



Scott's G442AJM

G-WAC Notes

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



Sue's G834FPR

September 2011

Autumn is drawing close and the weather will surely now deteriorate. The local Classic Car shows are over and Mark Woodward has already got his plans together for next year. I usually attend all the Yorkshire and the County Durham events, but may try and cross the "border" into Lancashire next year.

526 gets into the arena for the 4x4 section and also the 1980s section. Mark's commentator usually gives me time for a few words over the PA to explain to the visitors what a G-WAC Discovery is.

I did some wax work on the front half of 526 a few weeks ago, and must get the rear half done soon. (after the repairs, more on that subject later)

601 for sale.

It will need rear body mounts welded in (which I have) also it has a leaking steering box (which I have).

For last years MOT, it had a new rear floor and new inner sills.

It has four new tyres, and I have the original steel wheels, which will all go with it.

Richard Haynes. Tel: 07870 977712

For sale

G reg 1990 Discovery 3.5 V8 carb, silver, 133,417 miles, E/W, C/L, A/C, twin sunroofs, good condition, sonar blue interior. Stored off the road for the last 2yrs, runs and drives very well.

Lacquer blown on a couple of panels, and rust in the usual places, but no holes, well it is 21yrs old!

Also has a 2" suspension lift with 25% stiffer springs (handles very well), 4x dislocation cones, extended braided brake hoses, steering guard, QT castor correction radius arms, cranked rear trailing arms. Currently has 5x freestyle alloys with 245/75/16 BFG AT's (which may be included in the sale).

The discovery is in presentable condition, not bashed about or dented, and would easily return to standard condition. Ideal as a project vehicle for an enthusiast to restore, and enjoy these increasingly rare early Discoverys.

The Discovery is stored near Brentwood in Essex, please ring 07901811166, or email Buzzsd1@hotmail.com for more info. £500.

Scott.

Rust

The rust areas on a Discovery are well known and I thought that I knew all of them, but this was a new one to me.

Having filled the fuel tank up for the trip to the LRO Land Rover Show at Peterborough, I checked all the usual bits for the run, washer bottle, engine oil, water etc. Whilst bent down (not easy at my age), to check the tyre pressures I noticed that the fuel tank strap had fallen down at the front, just in front of the next to last chassis crossmember.

I assumed that the two bolts had come loose and were lost, but what a shock I got when I discovered that the bracket attached to the chassis had rotted off.



The chassis is in good order, it has only done 94.000 miles and has been garaged almost all its life, so a rotten front fuel tank bracket was not expected. With no hope of getting it fixed for the run to Peterborough I filled the car up with petrol for the journey and resigned myself to the fact that 526 would not make it to the front of the Discovery Owners Club stand.

On my return from Peterborough, the first job was to drain the tank. It was a very slow job siphoning the fuel with a small plastic pipe, but with the tank almost empty, and the pipes, cables and hoses undone the tank fell on the floor.

I had already arranged for Graham at Farewell 4x4, to cut out a crossmember from an old chassis for me, and it was with me the following week. The bracket was not in a very good condition, but when trimmed away from the old crossmember, it was ideal to use as a template for making up a new one to match.

With the rusty one cut off the chassis with a thin blade in the angle grinder, and the surface of the crossmember cleaned up, the new bracket was ready to be welded on. While the tank was out I took the opportunity to give the underside of the boot floor, the new bracket and the surrounding area, a good clean and a copious treatment of wax.

Roy.

Current known owners of launch cars. @ September 2011.

G457WAC	Mark Wheatley.
G463WAC	Ian Rawlings.
G465WAC & G526WAC	Roy Preston.
G469WAC & G524WAC	Lee Barnett.
G470WAC	Frank Elson.
G477WAC	Ian James.
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.

G454WAC, G462WAC, G466WAC, G471WAC, G472WAC, G475WAC, G476WAC, G495WAC, G520WAC, G525WAC G531WAC and G537WAC.

Other G-WACs, pre-production and early cars

B62 COH & C60 JKG	Philip Bashall (The Dunsfold Collection)
C742HUH	Charles Whitaker.
G28 KRT	Glyn Jones
G41 VHA	Simon Tinkler
G67 RYJ	Peter King
G226EAC	Discovery Owners Club
G279WAC	Neal
G302WAC	Sandy Andrews
G308WAC	Graham Bethell
G310WAC	Mark Simpson
G311WAC	Ivor Ramsden
G316WAC	David Cox
G401WAC	Owner not known.
G406WAC	Andy Baker
G410WAC & G28 RMW	Robin Jeffery
G563WAC	David Spirett
G601WAC	Richard Haynes
G602WAC	Owner not known.
G603WAC	Ian Redfern
G610WAC	John Stuart-Gray
G635WAC	Alec Gatherer
G640WAC	Owner not known.
G445AJM	Scott Seacombe
G711YRY	Peter Hares
G757SGX	Paul Bishop
G767NRH	David Ashburner
G834FPR	Sue Virgin
G892VPM	M E Hall
G987LKU	Andy Greer
H776POJ	Duncan Campbell
H871EWK	Mark Hardwick
J410OAC	Neil Witt
3656 TW 24	Keith S L Daffern. (France)
AZ-829-TJ	Raymond Bechetoille (France)
Reg not yet known	Roberto Blanchard (USA)

