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## **Steering Column**

The recession continues to affect member clubs with reduced entries and some membership slippage. The price of fuel certainly doesn't help. At the ALRC Council on 15<sup>th</sup> October it was decided to hold member club subscriptions at the 2011 rate and also to give a 25% rebate on the 2011 member club subscriptions. The Council hopes that this practical way of supporting clubs will assist in the current financial climate

Just before the last Council Meeting in October, Simone and I met with Blanche Surman our affinity services manager from NFU and we were very pleased to hear that NFU is to continue with its support to the ALRC which comes in the form of allowing us to use the Tiddington HQ offices for our meetings, providing a package for the National Rally which includes a marquee, marshals vests and lanyards and NFU also makes a financial contribution which goes towards the publication of the ALRC Green Book.

Given the difficult trading conditions in the motor insurance market with almost all of the premiums paid in being paid out in claims, I was concerned that the NFU might wish to review its financial support for its affinity groups and so it was with some relief that we learnt that their very welcome support remains unchanged. NFU obviously wish to be as competitive as possible they know that premium increases are not popular and they have asked for our help with better understanding the market so Simone subsequently wrote out to member clubs asking for them to make available some data to assist the NFU in analysing the market and I would urge all clubs to help with this.

Money and reduced consumer demand don't seem to be affecting the South East as badly as elsewhere and there is no shortage of customers for the Range Rover Evoque with my local dealer quoting delivery in May 2012. The weather forecasters also seem to have helped sales with tales of a harsh winter ahead with the same dealer putting out 23 new cars on 1<sup>st</sup> November. The news that Land Rover is to take on a further 1000 staff at Solihull was impressive news in early November and the Company is obviously doing something right.

The announcement of the Defender replacement concept DC100 has met with a mixed response but Land Rover (sorry JLR) are clearly forging ahead on the design with an evolved more rugged version due to be shown at the Los Angeles Motor Show. Already some of the less practical aspects of the concept car have been addressed although for the diehards it seems that it hasn't yet graduated to a wearing set of steel wheels and track grips!

The dark nights are upon us and the year seems to have gone by very quickly. It doesn't seem six months since we were the guests of Breckland LRC up in Norfolk and it's therefore only six months until the 2012 event. Every National is different and the organising clubs for 2012 are working hard to make it one to remember especially as we have the extra day for the Queen's Jubilee

Before then of course there is Christmas to look forward to and on behalf of the ALRC Council I should like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a great 2012

Paul Barton  
ALRC Chairman

### **A.L.R.C. NATIONAL RALLY 2012 1<sup>st</sup> June – 5<sup>th</sup> June 2012**

The 2012 A.L.R.C. National Rally is being jointly hosted by two of the oldest clubs in the ALRC; Peak and Dukeries Land Rover Club and Lincolnshire Land Rover Club. Both have over 20 years experience and have previously hosted the National event several times. A website for the event has already been created <http://www.alrc2012.co.uk>

The event will be held Belvoir Castle, Leicestershire and the central location is expected to attract entrants and visitors from all 39 ALRC Clubs. Planning is already well advanced with the first of the necessary ground works on site happening in early June.

The organising team are pleased to announce that the ALRC 2012 web site has now been launched and we are now accepting online bookings. You can pay online using credit/debit cards, send us a cheque in the post or make a bank transfer directly into our account. If you know anyone who does not have access to a computer who wants to come, you can either fill in a form on their behalf, or print out a blank form and get them to send it with a cheque.

### **RATIFICATION and CLARIFICATION OF RULE CHANGE PROPOSAL**

**Roll Cage Regulation 3.9.2. The only permitted drilled hole is a hole of 3/16" diameter for inspection purposes on roll cages and fabricated bulkheads unless current regulations allow.**

At the Association of Land Rover Clubs AGM held on the 19<sup>th</sup> March 2011 the above Rule Change Proposal was voted FOR by the member clubs. This were then recommended to proceed to the ALRC Council for ratification at their meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> June 2011 where it was referred back to the Scrutineering & Off Road Committee for further discussion at their meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> July 2011 before ratification could be considered.

