



Nic's G534WAC

# G-WAC Notes

From the  
Project Jay Preservation Group

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



Jack's G374UYR

## June 2012

On the Letters page 71 of the July Issue of LRO, Peter Ruari McKee writes about the "Discovery Classic? *Given that the one-millionth Discovery has been built, perhaps it's time to recognise the earliest examples of this ground-breaking vehicle – we need renewed impetus to restore these vehicles instead of scrapping ---*"

Of course our sentiments entirely. I have sent a reply to Peter Skilton, Staff Writer, at LRO, and he has responded to say that my reply will be included in a future issue.

### G534WAC for sale.

With three Discoverys and a transporter trailer for his business, Nicholas Webb decided that he had too many vehicles and something had to give. With one Discovery as his workhorse, another as Sunday best, it was inevitable that 534 had to go.

The response to his ebay advertisement was not very encouraging, and feeling rather frustrated it was entered again as "an off-roader ready to be chopped up"

Richard Streeton, Deputy Editor of LRM, saw the ebay listing and mailed me to say that he might put something online, as to cut it up would be a travesty. I mailed Nic to say that somehow the PJPG would take it from him.

Perhaps the online note by Peter, and feeling a bit better about the situation, Nic has told me that there has been quite a bit of interest now and hopes to have good news for the next Notes.



## G2 WAC

I was standing (that means running a stand) at Tatton Park Autojumble when I saw a new G-WAC! Don't get excited, it's G2 WAC.

The owner was standing as well, so I tracked him down and asked him about it. It turns out that it is an homage to the G-WAC Discoverys; he wanted a private plate for it (it's a 1999 300Tdi, one of the last I would think) and as he is a Discovery enthusiast he knew about the G-WACs, saw the registration number G2 WAC at a reasonable price and bought it.

I was in 635 so he came to have a look; said it was nice to see one in the flesh.

I left him details of the Discovery Owners Club, but like most Disco owners I don't think he felt the need to join. His loss!

Whilst at Tatton, I bumped into David Ashburner, he was on Wolseley duty. *(He gets around, was at Raby Castle, 24th June. Ed)*

Alec Gatherer

## G374UYR

I must admit that I bought the car with the mind to strip it and make a trialer, however things have now progressed a little from there.

Having researched a bit and realising what she is, I can't bring myself to do that.

I can remember going with my dad to the launch of the Discovery in Leeds (think it was Appleyards then) he was looking at buying a Range Rover but thought he would see what the Discovery was all about. He got the Rangie, he couldn't get his head around what he called "that god awful blue interior!"

I think I've got the bug--I know she's not a G-WAC,



(I would love to get hold of one of those) but she's got a character to her and is in remarkably good condition, so it's my intention to restore her and put her back on the road.

I work for an independent Land Rover Garage in York so have access to all I need I hope.

Jack.

**Current known owners of launch cars. @ June 2012**

G457WAC	Mark Wheatley
G459WAC. (Amphibian)	Land Rover
G461WAC	John Boucher
G463WAC	Ian Rawlings
G465WAC & G526WAC	Roy Preston
G469WAC & G524WAC	Lee Barnett
G470WAC	Frank Elson
G478WAC	Meghan Timmins
G480WAC, G482WAC & G486WAC	David Ashburner
G488WAC	Clive Richfield
G490WAC	Rob Ivins
G510WAC	Nick Prior
G511WAC	Colin Crossley
G534WAC	Nicholas Webb

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

**Other known launch cars on DVLA site**

G466WAC, G477WAC, G494WAC, and G525WAC

**Other pre-production, G-WACs and early cars**

B62 COH & C60 JKG	Philip Bashall (The Dunsfold Collection)
C742HUH	Charles Whitaker
G226EAC	Discovery Owners Club
G513DHP	Project Jay Preservation Group
G279WAC	Neal
G302WAC	Sandy Andrews
G308WAC	Robin Gray
G310WAC	Mark Simpson
G311WAC	Ivor Ramsden
G316WAC	David Cox
G401WAC	Owner not known
G405WAC	Harry Harrison
G406WAC	Keith Britton
G410WAC	Robin Jeffery
G563WAC	David Spirrett
G601WAC	Richard Haynes
G602WAC	Owner not known
G603WAC	Ian Redfern
G610WAC	John Stuart-Gay
G635WAC	Alec Gatherer

