

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**.

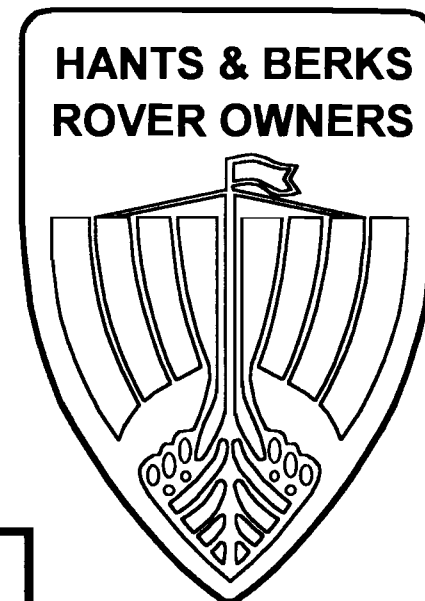
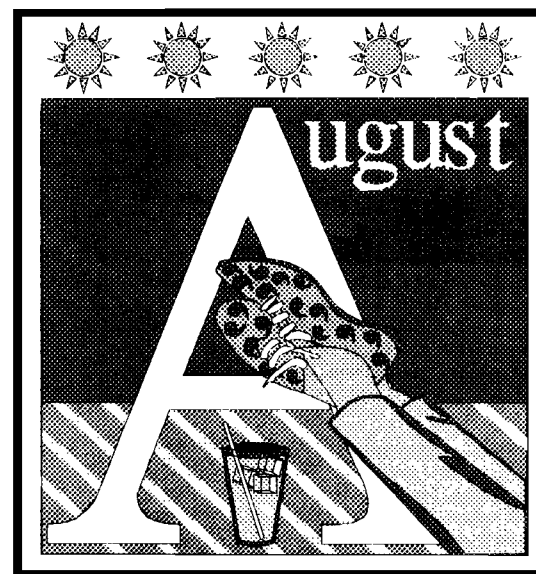
Short-term events programme is shown below; long term programme can be found inside the back cover.

WS = Winter Series. SS = Summer Series.

Green laners - call Dave Ridden for details of the next trip.

Aug 6 - 8	Battlehurst Farm. Inter-club RTV Challenge & Gymkhana with Southern ROC. Camping. Farm drive.
Aug 26 - 31	Summer Rally. RTV and gymkhana and AGM at Nelly's Dell. & SS5. No ladies trial.
Aug 29	HBRO AGM. 6:00. At Nelly's Dell. See event above.
Sept. 11	ARC Meeting. Solihull.
Sept. 11 - 12	<i>RTV trial planned. Watch this space.</i>
Sept. 26	<i>RTV. Rushmoor / Long Valley</i>
Oct. 10	<i>Scenic Drive at Broxhead Common.</i>
Nov. 5 - 7	RTV, Bonfire, fireworks etc Hook End Farm. WS2
Nov. 20 - 21	<i>RTV at Nelly's Dell. Camping. WS3</i>

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**Newsletter of the
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Rover Owners**

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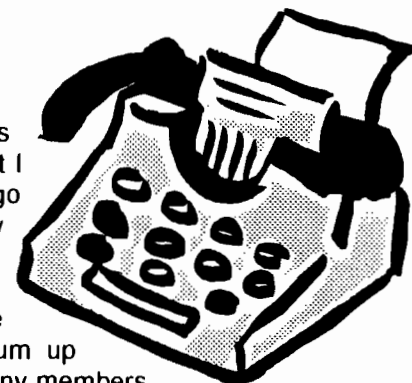
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Notes:- * committee member. # member of ARC Scrutineering Committee.

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

Editor's bit....



I went to Billing for the first time this year. Very impressive amount of trade stuff but I didn't have time to watch the arena events or go on the scenic drive. I can see why many members camp there, one day isn't enough to take it all in. The ARC2000 team took the opportunity to observe some aspects of the organisation and to visit a few traders to drum up interest in coming to Aldershot next year. Did any members go on the scenic drive? How was it organised?

ACSMC Rep wanted. Could you help? Well, what we need is a person or persons who could be named as the HBRO ACSMC (Association of Central

Southern Motor Clubs) representative. This is not a committee position nor involve any paperwork but all that is needed is that they attend meetings of the ACSMC. The representative wouldn't need to attend all the meetings, just as many as they are able or share the job with someone else. You can also take someone with you! At present nobody attends these meetings so it would be good if just occasionally HBRO made an appearance! Apart from that they will receive the minutes of these meetings in the post. We really do need someone so

This month...

- The Morocco trip progresses! ...and now with added pictures.
- Chairman's Chit Chat Corner.
- Events results.
- National Rally report from Dave Cuthbert.
- Comp Sec News
- Unleaded Update.

could you do this job? Please let one of the committee know. If you would like further details just ask.

Steve Kirby

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 or use plain text. If you use Works, only version 3 or later, please. I've now changed to Publisher 97 so I can accept files in any Publisher format up to that version. Fax facility now available again. Alternatively try e-mail. If you send an attachment, please state the full filename and file-type of the attachment; in the comments or in the accompanying text, Plus your own full e-mail address.

