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STEERING COLUMN

Once again the ALRC were invited to work with the Heritage Motor Centre to organize the Heritage Run from The Home of The Legend at Solihull to the Museum at Gaydon. The Heritage Land Rover weekend is held over the first bank holiday in May and the run takes place on the Sunday. This year saw an entry of 140 vehicles take part in the run. The lead vehicle was a 1948 80" towing a Brockhouse trailer, entered by Andrew Neaves. There were many interesting vehicles in the run, which was flagged off at the start by the radio 2 presenter Lynn Bowles. The run was escorted through 30 miles of the picturesque Warwickshire countryside by Police motorcycle outriders. On arrival at the Heritage Motor Centre a commentary was given by Richard Beddall on each of the vehicles taking part. Unfortunately the museum was still shut for alterations during this weekend but the HMC had managed to put on additional displays of their Land Rover Collection for the enthusiasts. Arrangements are already in hand for next years Heritage Run which will also celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Land Rover.

Thanks to Lancashire and Cheshire Land Rover Owners Club for hosting this year's ALRC National Rally at Baden Hall in Staffordshire. The rally was well attended and all of the competitions had maximum entries. Although we had our share of inclement weather it didn't dampen the spirit of the members.

This year it has been possible to dip into the ALRC funds and finance the free issue of Numbered Cane Tops and Section Numbers to our member clubs. Each club secretary will be contacted when these are available for collection.

The Midland Rover Owners Club is well ahead with the arrangements for the 2008 ALRC National Rally, which is to be held over the weekend of 22nd – 27th May 2008 at Eastnor Deer Park, Ledbury, Herefordshire. Application forms are available from their website: www.mroc-national2008.co.uk Don't be disappointed book early to secure your entry.

We now have a supply of Windscreen Stickers, Tool Box Stickers and Pin Badges bearing the ALRC logo. These will be available at ALRC meetings or through your Club Secretary at a cost of £2.00 each for the stickers and £3.00 for the pin badges.

On the journey back from the National Rally we used the M6 Toll road and were charged £8.00 for our 110" and caravan. It wasn't easy to understand their Tariff as the attendant advised that if I took the trouble to remove the spare wheel from the bonnet the Toll would have been £7.00. We have subsequently received a letter from Midland Expressway offering to reclassify such Land Rovers to the lower rate. A copy of this letter is now on the ALRC website and attached with this newsletter. For the benefit off those of you that use this route regularly in your Land Rover with bonnet mounted spare wheel I suggest that you carry a copy of the letter.

Denis Bourne A.L.R.C. Chairman.

Principal trophy winners from the 2007 A.L.R.C. NATIONAL RALLY- Hosted by Lancashire and Cheshire Land Rover Owners Club

ALRC Perpetual Trophies 2007				
Event	Name	Description	Winner	Club
Tyro	Land-Ranger Services	Lowest Overall	Nick Whishaw	Hants & Berks
RTV	Taliesin	Best Standard	Stephen Smerdon	Cornwall & Devon
RTV	Pirelli Scorpion	Lowest Overall	Dave Hughes	North Wales
RTV	Land Rover Discovery	Discovery	Martin Duddy	Leics & Rutland
RTV	North Wales LRC Diesel	Std Diesel	Stephen Smerdon	Cornwall & Devon
RTV	Carol Roberts Trophy	Ladies RTV trophy	Jemma Freeman	Somerset & Wiltshire
RTV	Lincs Team Trophy	Team of 3	Stephen Smerdon Ken Brain Graeme Jeffrey	Cornwall & Devon
RTV	Breckland Club	Club Average	Hants & Berks	Hants & Berks
RTV	Copford Trophy	Highest score	Darren Lewis	Peak & Dukeries
CCV	Landrover Owners	Best Standard	Ben Knight	Lincs
CCV	L/R Parts Cup	Lowest Overall	Neal Mellish	Peak & Dukeries
CCV	Mitchin Industries	Best Range Rover	No Entries	
CCV	Cornwall & Devon Challenge	Best Special class	Neal Mellish	Peak & Dukeries
CCV	Colbourne trophies cup	Ladies CCV Trophy	Caroline Smith	Southern
CCV	Seniors cup	Over 55	Martin Skidmore	Staffs & Shrops
CCV	HQROA Pirelli	Nominated Driver	Neal Mellish	Peak & Dukeries
CCV	LRO Team Trophy	Team of 3	Neal Mellish Dave Naylor Adam Pinder	Peak & Dukeries
CCV	Rover Owners Interclub	Club average	Cornwall & Devon	Cornwall & Devon
CCV	Blackwool Farm Spoon	Highest score	Kevin Lewis	Peak & Dukeries
Comp	Yorkshire Cup	Std class Winner	William Stubbs	Peak & Dukeries
Comp	Crossland Filters Shield	Overall Winner	Ken Powell	Peak & Dukeries
Comp	John Craddock	Team of 3	Ken Powell Myles Lilleker Gordon Renshaw	Peak & Dukeries

