - *wish to encourage the promotion of codes of conduct for members of vehicle groups*
- However, we have found no compelling evidence of widespread problems being caused by recreational use of motor vehicles on byways and have concluded that there is no case for a general ban"*

You can obtain a copy of the booklet by ringing 0117 987 8879 - highly recommended.

LAND ROVER OWNER INTERNATIONAL are making a special subscription offer:-

Any club member ordering LRO magazine in advance for a year (13 issues) will save 50p on each issue, paying just £31.85 instead of the usual price of £38.35. They will then receive:

- a new issue every 4 weeks, delivered to their door
- a key ring • a sticker • a personalised membership card
- 10% off all LRO Bookshop purchases
- a year's free membership to the LRO Club

Membership to the LRO Club will give members the opportunity to try their Land Rover at a different venue for off-roading and training days. Why not make it a club outing?

Anyone wishing to take advantage of the offer can phone on 01379 890056 with their credit card details or write to LRO Mail Order, Anglian House, Chapel Lane, Botesdale, Diss, Norfolk IP22 1DT with a cheque for £31.85. In either case please quote SO91/GO75 to get the discount.

ALL ROVER WEEKEND - STONELEIGH - AUG 29th - 31st

I am interested in attending this event

Name

Address

Telephone no.

Club Memb. no.

Vehicle Reg. No
 I am interested in displaying my vehicle on the ARC stand:- Friday/Saturday/Sunday *

I will be.- caravanning*
 camping * - in tent / in vehicle*

for the period Thurs night/Fri night/ Sat night/ Sun night* * Delete as appropriate

Please return this slip to :-

Chris Savidge (Snr), Wicketwood House, 86 Spring Lane, Lambley, Nottingham NG4 4PG

VEHICLE THEFT - in Bakewell, Derbyshire

Red Rose member D.A. Tootill had his Land Rover 90 stolen on 20th January 1998. Reg no. M48 THG, red with white roof, etched windows, County trim, B J Acoustics sound deadening kit, Sony CD player, metallic grey Mangol steel wheels with Goodrich Trac Edge 235 x 85 x 16's, chassis no. SALLDVAF7MA957146, engine no. 16L15141A.

If any of the above rings a bell, contact local police or Tony Tootill on e-mail tonyt@mcmail.com.

CONTACTS

- Midlands area members looking for V8 engine servicing, tuning, overhaul, blue printing etc., and new or second-hand spares, have a local specialist Dave Ellis at Attleborough Field Industrial Estate, Nuneaton, tel: 01203 352888. Dave (and his father) have been Rover enthusiasts for many years starting with a Rover 10 hp and currently 'the fleet' includes an ex Group A SD1 Race car.
- An Austrian Defender enthusiast Schmutzer Josef is coming to the UK from August 10th to September 11th, and would like to see some UK club Land Roving. If you would like to show him how it's done in God's Country drop him a line at Hillebrandgasse 9, 3400 Klosterneuburg, Austria.
- Phil Golding is planning an overland trip to Capetown by Land Rover. If anyone out there has any advice for him (other than don't do it!!) contact him at 67a Greenford Avenue, Hanwell, London W7 1LL.

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ARC AGM 98

ARC AGMs seem to be settling down in their new format with most business being carried out by sub-committees who report back to the main meetings. Result - much less discussion and more business matters dealt with. This report is produced from notes taken at the time and the numbers are from the agenda. Sometimes they are combined or not dealt with at the time so some numbers are missing. I am actively involved in many matters under discussion so this report is not guaranteed to be free from bias!

Steve Kirby

3) Matters arising from previous minutes:-

- A possible tie-up with the Dunsfold Land Rover Trust is progressing. Just what the relationship will be is uncertain. The Trust may declare itself to be a club in which case it may possible join as one.
- ARC headed paper now on order.
- The Pennine Club was discussed. It appears they left the ARC as they didn't like the full roll-cage rule, despite the fact that they voted in favour of it! They have attended very few meetings up to the point they left and hadn't proposed any other changes. Many Pennine members have joined other clubs in order to participate in the National Rally. The door is always open for them to return to the ARC fold.

5) Chairman's Report - Peter Oakden.

- Loads of work going on behind the scenes. Mainly to do with the forthcoming marathon International Rally. There has also been much Council work for which Peter thanked the other Council members.
- We have a better structure than ever before for communication. We have the Green Book (annual) and ARC News (Issued about 10 times a year). 8400 copies of ARC News are sent out.
- Most members do not seem to feel that they need to be closely integrated with the ARC. On the part of the ARC, unity is the endeavour. It was noted that at the Scottish Land Rover Owners Club, unpleasant things were being said about the ARC! Norman Whiteley attended their AGM in Falkirk. This was a very useful exercise and many queries were answered and problems solved by Norman. One of the problems that came to light was that they did not know about ARC News. Copies are sent to the secretary and the newsletter editor but presumably its contents are considered not worth communicating any further! Result - the members don't even know it exists.
- Any club can feel free to write to the ARC Council to ask a member to attend a club AGM. In the pre-ARC days of the Rover Owner's Association, the ROA secretary went to all the AGMs to get feedback. This idea will not be imposed (even if it were possible) but an invitation to attend will be considered.
- ARC finances - a sub-committee has been set up to review future methods

of receiving finances from clubs. So the current levies and fees may change to a different system. Any ideas?

- The ARC is to run a raffle for a Camel Discovery supplied by LR Ltd. We had hoped for a Freelander!
- Land Rover Ltd has donated a presentation "caravan" unit to the ARC. It's a magnificent gift. It's for use at shows and displays so contact June and Jack Green if your club wishes to use it.
- Year 2000 Rally. HBRO are due to take a vote on this matter soon.

6) Secretary's Report. John Bradbury.