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Chairman's Chit Chat Corner .

To committee or not to committee that is the question. As will be revealed shortly the A.G.M. of the club will be held this year in August, at the summer rally. Several members of the committee are standing down from their current positions and are not seeking re-election.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank, on behalf of the membership, the committee members in question. Indeed our thanks go to all members of the committee, for the work and effort they put into the club, on behalf of the membership.

And so to the BIG question. !!!!!

Do any of you out there in membership land fancy the idea of joining the committee. The committee posts that will be available are...

Rights of Way Officer	Club Secretary
Competitions Secretary	Social Secretary

Now don't look at this list and think that virtually the whole committee has decided to go. Some of the current serving committee members have indicated that although they will be leaving their current job they are willing to consider taking on other positions.

It is, however, only right to inform the membership of the positions becoming vacant and invite nominations from the membership. If you think you might like to "give it a whirl" this is what you need to do:-

You need to be proposed by a current member and seconded by another. If two people apply for the same position then the members present at the A.G.M. will vote to decide who gets the job. Nominations may be made in writing in advance of the meeting to the committee or at the A.G.M.

Nick Jennings

UPDATE...

Hello Folks

So while you are reading this update, Maureen & I are lounging on the beach in Northern Spain. Our first venture overseas with the caravan, but not as much driving as I thought. Fifty miles from Reading to Portsmouth and fifty miles from Bilbao to the site. Weather is fine, wish you were here etc. We have left John at home!! He gets his chance to taste the Spanish ambience later in August.

Now the August Rally is nearly upon us. This year's event also includes the A.G.M. of the H.B.R.O. This your chance, as a member, to tell the committee what you do and do not like about the club, and the way it is being managed and to put forward ideas, comments, criticisms and congratulations. You also get the chance to vote on the committee posts that are up for grabs. Please make an effort to attend.

Bye for now Nick Jennings

Green Lane News

Richard Myers

I have been a member of HBRO for only about a year but I am keen to run a few Green Lane trips. The trips will be organised by both myself and the missis - Nicky (she's a pretty good navigator!).

As I work most weekends, realistically we can only hope to run trips on a Sunday every other month. We both regularly have time off in the week, so depending on the interest, we could fit in a few mid-week trips as well.

I've got over 15 years of experience of off-roading both for work and pleasure; 10 years of which as a Countryside Ranger driving mainly Land Rovers in Derbyshire and Hampshire.

NEXT TRIP:-

Green laning along the Salisbury to Shaftesbury Drove Road and returning along the Ox Drove to Salisbury. About 25 miles of gentle non-damaging lanes with one or two water-splashes and a nice pub stop in the middle.

Date is 15th August. Meet at 10 a.m. at the Fox & Goose pub, Coombe Bisset on the A354 south West of Salisbury. Useful maps are OS Explorers 118 and 130.

Please phone beforehand to confirm and so I can keep an eye on numbers, thanks.

Look forward to meeting you soon,

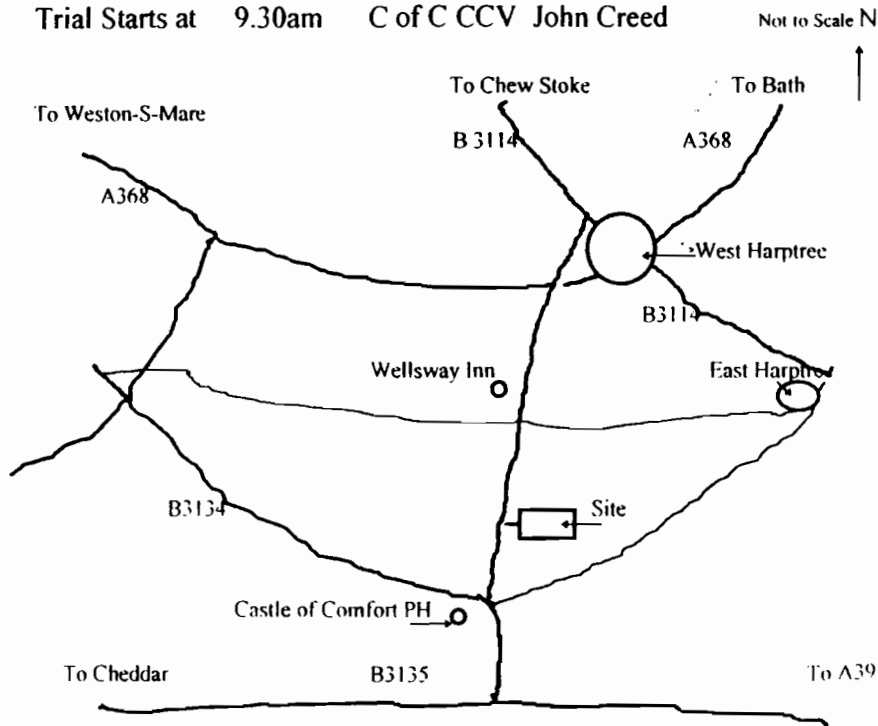
Cheers,

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**Somerset & Wiltshire Rover Owners club Announce
The Mendip Challenge 1999**

