



Ian's G463WAC

# G-WAC Notes

From the  
Project Jay Preservation Group

**A News Sheet for those who are interested in the factory registered G-WACs.**



Guy's G180WAC

## February 2019

Now that the Discovery is 30 years old, there is a lot of activity among the D1 enthusiasts to ensure that their cars will look their best at the shows. Some have been worked on steadily for a number of years, to get them back on the road in pristine condition.

Ian Rawlings has had many setbacks over the years but is hopeful that G463WAC will be at the Discovery Birthday Party on the Hoe, Plymouth in October. [www.discoverybirthdayparty.co.uk](http://www.discoverybirthdayparty.co.uk)

With so many shows on the calendar to visit, or show, there is bound to be clashes of dates. The weekend of 25th – 26th May is an example. The Association of Land Rover Clubs (ALRC) have their National Rally at Whaddon, Milton Keynes, the Land Rover Legends will be at Bicester Heritage and the Land Rover Spring Adventure returns to Drifffield, East Yorkshire. The Project Jay Preservation Group have opted to show at the Legends.

### G635WAC changes hands

She had a quiet life when Richard Beddall owned her, but had a busy working life with the last two owners, and now in semi-retirement with me.

The last owner, Paul Ridley, is a farmer and used her for work around the farm.



On the farm

When owned by Alec Gatherer, she was often seen towing a trailer full of Riley spares, and even a complete Riley at times. Alec is a keen Riley fan and a member of a Riley RM Club.



One of Alec's Rileys

We collected 635 on Saturday 16th from Paul Ridley in central Wales, which is among beautiful countryside. We came away with some wonderful homemade apple juice. We, being me, my wife, Haddow our son and Willow the dog

When Haddow first saw 635, he loved her very much and was somewhat relentless and insistant about our making the purchase. He did a 'reasons to buy' chart, a poem and finally a petition, which even my boss signed.

As we had gone all that way from Devon, we decided to make a weekend of it, overnighting in Rhayader, and with the 270 miles back to Devon she ran like a dream. We name all our cars, so 635 is now known as Thomas.

There is a lot of work to do but she has so many original features. She will be our show car this year and we can't wait to show her to our friends in the club, even the rusty bits !! The first outing will be at the Land Rover Legends show at Bicester Heritage, Oxfordshire, where she will be on the Project Jay Preservation Group stand alongside seven other Jays (the 200 shape D1).



Ready for home

We now have a launch V8, G490WAC, and a non-launch 200 Tdi, G635WAC, and I have said to Haddow, that's it, dad is now skint!

Tim

## G510 WAC

I remember the 1989 Discovery launch clearly and how, at the time, what a seismic event it was - even as a callow 18 year old! The 90 and 110 Land Rover had been around forever (not yet christened Defender - it would be the Discovery's introduction that precipitated that name); we all understood the role of the Range Rover too - the luxury flagship. So what was this interloper...?



Initially I wasn't convinced. Boxy, the slightly awkward styling that to me always resembled an oversized Talbot Matra Rancho. Funny how things grow on you. I remember the contemporary reports of the press launch in Land Rover Owner magazine, and even then appreciated the symmetry of the G-WAC registration series.

As an 18 year old however, this was a lifestyle aspiration out of reach. I bought my first car (a Series One!) in November of that year and since then three RR Classics, five more Series Ones, a Defender, a Discovery 3 and a Range Rover Sport (also a press car!) have come and gone.



By 2016 there was an itch I had to scratch. An early, three-door D1 was needed. No expert, I bought L708 BPH, a Pennine Grey 200 Tdi that was showing its age but had a sequence of diligent owners. It proved to be a reliable and capable car for just shy of £1500 on eBay. A house move forced a reluctant sale - not before she'd carried the family from York to Oban and back one holiday. Still miss that car.

Then, in November 2017, a sniff on Facebook brought a well-known Corallin Red 1989 example my way - G67 RYJ. A mere 46k miles from new and never welded, it was a thing of beauty. I had to have it. Only problem was - it was *too* good. With a young family and a dog, I feared for its unmarked condition.

