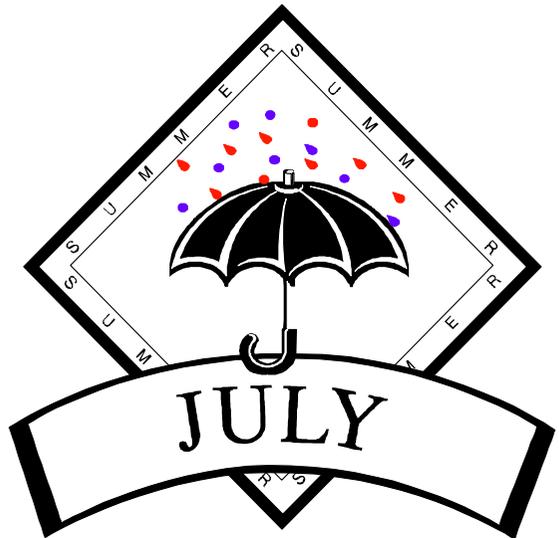


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"Hants & Berks Rover Owners" is a member of the ARC (Association of Rover Clubs), the MSA (Motor Sports Association) and the ACSMC (Association of Central Southern Motor Clubs.)

Editor's bit....

Well that's another ARC Rally over and what an excellent one it was too. Well done Cornwall & Devon. It was worth waiting two years for!



HBRO had some excellent results, see Ashley's article for details. I'll be expecting a few articles and points of view for the next issue. I was there too so I guess I'll have to write something as well. The weather was fine for the first couple of days but rained later, making the Comp a bit slippery. The jump at the beginning of the Comp caught several people out, some not realising that the soil for the man-made jump had to come from somewhere; and that was the big hole below the jump into which several vehicles plunged. Those drivers that didn't have time to walk the course suffered the most.

The Inter-Club Challenge with Southern Rover Owners is coming up soon. Venue is Battlehurst Farm, East Sussex. If my memory serves me right, Southern are in the lead in this long established event, so lets all go and show them how it's done.

Steve Kirby.

This month...

Regulars:-

- Chairman's Comments.
- Club Shop.
- For Sale.
- Events Diary.

Articles:-

- 14 / 28 Day Rule.
- Brick Kiln Farm and ARC Rally photos from Angela & Ed Ellis.
- ARC meeting report.
- First news of Xmas party!
- Nick Woodage looks at the whole truth of Green Laning.
- Roundhills social gathering report from Mr Ed.
-and more.

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. P&B is produced on 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:- SteveKirby@waitrose.com To improve the chances of making contact, try sending messages to both addresses for the time being. Thanx.

Chairman's Comments

Well, what a cracking result from the ARC International Rally for HBRO members:-

Matt Hewitt - 1st in class in the RTV, and 2nd in Class in the CCVT,
Hugh Duffet - 2nd in Class in the RTV,
Paul Homewood - 1st in class in the RTV, also run-off for overall honours
Paul Webb - 2nd in Class in the RTV

Great result !!! Well done all HBRO members who competed at Rally for their individual efforts !!!

BUT, it doesn't stop there - HBRO took first and second places in the Team awards !!! This featured Paul and Chris Homewood and Jeff Pavitt who took first, and Hugh Duffet, Nick Van Den Braak and Steve Skinner taking second.

It just shows that HBRO may not be the leading light in CCVT and Comp Safari, but the Club is still very much in the limelight in the competitive world of the ARC. Sorry if I missed any member from the list, but, the full results will get published either through the HBRO website, or in the P & B as soon as we have them.

OK, so back down to Earth, the next competitive event is Surrey Saw Mills on the 7th July, where we can face the mud runs and UP's and down's of the spoil heaps. It's always a fun site to compete at, so go along and enjoy yourself.

The Club is running a stand at the Beaulieu 4x4 show on the 14th July. Not been to this before myself, but it looks to be a good day out with plenty of trade stands, club stands, jumble, "Off-Road Course" and apparently "entertainment". Advance tickets are available at £4/head from 01590 612888. If you are internet connected then take a look at www.beaulieuevents.co.uk The plan is for Kiran, JJ Walker (complete with new comp' motor for display), and myself to manage the stand.

I've tried to book 3 extra 'Exhibitor parking tickets' so hopefully we can get more vehicles in for free. If you want to go, give me a call.

This is closely followed by the inimitable LRE show at Billing on the 19-21 July - you all know the story with this show so I leave it to you and the press.

Then comes the inter-club at Battlehurst - our annual challenge with Southern Rover Owners. Always makes for a bit of excitement in the West Sussex countryside. Camping, RTV and maybe Gymkhana.

Preparations are now underway for the Summer Rally, which will be back at Nelly's. Looking to be a bumper occasion, with Green laning, Tyro, Gymkhana, RTV and Driving day, plus the bonus offer - hog roast!! The social sec's have outdone themselves again, and come up with bacon on the bone for the meal of the week. See details elsewhere.

Green laning has not been very active this year, although several good runs have occurred thanks to those members who have maintained support and enthusiasm for this side of off-roading. Several issues have been hampering the club in moving forward: effects of FMD, TRO's, animosity from other users, CROW act, South Downs National Park, to name a few. The latest to hamper our efforts is lack of insurance. HBRO would normally be covered by insurance arranged by GLASS, to which we are entitled as an affiliated Club. However it appears that the underwriter for various reasons has withdrawn the insurance policy. THIS Means that any HBRO member driving lanes does not have the benefit of Club insurance in the event of an incident. GLASS has assured me that the insurance should be re-instated shortly, but I have no date as yet, so all members must be aware that they are totally reliant on their own insurance in the case of a claim.

