



Clive's G488WAC

G-WAC Notes

A News sheet for those who are interested in the early Land Rover Discoverys



David's G480WAC

January 2011

A Happy New Year to you all. We are going to need a prosperous one to cover all the increase in motoring costs this year.

With the show season soon to be upon us, the Heritage Run first, I hope that we can get a few more cars out this year. The space afforded to us by the Discovery Owners Club is appreciated. If we do get a flurry of exhibits then we may have to try to persuade the show organisers to give us a space for our old cars.

I look forward to seeing some of you at Gaydon

Rear wiper motor troubles.

The wiper was moving across the window very slowly and eventually stopped but I could still hear the motor turning.



It appears that the shaft holding the wiper arm had seized, and with the power of the worm and wheel inside the case, the connecting rod just pushed its way out of the case.

So although all the motor internals

are in good order, the case is broken.

Roy

Heritage Run. May 1st.

I have applied for a place on the run and will have to wait to see if they have accepted 526. They accepted it last year so I hope to be on the run again.

Is anyone else applying?



Ready for off, Gaydon 2010

Wanted

Rear wiper motor for 526.

Roy Preston. (contact details on back page)

A DVLA update

I have been looking at the surviving G-WACs from the lists I have, and have just rechecked the DVLA website for the vehicles that show no change since 1998.

Of the 86 press fleet vehicles 39 show no records since 1989/1990 so it's probably safe to assume those have been lost.

There are nine vehicles that were registered between 1991 and 1998 but none show any activity since 1998, there may be the odd one that survives but again I think unlikely given the vehicles attraction to rust and engine borrowers. These being: -

G453WAC, G464WAC, G468WAC, G481WAC, G491WAC, G503WAC, G517WAC, G532WAC, and G533WAC

There are ten with no details, which could be on private plates, these, are: -

G454WAC, G462WAC, G471WAC, G472WAC, G475WAC, G476WAC, G495WAC, G520WAC, G531WAC and G537WAC, G495WAC I'm pretty sure survives.

G466WAC was one that came up with no details back in 2007 when I last ran the checks, but now has details and is back on the road.

From all this, according to the records held with the DVLA, there are 28 G-WACs out of the original launch fleet that have been registered or SORN'd in the last ten years, (including 466)

Take away 484, it was scrapped in Glasgow a couple of years ago, but we could add the floating G451WAC that allegedly survives in Germany, we still get 28 survivors.

A ray of hope remains, for if 451 survives then this has not been recorded by the DVLA since 24.10.1990, then possibly others survive abroad, who knows.

But we do know for a fact out of the original 86 we have 28 survivors, lets try and keep it that way.

Ian

Events 2011

March 19th-20th	British Indoor 4x4 Show. Staffordshire Showground. ST18 0BD
April 23rd –24th	Help for Heroes run. Gaydon.
May 1st 7th-8th 15th 26th-31st	Heritage Land Rover Show. Gaydon. LRO Spring Adventure. Driffield Showground, East Yorkshire. Land Rovers on the Line. Severn Valley Railway. ALRC National Rally. Bircham Newton, Norfolk. PE31 6RH
June 18th-19th	Dunsfold Collection Open weekend. Springbock Estate. GU6 8EX.
July 15th-17th	LRO Billing Show. Great Billing, Northamptonshire.
August 13th-14th	LRM Show. Stoneleigh.
September 10th-11th 24th-25th	LRO Show. East of England Showground, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire. Abingdon 4x4 Festival. Abingdon.
October 2nd 15th-16th	London to Brighton Plymouth social and road run.

G-WAC and G registered Discoverys.

Ian's article on the launch cars makes interesting reading, and as early Discovery enthusiasts we have come a long way from the first meeting of Ian, Graham, James and myself when we met at Gaydon in 2007.

We now know the owners of 17 launch cars and owners of nearly 30 other G registered and G-WACs that are still "alive", albeit some only just alive. (The cars I mean, not the owners, or maybe both!!)

I am pleased with the progress that we are making to alert the Land Rover movement about our quest to preserve some of these early models, because it won't be long before the 3 door Discovery is as rare as the 3 door Range Rover.

If you know of any owner of a G registered car, spread the word about our enthusiasm and see how many we can preserve for the future.

Roy



James, Ian and Graham. Gaydon 2007

G-WAC Notes on website

NORTHMEAD 4x4

Brian Radford of Northmead 4x4 is keeping up-to-date with his copy of the Notes on his website. All the back issues from the start in May 2007 are there.

He also has another website to advertise Classic Rallies and shows.

Have a look at the sites

www.northmead4x4.co.uk/gwac_discoverys.htm

www.classicrallies.co.uk/index.htm

Current known owners of launch cars. @ January 2011.

G457WAC	Mark Wheatley
G463WAC	Ian Rawlings.
G465WAC & G526WAC	Roy Preston.
G469WAC & G524WAC	Lee Barnett
G470WAC	Frank Elson.
G477WAC	Sold by Dean Steadman to new owner in Wiltshire.
G478WAC	Meghan Timmins
G480WAC & G482WAC	David Ashburner
G486WAC	John Capewell.
G488WAC	Clive Richfield
G490WAC	Rob Ivins
G510WAC	Nick Prior
G511WAC	Colin Crossley
G534WAC	Nicholas Webb

Other known Launch cars.

G454WAC, G462WAC, G466WAC, G471WAC, G472WAC, G475WAC, G476WAC, G495WAC, G520WAC, G531WAC and G537WAC.

Other G-WACs, pre-production and early cars

B62 COH & C60 JKG	Phill Bashall (The Dunsfold Collection)
C742HUH	Charles Whitaker.
G41 VHA	Simon Tinkler
G67 RYJ	Peter King
G226EAC	Discovery Owners Club
G279WAC	Neal
G302WAC	Sandy Andrews
G310WAC	Mark Simpson
G311WAC	Ivor Ramsden
G316WAC	David Cox
G401WAC	
G406WAC	Andy Baker
G410WAC	Robin Jeffery
G563WAC	David Spirett
G601WAC	Richard Haynes
G602WAC	
G603WAC	Ian Redfern
G610WAC	Gary Timmins
G635WAC	Alec Gatherer
G640WAC	
G711YRY	Peter Hares
G767NRH	David Ashburner
G834FPR	Sue Virgin
G987LKU	Andy Greer
H776POJ	Duncan Campbell
H871EWK	Mark Hardwick
3656 TW 24	Keith S L Daffern. (France)
AZ-829-TJ	Raymond Bechetoille (France)

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