



Archie's G462AVT

G-WAC Notes

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Project Jay Preservation Group

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



Ian's G463WAC

November 2016

I am not ready for the winter. I really must find somewhere to store a few of my collection, with eight Discos, plus the garden trailer and the Rover 75, there are too many in such a small space.

Patrick and Martin have been a great help this year, driving the 5-door to shows for me. Perhaps if I had a trailer I could manage the shows on my own, but where would I store a trailer? My fuel budget would be halved too !!

The first show next year is the Practical Classics magazine, Classic Car & Restoration Show at the NEC in March. I have not yet had confirmation that we have been granted a stand, but have high hopes.

Progress with G463WAC

I heard from Dave Ryan that he had completed the work on the chassis. I have been over to inspect it, and indeed he was as good as his word and it looks really fantastic.

The chassis is being delivered back to me soon. I cannot fault Dave's work, he was recommended to me by Roy, after he visited the Project Jay stand at a classic car show in Lancashire.



Once she is back here I will take some pics for the Notes. Hopefully I will have all the components back on the chassis for Christmas, and for the first time in many years she will start to look like a Discovery again.

On another note, I listed my G reg donor on the Discovery Owners Club website. There is not a lot left of her really, but with the right donor vehicle she might be worth saving. She has no engine and box, and I have salvaged quite a lot of parts off her for the Foxfire V8 that I am rebuilding, which will probably be ready before 463.

463 will be a ground up restoration, so it is going to take me a while. All the parts I am replacing are genuine, and it is a challenge finding them even now. That said, I have got a lot already, and along with the refurbished originals, she will be a virtually new car.

For the first time in many years I feel that there is now progress, though it is hard work on my own, especially throwing axles, diffs and doors about. In the end though, I will have a virtually new G-WAC for touring the continent, and the low mileage V8 for shows in good original condition. The best of both worlds I guess.

Ian

G462AVT 'Dory'

The gearbox packed up on my Series daily driver, and although they are not difficult to change, there are more things requiring sorting as well. So I figured that the cost of another box and the other items would be about the same as testing and taxing the Discovery. The Disco would be much more comfortable and cosy for the winter too.

I got the boot floor, drivers foot well and the area of the chassis around a tank strap welded, but was still not sure about the front body mounts. I also changed the front hubs and king pin bearings,

I booked a test but did not make it as I kept finding more and more rot in the driver's side rear chassis rail!



However, Dory (my friend Louise has named her) went in for the test later, and she passed on everything critical, rust, axles, emissions etc. and then failed on wiper blades and fog lights! Having fixed the fails, she went in again and came home with a pass.

The tester is a Land Rover guy who was slightly shocked to see a G reg disco still battling on, (brought a smile to his face)

Very happy with the way she drives too, even on oversize tyres with all the anti-tamper devices still on the injector pump, she pulls very well, stops on a dime and doesn't even wallow. Chuffed.



The Great British Land Rover Show. 27th November.
Stoneleigh Agricultural and Exhibition Centre.

Once again, a great show organised by Assignment Media Ltd, the publishers of The Landy newspaper and Total Off-Road magazine.



Patrick had taken G513DHP for me. Parked just inside the entrance, all nicely polished, she took the eye of the visitors as they entered the hall. G526WAC was inside Hall 1. Graham had agreed to bring G226EAC, the left-hand-drive pre-pro, but with limited space, there was no room for her.



It is mainly a traders' show, although clubs can exhibit. The All-Wheel Drive Club, (AWDC), was there, as was the Green Lane Association. (GLASS). The exhibits were mainly Defenders in all their different guises, with just one Classic Range Rover and our two Discoverys.



The SAEC is a very good venue for a show of this type. The traders and exhibits are all indoors, with catering and toilet facilities indoors too. There was a great emphasis on overlanding gear, with many visitors seeking out camping and tenting equipment, perhaps for a trip abroad next year.

Chris Hodson was there with his selection of used spares. He had brought me three spare central locking actuators for the 5-door. (I will get the thing working one day !!)

A great show if you are wanting to see the latest accessories for your Land Rover, or buy some new tools for your garage. Well worth the £10 entry fee on the day, or free entry if you book in advance.

We hope to be invited to exhibit our early Discoverys again next year.

Roy.

Show dates 2017

January

8th Malvern 4x4 Spares Day Three Counties Showground, Worcestershire. WR13 6NW

March

26th Ripon 4x4 Spares Day Ripon Racecourse, Ripon, North Yorkshire. HG4 1UG
31st – 2nd April NEC Restoration show Birmingham. B40 1NT

April

2nd Newbury 4x4 Spares Day Newbury Showground, Chieveley, Berkshire. RG18 9QZ
23rd Spring Classic Car Show Ripon Racecourse, Ripon, North Yorkshire. HG4 1UG

May

28th Lakeland Classic Car Show Hutton-in-the-Forest, Penrith, Cumbria. CA11 9TH
6th-7th Classic Land Rover Show British Motor Museum, Gaydon, Warwickshire. CV35 0BJ
29th Classic Car and Land Rover Display Ripley Castle, Harrogate, North Yorkshire. HG3 3AY
27-28th Scottish Land Rover Show Royal Highland Centre, Edinburgh. EH28 8NB

June

3rd – 4th Malvern Land Rover Show Three Counties Showground, Worcestershire. WR13 6NW
18th Classic Car show. Raby Castle, Staindrop, Co. Durham. DL2 3AH