There are however a lot of initiatives going on around the RoW scene, including the matter of the Ridgeway, how to spot a RoW, how to claim a RoW, how to survey a RoW, how to clear a RoW, etc., etc.. I've detailed some of the latest news elsewhere in this issue of P & B.

I've started to receive names for the Roadmaster and Rickshaw events - Roadmaster is now likely to be run totally on Salisbury Plain, and Rickshaw around Long Valley. Please let me know soon whether you want to assist in these exercises - always good for a laugh at the antics of the Army, and to get onto those training areas where we get little opportunity to play.

Finally, the committee is looking at how the Club can stimulate interest and participation in those areas of competition that we do not support well these days, particularly CCVT and Comp Safari, as well as how to develop non-competitive activities such as Laning and Scenic drives. Any member of the committee would welcome any thoughts and suggestions on this subject.

Ashley Pocock. Chairman

Social Scene

Well folks you may think the scene has been a bit quiet. Well you are quite right it has, but we have been beavering away trying to come up with some ideas.

So far thanks to Karen and Trish we have just one idea. Wait for it,A Fetish Party. Now that leaves loads to the imagination.

So really what is there, well we will be running a treasure hunt hopefully in August or September.

Then for definite there is the camping weekend at Nelly's for August bank Holiday. So what's happening here. Well there will be a Tyro event on the Saturday morning for those who want to try something less damaging, probably 4 or 5 sections, and its open to 14 year olds upwards. More about that later.

On Saturday afternoon there will be a gymkhana with a difference, more like a pentathlon actually.

In the evening, well the club will be sponsoring a BBQ or maybe even a pig roast followed by a disco. If you want to bring a selection of music for the disco then that would be greatly appreciated. My old sing-along 78s are a bit warn these days.

Then there's the run up to Christmas.

So please if you do have any ideas for something on the social scene please let me know.

Have a great summer

Mr Ed

TYRO

When August Bank Holiday Weekend

Saturday 24th August

9am Signing on

9:30 am Drivers briefing and start.

Well some of you are familiar with the word TYRO. We as a club have been trying to organise one for a while now, suitable ground is our biggest problem. Anyway to cut a long story sideways, Matt has agreed that we can put one on August Bank Holiday Saturday.

Tyros are really aimed at your show room LR model, nice and easy not too hard, you're not going to get up to your windows in mud or water. It's a soft RTV event basically. Now the beauty is that it is open to drivers from 14 years old upwards. The youngsters or those without a licence have to be accompanied by a competent experienced driver. Have a look at the details in the ARC Handbook, particularly rule H.25.3. on page 205 and H.38. on page 214. You don't need to have driven off road before to give it a go. It's a test of skill, control and spatial awareness. We will expect those who aren't qualified drivers to be able to demonstrate a degree of confidence and ability and vehicle control before we let them loose.

There will be a minimal fee (probably £5) for entry to cover MSA insurance etc.

As this is the first one it's going to be kept reasonably short say 4 or 5 sections.

If we can strike up enough interest in the club then Tyros could become a regular event in our calendar. So please do come along and support this event even if you do not intend to camp for the weekend. After all there will be gymkhana and BBQ later in the day.

Mr Ed

p.s. Ohh a few willing volunteers to marshal would be gratefully appreciated.

Christmas Party

After a lot of careful consideration and listening to the views of many within the club, this year's Christmas Party will take on a slightly revised format.

We are proposing a buffet dinner followed by a discotheque. As yet we have to find a suitable venue and a budget that suits all. However the venue is very unlikely to have hotel accommodation. Of course there will be the usual end of season prize giving, and tip top raffle.

Ed Ellis
Social and Camping Sec.

RTV Trial

Surrey Saw Mills, Wrecclesham, Surrey.

6 / 7th July 2002.

RTV Summer Series (1).

PLUS:-

Status	Closed. HBRO only.
CoC	Ed Ellis.
Steward	TBA.
Chief Marshal	TBA.
Scrutineer	Steve Kirby
Sec of Meeting.	TBA.
Scrutineering starts at	08:45.
Drivers / NAV'S briefing	09:45.
Marshals briefing	09:45.
Event starts at	10:00.

The Brookland Engineering Ladies RTV Shield.

"Bacon Butties will be provided
for those early starters."

The venue is on the A325, a
couple of miles south of the
roundabout with the A31 and
about a mile north of BirdWorld.

