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Steering Column

ALRC National Rally 2010 hosted by Cornwall and Devon Land Rover Club

On behalf of all ALRC members, I would like to express our thanks and appreciation to C&D for once again hosting the ALRC National Rally at Newnham Park. They did a magnificent job in organising the event, the competitions were brilliant and the strength in depth of the club, exemplified by the number of marshals the club mustered for the Comp Safari (over 90), was just so impressive. Whatever you might think about 2 day events being "better value for money" or the costs of getting to the National, I think there simply isn't a more important event in the ALRC calendar than the ALRC National Rally. To everyone in C&D who contributed to ALRC 2010, please accept our sincere thanks for all your efforts over the weekend. Thanks also to everyone who travelled south to support C&D and the event and to all the award winners well done and hope to see you in Norfolk in 2011 for ALRC National Rally 2011 hosted by Breckland LRC.

ALRC Council Work plan for 2010/2011

At the Council Meeting on 12th June, I outlined the need for the Council to deal with a number of issues in 2010/11. Not the least of which is the competition regulations which once again need reviewing. Since the competition statement issued in 1996, the ARC has become the ALRC and has moved on with many rules being changed in the review carried out in 2005/2006 and implemented in 2007 plus new ones being subsequently voted for by Member clubs or introduced as a result of the MSA making changes. We also now also have new events – Tyro's and JVTs. All the rules need looking at so that standard vehicle requirements can be clear for all competitors. Similarly, as technology moves on, this encourages those who wish to carry out modifications to their vehicles, something which is not always covered by the rules! The Scrutineering and Off Road Committee have therefore been charged with carrying out a review of the Regulations in full consultation with member clubs. Watch this space! Clubs should therefore ensure that their SORC reps attend the SORC meetings and consult with their club members!

The Council is also aware of the need to issue member clubs with guidance on various issues including, safeguarding children, (child protection), marshal's training and advice to clubs on how to deal with abusive competitors. The Council believes providing guidance will lead to greater consistency amongst member clubs. I'm pleased to report that the first of these guidance documents was agreed by Council on 12th June and the child protection guidance was subsequently issued on 15th June to all member clubs.

The Council has welcomed Janet Smart onto the Council as the new National Rally Liaison Officer and Janet will ensure that advice and assistance from the ALRC is given to the member clubs who host the National Rally on the behalf of the ALRC. This will include communication arrangements before, during and after the event to ensure the consistent running of the event from year to year.

Over the last two years, an increasing willingness to tackle issues and resolve them has meant that General Meetings and Scrutineering and Off Road Committee Meetings have become more effective and the time taken for meetings has been substantially reduced. For 2011, we are going to experiment by holding the EGM and S&ORC meetings on the same day with the EGM in the morning (10.00 to 12.30pm) and the SORC meeting in the afternoon starting at 1pm. This will maximise the value of attending for club delegates as well as cutting down on travelling expenses for clubs and ALRC Council members

Denis and Sandra Bourne's retirements from the Council

At the ALRC National Rally at Plymouth, Denis and Sandra were presented with the Tom Barton Trophy for all their efforts over many years on behalf of the ARC/ALRC and many more members than usual were able to see the presentation and join in with expressing their thanks to them. Denis was also able to respond and thank everyone present for their support and to wish the Association well on his and Sandra's retirements.

At the EGM on Saturday 10th July, further presentations were made to mark their retirements. A very special picture had been commissioned from Pete Wilford - a unique picture which features both Denis and Sandra in an appropriate setting. The picture was presented to Denis with Sandra receiving flowers and an engraved vase to mark their contributions over the years. Denis having been on Council since the early 1990's and ALRC Chairman for 10 years, (the longest period ever served) and Sandra supporting both Denis and undertaking a variety of Council roles as Minute Secretary, National Rally Liaison Officer, club shop and on several occasions acting as procurement officer for flags, banners, cane tops and stickers, comp safari arrows to name but a few.

Speaking at the EGM, I paid tribute to the long service which both Denis and Sandra have put into the Association and their achievements as ambassadors for our hobby. At the last Council meeting in June we discussed one of the perennial issues which comes up regularly, that of the presidency of the Association and decided that we would invite Denis to be the Association's President. I'm pleased to say that he has kindly accepted.

Council Officers for 2010/11

At the Council meeting on 12th June several changes to Council appointments were made;

Position of ALRC Chairman. Paul Barton was elected as ALRC Chairman.

Position of ALRC Vice Chairman. Andrew Flanders was elected as Vice Chairman.

Position of S&ORC Chairman. Kevin Peake was elected as S&ORC Chairman.

Position of S&ORC Vice Chairman Andrew Flanders was elected SORC Vice Chairman.