We cordially invite all ARC Affiliated clubs to join us at West Harptree, located on the Mendip Hills, Nr, Cheddar, Somerset on
**Saturday 20th RTV & Sunday 21st CCV
November 1999**

For a Road taxed vehicle trial & a Cross country vehicle trial.
Open to all ARC members in accordance with ARC & RAC regulations
Scrutineering available from 12.00pm-5.00pm Friday
Scrutineering to 9.00am C of C RTV Cliff Trott
Trial Starts at 9.30am C of C CCV John Creed



Map Reference 544 551

Entry in advance only on official form only, with entry fee of £15 per driver
Camping from Friday 19th available @ £5 per unit per night.
Catering available from Saturday am. Toilets on site

Somerset & Wiltshire Rover Owners Club

Mendip Challenge 1999

Booking form

RTV, Saturday 20th & CCV, Sunday 21st November

This form may be used to book one entry. Additional & double entries require a separate or photocopied form. If you require a receipt or acknowledgment please enclose an S.A.E. **Entry not guaranteed on forms received after 30th October 1999.**

Driver. Surname:..... First Name.....
Club Membership No.....
Address.....
..... Postcode.....
Telephone.....

Passenger Surname..... First name.....
(min age 14) Club Memb.no.....

Event RTV/CCV ARC Vehicle class.....

Are you double entered in this event? (Two or more driver's, one truck) **YES / NO**

If yes please give name of person/s double entered with.....

Signed..... Dated.....

Entry fee £15+camping if req. (please make cheques payable to SWROC Ltd)

Double entries should be marked as such & sent together.

(if you are driving the RTV & CCV please use separate forms for each event)

Entries are non-transferable & fees non-returnable

Please send payment & completed forms to: Keith Banks

**Competition Secretary
33 Great Somerford
Chippenham
Wiltshire SN15 5JQ**

Camping available from Friday night 19th November, £5 per unit, per night
if required please tick: Friday Saturday

HBRO's turn to host the Inter-Club Challenge with SROC this year. Battlehurst Farm, near Petworth, West Sussex.

RTV 8th Aug. Summer Series.

Status	Closed. HBRO only.
CoC	Nick Van Den Braak.
Steward	Maxine Leverett.
Chief Marshal	Zoe Raval/Trisha Jacobs.
Scrutineer	B Frankland, B Davis
Sec of Meeting.	Sam Parker
Camping	Kiran Raval.

Scrutineering starts at	08:45.
Drivers / nav's briefing	09:45.
Marshals briefing	09:45.
Event starts at	10:00.

Payment to Sec of meeting.
 £12 on the day. £10 advance (>7 days).
 Facilities:- Toilet in trailer.

Inter-Club Challenge with Southern Rover Owner's Club. RTV Trial & 4x4 Gymkhana, BBQ, Battlehurst Farm August 6th, 7th & 8th

Gymkhana - Saturday 7th August.

C of C - John Haythorne
 S of M - Jean Williamson
 Steward - Ian Parker
 Scrutineer - Gary Hodgson (TBD)
 Entry - £1.50
 Time - approx. 10am Saturday

Farm Drive (TBD) - Saturday

Cost - FREE
 Time - approx. mid to late afternoon.

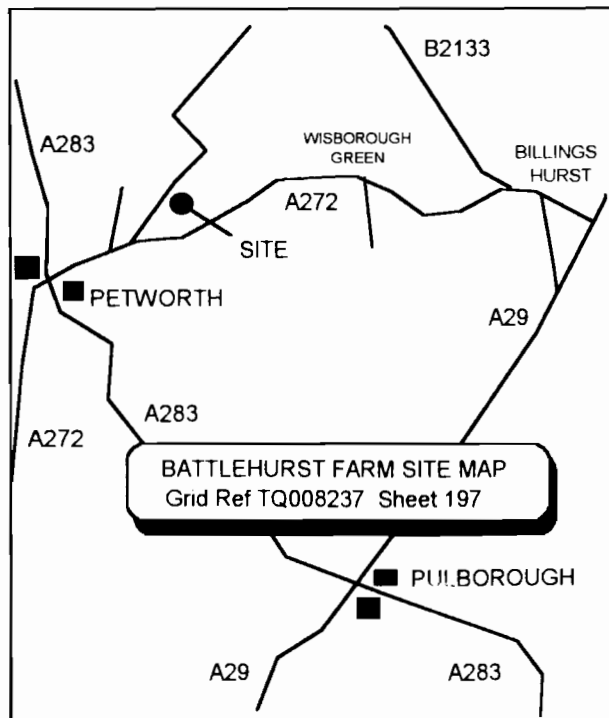
BBQ - Saturday

Burger and Sausage per person.
 Cost - FREE (Kindly donated by Nick Jennings)

Camping available.

For details contact Kiran Raval.
 Cost - approx. £3.50 per unit per night

Please read the Competition Event Information inside back cover.