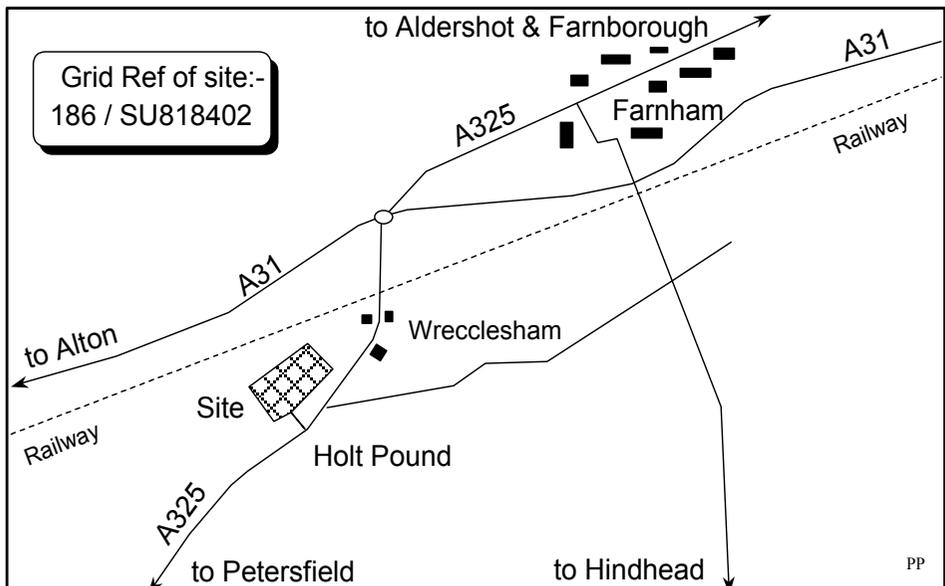
Fee:- £12 on the day.

The event is open to all fully paid-
up members of HBRO.

Facilities:- Toilet in the trailer.

TBA = To be advised. (which means I
don't know yet.)

Please read the
Competition Event Information
inside back cover.



Inter-club RTV Trial with Southern Rover Owners Aug 10 / 11 Battlehurst Farm near Petworth, West Sussex.

RTV Summer Series (2).

Status	Interclub with Southern
CoC	TBA.
Steward	TBA.
Chief Marshal	TBA.
Scrutineer	TBA.
Sec of Meeting.	TBA.
Camping	TBA.

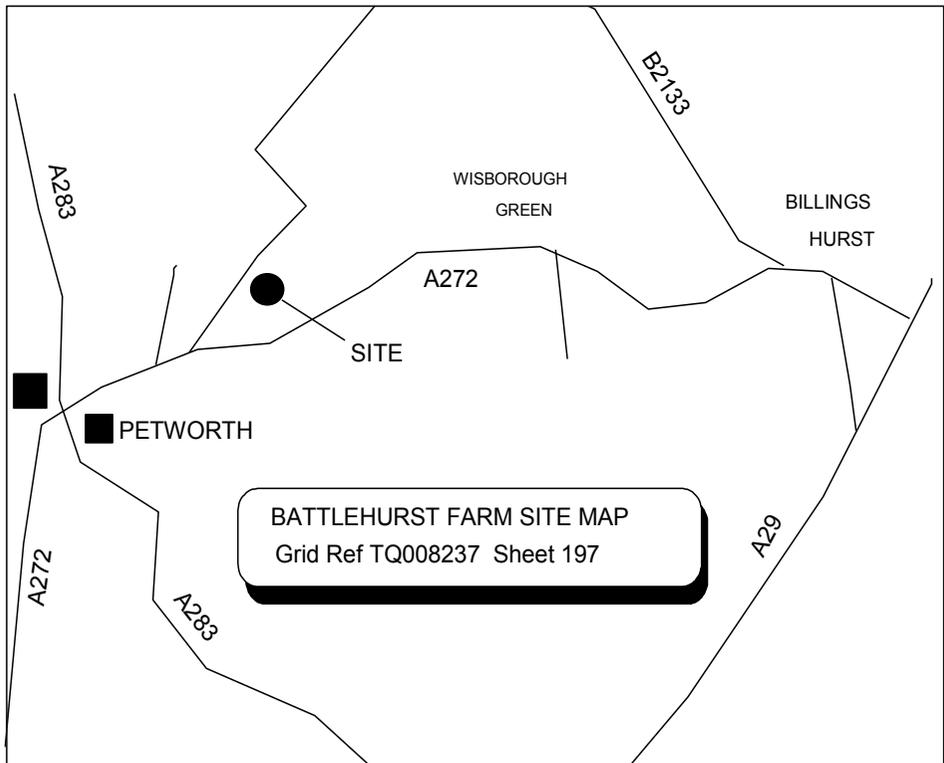
This is our annual Inter-Club Challenge against Southern Rover Owners Club. Come along and show them how it's done!

Fee:- £12 on the day.

Trial site facilities:- Toilets in the trailer.

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

Please read the Competition Event Information inside back cover.



Roundhills

Social Camping Weekend

Well a bit of a disappointing turn out this year, but there again we did book it a bit late due to the very congested calendar of events through this period.

In all there were 6 units on site. Friday evening turned out nice eventually. Saturday was spent watching England trash the Danes, followed by a lengthy walk for some. Clearly the Membership Sec needs a few lessons in route marching. Anyway those that went got back all right.

The evening was a jolly pleasant affair with the sweet smell of BBQ smoke drifting round the site. Then some music and a splenditiuos chocolate birthday cake to celebrate Karen Duffet's continued ageing process. (48 this year I think. Ed.) Then a few beers and a well earned rest.

Sunday a rainy start followed by some warm Hampshire sunshine to round off the day and another great HBRO weekend.

Footnote: Soc.Sec has provisionally booked Roundhills for the weekend of the 14th and 15th June next year.

