

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 Cob & Pen, Wallington, near Fareham, Hants. (From 7:30 p.m. Plus Land Rover related videos if possible.). Grid ref SU583 068 approx.
- * Green-lane trips will usually be as advertised elsewhere. There will be someone present to indicate rights of way on the maps. Please bring your own maps of Hampshire and Berkshire, in case you get lost. 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; longer term programme can be found inside the back cover.

WS = Winter Series. SS = Summer Series.

Green laners:-See article elsewhere for details of the next trip(s).

DATE	EVENT
July 8	Public Scenic Drive at Slab Common. Confirmed
July 8	REME visit. Details elsewhere.
July 13 - 15	RTV / camping at Bowhill Farm. Postponed.
July 20 - 22	Billing Off Road Show hosted by Land Rover Enthusiast. Club Camping area is arranged. Contact Sam on 02392-639193 before July 16th.
July 21 - 22	Billing weekend Inter-club RTV & CCV Trials invitation from East Northants LROC. ** CANCELLED **
August 23 - 27	RTV / Camping at Nelly's Dell. <i>Still awaiting news.</i>
August 24 - 27	BALA 2001. North Wales Land Rover Club's event. Scenic drive, Tyro trial, CCVT, RTVT, Adventure Drive. Still on at the moment. Information line 07977-128989.
August 25 - 27	Town & Country Festival, Stoneleigh Park, Coventry. Camping, caravanning. Details soon.
Sept. 1 - 2	4x4 Show i.c.w. Off Road Motorsport Magazine.
Sept. 8 - 9	Major's Trial. Eastnor.



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"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....



We continue to soldier on with precious few events in the diary. Fortunately, all the good bits came together to enable the Scenic Drive to take place on July 8th. Hopefully you will have received a flyer in last month's P&B (which is why it was a few days late, we needed to confirm that the event could go ahead before slipping the flyer in the envelope) Hopefully too you'll receive this edition in time to wipe the cobwebs off and zoom out to this event.

It's worth putting in a little reminder here that Jenny and Bob Davis put over 300 newsletters into envelopes, stick over 300 address labels and over 300 stamps on those envelopes so you can keep up to date with what is going on in the club. Don't forget too that the whole club is run by volunteers, so please don't be too quick to criticise when some things don't happen, or deliveries are late.

Talking (or writing!) of volunteers, we are in need of some assistance at committee level. If you can spare a few minutes each week, we are looking for a new competition secretary, and someone who can help organise social events. Ashley has taken on the Comp Sec role at the moment simply because it's a task that just has to be done. Thanks Ash for leaping in at short notice. If you think it looks like a difficult task, then you can become a deputy Comp Sec and "shadow" Ashley for a while until you get used to it. Otherwise, we won't have a viable club.

Actually, to have a kind of deputy for each of the main committee posts might not be a bad idea. Give it some thought.

Thanks.

Steve Kirby.

This month...

Regulars:-

- Nick's Bits. (Chairman's chat.)
- Green Lane News.
- Club Shop.
- For Sale.
- Events Diary.
- Welcome, New Members.

Articles:-

- ARC meeting for June.

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 have a PC, you can send articles on 3½" disc and I'll return the disc 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 use plain Text (*.txt file) or Rich Text (*.rtf file) format preferably. Please include a brief explanatory message in the e-mail. My e-mail addresses are:- at work:- Steve.J.Kirby@BritishAirways.com and at home:- Steve.Kirby@cwcom.net To improve the chances of making contact, try sending messages to both addresses for the time being. Thanx.

Nick's Bit's

As you are all aware, the year 2001 has not been a good year for club activities so far, as very little has happened. Thinking back to 2000, the club has had two extremely different years. Last year, because HBRO ran the ARC National, (International) it was the most intensive year I have known. It was so busy, with many club members rushed off their feet, working to dead lines. There was always something that needed sorting out, we had no time to get bored and we all breathed a sigh of relief when it was all over. What a different year 2001 has been so far, hopefully we will get back to normal before much longer! Although things have been very quiet, the Committee has constantly tried to get a site with MAFF, ARC and MSA approval. Without permission from these various bodies, an off-road event cannot be held. We promised you, as soon as we had the go ahead we would organize something. The first step to recovery, was when the MOD received MAFF approval for their own use of military land again. Then on the 4th June we heard that the MOD had opened up sites for Commercial use. Ash has been pestering the MOD, trying to get permission to hold a Promotional Driving Day, and with the release of sites for commercial use, we have now got the go ahead. As soon as Ash heard this, he contacted the ARC and MSA for permits and their permission, and this was given. This was the reason that your June Newsletter was late being posted, we had to hang fire to make sure of details and print a flyer to put in the newsletter. I am sure that you were only too pleased to here that we had an event coming up, that the fact that the newsletter was a week or so late didn't matter. It is great to have an event arranged. Because MAFF will not approve the use of agriculture land just yet, it will probably be a while before we can run an RTV on the farm sites that we generally use. However, this is the first step in the return to normality for the club.