Following their election at ALRC AGM, Janet Smart was welcomed to Council as National Rally Coordination Officer and she has also kindly agreed to take on the club shop and Mark Whaley (NERO) was also welcomed and joins Council as a member without portfolio

Paul Barton
ALRC Chairman

A.L.R.C. NATIONAL RALLY 26th- 31st May 2011

The 2011 A.L.R.C. National Rally is being hosted by Breckland Land Rover Club over Spring Bank Holiday 2011 at the National Construction College, Bircham Newton, Norfolk PE31 6RH. Full details and the booking form can be found at

<http://www.alrc.co.uk/NationalRallies/2011/Index.htm>

The site has a number of features some of which will be a first for a National Rally!

- A large grass camping field that's cut every week.

- An even bigger off road site with all the equipment that the biggest construction college in Europe has to prepare the sections/course.
- Trade stands already signed up.
- Bed and Breakfast available within the college.
- On site restaurant plus swimming pool.
- On site shop for the basics.
- Arrangements for a follow on rally until June 4th.

The site is approximately 5 miles from the North Norfolk Coast and its many attractions.

At the time of writing no Club has yet volunteered to host the 2012 or 2013 ALRC National Rally, so if any Club wishes to have any information regarding running a National Rally we would be very happy to answer any questions.

Simone Birch
ALRC Secretary

Countryside Issues

At the ALRC EGM held at NFU Tiddington on Saturday 10th July, those present heard that the so-called 'Fortune case' in Wiltshire which I referred to at the AGM concerning properties having access from an unsealed unclassified road [UUR] and its use by public vehicles has been heard at the Bristol high court. The outcome could result in the loss of public vehicular use of UURs in England and Wales. The approved judgment is still awaited, but the word is that the draft judgment is in our interests.

The latest situation regarding LARA following the departure of the ACU and MCIA is that there are now six full members – MSA, ALRC.TRF, GLASS, AMCA and BMF. The subscription for the current year is £5,500. However, the LARA AGM agreed that GLASS, AMCA and BMF would pay remitted subscriptions for this year due to their financial situations. Voting rights on constitutional matters will be pro-rata to the subscription paid and this arrangement would be reviewed at the next AGM.

LARA's 2010/11 budget is intended to keep expenditure within income and Alan Kind's time spent on LARA work will now amount to about ten hours a week.

Issues highlighted at the AGM were –

Environmental matters are likely to be considered by the new coalition government which could affect motor sport and recreation, SPS in Wales is undergoing a shake-up by WAG which could adversely affect motor sport, the MSA reported that noise from competition vehicles is a major issue and tighter noise regulation is likely and LARA's code of conduct for drivers in the countryside has been withdrawn as it's out of date particularly regarding the use of winches on 'green roads'.

The Council agreed that I should therefore revise the ALRC code for it to be put on our website.

The inaugural meeting of the LARA Forum was held on 6th July when representatives of the following groups were present;
BTRDA, MCC, Land Rover Series 3 club, BSMA, IOPD, and the Assoc of Eastern motor clubs.

There was also a local GLASS representative and someone representing vintage motorcycle users. It was agreed in principle by those present that the Forum should be formed and they would report back after consulting their irrelative committees.

There was some concern at our AGM that Forum members paying £200 for the first year would be able to access advice 'on the cheap' while we pay a great deal more and that a letter should be drafted to the LARA chairman expressing this view.

At the ALRC AGM on 10th July, all present asked if the minutes from LARA for the last 12 months could be provided for the Council to judge whether LARA subscriptions continued to provide "value for money" and this will be considered by the Council with a report back to Member clubs in due course.

Tony Kempster
ALRC Countryside Officer

Calling all ALRC Club archivist/historians!

May I request information from ALRC Clubs regarding previous National events in order to add as much detail to the following ALRC web page:-

http://www.alrc.co.uk/NationalRallies/national_listing.htm

The idea is to provide a single reference point for the basic details of the event, the location, the host club, results and photos - if available.

This is not intended to become the only place to hold information, but just to provide a single reference point. Any information whether on paper, digital or indeed already on a web site that can be linked to will be gratefully received.

Many thanks in advance
Murray Wiltshire
ALRC Webmaster
<http://www.alrc.co.uk/> "

A.L.R.C. MEETING DATES

A.L.R.C. meetings take place at NFU Mutual Tiddington Road, Tiddington, Stratford-upon-Avon – all A.L.R.C. members are welcome to attend EGM, the AGM and Scrutineering and Off Road Committee meetings which are open to any member of A.L.R.C. (Only S&ORC members may vote at their meetings). EGM and AGM meetings start at 10.00am (from March 2011). Please note that A.L.R.C. Council meetings and are open only to elected representatives or their guests.