Mr Ed Soc Sec

Events in Belgium 2002

Belgium National, 21 to 23 September.

Contacts:-

website - www.belgium-national.com

e-mail - info@belgium-national.com

Tel 0032 (0)69 54 84 80

Fax 0032 (0)69 54 84 74

Green Laning, the Whole Truth

I've been Landrovering for about 14 years now and in that time I've learnt quite a lot about the subject of off road driving.

First get prepared, its no good just buying a Land Rover and expecting it to carry you where ever you want to go.

You have to buy the right type of tyres for the terrain that you want to traverse. Road pattern are OK for sand and dry mud but you really need some type of block pattern to allow you to cover all types of ground whether hard or soft or wet.

Then you need ropes, straps, shackles and some type of pulling device e.g. a winch, a Tirfor winch or at the very least a high lift jack.

Next BIG rule and this is very important a friend with a second vehicle. In the type of lanes that we drive around in our area you must have back up. Two minds are better than one when making decisions regarding whether to proceed or not, if your not sure then stop have a look try a stick or stand on the soft bit. If it sinks then think twice. You can always back out while you're safe and go around. It could save you a lot of time in the long run.

When you get more experience you can learn to read the ground before you and proceed in an safe way.

Next, communications, a two way radio is very important and can also be much fun. If you have a problem you can relay this to your friends quickly and promptly and information can be relayed between vehicles without the need to stop.

Keep a safe distance between yourself and the car in front and watch in your rear view mirror for the car behind you. If he stops or becomes stuck you may need to assist with a small tug just to regain traction again.

Be very polite to other lane users even if they really annoy you with their actions or comments. The lanes are for everybody not just you. Have fun laning but be sensible.

Nick Woodage.

Old Sodbury Sortouts 2002

26th October

Newbury Showground

Entry is from 11am for buyers with a £4 entry fee.

Sellers pitches need to be booked via 01454 323109 or visit
www.oldsodburysortout.co.uk or e-mail info@oldsodburysortout.co.uk

PO Box 1705 Yate Bristol BS37 6RJ.



Action from Brick Kiln Farm.





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Below is a recent and significant exchange of e-mails.....

Ashley,

Sorry to write like this but I'd thought I'd express my disappointment that the June driving day has had to be cancelled, and especially not due to the military not allowing us!

I see on the calendar that there is no such events planned for the future. I myself, possibly along with others, do not enjoy RTV's. Even the greenlaning has disappeared off the calendar.

I understand that these events will not plan and run on their own. I am therefore offering my help for such events, which I would be prepared to organise (except the booking of the land). Due to the size of the task though, I would be prepared to team up and organise until I gain enough knowledge to sort them on my own as CoC. Same goes for greenlane trips, but I still have limited knowledge of most areas, but could stretch to a Salisbury plain trip.

I hope that the club can accommodate the members for this type of 'off roading' in the future. If not, I will not be renewing my membership and looking elsewhere.

If you feel that it may help members come out of the woodwork to help with such events, please feel free to publish this in the magazine.

Yours sincerely

Stuart Davidson.

Hi Stuart,

I agree with your sentiment Stuart, and HBRO needs to regroup on it's commitment to those members who want to exercise their off-road enthusiasm without the discipline of competition or regulations or simply want a relaxing day as an alternative to competition. Unfortunately, the June event was cancelled due to the pressure of too many other events conspiring to reduce everybody's available time to the minimum. We don't have a dedicated 'driving day' co-ordinator, although this was one type of event into which I have put a lot of effort over the years. The committee is looking at the structure and approach the Club needs to take allow more scope and variety for members. This will inevitably involve more members in planning and organising events, (you're on the list - thanks), and we will need to encourage more support and participation.

I have always believed that a Club is run for the benefit of its members, and if 3 scenic drives and 2 military exercises a year are not enough then let's do more, if we can.

Thanks for the input, and I would welcome any member to voice their opinions on the subject, constructively of course, and the committee will build it's plan for the future of HBRO around the desires (off-road that is !!) of the membership.

Ashley Pocock.

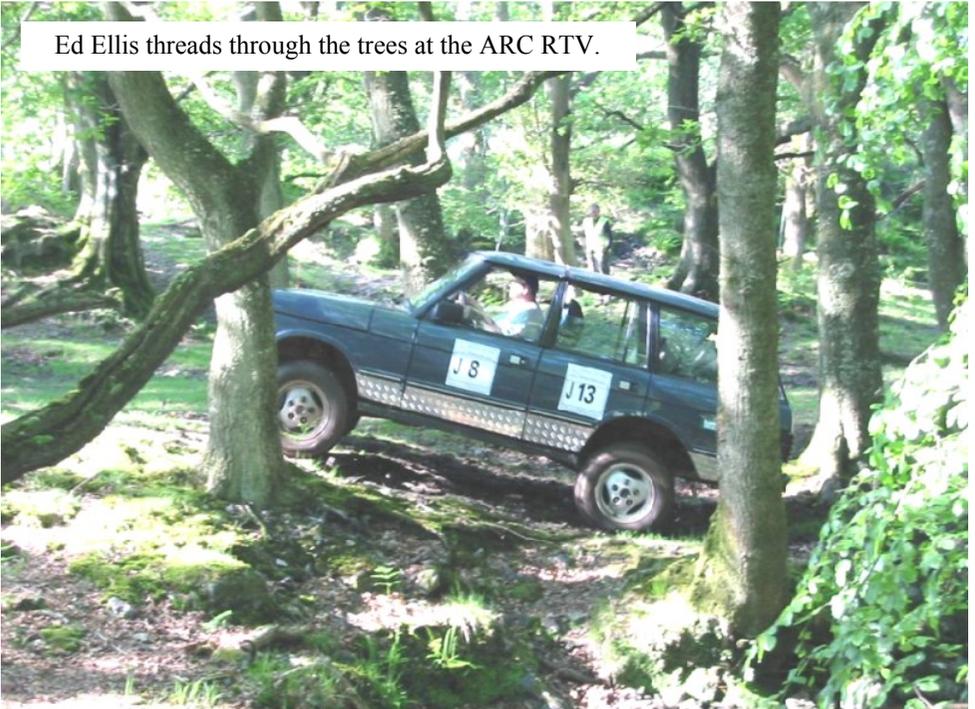
Hugh Duffett drives round the jump at the ARC Rally...