- The last 6 months have been rather difficult with personal matters and his duties have fallen down a little. John thanked all his friends and associates who helped him through it.
- The ARC has responded formally to the Government on the bull-bars issue based on a document produced by Tony Kempster.
- The ARC is now on the list of consultees for the Department of Environment, Transport and Regions (DETR, formerly the DoE) We have been invited to respond to the latest paper "Access to the Countryside in England and Wales." Another paper "Opportunities for Change" which is about sustainable Development is also under consideration. More in due course.
- Privilege events - 4 applications so far this year.
- Country Landowners Association (CLA) relationship is progressing well. They may form a body to speak with one voice on relevant matters.
- John was asked to contact the organisers of the Lord Mayor's Parade in London. He traced the Pageant Master and negotiations are going ahead to celebrate Land Rovers 50th on the Parade in November.
- Trail Riders Fellowship (TRF) and LARA reps are invited to the June meeting to compare interests at a Q&A session.
- It may be advantageous for us to get 'closer' to the Carriage Drivers Guild too as we share more interest than may be immediately obvious.
- A Mrs. Fletcher approached John to sell an early Range Rover. It turned out to be the first production vehicle and was the subject of an Autocar test. The vehicle is to be exhibited at the ARC Rally.
- Raffle mentioned previously is for the restoration of Eastnor Church to honour Major Hervey Bathurst who supported the ARC so much. Licensing of the raffle caused an initial problem but John Bradbury is now the licensee for this raffle. Tickets will be on sale at the National Rally, Billing and the All Rover Weekend at Stoneleigh. SuperWinch are donating a winch (type to be suitable for winner's vehicle), the NFU are donating a year's vehicle insurance, Bronco are giving us some tyres, LRO some subscriptions. We hope to get 50 prizes in all (I wonder where that figure came from?!) Money and ticket stubs to be returned to the organisers. Draw will be on Saturday October 3rd at Eastnor Castle.
- Land Rover Ltd have a new web site. Address is:-

HTTP://WWW.LANDROVERWORLD.COM Duncan Ridgley of LR runs it.

- Vote of thanks for all the work Sandra Bourne did for taking the minutes for so long.
- Busy and exciting year building relationships with LR, CLA, NFU etc. and sorting out the Rally.

7) Treasurer. Andrew Stavordale.

- January accounts sent to all clubs. (*So I won't go into much detail in this report - Steve*) There has been a minor revision that does not affect the overall figures, but if you want a revised set, contact Andy Stavordale.
- Receipts. Your invoice and your proof of payment should suffice as a receipt, so you don't really need another one so please don't request one unless you *really* need another.
- ARC ROW fighting fund - this is a Trust Fund, funded by clubs and individuals. It received £321 from clubs in 1997 and drew in £403 from levies at the National Rally. Pledges have been received for £1500. We're going to need that, read on...
- The CCMSA has paid off its start-up loan and is no longer in debt to the ARC, its parent company.
- Increase in charges proposal:-
 - Competitive Club fee up from £2:31 to £2:38, a 3.03% increase.
 - Non Competitive club fee up from 58p to 60p, a 3.4% increase.All other fees remain unchanged. Please let your club treasurer and ARC rep know your views so it can be voted upon.
- Public liability insurance. It appears that the ARC's insurance covers all member clubs so each individual member club is already covered by the ARC's insurance to the tune of £2M. This sounds too good to be true so positive confirmation of this is to be established and a copy of the policy will be sent to all clubs. This should save each club a few hundred pounds a year unless they really want to have their own insurance as well. Don't forget that you can't claim twice for one accident even if you do have two policies; so there's no need to have two. Note that any claims **MUST** be made through the ARC. Events don't have to be in the name of the ARC for it to be valid. **THIS IS NOTHING TO DO WITH RACMSA EVENT INSURANCE.**

8) & 14) Election of Officials and other voting results.

- Council members - no change.
- Scrutineering Committee - No Change.

9) Several clubs had not paid their annual fees by AGM time but some claimed it was "in the post". Yes, we've heard that before but this is not the place to name those mentioned just in case they really have paid!

10) New members of the ARC.

- Camel Club. Membership accepted.
- Land Rover Owners Group based at Cambridge have applied. Not specific to that area, indeed has indicated international membership. Not competitive at the moment but would consider being so in the future. Members present expressed unease at the name which is too general and too near the name of a well known magazine and near an area where there is already an ARC club. Their Web site is WWW.LANDROVER.ORG and e-mail is ROYDON@LANDROVER.ORG. Have a look if you can and let us know what you think.
- The "Old Timers Club" in Austria has shown an interest. "Old Timers" being the vehicles, not the drivers. (Why are you looking at me like that?)
- The "Pacific Coast Rover Club" based in Seattle (Top left-hand side of the USA) has also evinced interest in joining.

11a) Caravans - Jim Campbell.

- 1997 141 permits issued, 12 by fax.
- Renewed exemption certificate until 2002.
- Have issued 1957 permits in the 15 years that Jim has been doing the job. Would someone like to take over the job please as he feels he must give it up in 1999. So we've got 12 months warning!
- New DETR definition of membership - Must be fully paid up before member can come and camp with a club.
- Application forms need land-owners permission - he / she must sign the form, not YOUR signature to say that you have got permission!
- Information must go to the land-owners to advise them who we are and describe insurance matters etc.
- NFU insurance contacts - official line is, call the local office. However, experience has shown that local offices are not up to speed with the rules and Jim advised contacting NFU head office for quotes.
- Check your caravan for Marshall 175R13C 6-ply tyres as these have been shedding their tread.
- Permit problems arising:-
 - One club just wrote a letter - no form.
 - Site names and locations often not correct.
 - HBRO wanted a permit for 15 nights. Much too long.
 - Address of person who needs to receive the permit is often not supplied.

11b) International Liaison. Derek Spooner.

- Lots of interest from overseas friends.
- The Land Rover Club of France wants to join and clubs from Panama and Florence in Italy are also showing an interest.
- Also receive many letters from individuals, some of whom are looking for spares, or coming here on holiday, etc.
- Overseas clubs often want organised trips around the countryside so Derek

is going to do that around Eastnor.

11c) Land Access. Tony Kempster.

- Tony reminded us that the DoE no longer exists as such but has been replaced by the DETR, The Department of Environment, Transport and Regions.
- There are changes to TRO (Traffic Regulation Orders) powers and streamlining arrangements due.
- A Document "Making the Best of Byways" is recommended. Call 01179878879 and request a copy. Among other things, it defines a Code of Conduct for user groups. It offers no case for a general ban. It acknowledges the CLA / LARA rapid response team, whose "Conflict Hotline" is 0171-235-0511.
- The use of Byways continues to be under scrutiny so please adhere to LARA's Code of Conduct.
- Norton Malreward appeal case:-
 - This looked at some routes which initially had Byways status but a second enquiry down-graded the routes to Bridleway. So we lost the case and costs could amount to £20k. ARC has pledged up to £1k and 200 other organisations and individuals also contributed. Consequently, the fighting fund needs lots of money - NOW! Very serious consequences here - if you believe in your rights to drive these roads, you are, unfortunately, going to have to help fight the case by funding it, and it's not going to be cheap!
- Hedgerow Regulations :- No part of any hedgerow can be removed without planning permission. Not sure if this applies to the one in your garden, but certainly, farmers and land-owners cannot even make a gap for a path through a hedge without planning permission.
- The Health & safety executive have stopped Breckland using a quarry as it is still being worked. Simply put, it constitutes a "factory" until work ceases. Other clubs may be affected by similar rulings.
- Representatives from the TRF (Trail Riders Fellowship) have been invited to attend the June meeting.