The following two statements were made at the S&ORC meeting to appear together with the rule as a further explanation.

**Grandfather rights can be given to vehicles with existing holes for the roof panels but these vehicles can only be used for CCVT and not speed events. All new builds must comply with the rule.**

**Vehicles with drilled holes for wings or attachments for doors - With relation to bulkheads where the front cage is a bulkhead it can be used until the next relogbooking when it needs to be altered to a bulkhead with no holes.**

This rule change proposal was ratified by the ALRC Council on the 15<sup>th</sup> October 2011 and takes immediate effect from that date.

### **RULE CHANGE PROPOSALS**

At the ALRC AGM, which will take place on the 17<sup>th</sup> March 2012 at the NFU Mutual Headquarters, Tiddington, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 7BJ starting at 10.00 the following ALRC Supplementary Competition Regulation Rule Change Proposals are due to be voted on. Only Competitive member clubs are eligible to vote. As laid out in the process for Vehicle Regulation Changes a majority of the total number of competitive clubs must place a vote before a proposal can be put forward for ratification by the ALRC Council.

Proposal 1 - Rule B.9.6. Any radius arms that have been welded to, attached or cut into, deliberately notched or bent up/down/sideways are prohibited. Any attachment or modification to the radius arm (unless manufacturers specification) are prohibited.

Changed to read:

Rule B.9.6. **Any radius arms that have been welded to, attached or cut into, deliberately notched or bent up/down/sideways are prohibited. Any attachment or modification to the radius arm (unless manufacturers specification) are prohibited. *The only addition to this is that brake pipes can be secured by the same method as a breather pipe.***

Proposal 2 – Rule B.9.6. Any radius arms that have been welded to, attached or cut into, deliberately notched or bent up/down/sideways are prohibited. Any attachment or modification to the radius arm (unless manufacturers specification) are prohibited.

Changed to read:

Rule 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 *structural* attachment or modification to the radius arms (unless manufacturer’s specification) are prohibited.**

Proposal 3 – B.15.1 “The hand brake lever may be altered or changed in order to meet the requirement that the hand brake is operable by the driver whilst wearing a seat belt.

Changed to read:

B.15.1 **“The hand brake lever may be altered or changed in order to meet the requirement that the hand brake is only operable by the driver whilst wearing a seat belt. No other additional linkage to operate the hand brake is allowed.”**

Proposal 4 – New Rule - C.7.3 **“A hand brake must be fitted. The hand brake lever may be altered or changed in order to meet the requirement that the hand brake is only operable by the driver whilst wearing a seat belt. No other additional linkage to operate the hand brake is allowed.”**

These proposals have been discussed at the Scrutineering & Off Road Committee meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> July 2011 and by the ALRC Council at their meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> October 2011 and are documented in the minutes previously circulated. Additional comments will be in the minutes of the ALRC EGM held on the 12<sup>th</sup> November 2011 which hopefully will be sent out soon.

### **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. Please note that the Council meetings and are open only to elected representatives or their guests.

#### **2012 Dates**

AGM/SORC March 17th

Joint EGM/SORC July 7<sup>th</sup> and November 17<sup>th</sup>

ALRC Council February 11<sup>th</sup>, June 16<sup>th</sup> and October 13th

### **ALRC MEMBER CLUBS - Address changes for Clubs**

#### **Change of Club Secretaries/New Log Book scrutineers and other addresses:**

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New Log Book Scrutineer – Mark Neale, 32 Columbine Gardens, Walton-on-the-Naze, Essex, CO14 8NN.  
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## **COUNTRYSIDE ISSUES**

### **This is a repeat request for assistance in making an Archive of 'Lists of Streets' & Compiling Mileages Data.**

Firstly, as you know, the principal 'saving provision' in section 67 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 was for roads shown on the 'list of streets' as at 2 May 2006: 'unclassified county roads'. As time passes it will inevitably become harder to 'prove' what was, or was not, on the List of Streets at that date.