...but Mark Ambler takes a leap of faith...



Ed Ellis threads through the trees at the ARC RTV.



While Steve Skinner goes for a paddle.

Two Day Trial

Southern Rover Owners Club would like to invite you to our 2 day RTV and CCV Trial to be held on SATURDAY AND SUNDAY 27th & 28th July 2002 at Copford Farm. Horam East Sussex. That's 30km east of Brighton, past Lewes.

(Directions and map reference details from Debby on 01227771236)

Camping available at £3 per night. Water on site. NO LOOS!

There will be two separate trials and teams will consist of two drivers whose scores over both days will be added together. The winning team will be the two drivers who have the lowest combined scores over the two days. There will be no vehicle classes for this event,

Entry fees will be £30 per driver for both days.

You may enter either day for £15 and may enter as an individual but there will be no individual trophies awarded.

Entries should be sent to Debby Darby at 54 Northwood Road, Whitstable, Kent CT5 2ES.

If you would like to enter but don't have a partner just send your entry and we will match any individual drivers before the event with team partners. or 0011 Debby on 01227 771236 to let her know you would like to enter and find out if there are any other individual drivers entered that you could join.

Invited clubs are: Somerset & Wilts, Hants & Berks, Essex, Anglian and East Northants.

ARC EGM 15 June 2002

Report taken from notes made during the meeting. Official minutes will be available later on request. Numbers are from the Agenda. Missing numbers are items not relevant to this report.

3. Mins of 8th Dec 01

Matters arising:-

- a) Discovery Owners Club have received their free H&S book.
- g) All clubs have now received their allocation of ARC 2002 Handbooks.
- j) RTV issues. Are we to proceed with discussions? Proposal to lower the age of passengers in Trials to 12 may be linked to a setting of the standards for RTV.
- k) P&D 2004 National Rally. This was mentioned in the national press. This has not helped as P&D are seeking local feeling! Intention to apply formally for planning permission soon.
- o) MG Rover badge on the presentation unit has now been done.

Item 6. Sec's Report. Request to reduce the min age of front seat passenger to 12 in trials, - no response from the MSA as yet.

Simone Birch's e-mail address as shown in the minutes IS correct. Please stop using the alternative as this will stop working soon.

Fighting Fund and Tony Kempster's expenses. Confirmed that LARA subs are separate from TK's personal expenses.

Invoice now sent to NFU for sponsorship and the money is now on it's way.

Subs – all UK clubs have now paid up. Club in Japan who didn't pay last year have agreed to pay for last year and this year.

LARA membership – now paid for 2002. It has increased.

Caravan – Simone Birch to report later in meeting.

e) Factory visits – These are currently on hold. The response to applications has been neither YES or NO which means they will be restarted some time!

14/28 day rule. Tony Kempster will explain later in the meeting.

MSA liaison – Safety Statement. Still no reply from the MSA.

Letter "D" for Disabled driver. This is an MSA requirement. Some clarification is needed as to location on the vehicle. Some ARC vehicles now have this identifier.

Extra Log Book Scrutineers – Steve Kirby has the list.

Are all listed Log Book Scrutineers still in the ARC? SK to enquire.

Minutes taken at (Scrutineering & Off Road Committee) meetings. Possibility of bias / misinterpretation? There is always the opportunity to correct any errors at the following meeting.

Accidents. ARC Council and S&ORC should be informed of accidents and incidents. We may learn something or need to take preventative action. This is in addition to reporting to the MSA and police (if applicable), of course.

5. Chairman's Report. Denis Bourne.

Volunteers needed for Minutes Secretary, and Non Competitive Clubs Co-

ordinator. I have contacted the clubs but they are non-committal, mostly.

Non Competitive major issues:-

Heritage Run, Concours & Non Competitive events at the ARC Rally, Stoneleigh and All Rover Weekend.

TK suggested that these posts be advertised on the website. They already are being promoted on the website and in ARC News.

RRR already have much input into Non Competitive events and would be ideal to supply a candidate for this post.

Council meeting to ratify rule changes. To conclude at next Council meeting as Steve Kirby and Harold Carman were absent from the Council meeting where the rules would have been discussed.

