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# 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

### April 2019

Mark Harrow is making steady progress with John's G510WAC and is hoping to have her on the Project Jay Preservation Group stand at the Land Rover Legends Show next month.

The Legends will be a big show for the Discovery marque, and Ian will be in the arena to tell the visitors about G-WACs and the enthusiasm that is growing to save some of these old cars.

One of the 'Star Cars' of the show will be Julian's G457WAC. Charles's test prototype, C742HUH, has been entered for the 'Most Original Vehicle' award.

It is now 12 years since a few owners of early Discoverys started to look for the factory G-WAC registered Land Rovers, and I am pleased that we have found so many, but please keep up the search and let me know if you find another.

### **G-WACs on show at the Pentille Castle 'Defender Day'. Saltash, Cornwall 14th April 2019**

Mark was contacted by Tim Newcombe of the Devon and Cornwall Section of the Discovery Owners Club, to invite us to show our G-WACs at the Pentille Castle 'Defender Day' in Saltash. I needed no encouragement as son Haddow and I were going anyway.

This was to be the first official show for G635WAC, so my new machine polisher went into overdrive. We met Tim, Mark and all the DOC members at the Saltash services, and all drove together to the show, which is always fun. You can always play the 'who smokes the least' game.

The castle, which is more like a stately home, is in beautiful grounds by the river Tamar, and despite the biting wind it was thankfully a dry day.

There was a good array of Disco D1s from Mark and my G-WAC, a nice V8 D1, and the rest were D2s.



As you would expect everyone was friendly, which is the ethos of the show. Despite it being called a Defender Day there were plenty of other Land Rover models there.

There were various trade stands and I can't believe I left without a free pen.

Plenty of flat whites were consumed and a good day was had by all. I also managed to meet and have a good chat with Rob Stewart the owner of G470WAC, which was great.

I was in trouble at the end of the day with Haddow though. He was not happy that I didn't want to drive the off-road course. Having not yet really started restoration on the underneath of 635, I was afraid that all the bits that are hardly hanging on might be missing by the time I finished the course. Apparently when you are 12 years old that's not an excuse!

Tim Lavercombe



## G457WAC for sale

The time has come to offer my pristine press launch G-WAC Discovery for sale.

G457WAC is a 7-seat 200Tdi model finished in Corralin Red with Sonar Blue upholstery and was part of the 86-vehicle Discovery launch fleet in the autumn of 1989.



She has a wealth of photographic provenance from her use at the press launch in Plymouth in 1989, appearing as a test car in period magazines such as Land Rover Owner magazine (Jan 1990), En Route magazine (Dec 1990), and Tom Shephard's iconic book - Land Rover Experience.

During her years in my ownership she has been displayed at many Land Rover shows, featured in several magazines, and we have driven her across Spain and Portugal.

Last year she was selected by JLR to represent Land Rover at the 70th anniversary celebrations at the Goodwood Festival of Speed - for me it was a tremendous experience to drive G457WAC up the Goodwood hill climb!



She underwent a comprehensive, professional full body-off restoration in 2016/7 with meticulous attention to conserving her many pre-production and early features (comprehensive photographic records available). A five-page account of her restoration was featured in Land Rover Owner magazine, written by leading Series 1 expert Peter Galilee (December issue, 2017). Her chassis and under-panels are as immaculate as her exterior coachwork.

She will be the 'Star Car' representing 30 years of Discovery at the Land Rover Legends Show over the weekend of 25th/ 26th May, where the prospective new custodians can come and see her on display.

The price is firm, and I am not looking for a part-exchange car (unless it is something really interesting, old, and with a Land Rover, MG or Jaguar badge).

I am in no rush to sell and plan to use her again at the 30th birthday celebrations in Plymouth over the weekend of 19th/20th October; after which she will go back into her dry secure storage if a new custodian hasn't stepped forward.



Professional inspections are invited, Serious enquiries only, but personal test drives will only be given to those with evidence of appropriate, fully comprehensive insurance.

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## Gaydon Land Rover Show 11 & 12 May 2019

Three G-WAC Discoverys will be on display at Gaydon, James with G534WAC, Tim with G635WAC, and Roy with G526WAC.

Other 'Jays' will be there too, G130KWO, G513DHP,



# LAND ROVER LEGENDS

**25-26 MAY 2019**  
**BICESTER HERITAGE**

G-WACs will be on show at the Land Rover Legends show at Bicester Heritage on the 25th and 26th May 2019.

Currently four members of the Discovery Owners Club and five members of the Project Jay Preservation Group have confirmed their attendance for the free places on the PJPG stand, another five have used the discount offer, so the stand is filling nicely.

For all club members there is a 20% discount code. LRLPJPG519. This will apply across all standard ticket types including the combined camping and admission ticket.

This event is a celebration of the 30 years of Discovery, so we would like to encourage as many Discoverys and their owners to be present.

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## 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

### July

27th-28th Kelmarsh Land Rover Show

### September

14th-15th Peterborough LRO Show

### October

19th-20th Discovery Birthday Party, Plymouth

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**Current know owners of G-WAC registered Land Rovers. April 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 (for sale)
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	Owner unknown
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 Crookston
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
G592WAC (LR110)	V8	Black	Owner unknown
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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