



G-WAC Notes

From the
Project Jay Preservation Group



A News sheet for those who are interested in the factory registered G-WACs.

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Welcome to the November issue of G-WAC Notes, as 2022 is rapidly coming to a close. Those of you who keep an eye on the calendar on our website will see that the show scene for this year is now over. Patrick is currently finalising dates and spaces with the various show organisers to draft the calendar for 2023.

No more G-WACs have been reported to me this year, the total now stands at 67, of which there are 22 launch Discoverys, 23 other factory registered Discoverys, 15 Land Rovers and seven Range Rovers. I thank you all, my spies, for reporting them and hope to hear from owners of their condition. I will spend some time next month scouring the DVLA website to see how many are with MoT and taxed.

Merry Christmas to all.

Seen on Facebook

A Jay and a Camel move to Scotland

Matthew Ede has recently completed 11,000 miles in 14 days using his brand new L663 Defender 110 to transport his rather fantastic collection of cars from the South of England to his new home in Scotland.

He posted :-

She performed faultlessly. I had thought about getting a company to transport my cars the 500-mile journey up to Scotland, but then I thought it would be a good test of the Defender's reliability and my endurance to do it myself. She was running nonstop for roughly 14-15 hours a day for two weeks; I'm now exhausted but the Defender is showing no signs of wanting to slow down.

I can hands down say that I couldn't have done this in a better car. It really was effortless, comfortable and above all, enjoyable",

Matthew has quite a bit of experience with endurance driving, crossing continents driving older, more traditional Land Rovers.

Matthew states :-



"I'm currently preparing to attempt the London to Cape Town record, the new Defender will definitely make it easier. I hold the record for the youngest person to drive the Pan- American highway by doing it in my 1997 Discovery at the age of 18 in 2017",

He continues to state, "the Defender is a game changer though from my older Land Rovers, it just needs to prove itself a bit more for me to hold it in the same regard as I do for my old ones"

Well done Matthew, and no doubt you will have plenty of cover for them away from the cold in Scotland.

Roy

Great British Motor Shows Annual Awards Evening. 19th November

The Project Jay Preservation Group members exhibited at a number of classic car shows this year, organised by Great British Motors Shows.

Their last event of the year was an awards dinner, which was open to all exhibitors and the public. There were 120 people in attendance.

It was a black-tie event at the Cedar Court Hotel in Harrogate, where Roy and Daphne and myself attended.



A motoring commentator, Paul Woodford, was the after-dinner speaker, and he presented the awards. The PJPG was awarded runner up Club of the Year.

A very pleasant evening to round off the shows for 2022.

Patrick

Classic Motor Show NEC. 11th – 13th November

The Lancaster Insurance Classic Motor Show at the NEC is always a busy show for us. It has grown by two halls from last year and is well worth a visit.

With the setup day on Thursday the 10th, and a journey of 150 miles, we needed to be at the NEC early Thursday morning, so Daphne and I decided to travel down on Wednesday and stay for the night at the Tamworth services.

Ian had done the extensive paperwork for this event and arranged to have four 3-door Discoverys on show with the full range of engines. Rob with the 3-9i, Jack's Mpi, Ashley's van (Discovery Commercial) with the 200Tdi and my G478WAC with the 3-5 carburetor version.

On our arrival at hall 3 on Thursday morning, Rob was already there from Bristol, and had found our stand 490 marked out on the floor with blue arrows. Ian soon arrived and was followed by Jack and Ashley. Patrick was our 'set up' expert and brought the gazebo and banner.

The Land Rover marque was well represented in the hall, with displays by The Land Rover Series One Club, Defenders were on the Ex-Military Land Rover Association stand, and the Range Rover Register were there.



The PJPG stand attracted many visitors, some were ex-Land Rover staff who worked on the Jays in the 1990s. We like to encourage the younger generation to learn about Land Rovers, and George enjoyed his first time in a G-WAC Discovery, George's uncle Matthew sent us a picture of him age 5 ¾ and said, "A big thanks to Roy, Daphne, Patrick and the Project Jay club for making George's day".

A farmer told us that he still has a Jay in his barn, which he parked up 20 years ago after buying a new one.

He remarked that having seen our collection, it had spurred him on to get the Jay running again.

We will be at the NEC again in March next year at the Practical Classics Classic Car and Restoration

Show, where the organisers like to see the exhibits being worked on.



Roy

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