By now I'd decided that a G-WAC was the target. If I bought the right car it could be usable and worthwhile. The decision to sell RYJ was hastened by the opportunity to acquire G510 WAC from Mark Dixon, Octane magazine deputy editor. He'd owned it before and could vouch for its generally sound condition, so a deal was done.

510 is Arken Grey and one of two G-WACs in this colour that survive (the other is a V8). After a couple of false starts, 510 is now with Mark Harrow down in Devon for a body-off restoration. Mark is well known in the D1 fraternity and I have found him exceptionally helpful to deal with. Progress so far, the chassis has been galvanised and refinished with parts assembled for the body rebuild.



I know a few Project Jay Preservation Group folk from my involvement with the CVC register (I must join properly!) and I am eagerly anticipating the 30th Birthday Party event down in Plymouth, where I look forward to helping to properly mark the 30th anniversary of a car that - surely - must have exceeded any expectations Land Rover had of it back in 1989 and is now a brand in its own right.

John





### 'Shield-Disc' for the rear axle brakes

Part numbers FTC2600 and 2601 are listed by Paddocks and other suppliers, but they are not the true wide shield that was fitted to the early Jays with GA chassis numbers. The parts appear to be no longer available.

I picked up a couple of used ones at a show last year, but now almost impossible to source.



They are not difficult to make. Some flat sheet and a 55mm wide band rolled to shape by your friendly steel suppliers. A bit of welding and there you go.

Roy

### Land Rover Shows 2019

#### May

11-12th Gaydon Land Rover Show.  
British Motor museum.  
25th- 26th Land Rover Legends  
Bicester Heritage

#### June

29th- 30th Billing Off Road Show

#### September

14th-15th Peterborough LRO Show

#### October

19th-20th Discovery Birthday Party, Plymouth

### Classic Car Shows

We have booked stand space at a number of Classic Car Shows. The first being the NEC in March, then the Easter Motor Show, Weston Park, Telford.

Do come and visit us.

### Practical Classics Classic Car & Restoration Show with Discovery 22nd - 24th March 2019

We have been allocated stand 3-300, in hall 3 at this prestigious show at the NEC. The stand is open on three sides, so ample isles for the visitors to find us.

Five Discoverys will be on display, with copies of our Jay News and Discourse, the magazine of the Discovery Owners club.

Membership application forms for the PJPG and the DOC will be available for prospective members to join us.

The theme of the show is restoration or preservation, therefore one of our exhibits will be shown in the process of being restored or preserved.

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**Current know owners of G-WAC registered Land Rovers. February 2019**

**For the launch or the Discovery there were 86 cars registered on 01.10.89 from G451WAC to G537WAC, with the exception of G500WAC. Only 22 are known to survive**

G457WAC	Tdi	GA382997	Corallin red	Julian Lamb
G459WAC	V8	GA383001	Davos white	(The Dunsfold Collection)
G461WAC	Tdi	GA381742	Caracal black	Sold
G463WAC	Tdi	GA381744	Davos white	Ian Rawlings. (Camel training Hack)
G465WAC	Tdi	GA381747	Marseilles blue	Jack Straw
G469WAC	V8	GA381755	Windjammer blue	Jon Chester
G470WAC	V8	GA381740	Windjammer blue	Rob Stewart
G477WAC	Tdi	GA385690	Zanzibar silver	Martyn Ball
G478WAC	V8	GA385691	Foxfire red	Roy Preston
G480WAC	V8	GA385693	Davos white	David Ashburner
G482WAC	V8	GA385695	Davos white	David Ashburner
G486WAC	V8	GA385699	Caracal black	David Ashburner
G488WAC	V8	GA385703	Davos white	Robert Blanchard (USA)
G490WAC	V8	GA381737	Mistrale blue	Haddow Hales-Lavercombe
G494WAC	V8	GA387686	Mistrale blue	Mark Harrow. (Camel training Hack)
G496WAC	Tdi	GA387688	Mistrale blue	Rob Ivins
G510WAC	V8	GA387692	Arken grey	John Davies
G511WAC	Tdi	GA389225	Arken grey	Colin Crossley
G524WAC	Tdi	GA389241	Marseilles blue	David Ashburner
G526WAC	Tdi	GA389243	Marseilles blue	Roy Preston
G531WAC	V8	GA393354	Davos white	Ashley Culling
G534WAC	V8	GA393359	Zanzibar silver	James Brackenbury