The one constant thing in the past few 'very quiet' months has been the monthly newsletter. Without fail this has come through your letter boxes every month. Poor Steve Kirby has endeavored to fill the pages. I think he has done a grand job, as I for one, have found it very difficult to write 'Nick Bit's' when nothing much has happened to write about. I must say that talking about my hobby has never been a problem in the past!

Thinking ahead, there will be items concerning the forthcoming A.G.M. in club Newsletters prior to the meeting. **As is always the case during the A.G.M. the whole committee will stand down, so nominations for any committee post will be welcomed, indeed new faces and fresh ideas keep a club alive.** So lets have those nominations please. Any member who wishes a matter to be discussed at the A.G.M. should send the text of such matters signed by at least two members to the club secretary, Zoe Raval, at least fourteen days prior to the meeting. This is so that they can be included in the agenda of the meeting. Any alteration to the Constitution may be made during an A.G.M. providing that the details of the proposed alteration or alterations are included in the final notice of the general meeting, which will be published in the September Newsletter, along with the agenda of the A.G.M. 2001 and the minutes from the A.G.M. 2000. In

order for any proposals to be included they must be received by mid August as the Newsletter goes to press around the 20th of the month. All proposals should be sent to Zoe Raval, her address is on the inside of the front cover of the newsletter. The resolution proposing the alterations must be carried by two thirds of those present voting at the meeting, or by two thirds of those voting should a poll be demanded as provided in Rule 27. At the meeting you will hear reports from all the committee members and the club accounts will be available for your perusal. The A.G.M. is also your chance to say what you think about the way the club is run. HBRO is your club, so lets have your nominations, proposals, criticisms and ideas. Its up to you, if you want a say in the way things are done, come along and put your views across.

Once the Foot & Mouth situation is sorted out and the club gets back to normal, there are many ways, other than serving on the committee that you can help with the running of your club. We always need help with the setting out of trials, and on the day of a trial we never seem to have enough Marshals, so please come and help. The ARC require each RTV trial to have a secretary and steward of the meeting, so please put your names forward to the competition secretary if you are prepared to do either of these jobs. When we have camping weekends, the ARC require that we have two named marshals on the permits for every camping rally, so you could come forward and offer your services as a camping marshal. These are just a few ways that the club could do with your help. So, if serving on the committee is not up your street, or you do not have the time available to be a committee member, any help you can give would help lighten the load!

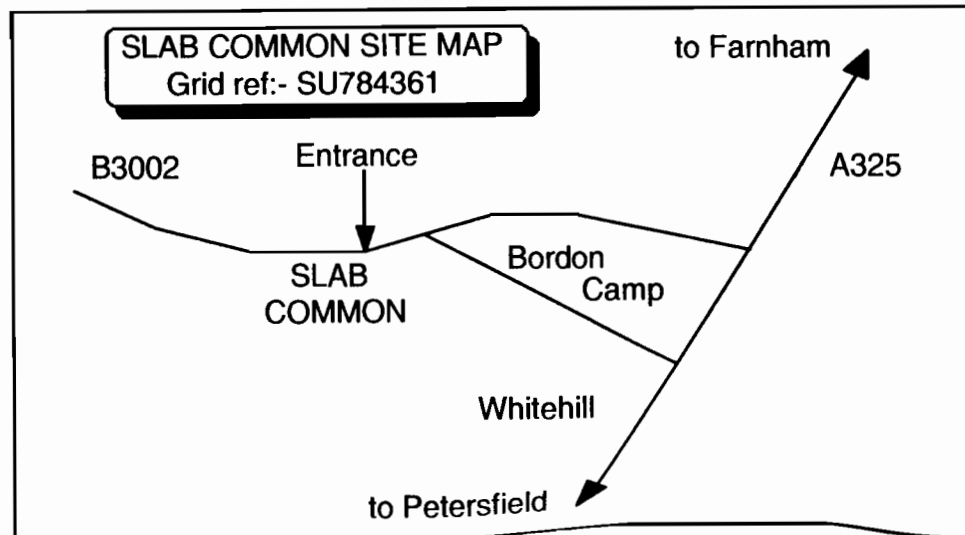
By for now, Nick van den Braak Chairman of HBRO.