11d) National Rally. Harold Lowe (not present)

- Some setbacks occurred but these have been addressed and progress is now going on apace.
- Events basically as advertised.
- Please bring a plastic sheet to put on the ground when you are working on your vehicle. This is an anti-pollution issue but it will make finding dropped nuts easier...
- The Rover P3 saloon car is also 50 years old. This saloon yielded many parts, most notably the engine, to the original Land Rover. There will be a special Concours d'Elegance in Eastnor Castle courtyard. Paul Williams is

the Car Clubs Liaison Officer. Sorry, phone number not known but if you're interested, contact Tony Holder.

11e) All Rover Weekend.

- The Town & Country Festival, Stoneleigh, August Bank Holiday will be the location of the All Rover Weekend this year. We have been to Gaydon often enough but we're sure to go back again soon! This change is a good example of how members can influence things. The decision to go to Stoneleigh was taken by the Non-Competitive sub-committee.

11f) ARC News. Geoff Miller.

- There will be an "interest" slip for Stoneleigh in the next ARC news.
- ARC News circulation is currently around 8000.
- Lots of enquiries coming in from all over the World to Geoff. Of particular interest is the AARC, the Association of American Rover Clubs on the West coast.

11g) RACMSA - Harold Carman.

- Regular information comes in to clubs via "RACMSA Bulletins & News".
- Recovery vehicles should be in a suitable condition and appropriately equipped for the task and may need to be scrutineered for safety aspects.
- RACMSA Specialist Committees - Colin Hilton of the RACMSA is calling for members to be involved in committees on Environment, Timekeeping, Technical, Marshals, Recovery, Clerk of Course, etc. Send your CV to Colin at the RACMSA.
- Timekeeping methods for ARC events. The official RACMSA ones don't allow the current method employed by many ARC clubs. We are going to request that the RACMSA includes our method. Otherwise many ARC clubs will have to change established methods and the new ones won't be cheap!
- TYRO trials. These allow more than one passenger to be in the vehicle during the trial but we recommend that they be in forward facing seats.
- For a Promotional event, any seats will do so long as they have belts.
- AFFF fire extinguisher problems. This has been reported before and some units have been found without holes in the nozzles! This tends to restrict the flow! Check yours now.
- The matter of drivers under the legal on-road limit is still under discussion but the permitted age is unlikely to be below 14.

11i) Shows and Displays - June and Jack Green

- Thank you to Land Rover Ltd for the Presentation Trailer. It's 22 feet long and weighs in at about 2 tons so it will take some moving.

11j) 1998 Handbook.

- Already delivered to club secretaries. There must be a few postmen around

with hernias!

- All contributions for the 1999 book must be in by the end of August. We'll need only to wait for the RACMSA stuff then we can go straight to print.
- Adverts will be cheaper. We feel we priced ourselves out of a lot of adverts this year.

11k) Scrutineering. Dave Marsh and Steve Kirby.

- Draft regulations have been produced to carry the sport further into the future in two ways:-
 - New regs are for the newer variants of Land Rovers, i.e. Range Rover, Discovery, 90 / 110 / Defender and Freelander. We are not trying to encompass the entire range back to 1948 because it is hard to find vehicles that have not been modified such that they fall outside the new rules. We intend to see both old and new regs living side by side for the time being. Thus from this point, we are promoting the newer vehicles to enter the sport in a way the old regs do not.
The new regs differ from the existing ones by defining the *permissible* modifications which will make scrutineering much easier. These proposed regs have been submitted to the clubs and are still under discussion by the Council.
 - These new regs closely resemble those being adopted by the RACMSA which will mean that competitors from non-ARC clubs will be able to enter our events and vice versa and compete on equal terms so that we are not seen to be burying our heads in the sand and continue as if no other off-road clubs exist.
- We had hoped to have produced the new regs in a form that would have enabled us to run this class at the 1998 National Rally. The scrutineers felt that this would have been an important opportunity to show how we are moving forward. However, as a result of the large amount of work to be dealt with for the 50th year celebrations, we have not been able to achieve this. We hope to be able to agree the form of these regulations for the 1999 season.
- The log booking process timescales have been changed as previously publicised. See page 141 in the 1998 Handbook.
- The postal vote on the rule change proposal produced only two replies. With HBRO's vote delivered by Steve Kirby and the two proposing clubs also being counted as a "for", the voting was 4 "for" and 1 "against". There was much protest at this point that many clubs had not received information on this matter and a decision has still to be made about the validity of this result.
- There will be a scrutineering delegates meeting on April 18th at Solihull.
- Dave thanked all the Scrutineering Committee and the Log-book scrutineers for all their work and support over the last 12 months.

15) AOB - Next EGM - 13th June 98.

COMPETITION COMMENT

Here we go again, catching up on old news - pressure of work, that's my story, and I'm sticking to it !!

Events at Surrey Saw Mills in January, Rickshaw in February, Broxhead in March, and Nelly's in April, are all now behind us.

Mark Burton, organiser of the Rickshaw, wants to thank all marshals and helpers who kindly gave their time and enthusiasm to make this another brilliant event. It is interesting to note that year by year we are getting more out of this event, both in terms of participation, access to Military land otherwise inaccessible, camping, entertainment, and this year participation in the Sunday morning orienteering. Needless to say the orienteering was won by the one and only Sir Woodage, flying the flag at a great rate of Knots for the Club. The organisers have very kindly provided memento glasses as a thankyou for marshals, and when I retrieve these from JJ I will distribute them. Laurie Wright and Nick Dimbleby were in attendance, and gave the event excellent coverage in LRO. Thanks again to everyone who took part.