We want to create one central library of copies of 'List of Streets' (maps and actual lists) datable before 2006. Our idea is to find out who has copies of councils' own maps, borrow them, copy ourselves and return them to you.

If you (or someone in your group) has a county road list or map (and with maps it is important to have the map key) for any county or district can you please let us know the area and type of record (map, list, disk, etc.). Please do not send the original yet.

Secondly, the only national information on the mileage of BOATs and unsealed unclassified roads is both very old (circa 1993) and very obviously suspect in some places. With a Government White Paper fast approaching, soon to be followed by an Environment Bill, we really do need to get some reliable data on the length of unmetalled Unclassified Roads and BOATs, county by county. Can you please help us with your own county? Council figures are best, but measuring off an OS map is good if done carefully. We'd like to work by 'counties', so for example it would be Powys and not Radnor, but Swindon would be counted in with Wiltshire, and Bedfordshire would be just one single 'proper' county.

A total for BOATs (kilometres or miles, but please say which) and a total for unsealed and unclassified roads which are not also shown on the definitive map (i.e. those shown as ORPAs on the OS map). If using council figures watch out that they do not 'double count'. It has been known.

Please contact Dave Tilbury at [dave.tilbury@laragb.org](mailto:dave.tilbury@laragb.org)

Many thanks for your help. Together we can hang on to what little we have left.

Yours,

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### **ALRC MEMBER CLUBS – Events open to other clubs**

#### **MIDLAND ROVER OWNERS CLUB**

#### **MEMO TO ALL CLUBS THAT VISIT EASTNOR DEER PARK**

Dear Club Members

#### **MAJOR'S MEMORIAL TRIAL 2011 – Ground issue**

Firstly, we would like to thank all those clubs, marshals and competitors alike, who came to the Deer Park in September for supporting the Majors event during tough economic times. There are many ingredients that all combine to make this a successful event and you are one of them, without which the Major's would not happen.

However after the event this year we found a burnt area of grass and a pile of burnt wood and ashes, plus about 60 nails.

We would therefore like to clarify a couple of things:

1. The park is a SSSI site and a designated Area of Outstanding Beauty (AOB)

2. A skip is provided at great cost, suitable for cold ashes
3. Fires and BBQ's on the ground are not allowed
4. ANYONE wilfully or neglectfully damaging any areas of the park will be asked to leave the site immediately, NO excuses.

This type of behaviour threatens M.R.O.C.'s continued use of the Eastnor Estate & Deer Park and WILL NOT be tolerated.

Of course we also have another alternative – ban ALL fires – but we want our visitors to thoroughly enjoy their weekend.

We appreciate your assistance and support in helping us keep Eastnor Estate open to our club and the events we all enjoy.

Thank You

Richard Smith

Chairman

### **2012 Interclub events**

28<sup>th</sup> June – 2<sup>nd</sup> July – War of the Roses Weekend hosted by Red Rose LRC at Cartmel Racecourse.

DRAFT PROGRAMME OF EVENTS (subject to change)

Thursday 28th June — Site opens 9.00am

Friday 29th June — Tyro, Children's Bike Trial in the evening

Saturday 30th June — CCV and RTV trials, Presentations for the Tyro, Children's Bike Trial, CCV and RTV trials, children's colouring competition, quiz. Followed by 'Welly Wanging!!!!'

Sunday 1st July — War of the Roses event, followed by presentation on site

Monday 2nd July — Site closes 12 noon

4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> August – Two Day CCV Team Event hosted by Southern ROC at Knowle Farm, Broad Oak, East Sussex

IMPORTANT – Participation at any competitive event or show is at your own risk or that of the organisers.

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