Land Rover Marque Day at Gaydon. Jane Roche allowed us time to present a gift to Chris and Bonnie Savidge. Both were speechless and were in fine form at the event despite Chris's difficulties. Many thanks to Derek Spooner who towed Chris's caravan to and from the site for the weekend.

Eastnor LR Show. How many clubs will be present at this show? ARC Stand will be there. Wye & Welsh are booked in as are the 101 Club, Series One and some others. Your best contact is with Steve Kirally – see LRW magazine.

Heritage Run Sunday 30th June. Theme is "Wellington to Land Rover." (Wellington being the bomber not the Duke!) Military vehicles, memorabilia etc. Call 01926-641188 at the Heritage Centre for details. ARC will be there officially.

LRE Show at Billing, 19th to 21st which month, Simone? ARC stand there too. Send any literature to promote your club to Denis Bourne who will take it along.

6. Secretary's Report. Simone Birch.

Many enquiries received.

ARC Handbook sent to a manufacturer of roll-cages who asked for specifications.

Letter from Three Spires advising of the resignation of their Scrutineering rep as he felt it was a waste of time attending meetings. Denis Bourne to attend the next meeting to see what is going on and assess the problems.

RRR is now competitive status as they are now an MSA registered club.

ENLROC invite other clubs to their events. Contacts in ARC Handbook.

Discovery Club. We have sent them an H&S handbook. Does this indicate that they wish to become a competitive club?

7. Treasurer. Nick Chinery.

All UK clubs now paid up.

NFU sponsorship payments on the way.

Accounts looking healthy.

Auditor's accounts just arrived but I haven't examined them as yet.

Propose accent the accounts – Dennis Wright. Seconded by Murray Wiltshire.

Propose Michael Rudd & Co as auditors – Harold Carman, Seconded by Derek Spooner.

Two copies need to be signed and returned to the auditors.

Received an e-mail asking for addresses so treasurers' stuff can go direct to club treasurers. Current ARC policy is for ALL communications to the clubs to go direct to the club secretary as the first point of contact. Secretary then distributes the material to the relevant club member(s). Some secretaries may not be aware that part of their job is to circulate this correspondence to the relevant member(s) whether it is received by post or by e-mail.

Alliance & Leicester Building Society account information is still going to Lawrence Johnston! How do we change this?

8. New Club Applications.

Denis Bourne read out the ARC Handbook requirements for a new club.

Application received from Aylesbury Land Rover Fanatics Club. They have sent in their constitution which looks OK but their application has not been discussed yet. They are to be invited to the next EGM. They are non-competitive and as their title suggests they are in the Aylesbury area which is served by Chiltern Vale club which is Competitive. Application to be discussed at the next Council meeting.

9. Section Reports.

(a) Caravan. Simone Birch.

All applications for 2001 are missing so I can't trace which clubs used the permits they applied for and which ones didn't. So there will be no charge for any 2001 permits. The majority of forms are filled in and signed correctly. The ARC's camping permit has now been renewed.

(b) Overseas Liaison Officer. Derek Spooner.

Enquiry from the Land Rover Club of Malaysia but they have deferred their decision until next year.

Received an e-mail from the Dutch LR Register – they are celebrating their 10th anniversary in September.

I went to the British Car Week in Gothenburg. On the way the ferry caught fire and we were adrift in the North Sea and closing to having to abandon ship. It was in all the papers! I was 24 hours late arriving at the event which went well otherwise.

(c) Non Competitive Clubs. Letter from Chris & Bonnie Savidge.

Thanks for the wonderful gift. They were speechless!

Land Rover Marque Day and Heritage Run went well. Thanks sent to Jane Roche of the Heritage Centre for her help. Geoff Miller may not continue with his involvement in the Heritage Run now that Chris Savidge has had to drop out of organising this.

(d) Car Clubs Co-ordinator. No report. No Car Clubs any more. (Cries of "shame")

(e) Countryside access. Tony Kempster.

Many new Government consultation papers exist. LARA has responded to all of these.

The PDR Permitted Development Rights (otherwise known as the 14/28 day rule) is ongoing. Has anyone responded individually? LARA's own survey for the 10th March showed that there were 66 events involving a total of around 11000 people. There were only 4 problems that could have been associated with motorsport activities.

The next LARA News will tell you how to contact your MP and suggest what you should say.

LARA is on www.LARAGB.org Have a look.

TK read the contents of a letter to a local MP to give the local MP an idea as to what the issue is. Clubs should take action on this NOW.

Later in 2002 LARA will run seminars on the subject of "Motorsports and the Planning Process"

The Ridgeway is attracting the attention of the anti-use lobby. Wiltshire CC are changing their stance on this. They used to support vehicular use.

Comment from the floor - If you remove the leisure vehicles, the tracks still don't improve because of heavy farm vehicle use. HC suggested that we need to be more aggressive in our approach. Pussy-footing around never got us anywhere. There is a public enquiry on the TRO in the Lake District, and there are TROs in the Yorkshire Dales.

The LARA AGM took place in April 02. Chairman – Bill Troghear, Deputy – Richard Fordham, Treasurer – Keith Freak, Motorsport and Recreation Development Officer – Tim Stevens, Motorsport Planning Officer – Alan Kind.

There are 11 members now including GLASS and the Jeep Club.

Next Green Lane Day will be on October 26/27.

CRoW Act inserts new section 34 into RTA 1988.

