



Keith's G406WAC

G-WAC Notes

From the
Project Jay Preservation Group

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



Ian's G603WAC

May 2013.

Welcome this month to Simon with 312. He wishes to sell the car so I hope it goes to someone who will look after it. Not a launch car, nevertheless an early factory registered one in November 1989.

The show season is now underway and my first event was the Ripon Spring Classic Car and Bike Show at Ripon Racecourse on 5th May.

I did not enter 526 in the arena because, as I mentioned last month, the paintwork had suffered badly over the winter and was booked in to the paint shop for rectification.

The paintwork has now been expertly rectified by a refinisher who is used to the corrosion on aluminium bodies, and the car looks good again.



526 was on the Discovery Owners Club stand at the Spring Adventure Land Rover show in Harrogate over the

weekend 18-19th May. The club was not invited to the arena, so a day was spent on the stand meeting friends old and new

534 at the Spring Adventure Show

The Land Rover Monthly magazine stand at the show in Harrogate on 18-19th May, featured the older models of Land Rover, and James's 534 just fitted in nicely.



Classic Car & Motorcycle + 4x4 Show. Ripley Castle, North Yorkshire. 27th May.

Mark Woodward Classic Events has organised this event for many years in the very picturesque grounds at Ripley Castle, and if the weather is good it is a good family day out. The Castle and grounds are open to the public and the village has a very popular ice cream parlour.

Bank Holiday Monday, 27th May, was blessed with good weather after the storms of the previous few days, so a large crowd gathered to see some very good examples of classic cars.

At this Bank Holiday show, Mark Woodward includes a section of 4x4 vehicles so it is quite often to see a Jensen FF or a Ford Cosworth in the arena, together with a large selection of local Series Land Rovers.

A number of Land Rover clubs take stand space to exhibit their various models and to attract new members to their club.

526 was on the Discovery Owners Club stand with eight other cars owned by members from the Teesside, Durham, Northumbrian and Yorkshire Sections of the Club.

The 4x4 exhibits took to the arena to be judged best 4x4 at the show, and a very tidy Camel Trophy Discovery and equipment trailer, was judged to be the best on show.



Our pre pro 5-door. G513DHP

Due to a change of employment, Graham has had to remove the car from the coach depot at Nottingham, so is now in my possession in North Yorkshire.

I am able to carry out the mechanical work but not able to do the tinwork. I have therefore enlisted the help of a local independent Land Rover specialist to repair/replace the sills and inner wings as necessary.

There has been quite a bit of fibreglass patching on the driver's side inner wing, so that will be cut out and replaced with steel.



The rear floor is holed in a few places and would patch, but as I have a new floor in stock, and they are not difficult to replace, it will be easy to give the chassis a good scrape and paint when the old floor is out.

The rear seatbelt mounts have rotted away, a usual place, but with the hole cut back to good metal, a new piece of steel plate can easily be joggled round the edge and welded in, and a new seatbelt-mounting nut welded to a new doubler under the new steel.

The goal for this year is to get the car to MoT standard and fully serviced, oils and filters changed etc. The tidying up and work on the paint can then be done next year ready for the 25th Birthday Party at Plymouth in October 2014.

Some space at the National Restoration Show, Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire, has been booked for Sunday October 27th, and we intend to exhibit the car there as work in progress. If it is not taxed for the road by that date, Graham has agreed to take it to the show by trailer.



G312WAC for sale

We are a small country garage, near Sherbourne, on the Somerset/Dorset border, and have owned 312 since 1999, since which time it has been used for occasional towing of my hill-climb car and recovery work. Still in very original condition, except the radio/cassette player! Garaged/stored in a carport since in our ownership.

It's a V8 in Marseilles Blue with a triple pin stripe, V8 decal and small (relative to some) Discovery graphic on the bottom of the front wing. Now clocking at about 140 thousand miles



The original owners' manual along with a full service history are with the car. Tow pack (twin electrics), electric windows, matching blue cloth seats, twin sunroofs, tinted glass. Original mud flaps, and the jack and chock under the bonnet,

The rear seats haven't been down in years, the consequential loads have damaged two of the seat belt buckles, but I have found some on E Bay, so as any potential purchasers will have a bit more confidence with an MOT. There are two side fold up seats in the very rear and a roll up luggage cover.



Inner front wings have been welded at some stage and still look O.K. I can remember fitting a new alternator and headlamps. We replaced the steering box and rebuilt the front swivel housings many moons but not many miles ago. There is some fester/paint defect in front and behind the rear wheel arches (both sides), the original steel wheels now need a repaint, all other paint is pretty good

The engine/trans are quiet and drive quite smoothly, but hasn't moved for about eight months. It currently has no MOT. I have put a battery on it and it runs very well. If someone wants it with an MOT, that's probably fine, but will require me to find some time to do it.

So if anyone is looking for a painfully original G-WAC that needs a bit of paint and TLC, but no major repairs, this could be the one.

