



G-WAC Notes

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



May 2024

It was a busy month for shows, and what could have been a serious incident with 478, but Dan will soon have the damage fixed.

Another good month for publicity in the Land Rover press for the PJPG. Page 17 of the June issue of Classic Land Rover magazine, and a four page spread about Jon's fleet in the July issue of Land Rover Monthly.

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In its early life, it was a Land Rover car assigned to Neil Johnson, who at the time was a director of Land Rover. He was ex-military (Sandhurst level) and was a member of the syndicate shoot on Ragley Estate, a stately home in Warwickshire.

My boss for many years, Richard Beach, was shoot captain up until 2021. He bought 339 in about December 1990. I remember being taken to collect a tractor on a Sunday morning in it. I loved being sat up high in the back.

From then on, I often took it on a Sunday morning to fill it with diesel, as an 18 year old doing his A levels, I felt like the dogs danglies driving it the six-mile round trip to the fuel station, hoping I would see everyone I ever knew.

Sadly 339 was sold in approximately April 92/93 to fund an ill-fated farm shop project. I never saw her again. If it was ever available, I would buy it.



Happy days in 339. Sadly my 6 years of L287OEG Disco Commercial was awful and put me off Solihull products for 20 years.

Russell

Project Jay Preservation Group at the LRM Big Weekender. **Malvern Three Counties Showground 18th – 19th May 2024**

Following their triumphant debut in 2023, the two-day Land Rover Monthly magazine event was back, bigger and better.

With camping, trade stands, club displays, a live events arena, beer tent, entertainment for the whole family, autojumble stands and a whole lot more.

We were allocated a stand for eight Jays and eight booked in with us, four members camped and the other four did B&B locally. An extra Jay joined the stand on Sunday.

Our stand had the new larger gazebo and a good selection of Jays, including a Tdi, Mpi and V8, three and five-door, and the Honda Crossroad.

Roy received a Special Award from LRM, in the form of a wooden plaque, for his enthusiasm and dedication to the PJPG and the saving of the Jay.

On Sunday morning the 6th AGM of the PJPG took place in the gazebo with 17 members attending. It was a good meeting with a few tweaks made to the constitution, and an agreement to produce the Jay News on a bi-monthly basis in future.

Daphne

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Bedale show, Bank Holiday Sunday 26th May

I have to work most Saturdays so don't get the chance to go to many of the two day shows but enjoy the local one day shows with our Honda Crossroad on the Project Jay stand.

The local show near Bedale in North Yorkshire was at the Thorpe Perow Arboretum and although the day was wet and miserable the show attracted many classic cars and three of our local Jays.

I spent some time in the Arboretum with Nicole, my daughter, and we enjoyed the objects on view.

The Honda took many visitors by surprise as they did not know they existed and had not previously seen one.



I hope that we can be at the next local show which is at Harewood House, near Leeds, 9th June.
Susan.

Ripley Castle show, Bank Holiday Monday 27th May

Bank Holiday Monday at the Ripley Castle 40th Classic & Performance Motor show, organised by the Great British Motor Shows team is a must for us because it is a great venue and very local to Yorkshire members. So local that with the help of Patrick as a taxi driver, I usually take more than one Jay to the show.

With the very bad storms the day before the show, the display arena was abandoned because the organisers did not want the wet ground to be churned up. Judging of the various classes of entrants and the best stand display was covered by 'travelling judges'.

We had four Jays on show and our stand drew plenty of visitors, with several Jay enthusiasts taking away membership application forms.

Our new gazebo looked resplendent in the sun and with the help of some members of the adjacent club to give Patrick a hand, the job of erecting it and fitting the side curtains was accomplished in no time.

The weather was very good, and the gazebo dried out from the wet day at Bedale the previous day,



Motor Show and Family Fun day

Our first local show was held at the Harrogate rugby football ground as a charity event for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance on Sunday 11th May.

It was free to enter but there was ample opportunity to buy raffle tickets or give to the charity in numerous ways.

G478WAC was sat alongside two Series Land Rovers, and a number of other Land Rovers were sat with the Yorkshire Family Land Rover club.

The classic car movement is always trying to attract younger members, and our opportunities to encourage young people to try a Discovery for comfort are taken when we can. A young Master Fox enjoyed his try in a Discovery.



Sunday 12th May

The North East and Yorkshire branch

Squires Café Bar, in Sherburn-in-Elmet, Yorkshire. Is a mecca for bikers and occasionally the management organise a themed day for car enthusiasts. When it is a Discovery themed day, the Northeast and Yorkshire members meet there.

On this occasion seven Discos put on a good show, and one visitor joined our public Facebook page. At lunch time seven owners enjoyed a carvery meal in the cafe,

We will meet again when Squires hold another Discovery Day.



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