



Lee's G461WAC

G-WAC Notes

From the
Project Jay Preservation Group

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



Graham's G115UKE

February 2017

A short month with not a lot happening here. Plenty to do but still too cold for these old bones.

Julian has promised us that we will see the results of his 'nut and bolt' restoration of 457 soon. The first launch car on my list of survivors and the first one to be 'restored'.

Project Jay Website

I have been updating the website that holds details of all the G-WACs we know about. Some of the information is almost 10 years old and possibly now out of date.

Several cars have changed owners and condition in this time, and possibly a few extras have appeared which are missing from the site.

If you would like the details of your car updating, then please let me have any changes via email. Please also include a decent photo, if you want this updating or adding. I am happy to remove names if you desire, and replace with "in private ownership".

You can check the details held on the website –
www.g-wacdiscoverys.net .



Look in the left-hand menu under Classic Discoverys, you should then be able to pick out your car by registration number.

I am very happy to add other early or interesting cars to the site. Just send me the details if yours is missing. If you prefer to have your car/details removed, please let me know – there are a few missing as the owners had previously requested this.

You can also find all the G-WAC Notes going back to 2007 on the website. 2017 is the 10-year anniversary of the Project Jay Preservation Group, so I would like to get the site up to date as we approach the show season.

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All the best, and I look forward to seeing you at some shows throughout 2017.

Graham



Upgrade of the Headlight arrangement. Discovery 1, 200Tdi

My friend Markus has told me, that heading home from a long trip to Morocco, he remained with his Discovery 1 in the night on the roadside, because the light switch in the steering column stalk had failed suddenly with a cloud of smoke.

Thereupon I have modified the light switch of my Discovery 200 Tdi, and have found some scorching signs there.

Therefore I have upgraded the headlamp circuit by feeding two relays and a separate 40 Amp. fuse box, fitted on the front edge of the engine bay near the headlamps and the battery (see photo).



After many plug out, plug in actions, following the installation order step by step, finally, you have to plug in the new yellow ceramic connectors of the fitting kit into the headlight bulb instead of the old plastic H4 connectors. (see photo).



Now the steering column stalk switch feeds the two relays with a low current to activate them for feeding either the high or low beam. The relays generate the high current needed to ignite the headlamps directly from the battery/alternator.

So is no more the wirelength to run from the battery in thin wires, via the mainloom to the dashboard and, and all the way out to the headlamps causing an excessive resistive voltage drop, that will result in less light output and much more strain in the light switch, which can fail by overheating, short circuit or in the worst case burn out.

The well sorted local trade offers a Boomslang Headlamploom kit, prefitted with all the parts required. (See photo).

Dr.Diether Hofmann. (Germany)



Launch pictures.

Pictures of your G-WAC whilst it was at the launch in 1989, are not readily available, but Paul O'Connor of Smokestack Images was the official photographer at the launch and may have a picture of your car.

Have a look at his website. <http://smokestackimages.com/>

[http://www.landroverimages.com/Discovery/?ct=t\(LRi_Feb_172_8_2017\)&mc_cid=a8d5f490cc&mc_eid=7d2d23e96a](http://www.landroverimages.com/Discovery/?ct=t(LRi_Feb_172_8_2017)&mc_cid=a8d5f490cc&mc_eid=7d2d23e96a)

Here are three pictures of my two from his collection.

Roy



Show dates 2017

March

19th	Ripon 4x4 Spares Day	Ripon Racecourse, Ripon, North Yorkshire. HG4 1UG
26th	Newbury 4x4 Spares Day	Newbury Showground, Chieveley, Berkshire. RG18 9QZ
31st – 2nd April	PCCC & Restoration show	NEC Birmingham. B40 1NT

April

31st March – 2nd April	PCCC & Restoration show	NEC Birmingham. B40 1NT
23rd	Spring Classic Car Show	Ripon Racecourse, Ripon, North Yorkshire. HG4 1UG

May

6th - 7th	Classic Land Rover Show	British Motor Museum, Gaydon, Warwickshire. CV35 0BJ.
13th	Motor Show and Family Fun Day.	Longhope, Forest of Dean.
27-28th	Scottish Land Rover Show	Royal Highland Centre, Edinburgh. EH28 8NB
28th	Lakeland Classic Car Show	Hutton-in-the-Forrest, Penrith, Cumbria. CA11 9TH
29th	Classic Car and Land Rover Display	Ripley Castle, Harrogate, North Yorkshire. HG3 3AY

June

3rd – 4th	Malvern Land Rover Show	Three Counties Showground, Worcestershire. WR13 6NW
10th-11th	Dunsfold Collection open weekend.	Cranleigh. GU6 8PR
18th	Classic Car show.	Raby Castle, Staindrop, Co. Durham. DL2 318th AH
18th	Lions Charity Classic Show	Grasmere, Cumbria.

July

2nd	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
30th	Ripon Old Cars	Ripon Racecourse, Ripon, North Yorkshire. HG4 1UG

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
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October

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

November

26th	Great British Land Rover Show.	
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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.



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