The Broxhead Scenic drive in March, again showed the popularity of this kind of event, and how important the format is that HBRO uses to run these public days. We had 114 drivers, and many commendations for the helpfulness and attention paid by the marshals to the participants. It seems that a considerable number of entrants only take part because they know that if they get into trouble, a marshall will be nearby to help them recover. Good show everybody, with special thanks to Sir Woodage, Dave Ridden and Kiran Raval for managing the event !

Nelly's Easter 'FREE' weekend, was a bonus to everyone that managed to keep their vehicles running for the events. Still, at least Gary and I had the satisfaction of seeing the RAC live up to their promise of recovering our stricken vehicle from its Off-Road location. Next time we are going to leave it in the Dell and see how they cope with that !! We were well looked after from the competition standpoint, with: Orienteering, Gymkhana, Easter Egg Hunt, Word Puzzles, Special General Meeting, 'All Stars' Night with raffle prizes disco and 'Jam Sandwich survival challenge', Trials, Ladies Trials and I have probably left something out. Well done for a bumper do!! Big vote of thanks to Nick Jennings, Gary Hodgson, Barry Simpson, Paul Barton, Ian Parker, Kiran Raval, Alan Smith and everyone who helped organise the weekend and fight with the Marquee. Apologes to those members who turned up on the Saturday, to help set-out, only to find the job was completed on Friday. Because of the weather and as there was so much going on it was decided to push on with the setting-out on Friday, and get it out of the way.

The overall winners for the **Nelly's trials** were Andy (does it again) Bunyan - Boys Own Trophy, and Karen (watch that tree) Duffet - Girls Own Trophy. Detailed results elsewhere. Hopefully the results of the other competitions will be printed elsewhere, as I lost count somewhere between Thursday and Monday.

Winter Series - Not telling you !! OK, so you really want to know ?? It's that man in Class 10 again - Andy (does it again) Bunyan - Boo - Hiss - lend me yer motor for next year - ban him - change the rules - handicaps. Yep, no hard feelings at all. The full results will be printed next month, but Andy won with 2 points. The results were calculated by subtracting the winning score at each venue from each competitors score at that event. The adjusted scores were then totalled for all events to identify the winner. This method was used to negate the effect of competitors avoiding difficult sites and variation in setting-out, as the winning score normally reflects both factors. Unfortunately Andy would have won anyway, drat !! Full results next month.

The Summer Series will start at the next trial, Broxhead, and for those of you unfamiliar with this series, the following may help: The series comprises 5 RTV events normally running from May through to September, although if we lose an event due to inclement weather or loss of a site, the series will extend to October. Entrants must compete in 3 events, and marshal in one. One event can be missed. If 4 events are entered, the lowest 3 scores will be used to compute the overall winner. The results will be calculated as for the Winter Series, see above. If you are unclear about the rules, give me a call.

I can't confirm whether this **Army Charity** day at Longmoor is on or not, so at this time we must assume not.

Next event is the **Inter-club National Rally warm-up** at Broxhead on the 10 May. CoC's will be Dave Ridden (RTV), and Brian Frankland (CCVT). The intention will be to run as close to National Rally standards as possible, to give us all an opportunity to prepare for the BIG ONE. Help with laying-out on the Saturday would be appreciated - please call Dave Ridden, number inside front cover.

Then it's time for the **50th Anniversary Nationals** !! Or is it Internationals!! Latest news is that 900 units are booked for the campsite, excluding overseas visitors. Current expectations are for some 400-500 overseas campers, and many day visitors. Should be a splendid event, with many side activities going on, as well as the main competition.

HELP !! - Anyone who is going to be attending the **Nationals**, who feels they could devote a couple of hours to helping man/woman the Rally Reception,

please give me a ring. HBRO is doing its bit along with all of the other ARC Clubs, and has volunteered to muck in and handle this vital bit of organisation. The task is straightforward, and simply requires checking all visitors onto the site, verifying memberships, issuing the Rally packs, directing to camping locations and car parks, and generally being helpful. I have to say, that this job is probably the most important PR responsibility of the event, as it is the first face of the ARC that all visitors (public, members, press, officials etc) will see, and you know how much first impressions count!! The Committee has agreed to issue all HBRO members who assist, with an HBRO Land Rover 50th T shirt to wear (and to keep!) whilst on reception duty. Lets keep the Club flag flying !!

So what do we do to follow-on from the Nationals. Well - **Bowhill**, on the 7th June. OK, so it isn't Eastnor, but we hardy HBRO'ers know how to have fun anywhere - don't we ? Besides, its got brilliant views of the South Downs, and most of the sections can be run with the engine turned-off!! Ok, so its on the top of a Hill, and the sections tend to go from the top to the bottom. Camping as normal from the Thursday, if anyone is keen enough.

Southern Hill Rally has been confirmed as cancelled, but there are plans afoot or awheel, to run a 100 mile Enduro in the Sussex area. Watch this space or that space.

Event prices: Just a reminder that trial entry on non-military sites is £10 in advance, and £12 on the day, whilst military sites due to their high cost require the Club to charge £12 in advance, and £15 on the day.

Updated entry forms are now available, with the **NEW Supplementary Regulations (SR's)** printed on the back. Please familiarise yourselves with these SR's, and let me know if you have any questions.

A quick word on **setting-out**. If you are likely to be able to assist in setting-out, please, if possible, let the CoC know in advance. It will help the CoC plan ahead. The CoC for each event will be published in Pants and Barks ahead of the event, or if in doubt give me a call.

A reminder that the **marshals award scheme** is now running, and all members who sign-on for setting-out and marshalling at any HBRO managed, event will be eligible. One point is allocated for each day a member signs-on, so for example; Setting-out on a Saturday and Marshalling on a Sunday will accrue 2 points.

Enough till next month.