2010 Dates

S&ORC – 11th September (10.00am) start
Council – 16th October
EGM – 13th November (10.30am) start.

2011 Dates

EGM /S&ORC - March 19th, July 9th, November 12th. (same day meetings)
ALRC Council – February 12th, June 11th, October 15th.

SCRUTINEERING MATTERS

Just a reminder please that club members seeking advice should initially direct queries to their club scrutineers or local log book scrutineers with further enquiries to Simone Birch or Kevin Peake, 29 Beechwood Road, Hemsby, Great Yarmouth, NR29 4LP. kpeake@norfolkhomes.co.uk

Rule Changes considered at the ALRC AGM

Ratification of Rule Changes by ALRC Council on 12th June 2010

At the Association of Land Rover Clubs AGM held on the 20th March 2010 there were four Rule Change Proposals voted on by the member clubs. One of the motions failed and the remaining three were recommended to proceed to the ALRC Council for ratification at their meeting on the 12th June 2010.

Clubs are reminded that the Council members are voted into their positions on the basis of experience and personal opinion. All decisions made by them are with the benefit to all club members in mind regardless of vehicle or ability. Clubs are also recommended to review the "Aims and Principles" of the ALRC (page 10 of the 2009 Handbook) and the background to the Supplementary Competition Regulations (page 59) to clarify the objectives which are borne in mind whilst ratifying these proposals.

1. Regarding Modified Class Vehicle Regulations – C.11. BUMPERS.

C.11.1. Must comply with the requirements of regulation B13 as set in B13.1, B13.2 and B13.3 as appropriate for the vehicle / bumper type.

RATIFIED by ALRC Council 12/06/10

2. Regarding Modified Class Vehicle Regulations – C.5. SUSPENSION & AXLES.

C.5.5. The suspension system is defined as including anti-roll bars, shock absorbers, Panhard rods, radius arms (in matched pairs per axle), leaf, coil and air springs, and associated bushes, mountings and parts capable of moving under suspension loadings. All suspension nuts and bolts must be fastened properly and tightened to a minimum of the manufacturer's appropriate torque settings.

RATIFIED by ALRC Council 12/06/10

3. Regarding B.9. SUSPENSION which applies to all vehicles entered in competitions – standard and modified.

B.9.6. Any radius arms that have been welded to, drilled or cut into, deliberately notched or bent up/ down /sideways are prohibited. Any attachment or modification to the radius arms (unless manufacturers specification) are prohibited.

RATIFIED by ALRC Council 12/06/10

TYRO AND LOG BOOK RULES

At the 2010 National Rally Tyro Trial event, there was a protest from a competitor after the C-o-C had allowed a parent to navigate for both his children (twins). Although the C-o-C had given his permission for this it was not allowed under the rules (ALRC Competition Regulations L.5) as he had not applied to the ALRC Council for approval. It is not felt that this rule should apply to Tyros and it is not practicable if entries are accepted on the day for clubs to get approval from the ALRC Council to allow it unless this is sought prior to the event. Children taking part in Tyros are the future of our sport and should be seen as an important part of club activities.

For clarification purposes it was proposed by Paul Barton, seconded by Janet Smart and agreed unanimously that the rule L.5. be changed from the existing rules set out below;

L.5. INTERCHANGE OF PASSENGERS. (Not applicable to Gymkhanas)

L.5.1. A passenger / navigator may accompany only one driver.

L.5.2. A driver may not act as a passenger / navigate for another driver.

L.5.3. In special circumstances, for certain events, rules L.5.1 and L.5.2. above may be superseded with approval of the ALRC Council with reference to regulation F197 in the MSA Yearbook 2008.

This rule now becomes:

L.5. Regarding INTERCHANGE OF PASSENGERS (Not applicable to Gymkhanas **and Tyros**) Ref: ALRC Council Minutes – 12th June 2010

L.5.1. A passenger / navigator may accompany only one driver.

L.5.2. A driver may not act as a passenger / navigate for another driver.

RATIFIED for immediate implementation from 12/06/10.

A second clarification was also agreed unanimously that L.8. Log Books be changed from:

L.8. LOG BOOKS

L.8.1. An ARC/ALRC Competition Vehicle logbook is required in all events except RTV, Winch Recovery and Gymkhana.

This rule now becomes:

L.8. LOG BOOKS

L.8.1. An ARC /ALRC Competition Vehicle Log Book is required in all events where a roll over protection is required. This was **RATIFIED** for immediate implementation from 12/06/10.

The above ratified and clarified rule changes were announced at the ALRC EGM held 10th July 2010. The regulations that have been clarified (L.5 and L.8) take immediate effect from 12th June 2010 and the ratified rules as set out above (C.11, C.5 and B.9) come into effect from 1st January 2011.