**Other Land Rover models with the G-WAC registration number**

G84 WAC (LR90)	Tdi	White	Mike Smallbone
G87 WAC (LR90)	Tdi	Green	Chris Sims
G93 WAC (LR90)	V8	Grey	Steve Hattersley
G97 WAC (LR90)	Tdi	Green	Ted Billington
G175WAC (RR)	Tdi	Green	Julian Lamb
G179WAC (RR)	V8	Silver	Roger Fell
G180WAC (RR)	V8	Red	Guy Butler-Henderson
G247WAC (LR110)	Tdi	Green	?
G302WAC (D)	V8	Blue	Sold
G308WAC (D)	V8	Blue	Robin Gray
G310WAC (D)	V8	Blue	Mark Simpson
G311WAC (D)	V8	Blue	Ivor Ramsden
G312WAC (D)	V8	Blue	Jochen Baldamus
G314WAC (D)	V8	Red	Owner not known
G316WAC (D)	V8	Silver	David Maingot
G323WAC (D)	V8	Blue	Colin Crookton
G347WAC (LR110)	Tdi	Brown	Ron Boston
G361WAC (RR)	V8	Blue	Julian Lamb
G395WAC (D)	Tdi	Green	Sean Coleman
G405WAC (D)	Tdi	Blue	Harry Harrison
G406WAC (D)	Tdi	White	Keith Britton
G410WAC (D)	V8	Blue	Alan Young
G553WAC (LR90)	Tdi	Red	Gary Smallbone
G563WAC (D)	Tdi	Red	David Spirrett
G584WAC (RR)	V8	Blue	Sharon Paige
G601WAC (D)	Tdi	Silver	Julian Lamb
G603WAC (D)	Tdi	Beige	Ian Redfern
G607WAC (LR90)	Tdi	Black	Richard Satchwell
G610WAC (D)	Tdi	Blue	Kevin Bond
G611WAC (D)	Tdi	Green	Mark Harrow
G617WAC (LR90)	Tdi	Grey	Gary Bryans
G618WAC (D)	Tdi	Black	Steve Ducker
G635WAC (D)	Tdi	White	Tim Lavercombe

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# Project Jay Preservation Group

*You don't need to own a 'Jay', just lots of enthusiasm!*

## Membership application form

*(Please use Block Capitals)*

<u>Mr/Mrs/Miss/Dr/etc</u>	<u>Year of birth</u>
<u>First Name (s)</u>	<u>Surname</u>
<u>Address (1)</u>	
<u>Address (2)</u>	
<u>Address (3)</u>	
<u>Town</u>	<u>County</u>
<u>Postcode</u>	<u>Country</u>
<u>Telephone. Daytime</u>	<u>Mobile</u>
<u>E-Mail Address</u>	
<u>Family member name (s).</u>	
<u>Relationship to full member</u>	

### Vehicle Details. (Optional)

*The Group operates an anonymised Vehicle Register which is open to members only.  
Your name, location, registration number, owner history and MOT history will not be visible to other members.  
Other members may send messages to you through the Register, which you will receive as an email, although your contact details will not be disclosed to others.  
This approach allows members to communicate privately whilst satisfying data protection regulations.  
You can change this setting at any time on your membership record.*

<u>Model</u>	<u>Three or five doors.</u>
<u>Date of First Registration</u>	<u>Registration No.</u>
<u>Petrol / Diesel (circle as appropriate)</u>	<u>VIN</u>
<u>Engine Number</u>	<u>Engine size (cc)</u>
<u>Body type. Five or seven seats. Commercial.</u>	<u>Colour</u>
<u>Condition. Preserved or fully restored</u>	
<u>History.</u>	
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**Annual Subscription: Full member. £25.00**

**Family membership (s), residing at the same address £5.00**

**Total amount payable to the PJPG £ \_\_\_\_\_**

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