



Oliver's G989ELJ

G-WAC Notes

From the
Project Jay Preservation Group

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



Ian's G253RFL

*Wishing you all a Merry Christmas
and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.*

December 2017

Well that's it for the year, I hope that you have all made progress with your cars, and that there will be a few more out at the shows next year.

The major shows for 2018 are listed on page three, plus some 4x4 spares days. I will be visiting the local spares days to see if there is anything for 526 and 478, I need a launch spare wheel carrier for 478.

We have now been allocated space at the Classic Car and Restoration Show at the NEC in March, and plan to show Charles's prototype, C742HUH, and my G478WAC as a rolling chassis, plus three others, if we have the space.

G635WAC sold

Alec has been using 635 as a working tow truck for a number of years, and decided that she should now be tidied up and preserved.

His main interest is in the Riley marque, so did not see that he could spare the time to work on her, and that she should go to a good home.

The new owner has not yet been in touch with me, but a post on Facebook reveals that the buyer is Paul Ridley. I hope to hear from him in the new year, so that he can share his thoughts about the future of her.



J140OAC back in the fold



This 116" Ambulance was first reported in my Notes in August 2011 and has been out of circulation for a few years.

She was stripped of her ambulance gear by the owner at the time, Neil Witt, and was converted to a camper van.

Advertised on eBay, she has been bought by John, who will give us a report on her condition in the new year.

Stripe Treatments Graphics, now available

Richard has had the artwork done for the stripe treatment for Land Rover part numbers: -RTC9554 (blue keyline) and RTC9555 (green keyline) They can be obtained from www.signspeed.com.

Priced at £225.00, Postage £15.00 plus VAT = £288.00. for the full set, both sides.

Please speak to Freya at 01646 651799 or freya@signspeed.com

Fitting is available at their Cresselly workshop and is charged at the standard rate of £60.00 +VAT per hour spent applying the graphics.

Signspeed Ltd. Brince, Cresselly, Kilgetty Pembrokeshire. SA68 0TY

Roy

Rivet counters

'Rivet counter', is a synonym used as a term of endearment by members of the 'Land Rover Family', a bit like 'tree huggers' (environmentalists) and 'anoraks' (train spotters).

It was coined by the Series and 90/110 owners, who like to make sure that a riveted repair is accurate, and that it follows the original build standards. They are very fastidious about the accuracy of the number and positioning of the round head solid rivets used when repairing body panels on their Land Rover.

With so much interest now in the preservation of Range Rovers, Freelanders and Discoverys, it is inevitable that the 'rivet counters' are now turning their attention to these models of the Land Rover range.

Discoverys are no exception when it comes to noticing the difference in detail between the G-WAC launch fleet and the later factory registered G-WACs.

Examples are: -

The stitching in the front seat bases are different.



The spare wheel carrier has a round indentation.

There are a number of other distinguishing features found on the launch G-WAC fleet. The most worthy of note is the font and the Land Rover logo on the number plates.



The number plates on the launch fleet had the words 'LAND ROVER LTD', following the green oval, whereas the later G-WACs had just the words 'LAND ROVER'.

Something for potential buyers of a launch G-WAC to seek out.

Roy.



Shows 2018

January

14th Malvern 4x4 & Vintage Spares Day. Wye Halls, Three Counties Showground, Malvern, Worcestershire. WR, www.4x4sparesday.co.uk

February

4th Peterborough 4x4 & Vintage Spares Day. East of England Showground, Peterborough. PE2 6XE. www.4x4sparesday.co.uk

March

18th Ripon 4x4 & Vintage Spares Day. Ripon Racecourse, Boroughbridge Road, Ripon, North Yorkshire. HG4 1UG. www.4x4sparesday.co.uk

23 - 25th Practical Classics Classic Car & Restoration Show,

April

8th Newbury 4x4 & Vintage Spares Day . Newbury Showground, Chieveley, Berkshire. RG18 9QZ. www.4x4sparesday.co.uk

22nd Ripon Spring Classic Car & Bike Show & Autojumble. Ripon Racecourse, Boroughbridge Road, Ripon, North Yorkshire. HG4 1UG. www.markwoodwardclassicevents.com

May

12 - 13th Gaydon Land Rover Show. British Motor Museum, Banbury Road, Gaydon, Warwickshire. CV35 0BJ. shows@britishmotormuseum.co.uk

26 - 27th Scottish Land Rover Show. Royal Highland Centre, Ingliston, Edinburgh. EH28 8NB. www.scottishlandrovershow.com

28th Yorkshire Classic Vehicle Show & Land Rover Display. Ripley Castle. Harrogate. HG3 3EA. www.markwoodwardclassicevents.com

June

2 - 3rd Malvern Land Rover show & 4x4 Spares Weekend. Three Counties Showground, Malvern. Worcestershire. WR13 6NW. www.4x4sparesday.co.uk

17th Classics in the Park. Raby Castle, Staindrop, Co. Durham DL2 3AH. www.markwoodwardclassicevents.com

18th Lakes Charity Classic Vehicle Show. Windermere. LA22 9SL.