Rights of Way News

All's quiet on the Green Lining front. FMD still dominates the scene, with a very mixed position being taken by County Councils across the Country. Some Councils have opened 10% of Paths, others 50% and, as far as I can determine 1 Council claims to have opened 100%. The problem for us Off-Roaders continues to be the Farmers. The Farmers have the right to object to RoWs being opened, and whilst the Byways and RUPPs are not strictly covered by the restrictions, they continue to be a sensitive issue as tractors use them to access fields and livestock. The idea of groups of 4x4s travelling these routes until FMD is eradicated is not exactly palatable to the Farmers.

Unfortunately, there are always those who will not heed advice, or even be sensitive to agreed restrictions which have nothing to do with FMD. It has been reported to me that a group of 4x4s was seen travelling the Ridgeway during the height of the FMD crisis, and despite a TRO being imposed on that route since last year. I have assured the authorities that our Club is well informed of the situation, and as responsible Green Lane users, would not have been involved. It does however demonstrate how mindless action by some can lead to permanent restrictions imposed by the authorities, as this is a continuing threat posed by West Berks. and by Wilts County Councils.

Ashley Pocock.



Let's Off Road!



SUNDAY 8th July, SLAB COMMON nr, BORDON, HANTS

OFF-ROAD DRIVING DAY

Any make of a Land Rover TYPE Off-Road vehicle! Not suitable for car based 4 wheel drives. Max g.v.w. 3.5 tonnes Sorry no quads or bikes

All vehicle occupants must be seated & wear an approved seat belt at all times. The passenger sitting along side the driver must be at least 14 years of age.

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Pre-booking not required but you **MUST** call 01264 710546 or 02392 597266 eves. 7days before the event to confirm the event is on schedule.

Stop Press !!

Whilst attending the Driving day, enjoy a visit to see the Vehicles that the REME don't show at the Museum - special behind the scenes look at historic military vehicles stored at Bordon Camp. Book your 1.5hr tour on arrival at the Slab Driving Day. Tours will start at 11.30 and 14.00 approx. A Small charge will be made in aid of the Museum.

Competition Secretary - The search commences

Due to the recent resignation of Steve and Carol Skinner from the post of Competition Secretary, the committee is seeking a replacement(s) to secure the future success of the Club in organising competitive events. The committee is very grateful for the sterling effort that Steve and Carol put into their role, and their enthusiasm and spirited approach to the challenge of competition organisation will be sorely missed.

I have been co-opted by the HBRO committee to act as Competition Secretary until a replacement can be found. This probably means until the AGM, when it would be an ideal time for a suitable candidate to be appointed. This gives us a few months to search for a keen Competitions official.

Having been the Clubs Comp' Sec' for the 5 years prior to taking on the Event Director responsibility for ARC2000, I know how difficult the role is, and yet how critical this position is to the future of the Club. Without a dedicated and capable competition secretary, the Club will struggle to maintain the commitment to developing its competitive activities. The role of the Comp' Sec' combines detailed planning with all year round administration of permits / licences / authorisation, the management of Land and Landowners, an understanding of the basics of Motorsport Events, and a willingness to communicate at all levels regarding the Technical, Legal and Commercial aspects of such events. Much of this knowledge is contained in the MSA Blue book, ARC Green book, and Guidelines issued by various authorities. In addition to these publications, there are training courses on most aspects of organising events, but more valuable than all of this is the wealth of knowledge available from other members, the ARC and many other helpful experts from around the Off-Road fraternity. The benefits of being Comp' Sec' are that it is very rewarding to plan and complete an event, particularly if you have a bent for management, and like communicating with others to set-up and organise the process to a successful conclusion. It helps if you have competed before, but not essential, as long as you have the desire to learn both the process, and have the interest in the sport and its technical aspects.

Now is the time for those of you who think you might be able to help the Club by taking on this vital committee position, to step forward and find out more about the tasks involved. I am sure that we have some budding LR enthusiasts in the membership who are more than capable of meeting the challenge, and I would be very willing to help anyone learn the ropes. So please give me a call and have a chat on the subject.

