



Jochen's G312WAC

G-WAC Notes

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



John's G510WAC

March 2018

Quite a hectic few days at the end of the month, with the NEC show and some work on 526, but a nice quiet month of April is beckoning, so that I can get into the garage and get some work done.

The central locking has failed again on the pre-pro, so door cards off again to find the problem. Hey-ho.

G526WAC. A tidy up for Balmoral

526 has been very kind to me financially. I bought her in 2008 with 80,000 miles on the clock, she has now covered 120,000 miles, taking in shows, road runs and photo shoots in that time.

Apart from tyres, brakes and servicing, she has only needed one major repair. That was the pump and injectors overhaul, when she decided to chew up the pump internals and make 'iron filings' of it.

But time marches on for the 29-year-old Disco, and the dreaded rust had taken hold in the rear body crossmember, the boot floor and the front of the roof. But nothing that my friends at Ripon4x4 could not repair.



At the press and dealer launch in 1989, 526 was decked out with the stripe treatment. On the return to the factory after the launch, the lower half received a repaint after damage in the hands of the test 'drivers', but the stripes were not replaced. A new set of stripes have been made and fitted, to bring her back to near original

She is away now until August, as one of the exhibits at the 70th birthday celebrations organised by JLR. A covered wagon came to collect her for a trip to JLR Classics, where she had a polish before the trip to Balmoral.

I hope to have her back for a classic car show at Ripon Racecourse in August, and then to the www.discoverybirthdayparty.co.uk in October.



The Practical Classics Classic Car and Restoration Show at the NEC Birmingham. 23rd – 25th March 2018

Whilst I have been to the NEC for other shows, I have never attended this show before, so the whole experience was new to me. As I drove RFL into Hall 5, one of the NEC's largest, on Thursday morning, set up day, I was suddenly overwhelmed by the sheer size of the place. RFL felt small and lost.

As we were the first there, we quickly found our stand position and began setting out our territory. We had the CVC register behind us, Series 2, next to us, Series I across a small walk through and some ex military Land Rovers behind them. Opposite were a group of tiny MR2 owners with their highly polished cars.

Next to arrive was Charles with C742HUH, no brakes and only stopped via the careful application of the park brake. HUH is an early prototype and shows a lot of history with its presence.

Roy, Daphne, Patrick and Graham arrived soon after with the two five door cars G513DHP and G226EAC respectively, and the stand started to take shape.

I had to leave at this point, so I missed the arrival of G478WAC, kindly brought up from Devon by Mark and Sonia. 478, as many will know, is undergoing a body off transformation, and so only the rolling (pushed) chassis was able to be present. It was there in spirit if not in body.

So, the stand with its four and a half Discoverys was complete.

Sadly, I missed Friday, but I was informed by the team that it was a very busy day with lots of interest shown in our collection of vehicles. The crew got their hands dirty taking the rusty rear brake callipers off and putting new ones onto 478's chassis.

On Sunday Roy was spotted giving young Jack some lessons on refitting wheels, one can't start learning too early and particularly from the "master"

Saturday and Sunday proved to be the same. With the two halls of the NEC packed with really shiny metal in every shape you can get on wheels, I was truly amazed at the amount of interest our cars received. With a steady stream of interested people prepared to come over to take a look at our cars and chat with us, time passed quickly.

From fellow Land Rover enthusiasts, who took a keen interest in the display, to folk who had previously owned a Discovery and were taking



a nostalgic trip down memory lane back to, and I quote many "the best car I have ever owned" through to general classic enthusiasts who admitted at being surprised to see Discoverys at a classic car event.

As we chatted, this turned into genuine interest particularly when it was realised what we as a group were promoting.

It was so nice to receive the compliments and encouragement for the continued preservation of the iconic vehicles we own, and that finally a group was prepared to start flag waving for the car that saved the company. These cars of ours are now real classics.... And worth saving!!



Come the end of the show, I was quite proud of my rust bucket.

A massive thank you to Roy and Daphne for organising and attending the show and bringing G513DHP. We must also thank him for carrying out all the behind the scenes administration that it takes to attend these shows.

Thanks also to go to Patrick Berry for being a star with the spanners; Mark Harrow, wife Sonia for bringing G478WAC's chassis all the way from Devon to form the centre piece of the display. To Charles Whitaker for bringing C742HUH, a real talking point for the display and to Graham Bethell for bringing G226EAC.