23 - 24th Rover Sports Register. National Rally. Newby Hall, Ripon. North Yorkshire. HG4 5AJ

23 - 24th Classic and Sports Car Show. Bicester Heritage in Oxfordshire. www.bicesterheritage.co.uk

30th - 1st Billing Land Rover Show. Great Billing, Northamptonshire. NN7 1AL

July

1st Leighton Hall Classic Car & Bike Show. Leighton Hall, Carnforh, Lancashire. LA5 9ST www.markwoodwardclassicevents.com

22nd Lytham Hall Classic Car & Motorcycle Show. Lytham Hall, Ballham Road, Lytham St. Lancashire. FY8 4JX. www.markwoodwardclassicevents.com

27 - 29th Kelmarsh Land Rover Show. Kelmarsh Hall, Kelmarsh, Northamptonshire. NN6 9LY

August

12th Classics in the Park. Raby Castle, Staindrop, Co. Durham DL2 3AH. www.markwoodwardclassicevents.com

20 - 26th Discovery Owners Club, Weymouth Caravan Rally. Bagwell Farm Touring Park, Knights in the Bottom, Chickerell, Weymouth, Dorset. DT3 4EA. <http://www.bagwellfarm.co.uk/>

26th Ripon Classic Car & Bike Show & Autojumble. Ripon Racecourse, Boroughbridge Road, Ripon, North Yorkshire. HG4 1UG. www.markwoodwardclassicevents.com

October

14th Ripon 4x4 & Vintage Spares Day. Ripon Racecourse, Boroughbridge Road, Ripon, North Yorkshire. HG4 1UG. www.4x4sparesday.co.uk

20 - 21st Discovery Birthday Party. Plymouth Hoe. www.discoverybirthdayparty.co.uk

28th Malvern 4x4 & Vintage Spares Day. Wye Halls, Three Counties Showground, Malvern, Worcestershire. WR, www.4x4sparesday.co.uk

Current known owners of launch cars @ December 2017

G457WAC	Julian Lamb
G459WAC	(Amphibian. The Dunsfold Collection)
G461WAC	Lee Haywood
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 Crookston
C742HUH	Charles Whitaker	G347WAC (LR110)	Ron Boston
G226EAC (5-dr)	Project Jay Preservation Group	G361WAC (RR)	Julian Lamb
G266BJU (5-dr)	Andrew Liu	G395WAC	Sean Coleman
G513DHP (5-dr)	Project Jay Preservation Group	G405WAC	Harry Harrison
G84 WAC (LR90)	Mike Smallbone	G406WAC	Keith Britton
G97 WAC (LR90)	Ted Billington	G410WAC	Alan Young
G175WAC (RR)	Julian Lamb	G553WAC (LR90)	Gary Smallbone
G179WAC (RR)	Roger Fell	G563WAC (Camel hack)	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	Mark Harrow
G311WAC	Ivor Ramsden	G617WAC (LR90)	Gary Bryans
G312WAC	Simon Purcell	G618WAC	Steve Ducker
G314WAC	Owner not known	G635WAC	Sold
G316WAC	Mike Smallbone		

Some other factory registered cars.

G580BKV	Patrick Berry	L489WAC	Mark Harrow
G601BKV	Roy Preston	L490WAC	Mark Harrow
G628BKV	Alan Young	L580WAC	Mark Harrow
L470WAC	Jacob Lamb	P647KAC	Patrick Berry
L479YAC	Stuart Laird		

Other early cars

G28 RMW	Glyn Jones	G711YRY	Derek Henman
G39 WJD	Bob Jolleys	G757SGX	Paul Bishop
G41 VHA	Simon Tinkler	G834FPR	Sue Virgin
G43 KWO	Victor Mitchell	G843FPR	Jon Isacc
G67 RYJ	John davies	G892VPM	Mike E Hall
G101GEL	Robert Hoskins	G907VYT	Alan Young
G115UKE	Graham Wollerton	G923PUE	Nigel Burland
G130KWO	Ian Phillips	G942UTT	Keith Taylor
G203DPF	Simon Andrew	G950CAF	Elvet Price
G229TDV	Wesley Beynon	G956RKM	Martin Smith
G234CBG	Dan Hunter	G978KOF	Ian Rawlings
G253RFL	Ian Phillips	G987LKU	Andy Greer
G272WDL	Andrew Maclean	G989ELJ	Oliver Tebbutt
G374UYR	Jack Straw	H83 YYN	Richard Llewellyn
G412FSJ	Andrew Cameron	H95 DBK	Dave Dorling
G425OWB	Chris	H353DJA	Peter Boardman
G436GUY	Andy Jones	H367OBE	Dave Mummer
G441WPX	Mark Harrow	H743VAB	Ted Andrews
G442AJM	Scott Seacombe	H776POJ	Duncan Campbel
G456AVT	A Burchel	H774SVF	Simon Andrews
G462AVT	Archie Cursham	H994BUU	Richard Mahoney
G463HMK	Peter Murphy	J140OAC 116" Ambulance	John Francis
G553OWD	J Herod	J463HVK 116" Ambulance	William Wallace
G560EDY	Julian Lamb	AZ-829-TJ	Raymond Bechetoille (France)
G577TGY	Craig Pusey	3656 TW 24	Keith S L Daffern (France)
G580PNU	Ian Rawlings	Formerly G531DHP	
G656RYB	Graham Welch	LA DC 502	Dr. Hofmann (Germany)

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