

G-WAC Notes

From the **Project Jay Preservation Group**



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

January 2024

A Happy New Year to all my followers, I hope to meet you all again at a show this year.

With four of my Jay fleet tucked away for the winter last month and L680YVV sold to Zoe for re-commissioning, it left me without a 'winter wheels' runabout, so the obvious solution was to buy another 'winter wheels'. A 'K' registered 200Tdi 5-door in Carrigada Green. Daphne has named her 'Katie'

Katie came from Glen Dibnah, who is moving from Yorkshire to somewhere in Scotland and needs to sell his stock of parts and a few vehicles. Glen still had a few bits and pieces to sell so give him a call if you need anything.

Seen on Facebook. The restoration of G482WAC

Emrys Kirby writes for the Classic Land Rover magazine, and the February issue shows his start of the restoration. He wrote: -

"I've kept this quiet for a few months but it's now public. I can reveal that my secret project is a G-WAC Discovery. The holy grail of the Discovery world! The G-WAC is such an important piece of Land Rover history, and the model has recently gained both classic and surely iconic status. I've dreamed about restoring one for many years and feel incredibly lucky to have the opportunity. I'm determined to do it justice and make the restoration as accurate as possible. If you haven't already done so, please pick up the latest CLR and join my restoration journey".

"It's really original but unfortunately the arches have been cut to fit bigger tyres. Does anyone have a pair of good rear side panels they would be willing to part with? I could do with a LH wing as well. Close to Lancaster in Lancashire would be ideal but will travel".

"A little sneak shot of what I've been doing on the G-WAC Discovery. The Britpart inner and outer sills were a perfect fit with all the right details. Thanks also to Mirka UK of Milton Keynes for the tools and abrasives, they've made the prep for spot welds significantly easier. You can follow my in-depth reports on restoring this important piece of Land Rover history in the current and future issues of the magazine...







After significant amount of reconstructive surgery on the G-WAC Discovery body shell, Emrys has confirmed that the doors and wings still fit perfectly with good shut lines.

Never underestimate how long it takes to make a good job but it's time well invested. The inner and outer sills were a perfect fit and joined along the original factory seam.

Remember, you can read more about the restoration in Classic Land Rover magazine each month. To buy a copy or subscribe is a must for the Jay enthusiast.

Land Rover Discovery Birthday Weekend

In 2019 the Discovery Owners Club returned to the Plymouth Hoe to mark 30 years of the launch of the Discovery in October 1989.

The 2020 weekend event did not take place because of the Covid situation, but with the Discovery now 35 years old it is time to return to Plymouth to meet up with Discovery enthusiasts from all over the country to express our continued love of these old estate cars.

The weekend this year is being organised by a few enthusiasts who live in the area, and the dates chosen are 18th to 20th October. Unfortunately, the Hoe will not be made available to us this year so we will be centred on Mount Edgecombe Estate on the Rame Peninsular.

More details will be available on the Land Rover Discovery Birthday Weekend Facebook page as the schedule of events is completed.

Roy



January has seen some progress with the restoration of a few G-WACs

Tim and Haddow have taken 635 to Mark's workshop, Emrys Kirby is getting on well with 408, and Ian is still working on 463.

I will try to get some reports each month to follow them as the work progresses.

G406WAC is in the workshop

Kira has made a start on the restoration of 406 and has already got the body off in her new workshop and has sent me a report. "It's raining today so we're trying to get the body off 406, we're currently getting her on the lift now".

G406WAC





Shows 2024

The PJPG events coordinator, Patrick, is working on the show programme for 2024.

A few shows are now listed on our website www.pjpg.co.uk, so have a look, as more will be added as they are booked by Patrick.

lan, the PJPG secretary is organising the stand for the NEC and is looking for members to exhibit their Jays; He knows the size of the stand, and there will be space for five Jays..

More details of who is showing their Jay next month.

G308WAC for sale

My November 1989 V8i is for sale, I have just not got the time to treat her right so need to pass her on. Robin Gray

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Discovery parts for sale.

My move to Scotland from North Yorkshire is imminent and most of my stock has now been sold, but still have an as new 200 rear bumper, original water pumps, and belts, lights, speedos, alternators etc.

However, I do need to reduce my collection of Land Rovers and have for sale a Range Rover. Not a Jay but a relative. Reg. number M676DYJ, with a 300 engine, manual gearbox. £10,000.

Glen Dibnah

Text/phone07359 629873.

<u>Practical Classics, Classic Car and Restoration Show</u> <u>March 22nd to 24th 2024</u>

With the Lancaster Insurance Classic Motor Show behind us, we are pleased to learn that we have been allocated a space at the PCCCRS at the NEC in March.

lan will be organising the stand and will be asking for members to show their Jays. Ian can be contacted by email at secretary@pjpg.co.uk or by phone/text on 07919 564192.

With the show being about the restoration of classics, we have been asked to show a car in the process of having some restoration work being carried out.

Tickets are now on sale and using our discount code, members can obtain a discount on the purchase of these tickets by contacting lan, our secretary.

Patrick.



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