Question from the floor – Do Unclassified Roads (with a U number) always have vehicular rights? Not necessarily.

In March we agreed that LARA membership should be discussed at the June AGM. Fees have increased by 3% to £3421. The Council have already agreed to go ahead with this anyway. For the record, we voted to agree with the Council's action to pay the subscription.

Question – What is the future of ARC's involvement with LARA? Well, we've paid for this year, next year we can discuss it again.

(f) National Rally Sub Committee.

2002. Thanks forwarded to C&DLRC for an excellent event. It was worth waiting 2 years for!

Ian Davis was there all weekend and observed that it was a wonderful event with a relaxed atmosphere. Mrs Davis navigated for Debby Darby who won an award.

2003. Manby Showground, near Louth, Lincolnshire. The managers, CSMA (Civil Service Motoring Association) are pulling out of this site. Steve Wells is

trying to contact the land owners and deal directly with them to keep the event on course. Murray Wiltshire has been approached by some people with the rumour that the 2003 rally was being run on a commercial basis. Denis Bourne stated categorically that this is not true. It will be run by the ARC.
2004. Under consideration by Peak & Dukeries club. Location not stated.

(g) Press & Publicity. Paul Barton. Not present. No report.

However Denis Bourne commented that it is known that Dave Barker of LRE magazine has asked for info on the ARC is it is to be promoted as the "Club of the Month".

(h) ARC News Paul Barton. Not present. No report.

However Denis Bourne commented that more clubs are printing all or part of ARC News in their newsletters.

(i) Rover Company Liaison. Derek Spooner.

Chris Savidge has asked who owns the copyright on a certain military 101 brochure. The copyright is held by British Leyland.

Use of company logo's? Land Rover – carry on as usual was the last message. Rover Cars – permission has been granted verbally to use the logo's.

(j) MSA Liaison. Harold Carman.

(Note:- these topics do not necessarily have a direct effect on ARC activities.)

Junior Trials Vehicle (JTV) demonstration at the National Rally went down very well.

Fire extinguishers – AFFF units have proven to be rather unreliable. A new substance ViRo3 looks good and will probably be approved by the end of the year. This is a bag-type extinguisher which will fully discharge any way up. They are likely to be expensive. Early models are over £100 but should come down to about £75. We'll get an article put in ARC News as soon as approval is gained. We have few fires in the ARC but they are not unknown and we are working towards removing causes such a fabric insulation wraps on exhausts under the bonnet acting as a wick.

Driver ages – this query has lead to the question "What is the definition of an RTV?" The ARC is working on this. Proposals presented at the AGM in March are to be discussed by the S&ORC at the next meeting and we hope to produce a workable answer by August.

Competitors' responsibilities at scrutineering. At the 2002 Rally, chief scrutineer Graham Smith had major eligibility problems with only four vehicles and he offered to allow them to compete but not be in line for any award. Three of these vehicles were altered to suit and competed.

14/28 day rule LARA information has also been sent to the MSA.

Safety Statements showing what we are supposed to do. John Symes is Safety Officer for the MSA and he has yet to send the statements.

Marshals – C&DLRC have a marshals scheme in conjunction with the ASWMC

(Association of South Western Motor Clubs) Three years ago, the MSA promised a marshals video. The current MSA road show has such a video; can we get hold of one?

Tricia White (C&DLRC) stated that she is working on a set of Safety Modules in conjunction with the ASWMC. More details to come. This may become a nationwide program through the Association of Motor Clubs.

ARC's seat on the MSA Off Road Committee – agreed to nominate Harold Carman again.

(k) Shows & Displays. June & Jack Green. Not present.

They will be at the LRE show. Bookings for the presentation unit are still open.

Already booked for the Town & Country Show in August and for the Major's Trial in September.

(l) Scrutineering & Off-Road Committee (S&ORC) Steve Kirby.

I have a significant issue to deal with first:-

I recently had a call from a club secretary informing me that their Scrutineering Committee representative had resigned in sheer frustration that decisions made at one meeting are being overturned at the next, resulting in little business being concluded. I couldn't help but agree with him. We end up with very little valuable output from this committee.

All this is a terrible waste of time and money and causes a loss of faith in the Scrutineering & Off Road Committee. One of the main causes for the changes of mind seems to be due to the shifting population from meeting to meeting. As mentioned in previous EGMs, typical attendance is only a quarter to a third of those entitled to attend and the shifting population is due to it being a different third! I have to admit that I'm not sure what the solution to this is.

Rule Change Proposals for 2003.

These weren't ratified at the last council meeting as neither myself nor Harold Carman were able to attend.

As a reminder, the following were voted FOR:-

1) Plastic fuel tanks, 2) Removal of bump stops. 3) Comp Safari engine capacities for Classes 7 & 8 raised to 3600cc, thus splitting the 3.5 V8s from the others.

These will be assessed for ratification at the next council meeting.

Main Topics discussed recently:-

Delegates will be (should be!) familiar with these as the Club Rep should have reported these topics back to the club.

Scrutineering issues.

The idea of adopting the Blue Book process of a full safety check with a superficial eligibility check before major events. After the event, detailed eligibility checks can be carried out on the leading few vehicles per class. See MSA rules B.19.1.2. and E.11.3.4. The process described earlier about allowing an

ineligible vehicle to participate in an event is quite legitimate and if called in for post event eligibility scrutineering would have been disqualified.