Discovery Birthday Weekend 15th – 16th October.

We are now all ready for the weekend and we hope that it will be as successful as last year.

On the Friday afternoon, both some greenlaning and a scenic drive have been organised for those interested. See timings list for meeting place etc.

On Saturday, once on the Hoe you will be required to register for the weekend. When you have registered, you will be given a bag with a timetable of the weekend and various flyers from our sponsors with some discount vouchers.

You may purchase stickers (£2) and/or Monte Carlo style Rally plaques (£5.50) at this time.



There are limited supplies of these so, please, only one per vehicle. If there are any left over we will be selling them at the evening social.

The evening social will be held at Millennium House, Pensilva, from 1900hrs. There will be Traditional Cornish Pasty or Burgers and chips for the meal, which can be purchased on the night for £5.00.

There will be a bar at the evening social. There is a list of local hotels, campsites and taxi companies at the bottom of this page. Please bear in mind this area is not "big city" so cabs are not in abundance and it is recommended that you book.

On Sunday morning vehicles will be gathering at Tesco, Lee Mill (postcode below) no later than 0930. We will be leaving at 0945.

Friday 14th October 2011

1200 Meet at The Butchers Arms, St Ive (PL14 3LX) for Greenlaning / Scenic Drive

Saturday 15th October 2011

1000 – 1300 Plymouth Hoe / photos and sight seeing, enter via Elliot Street (PL1 2PP)

1300 Leave Plymouth Hoe for Mt. Edgcumbe (PL10 1HZ) via the Torpoint Ferry

1430 – 1630 Mount Edgcumbe / photos and sight seeing

1900 – 2300 Birthday Party / charity raffle at Millennium House (PL14 5NF)

Sunday 16th October 2011

0930 Tesco, Lee Mill (PL21 9PE) / meet for convoy to-

1000–1400 Buckfastleigh Steam Railway (TQ11 0DZ) / photos, sight seeing and train ride

1400 – 1500 Drive out over Dartmoor.

1500 Two Bridges Hotel Dartmoor (PL20 6SW) for afternoon tea.

This year all monies raised will be for the following Charities:- Shelter Box UK and Devon & Cornwall 4x4 Response. Please visit their Websites for more information. www.shelterbox.org and www.devonandcornwall4x4response.co.uk

It is hoped to raise enough money to donate a ShelterBox and its contents (approx £590). The ShelterBox will then be tracked to its final destination and will be published on our Website.

www.discoverybirthdayparty.co.uk

Hotels.

Below is the name and number of a few hotels, there are also numerous small B+B's in this area.

PREMIER INN, Liskeard Retail Park, Haviland Road Liskeard, Cornwall. 0871 5278608

NEBULA HOTEL, 27 Higher Lux Street, Liskeard, Cornwall. 01579 343989

THE WHITE HART, White Hart Cottage, Menheniot, Liskeard, Cornwall. 01579 342245

TRAVELODGE, Moto Service Area, Callington Road, Carkeel, Saltash, Cornwall. 0871 9846051

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Camping.

[BUTCHERS ARMS](#), St Ive, Liskeard, Cornwall. 01579382298 or e-mail butchersarmspub@aol.com for more info

(Please note that this is a pub field with toilet and shower facilities. The cost is £7.50 per pitch per night)

Taxis.

CARADON CABS.	01579 340007
TAMAR CARS.	01579 389200
ANYTIME CABS	01579 346007
EXPRESS TAXIS.	01579 344599

Thanks



We would like to thank the following companies for their sponsorship and/or donation of raffle prizes: Alford's autos, Brookwells LR parts, Burcombe Haulage, LandieBox, MM 4x4, Mail order 4x4, Qt Services, Roger Young Land Rover dealership, and Tamar 4x4.

Ian and Lee.

www.discoverybirthdayparty.co.uk for the latest information. Roy.

G-WAC Notes on website

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. Have a look at the sites.

www.northmead4x4.co.uk/gwac_discoverys.htm

www.classicrallies.co.uk/index.htm

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