Ashley Pocock.
Acting Competition Secretary.

Competition News

The MOD has lifted the restrictions on its land for Commercial events.... hurrah!!! At last, FMD is beginning to release its stranglehold on Motorsport Events, and slowly things will get back to normal. It is still going to be a long haul, particularly on our Farm sites, where understandably the Farmers are reluctant to allow access when there is still a chance they could become infected. However the MOD have made the break, and we have been given the opportunity to hold our planned 'Driving day' on 8th July on Slab.

The Competition calendar remains bleak, however effort is being made to increase the number of events we had planned to hold on Military land to compensate for the loss of use of our Farm sites. I am hoping that by August, the calendar will look a lot healthier for the desperate group of competitors amongst us who have been starved of a challenge over the recent few months.

I am in contact with MSA, ACSMC and other Motoring organisations to see what is available on the training scene. We have had memorable 'Fire Training' days in the past at Thruxton, and there is a number of Marshal training sessions available, so for those of you who would like to further their skills in these areas watch this space.

Steve Kirby keeps us all up to date on the issues raised at the ARC meetings, and also informs us of those 'scrutineering' issues, which seem to torment some and delight others. If anyone would like to know more about scrutineering or the technical aspects of sport, I am sure that both Steve and I would be pleased to organise a forum for members to expand and share their knowledge. Maybe we could include a presentation on selected topics, perhaps by one of the Association resident experts. Perhaps we could also run the out-takes from ARC2000 for a bit of fun or blackmail as well!? Let me know if you like the idea.

One final thing this month - are there any "First Aiders" in the membership, who would be prepared to assist at Club competitive events in case of accidents and injuries? For bigger competitive events the Club will ensure that St Johns are present, but for smaller events and driving days trained First Aiders are acceptable to our insurers. If anyone is willing to help, we will equip him or her with a Radio, and call for assistance if required - otherwise they can enjoy the event and participate or spectate, as they prefer. Please give me a call if you can help.

Ashley Pocock
Acting Competition Secretary

Series Hybrid HCG678 - A story of a modification ! (DOH!)

For those who know the vehicle HCG678 (Series 1 hybrid 4.6 EFI, Caged Twin ARBs and Twin winches) you will know it and the owner like to A) Stuff it into deep Goo, and B) It gets modified to help with A.

I had decided that the front winch was frankly just no use, the Hybrid is quite a heavy one, and with the ARBs when it really does get stuck then it needs a "Winch" with a capital W, and the Superwinch X9 though good is just not enough...this was proven to me at an event where I was trying to recover a stricken L/R, even with 2 snatch blocks and 1600 amp worth of batteries it was not coping..so a plan was hatched...

The hatching was also brought on quicker by the ever more 'orrible noises coming from the gearbox, on one trip to an event my passenger said "PLEASE CHANGE GEAR NIGEL", "Eh?, what gear do you want me to put it in?" .."Anything that is quieter that the current one would be nice....."

He did have a point, it was dreadful, so I thought I would treat it to an oil change and something a bit thicker to quieten it down being rebuiltthe oil came out all shinny and Christmas tinselly, with lots of silver and golden lumps...Ahh!

So, the thoughts crystallised (before it went bang !).

I had a spare LT95 4 Speed gearbox, which had a fortune spent on it via a rebuild, I could just bolt that in and job done..but no, life is not that simple is it... thinking of the winch I thought of the superb Fairey 14,000 & 16,000 mechanical units that I had once before - unstoppable - they are the ultimate winch, and so a plan was born, I would simply find a LT95 4 speed Drop PTO and a mechanical winch, chop the front end about and just plop it all in...what could be simpler, I explained all this to my long suffering wife who was basically "unfazed" or should that be "uninterested".."That will be nice love" I think were her words.....

18 months later, I had tried just about everywhere to find a 4 speed LT95 Drop PTO unit - nil, non, nothing zilch...by now driver and passenger had taken to ear defenders whilst driving.....and as I couldn't find the PTO drive I sold the spare superbox, as I was now onto plan C, fit a ZF4 speed auto/ LT230 and get a 5 speed PTO and winch Ah HA !....

Bought a WHOLE R/R and broke it for the autobox transfer box and bits...autobox however started to play up as I drove the R/R about for a week to pick up other bits !!..Agggghh, but still broke the R/R sold most of it kept Gearbox and bits and decided to A) Rebuild the Transfer Box, B) exchange the ZF 4 speed (knackered) for new unit from Ashcroft at Luton, and C) fit 4 speed Auto to Hybrid, D) sell X9, and went out and bought a 16,000 Fairey Winch rebuilt that and a 5 Speed PTO to fit the ZF box job almost done...what could be simpler...