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The 24th Birthday Party Weekend.

The Discovery Owners Club have once again planned a Birthday Weekend at Plymouth for the weekend of 17th -19th October, and will raise money for a couple of charities. And the best bit is that with the exception of food, fuel and accommodation the weekend is FREE.

The timetable is as follows: -

Friday 11th October 2013

Optional scenic drive meeting up at the Butchers Arms, St. Ive at approx 1000 hrs driving non damaging lanes over Bodmin moor and across to the North Cornwall Coast getting to Bude at approximately 1600 hrs. There will also be a green laning run in the afternoon; this is for drivers who don't mind getting a few scratches. Meeting at The Butchers Arms, St Ive at approx 1200.hrs. On completion of the 1200 hrs green laning, there will be the option of joining up for a drive down into Looe for something to eat followed by the evening green laning.

Saturday 12th October 2013

It's competition time. As part of the celebration on the Hoe there will be a fun competition. Certificates and maybe a small prize for those judged to be the best in the 10 categories.

The categories are

1. Travelled furthest for the weekend (if you would like to enter this competition please put the distance on the registration form)
2. Best / most modifications
3. Muddiest
4. Best D1 89-94 (200tdi shape)
5. Best D1 94-98 (300tdi shape)
6. Best D2
7. Best D3/4
8. Best special edition
9. Biggest lift kit
10. Best runt (any non Discovery Land Rover)

The Party will gather on Plymouth Hoe on Saturday 12th October from 1000 hrs until 1300hrs. Yes; Free parking in a Big City! This gives everyone a chance to register, catch up with old friends; and then pop down into the City of Plymouth, which is a 10 to 15 minute walk, once here you can grab a late breakfast or a big hearty lunch. Plymouth like any big City has an abundance of fast food outlets, good restaurants and a Pannier Market. Another area to visit is the Barbican; this is the old Fishing Port of the City. Home to the Aquarium, gift shops and even more eating houses; this again is a 10 to 15 minute walk. The Hoe must be clear of all vehicles by approximately 1315 hrs.

After leaving the Hoe, the party will travel via the Torpoint Ferry and drive to Mt Edgcumbe, with a stop along the way to let people catch up and to take photo's etc. On arrival at Mt. Edgcumbe, their smaller Tea Shop will be open for refreshments. At approx 1530.hrs will commence the tour of Mt. Egdcumbe grounds and the Deer Park, which is not normally opened to the public. This involves light, non-damaging off road driving.

Evening Social and Charity Raffle will take place at the Windy Ridge Eating House, Trerulefoot, Saltash, PL12 5BJ. Doors will open at approx 1900 hrs. The Evening Meal will be a carvery.

The nearest accommodation to this is the Travelodge in Saltash and or the Liskeard Tavern, Premier Inn, both about five miles away.

Sunday 13th October 2013

0930 hrs will be the meeting time at the car park TESCO Store, Lee Mill, from here a convoy will head straight down to the Steam Railway at Buckfastleigh. This should give people plenty of time to look around the Station, catching the train and spending some time at Totnes. For those who do not wish to take the train to Totnes, there is an otter and butterfly sanctuary adjacent to the station.

At approx 1400.hrs the convoy will commence the drive across Dartmoor to the Two Bridges Hotel, reaching here at 1500.hrs. Time for a pint or a Cream Tea and to say our fond farewells.

Lee.

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Details of Land Rover Shows and other events in 2013.

June

Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th. Dunsfold Land Rover Show,
Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd. Bristol & West Land Rover Show, The Royal Bath & West Showground, Shepton Mallet, Somerset.

July

Friday 26th to Sunday 28th. LRO Billing, Billing Aquadrome, Northamptonshire. NN3 9DA

August

Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th. Eastnor Land Rover Show, The Deer Park, Eastnor Castle, Ledbury, Herefordshire, HR8 1HL.

September

Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th. LRO Peterborough, East of England Showground, Peterborough.

October

Sunday. Date TBA London to Brighton Land Rover Run.
Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th. Discovery 24th Birthday Party, Plymouth Hoe and surrounding area, Plymouth, Devon
Sunday 27th National Restoration Show. Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire.

Other dates to add when known.

Graham

For sale. The Discovery Owners Club 5-door pre-pro.



Ee-ack, as it is known, has been to many shows in the past, towing the club's trailer containing the show marquee and merchandise.

The Committee have agreed that because of the ongoing costs and lack of suitable storage space, it should be sold to a member of the club.

G226EAC is a 1990 V8i left-hand-drive in grey.

Sealed bids over £1500 are being sought by the treasurer.

G-WAC Notes on websites

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Home of the Project Jay Preservation Group

More articles on Graham's website, www.g-wacdiscoverys.net
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Brian Radford, of Northmead 4x4, is keeping up-to-date with a copy of the Notes on his website. All the back issues from the start in May 2007 are there.

He also has another website to advertise Classic Rallies and shows.

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