Ashley

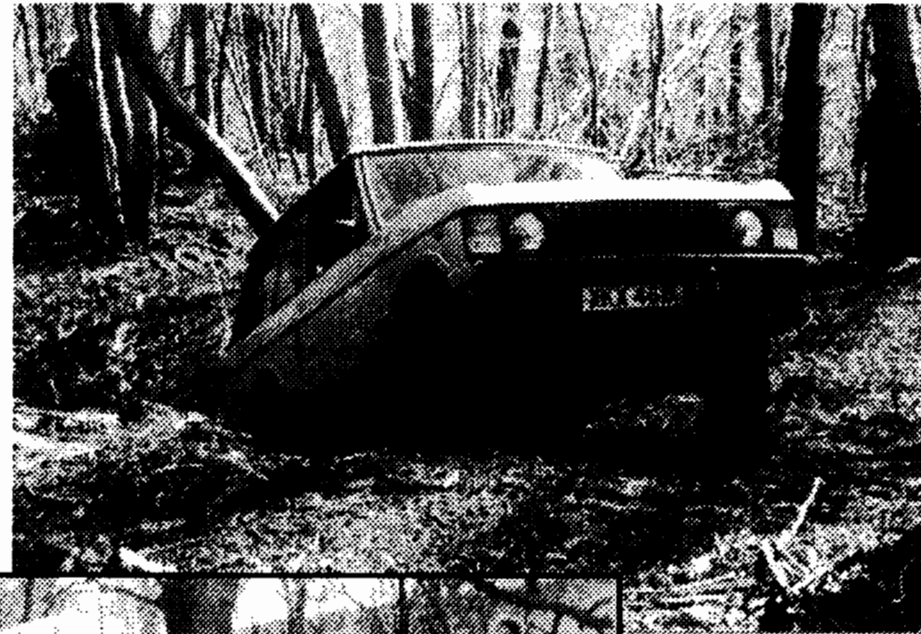
Nationals 2000

The result of the ballot was announced at Nellies, and indicated a majority in favour of proceeding with a proposal to run the Nationals in the year 2000. The Club Committee believes that the next step is to form a Nationals Committee to oversee the proposal, and if successful the planning and implementation stages. In the interests of HBRO unity and to maintain the ongoing Club programme of events and activities, the Club Committee will ensure that no conflict develops between regular Club duties and the responsibilities of running the Nationals.

The closing date for anyone interested in sitting on the Nationals Committee, will be 30 September 1998, and it is proposed that nominations are voted upon at the Club AGM in October, under AOB items.

A list of responsibilities will be published next month, but anyone who wishes to be considered for the Nationals Committee please contact me or any Club Committee member.

Ashley
Acting Co-ordinator



NELLY'S
VIEWS

Sam's View - 1

I said you'd all be sick of my scribbles, but it did say to send in any comments to things other people have said in the mag. (No, this is not a DIY tip, although I'm sure if the mag is that desperate, Ian could put a few in). I noticed in March's mag that someone made a comment about trials results in the magazine and it seems to have been some time since we had any. Well, it has also been noticed that the marshals, 'set uppers' etc. do not really get a mention any more either. Without any marshals, there would be some very disorganised trials and none existent driving days. How many of us are prepared to stand in driving rain as at Brick Kiln to make sure the scores were noted and results recorded? And more members of the public acknowledge the work of the marshals at driving days than the club does. All marshals have to sign on, it doesn't take much to include them when trials results and driving day summaries are written. I know they get an award yearly, but that's no consolation when you're wet and cold at the end of a long day.

Thanks guys!

Sam Parker

Editor's reply:-

The reason that the marshals, set-up teams, etc. don't get a mention very often is that this information has not been sent to me. I can print only the material that I receive. Ashley used to fax all the event documentation to me but as you may be aware from comments made in recent editorials, Ashley's overseas business commitments have increased substantially of late - indeed we are running the risk of losing him as Comp Sec. I do agree with Samantha that it's important to thank the "Backroom Boys & Girls" ; I'm sure they like to see their names in print alongside those who competed. Perhaps I could prod someone into sending / faxing the list of marshals too in order that the volunteer support teams can receive the plaudits they deserve.

Rights of Way

First of all, apologies for not writing anything for the magazine sooner. Family concerns have kept us pretty busy, but we have managed to organise regular green lane outings for those who are interested. So far we have covered areas based around Basingstoke, Salisbury Plain, Chieveley, Wokingham and Stockbridge. We are trying to vary the locations to make laning fairly accessible for all, and if there is an area that you want to drive, please let us know and we'll arrange it for you.

April's green laning began at Stockbridge where 5 of us met up. Dave, me, Eddie and Andrew were driving assorted Land Rovers and Geoff bravely turned up in his Freelander. For those of you who haven't seen it in action off-road, it's very capable and had no problems with the lanes we did and with a nifty bit of driving from Geoff it didn't even get the paintwork scratched!

The next laning will be in the Meon Valley area. Please phone Dave on 01794-514834 for details.

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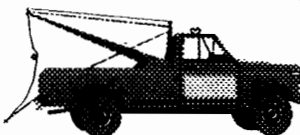
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Event Secretary: Dave Cuthbert (01492) 534417

Santa Claus Versus Mr. Angry

What did Santa Claus do to upset Mr Angry, after all he didn't write the article about whether we have Rickshaw Ramble or RTV Trial. Don't expect Santa to climb down your chimney this coming Christmas.. Nick must be slipping didn't think he need a telephone to let anyone know what was going on.

What was missed in his reply to the article was that we both actually agreed to the need for both Trial and Rickshaw. My point was why should trials be stopped so others can have their Ramble. One sad point in his article was the fact that the club did not have its own Santa Claus before I joined HBRO. He also states that trialling is fun, I wonder if still feels that way after the recent trial at Nelly's where he came close to taking the roof off his Land Rover 90. Yes trialling is expensive.

Whether one trials or just rambles on, we all accept that we have to put our hands in our own pockets if we want to do what we want, including birthday bashes.

Well I hope the question has now been resolved and I will do my utmost to ensure that whilst the elder brethren are rambling their rickshaws, Santa Claus and his followers are trialling their sledges

Alan Smith

ARC MAIL LIST

At the recent ESGM (Extra Special General Meeting) it was proposed and accepted that HBRO supply the ARC with a full list of members, giving full names and addresses. We are it seems one of only five clubs who withheld this information when requested last year. The ARC publish the ARC News on a regular basis and this is produced and distributed by Land Rover to all members of the ARC or their affiliated clubs. The motion was passed with one vote against. In light of the possible objections by other members to having their names and addresses pasted to other parties, we will delay this disclosure for three months. If you do not want your name and address passed on please let Alan Smith, the Membership Secretary know as soon as possible and he will withhold your details. All new members will be asked at the time of enrolling as to whether they object and we will ask the question every time send out renewals

So please let me know as soon as possible whether you have any objections to us passing your name and address on to the ARC. We have been given assurances that this information will not be passed on or used for any other purposes.

Alan Smith

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Steve Kirby. ARC Liaison.