Er, staying in bed for one, having spend £300 on transfer box parts, and £700 on exchange box, plus cost of R/R donor etc, took L/R apart put box together and then in and.....Propshaft angle was not possible !!..Eeek...I had measured over and over again the LENGTH of the shaft, but had missed the fact

that as the units come together the ANGLE increases....net result..plan D..fit the LT95 spare box - Oopops nope I'd sold that, oh gawd....

Top marks to Ashcroft transmissions, who gave me a full refund, he was even nice enough not to laugh directly at me when I appeared fed up and filthy with his ZF 4 speed...will always be grateful to him for the now quibble refund and I would recommend them to anyone...

A phone call to me cheered me up..."Hello is that Nigel " - "Yep", "are you still looking for a winch" "Yep", "I've got one" - now bear in mind I have probably looked at over 25 unit in 18 months and they have always been either 5 speed units or a series unit - neither will fit LT95..."Your not sure what it fits?...Are you local - Nah"...150 miles later and yes it was a LT95 Drop PTO...and a winch, but no rods linkages etc...spares from Superwinch? HAHHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA.....

Oh well I'll strip my old box...Ye gods TOTAL SCRAP!, the centre diff had teeth missing the inside of the casing was damaged beyond use, and I could only salvage the 101 housing and input shaft, so I bought 4 other boxes and pulled them apart with varying success. The garage floor now resembled the Somme, Gear oil and ATF was everywhere, the carpets around the work area Oozes goo as you walked on them, as we have the family freezer in the garage my beloved was not too chuffed to find that her new moccasin slippers when walking on the carpet to the freezer developed a sticky EP9020/50/AFT/WD40 tide line and a 'orrible smelly wet feeling with 3 seconds of entering to the freezer...deep joy..."Is that bloody thing ever going to run again" were the words of encouragement....plus others...

Eventually after hours of work, loads of cash and Daryls help the box was back together, and back in the L/R, the entire front end cut off, new 6mm plate fabricated and welded on, and all the rods U/J's and linkages handmade and connected, many panels had to be modified, as did the exhaust and loads more, but I was getting there, a week off work saw light at the end of the tunnel, and the following weekend it was again pushed out of the garage to be worked on, my wife went to visit a friend so I had the whole day.... I got to putting the wiring harness back in.....

I look@d at the jumble of wires and gulped, it was some 5 months nearly since I had taken it apart and it looked horrendous....Ok I said, just one wire at a time and it will be fine, I looked at the mass and with a real sense of panic started putting it all together, I was not at all 100% certain of what I had done, so, fire extinguisher in hand I thought I would just switch on the ignition to the 1st setting and see if fuses blew smoke appeared sparks flew or wires got hot etc...

...click..

...nope seems fine..big grin...turned key...

...sod all..absolutely sod all, nothing, not a click and certainly no starter or Fuel pump noises....

Hmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmm.....

2 hours later I had checked ..batteries, wiring to batteries, fuel pump relays, power to ignition, power to coil, power to starter, fuses, relays, and I had absolutely no idea at all why it was dead...

..went and sat with a beer, then had a horrible thought...
 ..lifted up the waterproof electrics box picked up the ECU plug and there were 40 connector pins looking at me, ah...the ECU..
 went indoors got it Connected it and up she started.....Funny ?..nope.... not right then it wasn't !.....

In summary then after 5 months of, removing gearbox, virtually stripping down L/R to a chassis, selling spare box, breaking A R/R to gain 4 speed ZF Auto, building transfer box back up, getting (and returning) ZF to Luton, tears, buying 3 winches and selling 2 of them, rebuilding a LT95 with 101 housing, obtaining 4 speed PTO, modifying that, changing exhausts, stripping 4 LT95 for parts, cutting off front end, mass of welding and fabrication, new made to measure rad, mountings galore, more tears, paint spraying and panel making, and putting back together my wife returns to see a huge smile on my face on Sunday at about 6.00pm after being at her friends for the day..

..."so, its working again then ?".....

"Yep, look at this !..and, with that I pulled the drive lever on the front of the winch and the drum started to rotate..isn't that brilliant I said..."

She looked, at the winch for a few seconds, and then at me and said...