Attending these shows is great fun, so if you can spare the time to display your pride and joy then why not go for it.

Our attention now turns to the next few show dates. Gaydon Land Rover Show 12th - 13th May, Land Rover Legends Show Bicester Heritage 26th – 27th May, The Scottish Land Rover Show 26th -27th May, The Malvern Land Rover Show 2nd – 3rd June, Billing Land Rover Show, 30th June - 1st July and Kelmars 27th - 29th July.

We are in need of your support and cars for these events so please join us.

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Shows 2018

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

- 12th- 13th Gaydon Land Rover Show. British Motor Museum, Banbury Road, Gaydon, Warwickshire. CV35 0BJ. shows@britishmotormuseum.co.uk
- 26th - 27th Scottish Land Rover Show. Royal Highland Centre, Ingliston, Edinburgh. EH28 8NB. www.scottishlandrovershow.com
- 26th - 27th Legends Land Rover Show. Bicester Heritage, Oxfordshire. www.landroverlegends.com
- 28th Yorkshire Classic Vehicle Show & Land Rover Display. Ripley Castle. Harrogate. HG3 3EA. www.markwoodwardclassicevents.com

June

- 2nd - 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
- 23rd - 24th Rover Sports Register. National Rally. Newby Hall, Ripon. North Yorkshire. HG4 5AJ
- 23rd - 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. Annes, Lancashire. FY8 4JX. www.markwoodwardclassicevents.com
- 27th - 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
- 20th - 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
- 20th - 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

Two G-WACs change hands

312 and 510 have been sold to new owners this month.

Simon has sold 312 to Jochen, who will be taking her over to Germany, and Mark has sold 510 to John.

John is not new to our enthusiasm for these old Discoverys, as he already owns G67 RYJ, which must be one of the most original and lowest mileage Discoverys still in use.

Both cars will be restored/preserved by their new owners.

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Current known owners of launch cars @ March 2018

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

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	John Davies
G511WAC	Colin Crossley
G531WAC	Ashley Culling
G534WAC	James Brackenbury

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	Jochen Baldamus (Germany)	G618WAC	Steve Ducker
G314WAC	Owner not known	G635WAC	Paul Ridley
G316WAC	David Maingot		

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	G757SGX	Paul Bishop
G39 WJD	Bob Jolleys	G834FPR	Sue Virgin
G41 VHA	Simon Tinkler	G843FPR	Jon Isacc
G43 KWO	Victor Mitchell	G892VPM	Mike E Hall
G67 RYJ	John Davies	G907VYT	Alan Young
G101GEL	Robert Hoskins	G923PUE	Nigel Burland
G115UKE	Graham Wollerton	G942UTT	Keith Taylor
G130KWO	Ian Phillips	G950CAF	Elvet Price
G203DPF	Simon Andrew	G956RKM	Martin Smith
G229TDV	Wesley Beynon	G978KOF	Ian Rawlings
G234CBG	Dan Hunter	G987LKU	Andy Greer
G253RFL	Ian Phillips	G989ELJ	Oliver Tebbutt
G272WDL	Andrew Maclean	H83 YYN	Richard Llewellyn
G374UYR	Jack Straw	H95 DBK	Dave Dorling
G412FSJ	Andrew Cameron	H353DJA	Peter Boardman
G425OWB	Chris	H367OBE	Dave Mummer
G436GUY	Andy Jones	H743VAB	Ted Andrews
G441WPX	Mark Harrow	H776POJ	Duncan Campbel
G442AJM	Scott Seacombe	H774SVF	Simon Andrews
G456AVT	A Burchel	H994BUU	Richard Mahoney
G462AVT	Archie Cursham	J140OAC 116" Ambulance	John Francis
G463HMK	Peter Murphy	J463HVK 116" Ambulance	William Wallace
G553OWD	J Herod	K554GKV	John Poulson
G560EDY	Julian Lamb	AZ-829-TJ	Raymond Bechetoille (France)
G577TGY	Gary Pusey	3656 TW 24	Keith S L Daffern (France)
G580PNU	Ian Rawlings	Formerly G531DHP	
G656RYB	Graham Welch	LA DC 502	Dr. Hofmann (Germany)
G711YRY	Derek Henman		

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