



Paul's G488WAC

G-WAC Notes

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



Ian's G480WAC

April Notes.

Just a short issue this month and thank you to the usual contributors, and a special welcome to Geraint from somewhere abroad. I wonder if anyone in the UK has a Crossroad. ?

Graham and I have decided to do a short Special Edition for Gaydon, which will be printed off as a handout.

So I would like an up-to-date picture of each of the cars which are going in the arena, and a few words about it, e.g. colour, Tdi or V8, how many seats, was it a launch vehicle (if not which department at the factory used it), which dealer had it after the launch and did it feature in the press. Anything that you can think of.

See you all in three weeks time !!!!!

Roy.

DVD of the Plymouth launch.

I have been in contact with a guy called Paul O'Connor; he was responsible for the early footage regarding the Discovery. He has agreed to supply copies of the Plymouth Launch to those of us who want them, there is a cost, and if you Email Paul he will be happy to give you the details.

I have seen the footage and it is a very good historical reference that shows many of the G-WACs, but sadly not mine, it definitely shows 469 and I think it shows 465. His details are below if any of you want more information then give him a ring, he has other information as well, including the first TV commercial,

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Ian.

Land Rover Enthusiast magazine.

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I have just got this months copy of LRE and there is a bit in it on the G-WACs, but the bit I like best is that they have given Roy some recognition for the G-WAC notes, well done ROY. Thing is we might have to start looking for a publisher the way we are going on, looks like your fame is set to grow!

I have put 480 back on the road, just to shake her down before Gaydon.

The guy selling H871EWK has been in touch and says he wants to let it go, if it was a TDi I would have it but it's a V8i, so if anyone knows anyone that might be interested get them to drop me a line.

Ian.

G524WAC

Well I've had a few days off work so I have been pottering with 524. I've replaced both column stalks, as the originals didn't work at all. I now have working lights and working wipers too!

Have been giving the interior a really good clean up as the garage has said that the interior doesn't need to come out for the welding. The welding was booked in and I had her back just before the Easter weekend. I'll do a big parts order, probably from Paddocks, for the suspension / brakes etc, and get on with the fitting.



I've attached a photo I took, although the front bumper is on; I still need to adjust it a bit.

I think our display at Gaydon will certainly raise a few eyebrows! I don't think there will be a magazine in the country that could not resist a picture of the G-WAC line up we have arranged!

James.

G603WAC

After being sat on the drive for over 6 weeks, I finally found the time to fit the new clutch master and slave cylinders. I took her out for a 30-mile drive for the first time in what seems an age.

The difference with the standard springs is quite unbelievable. The ride is so much more comfortable and compliant compared to the old +1" HD set up.

At some point I'm going to re-bleed the clutch hydraulics, as it was

done in a rush with a "non technical" friend of mine, but having said that, it is working well at last.



Lee.

Current known owners. @ 10.04.08

C742HUH	Charles Whitaker.
G226EAC	Janet Smart.
G279WAC	Neal
G406WAC	Andy Baker.
G410WAC	Robin Jeffery.
G463WAC & G480WAC	Ian Rawlins.
G465WAC	Roy Preston.
G469WAC & G510WAC	Graham Bethell.
G470WAC	Frank Elson.
G486WAC	John Capewell.
G488WAC	Paul Sutton.
G482WAC	Nick Davis.
G524WAC	James Cromar.
G511WAC	Colin Crossley.
G563WAC	David Spirett
G603WAC	Lee Donal
G635WAC	Richard Beddall
G711YRY	Peter Hares

Other known cars

G475WAC. G477WAC. G480WAC. G482WAC.
G490WAC. G496WAC. G521WAC. G525WAC.
G602WAC. G640WAC

Roy.

Honda Crossroad

When the Discovery first came out there was a cross over with Honda called the Honda Crossroad.

I saw one on the roads in Sharjah; also as I was crawling over the Land Rover scrap yard the other day I think I came across another one. If it is one I will go and find the VIN number off it as soon as I can. It was a Discovery with an H badge designed for the Japanese market.



It was back when Honda and Rover were doing lots of deals - the Honda Concerto and Rover 200. There was also a biggie - the Honda NSX super car, which was developed by Rover and built by Honda before the relationship ended.

The Crossroad was only built in the early 90's because, after a couple of years, Land Rover were exporting to Japan high specification Discos under the Discovery name.

Geraint A Jones.
Sharjah, UAE

G510WAC

I have spent a couple of days on 510 recently and have finally pulled it out of the workshop in a near finished state. Not sure if it will be MoT'd by Gaydon but it will be reasonable to show. I still have to finish the nearside sill / quarter panel patch and I have a stuck nearside door window.

I need to replace the front bumper bolts and need to weld up one body mount at the front behind the bumper. 469 needs its MoT again in April so may have to move over to that one now to make sure she is ready for Gaydon. There are a few small bits on 510's bodywork and the front roof lip to fix up.

I have two options. I may sell 469 after Gaydon to fund the completion of 510 and treat it to a full body refurbishment like 469 had, or sell 510 possibly with an MoT and let someone else have the pleasure (& costs!) of a body refurbish.

It is a shame to be parting with one of them. I wished I had found 510 first and treated it to the full works like 469, although 469 has gathered more history to it and now has film footage in the launch and photos etc so its more of a complete story.

510 has its LRO fame though and is possibly better mechanically. The Tdi is more powerful and drives much nicer than the V8 although they both show around 140K on them. It's such a tough choice! I might advertise them both and see which one sells first - let someone else make the decision for me!



I bought some press launch material the other day from a chap on Ebay and in the folder was an original colour photo of 510. It was the press pack and stuff from the hotel in Plymouth, menus etc. I've been building a reasonable collection of material over the last couple of years and will bring it along to Gaydon and Ian can add it the history file. If there's something of particular interest, I can make copies etc with no problem.

Graham.

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