"..that's it is it, Is that what you've been messing about at for 4 months?"

Its a L/R thing !!

Nigel B & HCG678

PS For sale: LT230 Transfer Box unused since rebuild <Scream> 07909

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The Great Butser Run

I have been asked if HBRO could help with the setting out and running of the Butser run. The event takes place on Sunday 30th September, on Butser hill near Petersfield. Two vehicles are required to carry setting out equipment, (and help set out) on Saturday 29th, and to carry marshals to their positions, carry sponsors to vantage points, and then help take it all down when it's over, on the Sunday. I helped last year, and thoughly enjoyed driving over, and around this 800 ft hill. If anyone is interested give me a call. (no inside front cover)

Nick van den Braak



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ARC EGM June 2001

Steve Kirby - ARC representative.

For new readers, this report is made from notes taken at the time and are not the official set (which will be available in due course). There is no guarantee that they are free of bias either!

4.) Matters arising

New constitutions - some clubs have submitted new ones. If you change yours, send in a copy.

Wye & Welsh Rover Owners Club is now Wye & Welsh Land Rover Club.

The recently registered Association of Land Rover Clubs has a registered but not active web site alrc.co.uk.

National Trailer Towing Association (NTTA) - the ARC is now a member.

Ted Marsey queried the note on the Agenda about putting items on the agenda. The word "future" is misleading and it was agreed that the wording would be changed.

Ted advised us of the results of a survey he conducted with the ARC clubs. The question basically was to allow non-compliant vehicles to compete under specific conditions, such as not being scored or not receiving any awards. Two-thirds disagreed, one third said yes, not for a free-for-all but with some restriction. Note that you can run a promotional event concurrently which will allow non-ARC vehicles to participate.

On the non-competitive side, many members receive services from the ARC that include liaison / support from the factory, use of logos, general status, Heritage Run, Stoneleigh, etc. This section is still seeking a member to fill the post.

Expenses for Tony Kempster. Proposal last meeting to provide TK with 25% of his expenses. The trustees of the Fighting Fund have yet to decide. The FF has been built up over the years by club and individual donations and income from the National Rally Levy. Those who have made such donations should make their views felt to Denis Bourne.

5.) Chairman's Report - Denis Bourne.

Bit quiet of late mainly due to Foot & Mouth. At the AGM, the Caravan Sec was instructed to cancel any camping permits and not to issue any more until further notice.

A letter was sent to all club secs on risk assessment for the running of events. F&M hasn't gone altogether; it's raised its head again in Devon. Clarification is needed for the Major's Trial and the Baskerville Challenge. Leics & Rutland cancelled their event for similar reasons. These events are attended by C&D members who are in an infected area. Wye & Welsh says that the Baskerville Challenge is still planned to take place on 24/27 August.

East Sussex intend to re-open their by-ways etc. BALA is still on according to North Wales LRC. East Northants have cancelled the RTV trial that was to have been run in conjunction with the Billing weekend.

6.) Secretary's Report - Caroline Flanders.

The ARC still does not have a treasurer. So if you know of anyone who would be willing to take on this task, then please let us know.

We need to raise the profile of the clubs. So send a little bit of information about your club, logo, membership form etc. to Caroline so she can promote your club as she travels around.

Also send application forms to June & Jack Green (shows & displays) so they can hand them out when they are in the relevant part of the country.

Caroline has produced a map of the country showing where the clubs are based. Perhaps we could have a map on the web-site with hot-spots to serve a similar purpose.

7.) Treasurer - Not present as there isn't one

7a) Voting on the CCMSA proposals from the AGM.

(1) Transfer final balance to ARC funds and make the CCMSA company dormant. Monies can be moved in and out of the ARC account but in the name of the CCMSA. Voted in.

(2) Permits to ARC clubs to be made free of charge as a "perk" of ARC membership. Voted in.

8a) Caravan Secretary - Chris Hodson. Not present.

Chris has a new job and he works nights quite often, but he's still there even though he may be hard to get hold of. Keep sending the letters and faxes.

8b) Overseas Liaison Officer. Derek Spooner.

Dutch ROC 30th anniversary next weekend at Hilversum.

Swiss series 1 meet also next weekend and their National Rally is on 8/9 Sept.

8c) Non Competitive Clubs Co-Ordinator. - Chris Savidge. (Report read by DB)

Chris is in hospital again.

The All Rover Weekend is on August 25 - 27.

The ARC exhibition unit has two new tyres.