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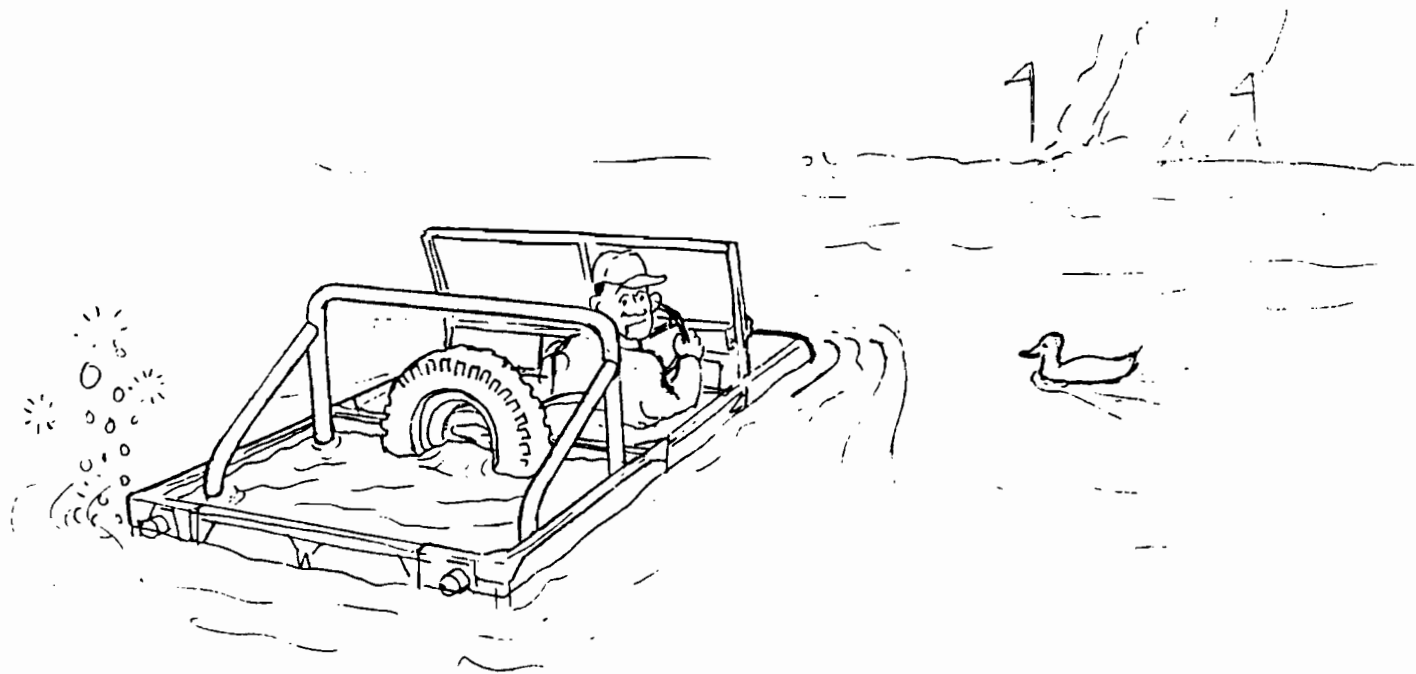
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March 98

The Editor,

Judging by the April 98 P&B, Alan's comments concerning the Rickshaw and Road-Masters, etc., upset a few members (OOPS). My own opinion is both sides are correct. I find though the time members have allowed me to trial their pride and joys, I found it boring after a couple of sections. But with my favourite Rickshaw, I find the members really do enjoy their driving day and everyone is getting some enjoyment, to me the highlight of the year!

But OK as Nick said, members are using their own fuel, demonstrating their honed skills to us mere mortals, but members are asking for the chance to run the Nationals - fine, great. What the club could have done was to say alright, HBRO organise Rickshaw marshals etc. in return a reduced rate if not a nil rate for MOD for a few days trials e.g. Broxhead, Slab. Then the marshals hold an open day to the public e.g. North-South Run effort = money to fund marshals, then Rickshaw is earning at the same time a good day out for members. I take time away from work, as a stress free time, not to take life serious - chill out! Just remember each individual members get different enjoyment from the club. Each to his own.

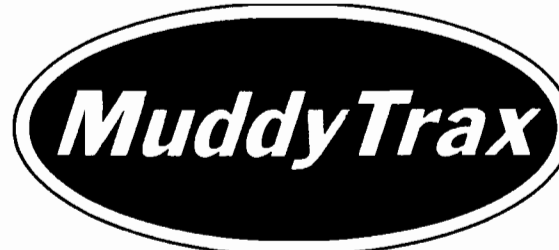
Mike Clark.

Each to his Own...

Mike Clark (letter above) raises a valid point. The club provides several prime "facilities":- Trialling, Green-laning, Social evenings, Camping Rallies, Treasure Hunts, Scenic Drives and managing other peoples events. (and probably more.) It's surprising how little overlap there is between the members attending these different types of events. Many green-lane trips attract members who don't go anywhere else; same with scenic drives. Treasure hunts, camping events and social events often involve those members with Rover cars or other Land Rover products that they don't want to get dirty - and why should they? So long as we recognise these differences, we'll be OK. It is for this reason that we now have a Social Secretary. Kiran is a competent trials driver but he and Zöe clearly have a leaning towards social events and are good at organising them. Nick Woodage has shown a talent in running Scenic Drives. The problem is fitting all these different events into the calendar!

Editor

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Sam's View - 2

Well, while it is still fairly fresh in my mind and at this point in time, I am still waiting for this baby to put in an appearance, I thought I'd write yet another article (you'll all be sick of these by the end of the year). Sunday 8th March saw another, may I say successful(?) driving day at Slab Common. We thought we'd risk being 40 minutes drive away from home, with only ten days to go before I was due, just to see if a bit of off-roading would kick start the old contractions. Well, it didn't. Had I been a member of the public, I would have demanded my money back. Maybe though it was the luxury of driving around in a coil sprung rather than leaf sprung. Many thanks to Nick Woodage, who after his initial shock that I didn't have long to go, let me ferry him around the course so that I got a chance to break free of the urn for an hour or so. (Can't remember if he had his waterproof seat covers on or not though, it may have been a good idea. Just in case!)