DONCASTER OR BUST

Tales of the 1999 National Rally

This years National Rally seemed to cause problems all round. This is not the place to recount the problems the Yorkshire Rover Owners Club met and surpassed, but mine followed the North Wales Land Rover Club's Gaerwen trial in April when I decided major work was needed on the engine. I eventually decided on honing and re-ringing, a job a half competent person could do easily in a weekend, which is why it took me about two months! However I made it and 9 o'clock Friday morning, only half an hour later than planned, saw me on my way. The plan was to arrive at 12.30 as the site opened in order to get scrutineered in plenty of time during the afternoon. First I had to go to Rhyl, and whilst running along the Expressway I felt it was not pulling as well as I hoped, as I passed through Towyn my nose told me the problem, my attempts at adjusting up the handbrake a couple of evenings earlier had gone too far, the drum was hot enough to burn my wrist when I brushed it. Nothing for it but get out and get under, and sacken it off, so much for scrutineering as soon as I arrived.

Joining the A55, I found myself following two North Wales Land Rover Club members, I kept them in sight until the start of the M57, when they both sailed past the Police check point, but I didn't. No problem, its just been MoTed and had a pre nationals check - except I've just slackened the handbrake. Although they had a quick look at the motor and checked my docs, and were surprised that I was carrying them all with me, it transpired they were checking for inexperienced towers and badly loaded caravans. Despite a couple of comments about its age they seemed happy. The rest of the journey was uneventful, and I arrived only a little later than planned.

This year I had decided to camp with Hants & Berks as part of the preparation for ARC2000 but as I drove down the back of the row to pull onto my plot my way was blocked by a green Ser III with a red roof matching mine. Not only were North Wales and Hants & Berks next to each other, but Alan & Jenny were actually parked behind me, closer than we have been when camping with the same club!

As any hopes of immediate scrutineering were out of the question I was able to have a more leisurely time setting up the caravan before setting to work on the handbrake. Fortunately I got away without dismantling the expander or linkage. By now Nick Woodage had returned with tales of three hour queues for scrutineering so Alan & I decided to have some tea then go up for the start of the evening session.

We left the campsite for the long drive to scrutineering at 5.30, and got back by 9. Fortunately scrutineering itself was no problem and so I was ready for the morning. I then went to say hello to Ashley, and suddenly it was ten thirty and a quick dash for the beer tent was called for. Luckily it was showing no signs of imminent closing, in fact in view of the trial the following day I didn't even stay right to the bitter end, quite. I did have time to arrange for Chrissy, the NW Social

Secretary's daughter, to navigate for me, even arranging a lift down to signing on a seven in the morning(!) for her.

The following morning was again bright and sunny despite the forecast for rain, and saw us a long way from the campsite in a wooded area. The sections were fairly tight calling for accurate steering. It was soon obvious that the form that had been returning at Gaerwen had deserted me, although I didn't feel I was making stupid mistakes and was hopeful of getting a respectable result. After a while we moved to a small copse at the bottom of the campsite. The first section there was a slalom along the ridge and the general opinion was to keep tight and straighten it out as much as possible to reduce cross axling a fine idea, except that it wasn't working. After watching the others I decided on a more gung-ho approach; bags of right foot and kepp well clear of the canes. It took a lot of frantic winding on the wheel and several heartstopping moments with wheels both ends in the air but momentum won the day and we kept going. My first clear of the day, and on a section no one else in my group cleared (pity it ha mysteriously turned into a one by the time the results appeared).

The other two sections in that area the sneaky kind, get the nine wrong and you knew you were going to hit the six, and there was nothing you could do about it! Fortunately on the next section the problem was at the four.

Down the track and there was a section through far denser woods, with most people having trouble around the seven, but I achieved a surprise clear, again by going for it rather than precise driving. Generally during the day I was hitting the same gates as a lot of other people, the only problem being that I was doing it nearly every time so my score was increasing. One interesting side of the day is that we had been split into groups by class, rather than the more normal attempt to mix the classes up to give balanced groups, so it was easier to gauge your performance. I'm undecided which is the better system.

I finished the day reasonably happy as I felt I had made no stupid mistakes, although my score was higher than I had hoped.

Back to the campsite and there were a lot of newcomers. The scrutineers were checking the noise levels for all vehicles instead of just the comp motors which is more usual (and for some years it has been noticeable how quieter the racers are) no sweat for the RTVs, but real problems for some of the CCVs, some people having a busy day. After the early start I left the beer tent whilst others were still there, although I believe the bar was shut, and staggered back. Isn't the gap between caravans small.

Sunday morning was a bit cooler and was spent looking round the trade stands area before wandering down to the CCV sections closest to the campsite. During the afternoon I spent some time on the stand publicising next years event but the evening found us in the beer tent before retiring to the Alan and Jenny's awning.

Monday promised to be hot and sunny again so I set out for the comp at the far extremity of the site, an interesting course through woods with some fast straights round the field at the end. Back to the campsite and back to the ARC2000 stand, as it was next to the exit gate we were able to give a lot of forms

out as people were leaving.

Monday night was prize-giving night, with the HBRO having more success than the NWLRC. As I was driving home the next day again I didn't last the distance but left whilst there were still others in the tent.

Was it a cobbled together, last minute, event? Not so that you would notice. Was it a success? Well, for the first time for years I wasn't the last to leave the beer tent any night, although I think the bar had closed by the time I left every night, but despite that, yes, an excellent weekend, probably the most enjoyable National I have attended for some time.