The Heritage Run was very successful again. We were all well satisfied with the event. Bob Dover, CEO Land Rover, lead the cavalcade in Land Rover number 1. Derek made good contact with Bob Dover's personal assistant and also met Mike Gould from the LR press office. Thanks to all on the Land Rover scene who helped with the organisation of this event.

All Rover Weekend 2001, see the ARC website for updates on this.

Stoneleigh Show to go ahead but without the animals.

Radiator badges still selling slowly.

Meeting scheduled to take place with Nick Stephenson of MGRover.

8e) Countryside Access - Tony Kempster.

The DETR is now the DTLGR, Department of Transport, Local Government and the Regions.

MAFF is now DEFRA, Department of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

The ARC needs to get involved as an association as things will tighten up considerably in 4 years time.

CROW Act (Countryside and Rights Of Way) is new. It affects us over use and overuse of green lanes, event on farmer's fields (a farmer has only 28 days usage a year.)

Local Access Forums (LAFs) These are committee around the country that deal with rights of way and other aspects.

At LARA's AGM, the issue of future funding came up. Funding from the government will stop in 2004. What then?

GLASS has been accepted as a full member of LARA.

RAC will pay for adverts in club newsletters.

8f) National Rally Sub Committee. Steve Wells not present.

8g) Handbook 2002 - Steve Kirby

Continuing to amend and update. Any contributions or corrections from the previous to be forwarded to SK.

8h) Press & Publicity. Nick Chinery.

The Association of Land Rover Clubs has a domain name (alrc.co.uk) but this won't be used unless really necessary.

8i) ARC News. Paul Barton not present.

8j) Rover Company Liaison - Derek Spooner.

Contacts now made with MGRover. Nick Stephenson is a big player at MGRover and he is still the President of the ARC. At the Heritage Run, DS made contact with some Land Rover personnel, particularly Mike Gould.

The Heritage Centre is considering a plaque for the ARC with all the club logos on.

8k) MSA Liaison. Harold Carman.

(Note that these are MSA discussion topics that do not necessarily affect the ARC directly.)

SRs - The ARC Handbook constitutes most of these but you need to add event details such as where, when, who is running it, scrutineering times etc. plus any addition restrictions / controls.

Seat-belts - one identity tag per component will come in soon,. At the moment, one identity tag for the whole seat-belt set is allowable.

Helmets - old helmets can be restickered if they are in good condition.

Otterburn death. This was an accident at a rally where a spectator was killed.

Although this was nothing to do with the ARC, marshals need to consider the safety of spectators. Marshals should follow the guidance from the MSA. The safety Officer currently looks after the safety of competitors and officials but there is no official position on an official to look after the safety of spectators. There may be a need for allocated spectator areas.

TYROs. There is discussion with the MSA on allowing Lightweights and 101s which are currently excluded as they were not sold to the public when new.

Roll-cages - Discussion of the acceptability of FIA cages in the ARC. At the moment, only the Freelander may have an FIA cage as all vehicles with a chassis are covered by ARC / MSA rules. There needs to be discussion by the Scrutineering & Off Road Committee about this matter.

What is an RTV vehicle? Windscreens set into the roll-cage are already banned, perhaps we should prevent vehicles fitted with a roll-cage to compete in RTVs too?

8l) The exhibition unit is still available for use. It's already booked for the 2002 National Rally and is booked this year for 10th August, 23rd August, 6th September.

8m) Scrutineering & Off Road Committee - Steve Kirby

The reports from this committee are rarely very long because all of the activities of the group are well documented elsewhere. Copies of all the minutes are sent to the Scrutineering & Off Road Committee members and also to the reps of all the competitive clubs. The recipients of these documents report back to their respective club committee and any significant topics are reported in the club magazine. Major issues are also publicised in ARC News from time to time, so one way or another, there shouldn't be any ARC member who is not up to date on what is going on.

The topic I will highlight now is that some years ago, the Scrutineering Committee were berated for not holding regular meetings. We have been doing that now for some years but this has had little effect on attendance levels, with typically only a third of the competitive clubs being represented at each meeting. I know I have mentioned this before, but really each club needs to find a member to attend these meetings so the voice of that club can be heard. If you don't attend, you can hardly complain if the ARC takes a route that you object to.

The last meeting, at the NFU HQ, threw up some noteworthy points. All of these are detailed in sets of minutes sent to each competitive club. Some items may need to be publicised even wider as they affect "non-competitive" clubs too.