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G28 RMW	Glyn Jones
G41 VHA	Simon Tinkler
G67 RYJ	Foley S V Ltd.
G101GEL	Tim Evans
G324CBG	Robin Jeffery
G374UYR	Jack Straw
G442AJM	Scott Seacombe
G553OWD	J Herod
G656RYB	Graham Welch
G711YRY	Peter Hares
G757SGX	Paul Bishop
G767NRH	David Ashburner
G834FPR	Sue Virgin
G892VPM	M E Hall
G942UTT	Keith Taylor
G987LKU	Andy Greer
H776POJ	Duncan Campbell
H871EWK	Mark Hardwick
J140OAC Ambulance	Neil Witt
J463HVK Ambulance	William Wallace
3656 TW 24	Keith S L Daffern (France)
AZ-829-TJ	Raymond Bechetoille (France)
Camel. Awaiting export to the USA	Robert Blanchard (USA)

## Discovery Birthday Party. Plymouth 13th – 14th October.

Well, time is moving fast, and so the preparations begin.

This year's event will follow the same theme as in previous years. For those of you that haven't attended before (or have forgotten...) the weekend starts with Discoverys gathering on Plymouth Hoe from 09.30 on the Saturday morning.

We then depart at around 1.00pm for a scenic drive to Mount Edgcombe Country Estate via the Torpoint Ferry. We will once again have a tour of the fantastic deer park, and will park up on the green by the water, the same spot as the original 1989 launch

The Saturday night social has yet to be finalised. Details to follow.

Sunday morning starts with everyone meeting at the Tesco superstore at Lee Mill, near Plymouth, at 09.00 for a 09.30 departure for the South Devon Steam Railway. Discount Steam train rides will be available for everyone connected to the Birthday Weekend.

We will leave the railway at around 2.00pm, and take a lovely scenic drive out across Dartmoor, on route to The Two Bridges Hotel, for cream teas. You are then free to spend as much time there as you wish, before making your weary way home!

Flyers will be available. If you wish to print some off for yourself to dish out, please provide me with your email address and I'll send details to you.

Raffle and auction prizes are also sought. Please provide details of anything that you can supply.

Any questions, please reply to me on 07771 882622 or Lee on 07920 097575. And don't forget our website.

[www.discoverybirthdayparty.co.uk](http://www.discoverybirthdayparty.co.uk)

This will be updated with details of this year's forthcoming event, and also reports on previous years.

If you only do one event with your Discovery this year, make it this one.

Ian Williams.



## Classic Car & Bike Show plus Land Rover Display Ripley Castle 4th June.

The Mark Woodward event at Ripley Castle always draws a big crowd, and the unexpected fine day on Bank Holiday Monday saw a bumper turnout of classic cars, bikes and Land Rovers.

The Triumph Stag Owners and the Mk1 Ford Escort Owners had good displays of well-preserved cars from the 1970s

Margaret and I took 526 into the arena for the 1980s cars and we were put alongside a stunning Jaguar that had already been awarded a plaque for the Best Sports Car. It was also regarded as Best 1980s car on show. A really good example of the year.

The 4x4 class encouraged many owners to enter the arena, the Land Rover class was won by Toni Armitage with her 1997 Camel Discovery, and a stunning 4x4 Ford Sierra was given a special award.

With my G526WAC information in the widow, there were quite a few visitors to talk to and give out my "visiting card".

Graham and I have had a few printed.

A good day out, meeting old friends of my Yorkshire Rover Owners Club days, and we look forward to the next show at Ripley Castle on 5th August.



Roy