Red Leader

Hook End Farm RTV Trials Results 4-7-99

Name	Cls	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Tot	Pos
Trevor Jones	3	10	2	0	4	11	9	9	2	5	9	61	1
Eddie Gordon	3	12	8	2	3	11	11	9	9	6	11	82	
Chris Homewood	3	10	8	6	7	11	11	9	3	5	0	70	2
Nick van den Braak	4	3	4	0	3	11	7	9	0	2	6	45	2
Nick Woodage	4	9	3	2	3	11	7	9	3	1	9	57	
Kiran Raval	4	10	1	0	3	9	11	9	2	9	9	63	
Hugh Duffett	4	2	1	0	3	5	0	0	3	6	6	26	1
Andy Robson	5	8	7	4	1	11	1	9	9	7	11	68	
John Beagley	5	3	0	4	2	11	1	9	0	9	11	50	1
Sue Lea	8	10	11	7	3	11	11	9	3	1	7	73	
Steve Skinner	8	10	1	0	3	9	2	0	2	1	1	29	1

Many thanks to all those who helped Matthew set out on Saturday, and to those who officiated on the Sunday, who were as follows:-

Sharon Coultard (SoM), Matthew Hewitt (CoC), Steve Skinner (Chief Scrutineer), Nick Woodage, Steve Kirby (Scrutineers), Sam Parker (Steward), Ian Parker (Chief Marshal), Bob Davis, Brian Frankland, Tim Tempest, Simon Newington, Nick Jennings, Alan Comber, Jim Taylor (Marshals).

No classes were amalgamated. Well done Hugh Duffett who walked away with the Wessex Trophy.

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Competition Secretary News

Please note that due to the constraints of time and twelve sections having to be completed (hopefully), the trial at Long Valley on 26th September will start at 9:45 prompt. Scrutineering and sign-on will be between 8:30 and 9:30 - no excuses.

Sign-on at Events:-

As stated in our SRs for each event, scrutineering is held between 8:45 am and 9:45 am. This means that you can sign on and be scrutineered during this hour. Sign on will close at 9:45 am and no more entries will be accepted after this time. Hopefully this clears up any query people had on why they cannot enter after this time.

Please remember that you need your MoT Certificate and HBRO Club membership card.

Sam Parker

Unleaded Update

The P&B editorial desk has seen many articles sent in by members about leaded petrol additives and substitutes. Most of these were from the manufacturers themselves or were published articles about single products where no comparison has been made. I have refrained from publishing any of these until now. However, the MSA magazine Motorsports Now has published a brief report of the findings of the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs which I feel I can share with you with some confidence.

Historic Vehicle enthusiasts, worried that the disappearance of leaded petrol at the end of this year might curtail the use of their cherished machines, can take heart from the announcement that the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs (FBHVC) has endorsed four lead substitute products as "adequate for normal driving."

No tests existed despite the great claims made for these products by their manufacturers. Using a Rover A-series engine, a power unit particularly prone to valve seat recession, each of 12 lead substitute products underwent an identical 70 hour test programme, including 20 hours of accelerated wear at full throttle and full load.

Four products passed the demanding test:- Millers VSP-Plus, Red Line Lead Substitute, Superblend Zero Lead 2000, and Valvemaster.

The FBHVC recommend that owners of historic vehicles should not mix lead substitutes but "should choose the product that most closely suits their requirements and stick to it."

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Summer Rally and AGM Nelly's Dell. August 26-31

RTV Summer Series.

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CoC	Hugh Duffett.
Steward	Zoe Raval.
Chief Marshal	Sam Parker.
Scrutineers	Steve Skinner & Karen Duffett.
Sec of Meeting.	Sarah Bridger.
Camping	Kiran Raval
Scrutineering starts at	08:45.
Drivers / nav's briefing	09:45.
Marshals briefing	09:45.
Event starts at	10:00.

Nelly's Dell is on the A32 Alton to West Meon road. Caravans to enter by the Woodside Farm entrance. Triallers and or trailers can enter the lower field from the side road. See map.

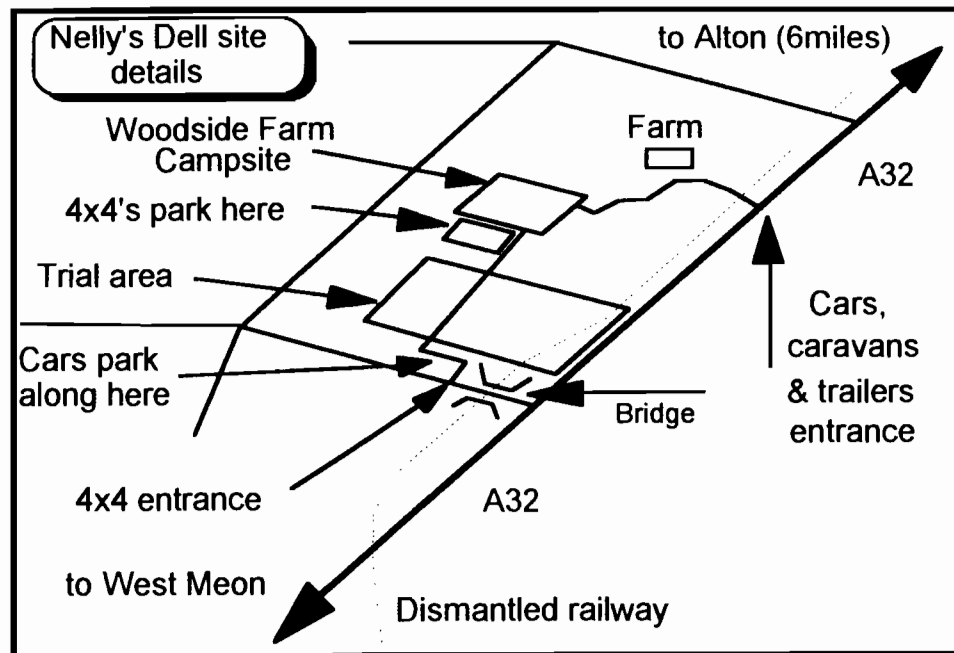
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Facilities:- Toilets in trialer.