From the very quick tot up I did, and don't hold me to this, but we had near on 100 vehicles, including a Panda Car (the less said about that the better!). So I'm pretty sure Alan will be happy. We sold a few tow ropes, so maybe people do heed some of the articles written in *Pants and Barks*, gained a few new members and sold about 1000 cups of tea. Well, that's what it felt like.

I have to say I am a bit disappointed with Natasha, who sat in her chair the whole time she was there and did absolutely nothing. Get her out there selling sweatshirts, Max, we could do with shifting a few. Apart from that gripe, people seemed to really enjoy the day. The course was tough enough for people to have a go in most types of vehicle and be aware of what they could achieve without being too taxing. It was amazing how many people asked how often they could go round the course for their money. Are we really offering such a good bargain? Maybe that is why, despite there being another driving day on in the area, we still had such a good turn out.

As for the RTV, well I don't think they had such a good turn out, and some not very happy faces on return for lunch and the end of the day. A few high scores I think. Maybe someone will write a short note about the trial as I'm not sure of the outcome, but I think a shot in the dark that Neville won would be a fairly safe statement, but if you had bets on him, I'd get it confirmed first!

It was maybe a little hectic having the trial running at the same time as the driving day, and with some of the back-logs on the off road course, we could maybe have done with a few more marshals out there. The marshals that were out there pulling people out certainly had their work cut out and worked flat out all day to keep things running as smoothly as possible. I think we keep people turning out to HBRO driving days because of the friendly but efficient way the days are run.

Sam Parker.

Vehicle Excise Duty (or Not)

Exemption from Vehicle Excise Duty for Historic Vehicles.

Historic Vehicles:-

As part of the Chancellor's Budget changes, the exemption from vehicle excise duty (VED) for vehicles over 25 years of age will be replaced by an exemption for vehicles constructed before 1 January 1973.

Vehicles presently licensed or registered in the 25 year exempt class:-

Vehicles licensed in the '25 year Exempt' class, or last licensed in that class and subject of a Statutory Off Road Notice (SORN), will be issued with a V 11 (Vehicle Licence Renewal) showing 'Historical Vehicle' class. The V 11 may then be used at a post office in the usual way.

Vehicles licensed in the '25 year Exempt' class may continue to display the current nil licence until it expires. There is no requirement to return the registration document to DVLA for amendment as the vehicle record will be updated automatically. When the registration document is returned for any other reason, to update a change of address for example, a new document showing the correct taxation class will be issued at that time.

Other Vehicles. Qualifying Age:-

A vehicle qualifies to enter the 'Historic Vehicle' taxation class if it was constructed before 1 January 1973. If the date of manufacture is not shown on the VS registration document, keepers will have to produce a certified extract from the manufacturer's record or evidence from an appropriate vehicle enthusiasts' club.

Qualifying Vehicles:-

- a) Private/Light Goods - which includes buses used for voluntary, community or other non-profit making purposes (ie a vehicle not required to have a PSV licence)
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- c) Special Vehicles - mobile cranes, road rollers, works trucks and digging machines (excludes showmen's goods / showmen's haulage vehicles).
- d) Private HGV - excluding vehicles designed for or adapted for use for the conveyance of goods or burden and put to any commercial use on a public road eg unladen HGVs and HGVs used for driver training / testing purposes.

First Licensing in the Historic Vehicle Class:-

To licence a qualifying vehicle for the first time in the new class you must apply to one of the Agency's Vehicle Registration Offices (VRO). You will need to take the following:-

- * Vehicle Registration Document (V5) - this must clearly show the vehicle's date of manufacture. Where this is not available (or you think the age of the vehicle shown on the document is incorrect), you will need to produce a dating certificate from a vehicle enthusiast club or evidence from the manufacturer.
- * An appropriate Test certificate (if applicable)
- * A certificate of insurance.

You will be required to complete form V10 (available at the VRO) in order to obtain a licence.

Licencing in the Exempt Class:-

Vehicles licencing in the new class will continue to be subject to the requirement to licence annually. This will require the production of an appropriate test certificate (if applicable) and certificate of insurance in order to obtain a nil licence for display on the vehicle.

Further Information:-

If, after reading this leaflet you would like further information, please contact DVLA's Customer Enquiries Unit on 01792 772134. Hearing impaired minicom users 01972 782756.

Vehicle Registration Offices:-

The address of your local -VRO can be found in the phone book under Transport, Department of. VROs are normally open from 9.30am to 4.00pm Monday to Thursday and 9.30am to 3.30pm on Friday, but some offices close for lunch between 1.00pm and 2.00pm. Please check before you call.

See Leaflet INF34 March 1998.

That didn't last long did it ? How long before there is an administration fee?

Information supplied by Katherin Dodington of the 2CV Club of Great Britain and British Airways Classic Vehicle Association.

Trials Handicaps.

Handicaps, running order and Santa Claus, all very confusing to the average RTV competitor, or is it? Have I got the perfect solution to it all? Take up golf) no, not muddy enough) Fact is, does it matter? The solution, forget adding points to cards, forget running orders, just send the top four drivers first to show how it is meant to be driven. Ha ha! This in theory would show the less experienced trialler hopefully the right line to take or the line not to take, whatever. The outcome. Simple? Or it sounds simple. At least it would show Neville where the section runs and give Santa Claus the helping edge he so needs.

My opinion on how to select the first four drivers:-The results of the last trial driven would in theory give us four first-in-classes thus four different vehicles to tackle the sections. To name names, on a result sheet I have in front of me, Surrey Saw Mills 25-1-98 - Hugh Duffett class 4, Andy Bunyan class 10, Trevor Jones class 3 and Neil Shawyer class 5. These were all winners and experienced drivers. This system could change after every trial depending on results and hopefully handicapping the triallers who always win and still have a running order to make the day flow smoothly. Not perfect but a solution.

Yours,

A. Winner (as seen on National TV).

PS how are the sheep, JJ?

Haslemere,
West Sussex.

Dear Alan,

I enclose £20 for membership, plus also a sort of a letter of thanks to some of the marshals at the Broxhead Open Day, perhaps you could send this letter on for the Magazine editor to pass on my thanks to those concerned, and for my photographic memento of madness.