Non Competitive clubs & shows.

I have now booked the ALRC stand into this year's magazine shows and the dates and/or venues may be different from those published in the last ALRC news.

Here is the latest list;

July 16/18 – LRO show, Billing Aquadrome, Northampton
August 28/30 – LR Max show, Stoneleigh showground, Coventry.
August 28/30 – Manby 4x4 show, Manby Motorplex, Lincolnshire
September 11/12 – LRO show, Peterborough showground, Peterborough.

I would ideally like to have one or two competition motors at a couple of the shows to help promote the motor sport side of the ALRC. If anyone would like to display their vehicle at the above shows please contact me on 01204 396449 or email, secretary@lightweightlandroverclub.org.

Sue Foster
Non Competitive Clubs, Shows and Displays

Charles Spencer "Spen" King 1925-2010

The Range Rover's creator, Spen King, died on Saturday 26th June due to head injuries sustained following a traffic accident while riding a pedal cycle.

Widely known as Spen, Charles Spencer King joined Rolls Royce as an apprentice in 1942 and in 1945 joined Rover which at the time was run by his uncles Maurice and Spencer Wilks. Working on new vehicle projects including Rover P6 he eventually led a team which designed the Range Rover. He retired in 1985 and in 1990 had the special edition CSK Range Rover named in his honour when the vehicle reached its 20th birthday.

A memorial service is planned.

ALRC MEMBER CLUBS - Address changes for Clubs

Change of Club Secretaries Addresses:

Essex LRC – Terry Taylor, Fulwood, Chapel Road, Fingringhoe, Essex, CO5 7AU. 07764 448480.
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A.L.R.C. MEMBER CLUB INTER CLUB EVENTS FOR 2010

SOUTHERN ROC 2 DAY CCV TRIAL – AUGUST 7th/8th & COMP SAFARI OCTOBER 2010

The Southern Rover Owners Club is planning to hold their annual 2 day CCV trial and a Comp Safari in 2010, and would like to invite all ALRC member clubs.

The SROC annual two-day trial is open to all ALRC competitive clubs, and will be ALRC only. It is to be held at Knowle Farm, Broadoak, Heathfield, East Sussex, again and will take place on 7th and 8th August 2010

The Comp Safari will be on 24th October 2010 at: Monkings Farm, Northiam, East Sussex
The Comp will be open to all ALRC competitive clubs, and also SCOR and Anglian Rover Owners Club.

Camping will be available at both events.

The SRs for the 2 day are posted on the club web site (www.sroc.co.uk) and the Comp Safari SRs will appear in due course. The entry form is included within the event SRs.

MIDLAND ROC

11th Majors Memorial Trial 2010 – 17th/18th/19th September 2010 – Eastnor Deer Park, Eastnor. Booking forms and further details are available from the MROC website at www.mroc.co.uk but hurry up as the booking deadline is fast approaching!

WYE AND WELSH LRC BASKERVILLE CHALLENGE 2010

Wye and Welsh LRC Baskerville Challenge 2010 at Baskerville Hall Hotel, Clyro Court, Clyro, nr Hay-on-Wye August 27th – 30th

Site is Approx. a 15 miles West of Hereford on the A438.

Noon Friday - Camp site opens, booking in.
Saturday – CCVT, TYRO and *Entertainment*
Sunday – RTV, TYRO and *Entertainment*
Monday – TYRO, TIME TRIAL.

The Baskerville Challenge booking form can be found at
<http://www.wyeandwelshlrc.co.uk/Baskerville%20Challenge%202010.pdf>

Also available over the weekend: **on site catering 7.00am to 8.00pm**
Swimming Pool available at times stated in The B C Brochure Entries & Camping are limited to ALRC member Clubs. Individual entries are welcome.

Caravan and camping site available, or stay in the Baskerville Hall Hotel Clyro Court for the weekend.
Bookings for Thursday & Monday Night camping / caravanning must be made on this form only to the

Wye & Welsh LRC. Booking forms are available from: - Peter Gladman, 7 Almond Drive, Cardiff, CF23 8HD
Returned by 20.08.10. If you would like confirmation of your booking, please include an SAE with your application form.

The hotel has Double Rooms, Twin Rooms, Family Rooms and Dormitories; Single Supplement. Please contact the hotel direct on 01497 820033 Fax 01497 820596 Web site: www.baskervillehall.co.uk E-mail info@baskervillehall.co.uk

IMPORTANT – Participation at any competitive event or show is at your own risk or that of the organisers. Although the A.L.R.C. is happy to publicise such events it does not act as an agent for the organisers. Statements or opinions expressed in A.L.R.C. News are not necessarily those of the A.L.R.C. Council. You are advised to obtain independent advice on all matters involving safety, finance or legislation.

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