Saturday - Marshals training. See Dave Ridden for details.

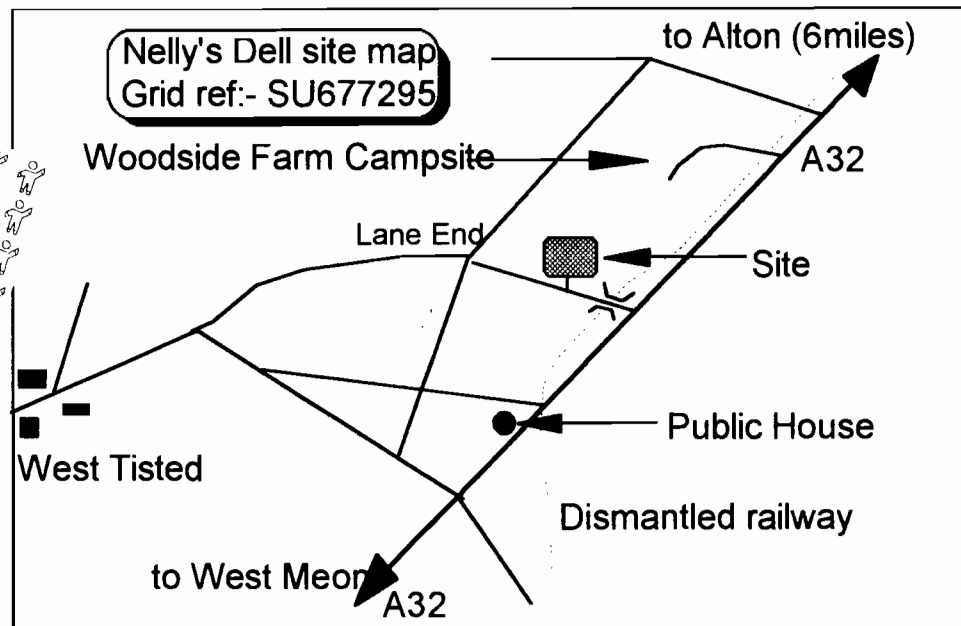
Sunday - Trial & AGM. Barbecue after AGM

Monday - Gymkhana.
CoC / SoM / CM Nick Jennings



AGM

To be held in the Marquee
Six o'clock, after the RTV trial on Sunday.
Agenda published last month.
Come and help run the club in 2000.
Collect your awards.
and lots more...

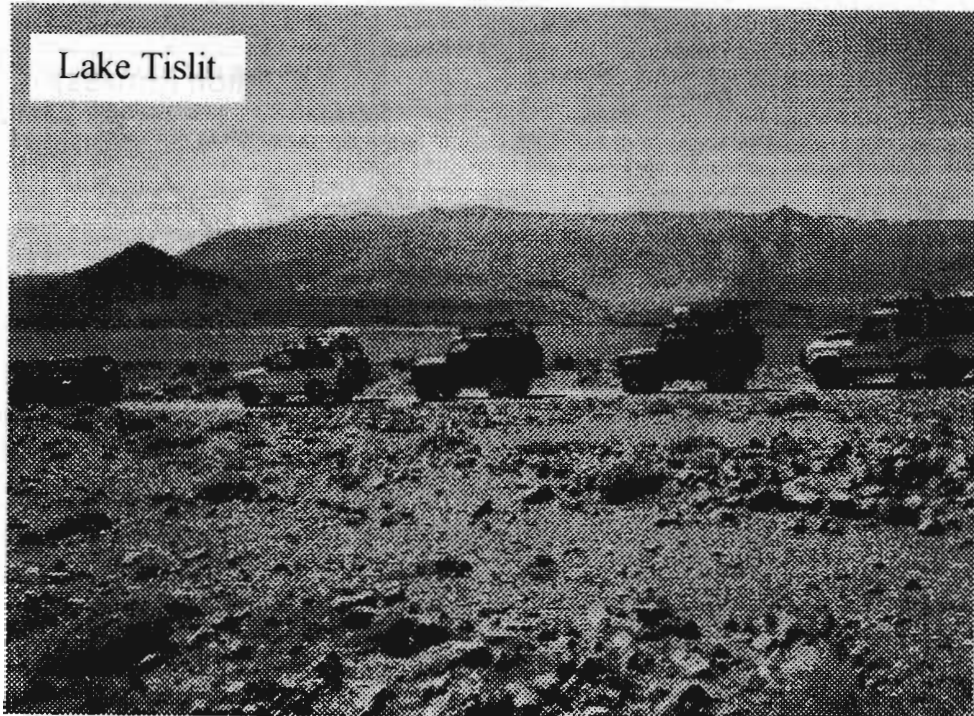


HBRO Goes Mad in Morocco

The continuing story. Part 3 (ish)

SUN 18th APRIL (Morocco. The Third Wilderness Campsite to The Todra Gorge.)