Log Book Life:-

Opinion has changed and we now feel we need re-check only the first two years of the program as this is where most of the rule changes occurred.

Additional Log Book Scrutineers:-

We agreed to a restrict the number of new log book scrutineers to 12. We have this number submitted, but two clubs have submitted two proposals each. We'll need to decide if we are to accept all of these names as additional Log Book Scrutineers. The improved coverage of the country will be useful.

Roll-cage Tag Removal:-

The ARC Handbook is a little vague on this matter. Additional info to be added to the article in the Handbook.

RTV Issues:-

The document that Harold showed at the 2002 AGM has widespread support as a good basis for a set of guidelines. To be discussed further.

Fire extinguishers:-

A new gas, ViRo3, is now available. Need to enquire of the MSA regarding the recommended size for hand-helds.

Mendip Challenge Scrutineering issues. There are two issues here:-

(a) Officials of the club overruled the Scrutineer. The committee expressed concern that this should happen.

(b) The vehicle design. The vehicle owner agreed to abide by the findings of an independent assessment. This assessment was carried out by a senior scrutineer from the AWDC (Roberto Aliperti) and this report vindicates the issues raised by the scrutineer at the Mendip event.

Scrutineer's reporting forms.

The MSA Yearbook is quite specific about the use of written reports following scrutineering. Not many ARC clubs are doing this. We can either use the MSA forms "Scrutineers Form of Approval" the "Scrutineers Vehicle Reject Form". The ARC doesn't have to use the MSA forms, we can create our own versions.

(m) Cross Country Motor Sports Agency. (CCMSA) Andrew Neaves.

No permit applications for quite a while.

10. AOB

Comment was made about the popular press announcing the death of the Secretary of the of the Series 2 Club, Lawrence Mitchell.

11. Next meeting September 14th.

Meeting closed at 15:03.

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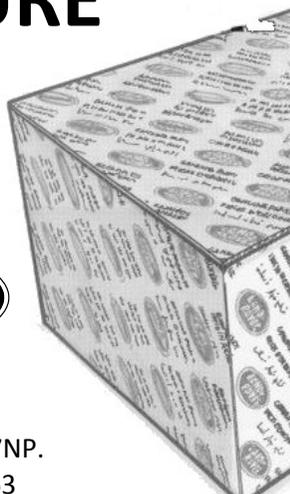


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**Hants and Berks Rover Owners Newsfeed.
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New Feature....

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online forum to www.hbro.co.uk**

Thanks to our friends at Darksiderz you now have the facility to chat online and post queries on all things Land Rover and Club related.

The Forum can be accessed from the main index page.

Take the time to register to get the full functionality of the Forum/Bulletin Board.

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* 90/110 Transfer Box. 1:410 Ratio. good condition. £100 Phone Nick van den Braak 02392 597266 or nick.sue@vandenbraak.fsnet.co.uk (JUL02)

* Land Rover Bits:-

Discovery; Southdown Tank Guard £60, Discovery Towing bracket with ball.

Series 3; Gearbox bell housing (New)

Defender; Towing bracket with ball, Transfer box for 90 2.5 petrol, 2 off D rings with bolts, TDI fan belt, V8 fan belts, Wing mirror, Defender boxed bulb/fuse set,

Other: CB Radio with 2 aerials and fixings. Contact Terry McGerr and make an offer on the above. All must go. 01483 811094 (Guildford), e-mail; terence.mcgerr@virgin.net (JUN02)

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- ARC rules apply. 2002 ARC Handbooks are now being sent to all HBRO members this year.
- All HBRO RTVs are qualifying rounds for the "Red Leader Shield" (standard class Leaf sprung LRs), the "Pilot Trophy" (Standard Range Rover) and the "Performance Trophy" (for 90s)
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- Please help to marshal the event. Attend the marshals briefing and then ask an experienced marshal for guidance on how to score and how to assist in the safe running of the event. We'll show you how to score if you've not done it before. A Marshalling Guide booklet is available on request.
- If you are interested in scrutineering, please ask to accompany one of the scrutineers on the day. They'll show you how the checks are done and what

Events - Forward Planner

DATE	EVENT
Oct 19 - 20	<i>RTV (SS4) Broxhead Common.</i>
Oct 27	<i>Help BAMA to marshal their "Tempest" event at Bordon.</i>
Nov 2	<i>"Roadmaster" on Salisbury Plain. Details soon.</i>
Nov 9 - 10	<i>Bonfire do at Nelly's Dell. RTV (WS1)</i>
Dec 1	<i>RTV and CCV trials. Brick Kiln Farm.</i>
Dec 7	HBRO Xmas party.
Dec 7	ARC meeting, Solihull.
Dec 28 - 29	<i>RTV (WS2) at Broxhead Common.</i>

Events for Your Diary

- * First Wednesday of each month, Noggin & Natter at Four Horseshoes, Long Sutton, Nr. Odiham Grid Ref SU747471. From 7:30 p.m.
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- * 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 4 - 9	War of the Roses.
July 6 - 7	RTV (SS1) with Ladies Trophy. Surrey Saw Mills. CoC Ed Ellis. Map elsewhere this issue
July 14	4x4 Show Beaulieu. HBRO club stand. Details elsewhere this issue.