Next ARC EGM 15th September 2001

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If anyone can add to this list, please contact Steve Kirby with the details.

Nuts Again!!

I have received a copy of a warning notice from a quarry company to its employees. Basically it is about wheel nut security. I'm not going to quote from it, but I will offer some advice:-

Overtighten and you'll damage the wheels or strain the studs; undertighten and the wheel will move about and wear the inner face of the wheel against the hub and the outer face of the wheel against the nuts. The shape of the nut seat on Rover (and some but not all other make) steel wheels actually forms a spring of very high rate and it is against this that the nut bears. That's why the nut will turn quite a bit from the point at which it touches to the point of correct torque. Alloy wheels are quite different and so is the torque figure and you'll notice that the movement between the point at which the nut touches to the point of correct torque is much smaller on alloy wheels. Make sure too that if you use alloy wheels, your hubs are the right type, that is the studs have a triangle or a shallow slot across the end face.

The wheel wrench supplied with the vehicle is really only for a quick change beside the road. When you get home, check the torque with a torque wrench. The figure to use will be in your vehicle handbook, or in a Haynes manual (despite the tongue-in-cheek comments we made about Haynes last month!) The old adage about "between 2 and 3 white knuckles" or even "Up to shear and back a flat" just won't do. That extra lunge on the wrench "for luck" isn't a good idea.

A torque wrench to do the job will cost only about £20 with another £3 or £4 for the socket, and worth every penny. If you buy a break-back type, don't forget the wind the tension right off after use. If you buy a spring-bow type, this isn't necessary but you can overtorque with this latter type.

Steve Kirby.

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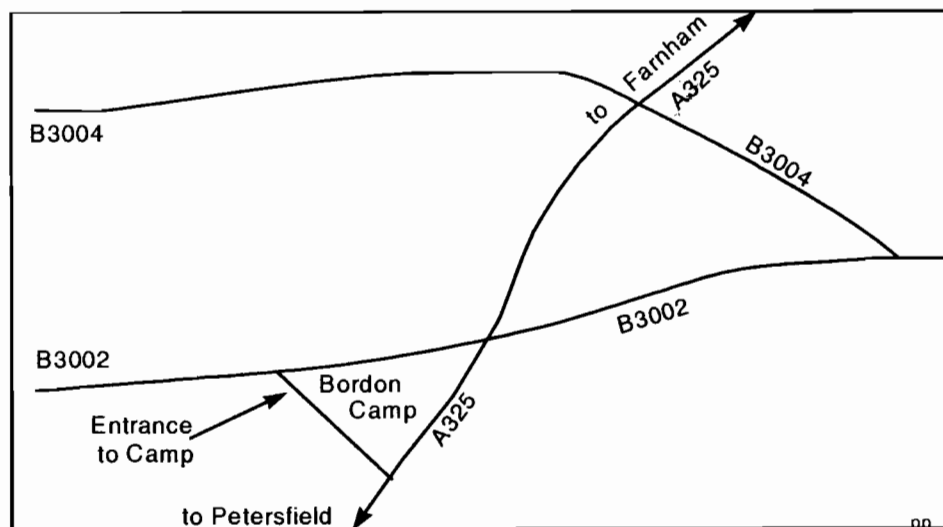
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R.E.M.E. Museum Visit

We have been given another opportunity to visit the REME Museum and possibly the workshops in Bordon, courtesy of Barry Simpson and his connections in the right places. The date will be **Sunday 8th July 2001**, and admission will be only by pre-booking with Barry, due to the security restrictions required to access this Military site. A charge for visit will be made of £5/adult and £2/child (over 10) - the proceeds will go to the REME nominated charity. The curátor of the Museum will supervise the visit, and Tea and Coffee included in the fee.

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Events - Forward Planner

DATE	EVENT
Sept. 8 - 9	LRO Show at Stoneleigh.
Sept. 8 - 9	Dunsfold Open Weekend. details later.
Sept 15	ARC meeting, Solihull.
Oct. 6	HBRO AGM at the Lawns Motel, 6:30, followed by a quiz.
Oct 21	<i>National Green Lane Day</i>
Dec. 8	Xmas Dinner at The Grange, Alton. Booked. Menu soon.
Dec. 8	ARC meeting, Solihull.
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March 16	ARC meeting, Solihull.
June 15	ARC meeting, Solihull.
Sept 14	ARC meeting, Solihull.
Dec 7	ARC meeting, Solihull.