We were up at 6am for an 8am start. It had been another very cold night, below freezing. Once we were in bed, Nick and I had been nice and warm and had managed to sleep very well. Tim and Helen however, had been very cold all night in their Roof Tent and had ice on the inside of it in the morning. They did not sleep at all well. We left the campsite at 8am the countryside has changed again. At the moment it is a bit like the Grand Canyon. The scenery is SPECTACULAR like nothing I have ever seen before. The track is winding and twisting its way upward, above deep canyons. We have just reached a point where I just cannot put into words the incredible scene in front of me. Very high snow topped mountains with a 2000ft drop straight down into the valley bottom. The beautiful pastel colours in the scene before me are, Orange & Brown, Various Greens, Purple, Pinks and the White of the Snow on the tops of the mountains. It is very rocky. Wow!! No words or photos can do justice to this scene. We are miles from anywhere and you could easily think you were the only people to have ever visited this area. There is not a sign of habitation, no people for miles and miles. Except for a Berber with a Tent, who has set up a little business selling mint teas, just how much passing trade he gets I don't know. (It's



a shame he somehow spoils the effect just a little bit.)

We left the vehicles by the tent and climbed up to the highest point to take some photos. We are at over 9000ft and I have a headache and feel a bit giddy. Ray said we might experience some "altitude sickness" at this height. I would not have missed this view for anything. It is breathtaking. After we had taken photos we returned to the tent and had some mint tea. This is where we reach the highest point of our crossing of the Atlas Mountains. The GPS registered a height of 9120ft before starting to drop down again. (There are other higher crossings but they are too dangerous at this time of year.) The higher Atlas Mountains still tower above us. We now start our twisting descent as the narrow track zigzags down the side of the mountain. Nick let me drive this section I stopped frequently for him to take photos. Every bend we turned there was another spectacular view. The mountains opposite are over 9000ft with rocky overhanging ledges casting long shadows down the sheer rock face. We have just stopped to wait for everyone to catch up. While we were waiting two young Berber shepherd boys walked up the track with their sheep and sheep dogs, they stopped to play us a tune on their home made instruments. These were a sort of violin, made from a Mobil Oil Can, with a wooden shaft, wire for the strings and played with a hand made bow. They got a definite tune out of this very primitive instrument. (All for a pencil, pen and sweet. They were so pleased.)

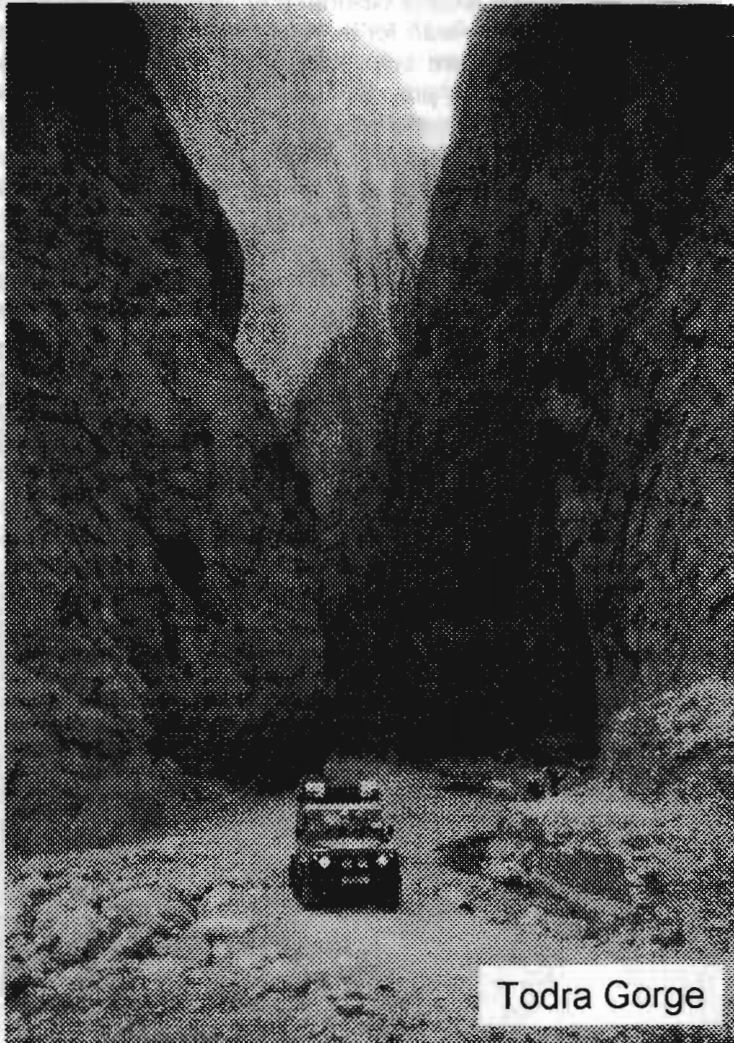
Nick takes over the driving again. We have come down the mountains through several large villages. We are still at 6800ft but we are now on an almost completely flat plain, with mountains all round the outside. The temperature has risen from freezing last night to 20 degrees now. We have suddenly come to the edge of the flat plain we have been driving across and there is a huge step down of about 700ft to the next plain below, still with the mountains round the outside. The temperature is still climbing and is now 23 degrees. These plains are huge they have dried up rivers running through them. This second plain is a bit more undulating, the soil is very pink and covered with thousands of hedgehog plants. (Small rock plants, that look like hedgehogs.) There is virtually no grass at all. We stopped for lunch at a very smart (by Moroccan standards) and clean Moroccan Restaurant. Nick and I ate almost everything. It was very nice. The starter was a small salad. The main course was a spiced meat dish with rice and more salad, followed by dessert, of coffee mousse with yoghurt and fresh melon. Having researched this trip very well, I have been looking forward to **The Todra Gorge**. The temperature has now reached 27 degrees, and we are driving through the gorge, which has sheer 500ft to 600ft, rock faces either side of us at this point. The riverbed and the single rocky track descend through this incredibly spectacular and naturally formed gorge. Each bend we turn gives us a different view. Our descent through the gorge has taken us over an hour and three-quarters so far. We have just past a mother and baby camel. (The variable water level at times of flood closes this Gorge to vehicles.) It is now 4.30pm and we are nearing the end of the Gorge. Palm trees sprout from the stony bed and there is water here. Lush green grass is growing and crops. We are now meeting tourists