July

1st MG Northumbria Car Show. Tynedale Park, Corbridge, Northumbria. NE45 5AY
2nd Classic Car Show. Leighton Hall, Carnforth, Lancashire. LA5 9ST
27-28-29th Land Rover Show. Kellmarsh Hall, Northamptonshire. NN6 9LY
30th Classic Car & Bike Show Lytham Hall, Lancashire. FY8 4JX

August

13th Classic Car show. Raby Castle, Staindrop, Co. Durham. DL2 3AH
27th Autumn Classic Car Show Ripon Racecourse, Ripon, North Yorkshire. HG4 1UG

September

16th – 17th LRO Show. East of England Showground, Peterborough. PE2 6HE

October

1st Newbury 4x4 Spares Day Newbury Showground, Chieveley, Berkshire. RG18 9QZ
14th – 15th DOC Birthday Party. Plymouth Hoe.
15th Ripon 4x4 Spares Day Ripon Racecourse, Ripon, North Yorkshire. HG4 1UG

If anyone has any dates for a local show that you may attend, please let me know and I will add them to the list. There may be a show at Longhope, Forest of Dean, but no date yet. Also, The Great British Land Rover Shows will be run next year, but no dates yet.



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Current known owners of launch cars. @ November 2016

G457WAC	Julian Lamb
G459WAC	(Amphibian. The Dunsfold Collection)
G461WAC	John Boucher
G463WAC (Camel training hack)	Ian Rawlings
G465WAC	Jack Straw
G469WAC & G490WAC	Jon Chester
G470WAC	Rob Stewart
G478WAC & G526WAC	Roy Preston
G480WAC, G482WAC, G486WAC & G524WAC.	David Ashburner
G488WAC	Robert Blanchard (USA)
G494WAC (Camel training hack)	Mark Harrow
G496WAC	Rob Ivins
G510WAC	Mark Dixon
G511WAC	Colin Crossley
G531WAC	Ashley Culling
G534WAC	James Brackenbury

There were 86 cars registered on 01.10.89 from G451WAC to G537WAC, with the exception of G500WAC.

Other pre-production, and G-WACs

B62COH & C60JKG	Philip Bashall (The Dunsfold Collection)	G323WAC	Colin Crookson
C742HUH	Charles Whitaker	G347WAC (LR110)	Ron Boston
G226EAC (5-dr)	Project Jay Preservation Group	G395WAC	Sean Coleman
G266BJU (5-dr)	Julian Lamb	G405WAC	Harry Harrison
G513DHP (5-dr)	Project Jay Preservation Group	G406WAC	Keith Britton
G84 WAC (LR90)	Mike Smallbone	G410WAC	Alan Young
G97 WAC (LR90)	Ted Billington	G553WAC (LR90)	Gary Smallbone
G175WAC (RR)	Julian Lamb	G563WAC (Camel)	David Spirrett
G180WAC (RR)	Guy Butler-Henderson	G584WAC (RR)	Sharon Paige
G279WAC	Neal	G601WAC	Julian Lamb
G302WAC	Lee Haywood	G603WAC	Ian Redfern
G308WAC	Robin Gray	G610WAC	Kevin Bond
G310WAC	Mark Simpson	G611WAC	Jamie Menzies
G311WAC	Ivor Ramsden	G617WAC (LR90)	Gary Bryans
G312WAC	Simon Purcell	G618WAC	Steve Ducker
G314WAC	Owner not known	G635WAC	Alec Gatherer
G316WAC	Mike Smallbone		

Some other factory registered cars.

G580BKV	Patrick Berry	L479YAC	Stuart Laird
G601BKV	Roy Preston	L489WAC	Mark Harrow
G628BKV	Alan Young	L490WAC	Mark Harrow
L470WAC	Mark Lamb	P647KAC	Patrick Berry

Other early cars

G28 RMW	Glyn Jones	G560EDY	Mark Dixon
G711YRY	Derek Henman	G577GTY	Craig Pusey
G39 WJD	Bob Jolleys	G580PNU	Ian Rawlings
G41 VHA	Simon Tinkler	G757SGX	Paul Bishop
G43 KWO	Victor Mitchell	G834FPR	Sue Virgin
G67 RYJ	Alan Mitchell	G843FPR	Jon Isacc
G101GEL	Robert Hoskins	G892VPM	Mike E Hall
G203DPF	?	G907VYT	Alan Young
G229TDV	Wesley Beynon	G923PUE	Nigel Burland
G234CBG	Dan Hunter	G942UTT	Keith Taylor
G253RFL	Lee Haywood, Silkstone Land Rover	G950CAF	Elvet Price
G266BJU	Julian Lamb	G987LKU	Andy Greer
G272WDL	Andrew Maclean	H83 YYN	Richard Llewellyn
G374UYR	Jack Straw	H95 DBK	Dave Dorling
G412FSJ	Andrew Cameron	H367OBE	Dave Mummery
G436GUY	Andy Jones	H743VAB	Ted Andrews
G441WPX	Mark Harrow	H776POJ	Duncan Campbell
G442AJM	Scott Seacombe	J463HVK Ambulance	William Wallace
G456AVT	A Burchel	AZ-829-TJ	Raymond Bechetoille (France)
G462AVT	Archie Cursham	3656 TW 24	Keith S L Daffern (France)
G553OWD	J Herod		Formerly G531DHP
		LA DC 502	Dr. Hofmann (Germany)

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