



G-WAC Notes

From the
Project Jay Preservation Group
A news Sheet for those who are interested
in the factory registered G-WACs



March 2024

With the restoration show now behind us and the weather starting to pick up, classic car shows will soon be starting again. Patrick has a few shows listed on the Calendar on the PJPG website, with more to come when the car clubs have finalized their dates.

My Honda is running well, and the odometer has just turned to 200,000 miles. When it was still in Japan it would have had an instrument cluster with the speedometer calibrated in kilometers per hour but must have been changed to a miles unit when it was imported.



Local Branches

With the good weather ahead of us it is time to think about some socialising.

The North West Jay followers meet on the last Thursday evening of each month at the Fantom Wings pub, 398 Garstang Rd, Broughton, Preston PR3 5JE.

The North East and Yorkshire members meet occasionally at Squires Café bar at Newthorpe Lane, South Milford, Leeds LS25 5LY and we have planned to be at their Land Rover Discovery day on Sunday 12th May. Have a look at Squires website, on their What's On tab. Home - Squires Cafe (squires-cafe.co.uk)

The North East 4x4 club also meet twice a month on a Monday at the Wheatsheaf Inn, Durham Rd, Chester-Le-Street. DH3 2AB, and say that any visitors will be made very welcome.



Work continues on a few G-WACs

G406WAC

Kira is working hard to have 406 ready for the October Birthday Party in Plymouth this year.



G406WAC

G610WAC

Stephen's 610 is still in storage at Graham's farm, but he has been steadily working on the doors at home. He had her on show at the Practical Classics Restoration show at the NEC.

He is due to retire in May so will be able to make a concerted effort to get her running.



G610WAC

GxxxxWAC

Is at Mark's with the body off. Mark has been sworn to secrecy about who it belongs to but will be revealed once finished.

More pictures as the work progresses.



Classic Land Rover magazine.

The monthly issue of the CLR magazine pops through my letterbox and contains many interesting articles.

In the April 2024 issue, John Carroll's article, on pages 64 to 68, titled The Disco Beat, recalls his early years as a journalist, 35 years ago.

One of his first assignments was the launch of the Discovery in October and November 1989 at Plymouth.

There are pictures of G535WAC on the front cover and G486WAC on page 67, John mentions the Project Jay Preservation Group as the active club for owners of these early Discoverys.

Seen on Facebook

Ian Rawlings posted.

"Land Rover Progress, well sort of.

Last week I decided to start setting the alarm again what with the mornings getting lighter, and my main reason is to start motivating myself to crack on with the Land Rovers, well one of them at least.

So, the Land Rover that all my sons helped dismantle is back on its wheels with a little progress moving forward on the main bulkhead, a lot of prep, welding and paint coming to fruition. I spend the time on prepping and youngest son John comes along and makes the welding look easy. A good team effort.

So hopefully by weekend the Landy should start looking like a Land Rover ought to and I can look forward to the best parts of bolting everything back together"

Land Rover Discovery Birthday Weekend

In 2019 members of 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.



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Practical Classics Classic Car & Restoration Show
National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham. 22nd to 24th March

With the set-up day being Thursday and not being able to remove the exhibits until after the show ends at 5.00pm Sunday, attendance on the stand at this show demands a great deal of enthusiasm from the exhibitors.

With the space allotted to us, five Jays could have been squeezed in and left no room to open doors or to work on them. With only three members able to spare their Jays for the four days, the stand was well organised by Ian and looked very workmanlike for a restoration show.

Ian had his 3-door Tdi on show, Patrick had his 5-door Mpi and Stephen had towed his G610WAC on a trailer, as a 'work in progress' exhibit.

With the show being close to the Land Rover factory, there were many visitors to the stand who were involved in the design or worked on them during the late 1980s and early 1990s.

On Saturday we were very fortunate to have a visit from Paul Grogan.

In the summer of 1989, Paul was with the Project Jay Progress Engineering Team. He gave us many items of literature and photographs which were only available to LR staff and visitors to the launch in 1989.

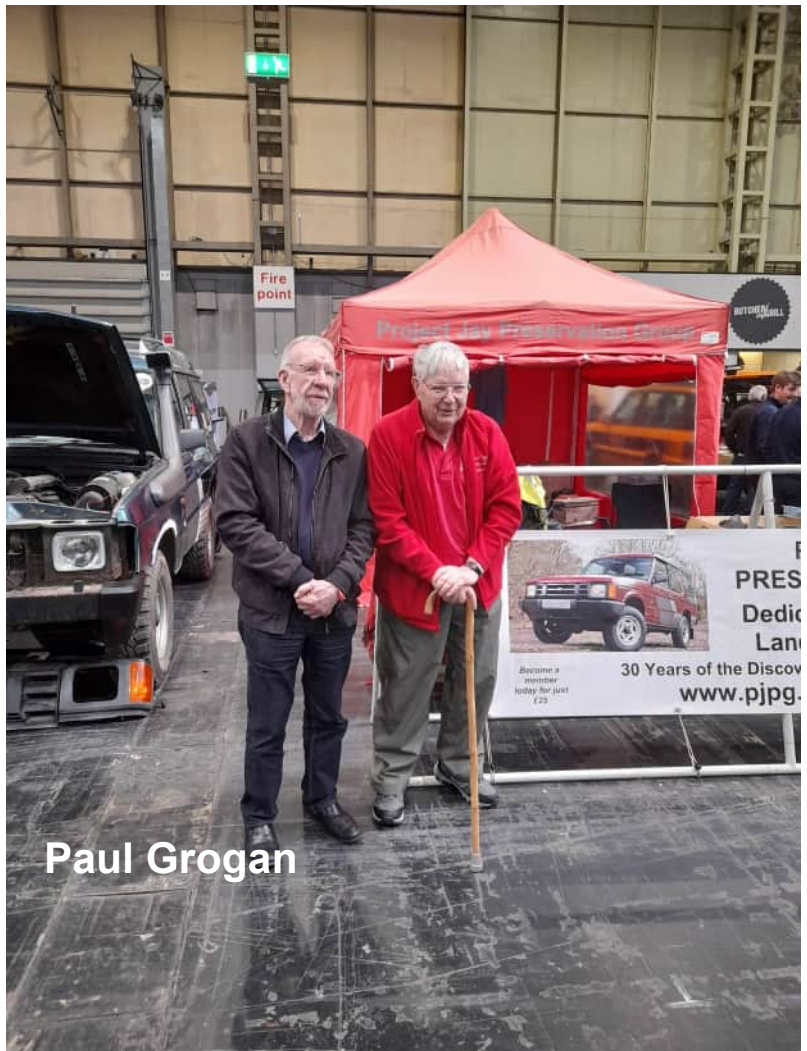
Around the show were many attractions other than the exhibits. The Footman James Barn Find display saw 20 unearthed classics vying for the visitors' votes. At the other end of the scale, was the Lancaster Insurance Pride of Ownership competition, with 20 finalists on show.

The Sporting Bears Motor Club raised over £19,000 from operating Dream Rides throughout the weekend with cars ranging from an Aston Martin Vantage to a Ford Model T.

The National Car Club Awards celebrated the work of the clubs, both at the show and throughout the year, presenting 13 awards.

Looking ahead to 2025, the Practical Classics Classic Car & Restoration Show will take place from Friday 21st to Sunday 23rd March, where we hope to be offered a space to show our Jays

Roy



Paul Grogan



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NEXT YEAR!**

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