who have walked up from the bottom.

WOW!! I have just seen the exit from the gorge and although I have seen photographs of the Todra Gorge, nothing has prepared me for this sight, a 65ft gap between 1000ft cliff faces.

AWESOME. It has taken us over two hours to descend the gorge. The only sad bit about this end of the gorge is it is full of tourists. (Just like us.) We plan to get up early tomorrow morning to come back before the tourists are about and take some photographs. Today's driving, has been the best so far with fantastic off-roading through the most spectacular scenery. We arrived at the campsite around tea-time. This was a big commercial site very noisy and dirty none of us liked it. The showers and toilet facilities were gross, a real health hazard. We all had a shower because we had been wilderness camping for three

days but we tried to shower as quickly as possible, touching as little as possible of the shower walls and fittings. As we left the toilet and shower block we noticed an awful smell, it was sewage seeping up out of the ground. Everyone said they would rather wilderness camp anytime. At around 7 o'clock those who wanted to, meet up with Ray and Hassan to visit a large Carpet Shop in Tinerhir the next town on from The Todra Gorge. This was more like a warehouse. On arriving a Berber offered us mint tea. We were given a short but very interesting talk about the



history and traditions of Moroccan Rug and Carpet making. Then we were given a tour of the building, which was made up of many rooms and passageways. The rooms were both large and small some with very high ceilings. Rugs and carpets hung from many of walls and were rolled up and in piles against other walls. These Rugs and Carpets were magnificent, the most beautiful rich colours and all different sizes and shapes. There were **Very Big Carpets** that would only suit a large country house, down to small rugs. We were given the chance to buy if we wanted to. How-

ever, the prices dictated we only had a choice of the smaller rugs as the carpets were extremely expensive. As this was a special holiday to celebrate our 25th Wedding Anniversary, Nick and I had decided before we left home that we would buy ourselves something nice to remember the holiday by. So yes, we bought a small tapestry rug to hang on a wall at home. Not satisfied with selling us a rug the salesman dealing with us proceeded to do a hard sell job. Double-Glazing salesman have nothing on him! It was very funny. We had no intention of buying anything else but he was determined to try. He knew we would not look at the carpets but he wanted us to buy a runner, (a long thin rug) he was talking cash plus Nicks watch and Nicks smelly trainers. The bartering went on for quite some time and gave everyone a laugh. We stood our ground and did not buy anything else, much to the salesman's disappointment, as he really did want Nicks



trainers.

After any business had taken place we were shown the hospitality of the Berbers. In a large reception room, rugs were laid out on the floor and we sat down on these to eat a meal with them. This was a whole chicken cooked in olive oil, lemon and chillies, served with the Moroccans very thin chips around the outside. This was served with large flat loaves and bottled water. We used our fingers to eat with. After this they brought us a large bowl of fruit. The evening was an enjoyable and interesting experience. We left Ray Hassan and Ian at the carpet shop. They were going to sleep there the night and we arranged to meet them there at around 8.30am the next morning. We returned to the campsite at The Todra Gorge. The journey back to the campsite was quite an experience. The Moroccans are bad drivers at the best of times but after 10pm they are

positively dangerous. They see a foreign number plate and they try to drive you off the road. I was glad when we reach the campsite. Nick and I did not sleep at all well that night; it was so noisy and also very hot.

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