The open day at Broxhead was a good day, enjoyed by many, with perhaps the one reservation - not enough "Black" runs for those who like their mud a bit on the very deep side. However, the course did have one, which after talking nicely to the 2 marshals there I had a go - er, well several goes actually, and failed, er, failed expensively. My shopping list ended up as: -

1 front metric (strengthened) Axle case - bent, 1 Ian Ashcroft "unbreakable" front drive shaft - broken, 1 CV-joint shattered, and a bent to h**l, front wing assembly, ah, but I still managed to limp home, er, no not quite, 300 yards from home the sintered clutch exploded! Cost for this little lot? - don't ask!

Still 100% my own fault, and still it was a great day out, perhaps at the next one you could consider more black runs, I, as a new (?) member would be only too happy to help marshal one of them and winch / recover the stuck madmen, which brings me to my other point.

Thanks to all concerned for the day, but particularly to the 2 marshals who got me out!, I am unsure of your names, but one had a beige / fawn RR, the other a rather original series 1 80", thanks guys!

Unfortunately I am always going to be unable to compete in H&B events as the vehicle has too many mods, and is not easily (if at all) modified to ARC spec, it was built for French events. AWDC spec & green laning, so I guess I'll have to keep the main competing (unfortunately) to SCORE & AWDC, but I'm happy to help layout, recover etc., and marshal ...when it's fixed.!!!

Thanks all, see you around, if anyone has any photos of my feeble efforts perhaps they could give me a ring. I'll be happy to reimburse, after all I'm into fair costs so far !!!!!

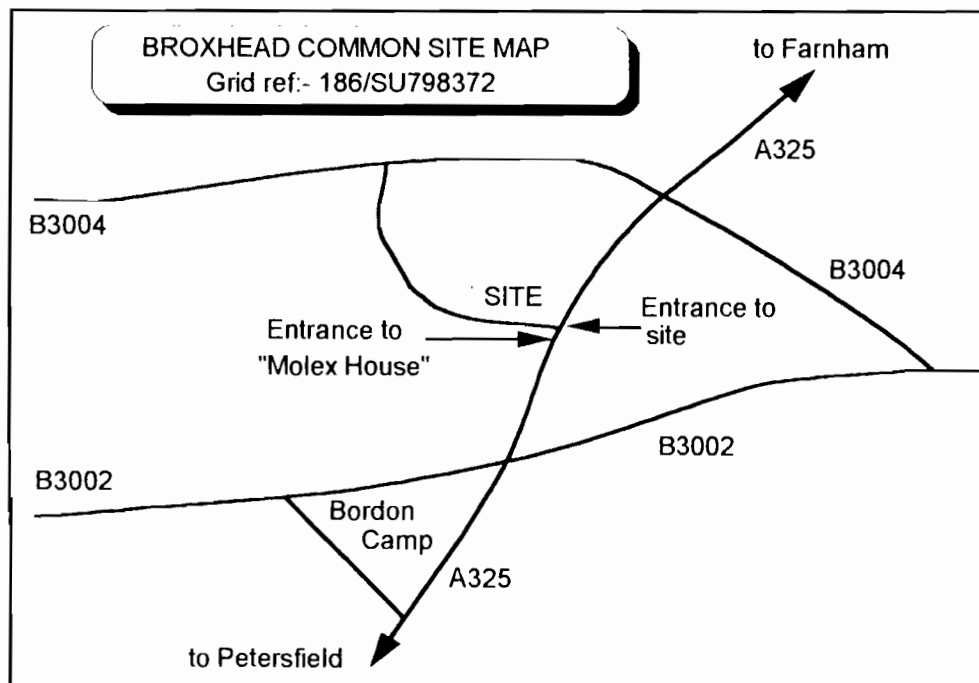
Well, the garage calls.....!

Nigel Barker

Inter-Club RTV & CCV Trials Broxhead Common, May 9 - 10th

We are holding an Inter-Club event with RTV and CCV trials at Broxhead Common, near Bordon, halfway between Petersfield and Farnham, HANTS. The event is open to all fully paid-up members of HBRO and other invited clubs. Invites have gone to Southern Rover Owners, Southern Counties (SCORE), Somerset & Wilts, AWDC and others. HBRO entries should be on an official entry form. The fee is £15. 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 apply. Don't forget your MOT certificates and driving licences. RTV will be a qualifying round for the "Red Leader Shield" and the "Pilot Trophy" for HBRO members.

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



HANDICAPS

I was pleased to see that I had at least one supporter in my crusade to handicap persistent winners, thank you Brenda Taylor. Mr Bunyan seems not to heed the warning and won yet again. I now propose that Andrew has an initial handicap of 20 points, must stop this bragging when he claims he would still manage to beat me even with a 10 point lead. Any supporters in my campaign would be well rewarded with negative points making it even more difficult for Andrew to win. If all of this effort comes to no avail we will have to be more direct and put diesel in his petrol tank, better still water. Maybe I could anchor my sledge to his NATO hitch, any other suggestions would be welcome so long as it is not to stick it up my pipe as this is a little congested after Mr Angry's efforts.

Santa Claus

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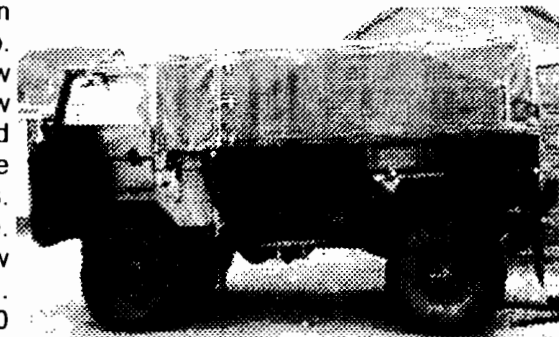
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* SWB Series IIa 1971 2¼ petrol engine. Complete with roof-rack and six metal jerrycans. Some attention is needed to the brakes. £1500. Call Michael Dominic on 0181-677-0550. (MAR98)

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Long Term Events Programme.

Aug 22 - 23	North Wales Club event at Porthmadog.
Aug 29 - 31	All Rover Weekend. Town & Country Show, Agricultural Centre, Stoneleigh, Warwickshire.
Aug 29 - 31	HBRO Summer Rally. Nelly's Dell. Summer Series.
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Sept 13	ARC meeting, LR factory, Solihull.
Sept 13	Festival of Motor Sport, Thruxton.
Sept 20	Wessex Shield and Safari Engineering Challenge.
Sept 26 - 27	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 1	RTV / CCV Nelly's Dell.
Dec ??	XMAS DINNER. Grange Hotel, Alton.
Dec 15	RTV / CCV Brick Kiln.