Comp	ESSO Uniflow Shield	Range Rover	No Entries	
Comp	NFU Mutual	Ladies Cup	Caroline Smith	Southern
Comb	North Yorks & Durham	CCV & Comp	Arthur Wilson	Peak & Dukeries
Comb	Off Road Sport	RTV, CCV & Comp	No Std Entries	
Team	Rover Challenge Trophy	Team Recovery	Gordon Renshaw Wayne Armitage	Peak & Dukeries
Winch	Fairey Winches Trophy	Winch Recovery	David Gregory Adrian Gregory Paul Edwards	Midland
	Farvis	Spirit of event	Lancs & Cheshire	Lancs & Cheshire

LAND ROVER NEWS

NEW FEATURES FOR THE RANGE ROVER, TO CONTINUE STRONG SALES MOMENTUM

Enhancements to the Range Rover for 2008 add a series of further luxury touches and practical new features, including four-zone air conditioning. The improvements are expected to help maintain the strong market performance of the Range Rover, with sales in the first four months of 2007 already 19% up worldwide over last year.

"That increase is largely due to the huge popularity of the acclaimed TDV8 diesel that we introduced to the Range Rover line-up last year," says Phil Popham, Land Rover's managing director. "The engine's great combination of performance and fuel economy has not only powered overall Range Rover sales, but also shifted our diesel/petrol mix, especially in Europe. Most Range Rover customers who would previously have bought a V8 petrol now choose a TDV8 instead, which offers petrol-like refinement but with 32% better fuel economy."

The list of changes for 2008 is headed by the introduction of four-zone air conditioning, which enables rear seat passengers to control their individual heating and ventilation. This is neatly complemented with 'climate control' windscreen and side glass which is now available in conjunction with automatic rain and headlight sensing. The special glass cuts infrared heat transmission into the vehicle, reducing heat build up when the vehicle is parked in the sun, for example, so allowing the air conditioning to function faster and more effectively on drive away.

A redesigned rear seat armrest provides extra stowage space (including a dedicated location for the optional rear seat entertainment remote control) and there is additional leather trim on the heating and ventilation unit and centre console. There are now a total of seven real wood veneers to choose from, all sourced from sustainable forests, and additional wood veneer elements have been applied to the rear of the centre console. A matching wooden gear knob has also been introduced on some models.

The attention to detail extends to new tread-plates and revised graphics on the touch-screen and instruments. A new interior colour becomes available, called Storm, as well as two new exterior colours, Alaska White and Lucerne Green, and a fresh set of "designers' choices" for recommended interior and exterior combinations. There is also a new, highly polished 20" alloy wheel design.

"We are keeping the Range Rover offering fresh with regular changes: some are major, like the TDV8 engine last year – which, incidentally, will now be badged on the back of the vehicle – while others are about the detail, such as those coming in for 2008," says Phil Popham. "And this approach seems to have continuing appeal for our customers, as we're on track for one of our best ever sales years with the Range Rover."

A.L.R.C. ISSUES

Not quite as important as the petition to stop the setting up of vehicle tracking and mileage charges but worth signing, if only to keep pressure on our friends in Downing Street reminding them that motorists exist and will not put up with yet more costs and stealth taxes..... They only care about your votes so let them know how you feel! Most Classic vehicles are used for fair-weather low-mileage "fun and rally" purposes rather than everyday transport. Originally the Road Tax exemption was supposed to be after the vehicle was 25 years old.

But this idea was quietly scrapped about 10 years ago. Please click link to 10 Downing Street website: and go to <http://petitions.pm.gov.uk/ClassicRoadTax/> Please also send it to you club members and friends.

MISSING SECTION FROM 2007 GREEN BOOK

At the Scrutineering & Off Road Committee meeting held on the 12th May 2007 it was noticed that Section N of the ALRC Supplementary Competition Regulations does not appear in the 2007 Handbook.

Unfortunately the printer changed the layout after the copy of the Handbook had been proof read and most of this section has now been omitted except for part of the last paragraph which appears on the top of page 71.

It is important that all competitors in events have a full copy of any Supplementary Regulations so I would be grateful if the following wording could be passed on to all your members as soon as possible.

Section N - Cross Country Vehicle (CCV) Trial Competition Regulations

N.1. PASSENGERS.

N.1.1. One passenger / navigator, over the age of 14 years, is allowed per vehicle.

N.2. SHUNTS.

N.2.1. Vehicles over 95" wheelbase are allowed one stop-reverse-recommence (known as a shunt) per section when they fail to negotiate a tight turn. This can be taken at the driver's discretion and the intention to do this must be announced BEFORE coming to an involuntary halt. See Guide to Trialling for details.

A.L.R.C. MEETING DATES FOR 2007

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 and the AGM meetings which are open to any member of A.L.R.C. EGM and AGM meetings start at 10.00am. Please note that A.L.R.C. Council meetings and Scrutineering and Off Road Committee meetings are open only to elected representatives or their guests.

14/07/07 – EGM

22/09/07 - Scrutineering and Off Road Committee

13/10/07 - A.L.R.C. Council meeting

17/11/07 – EGM

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING SATURDAY 14th JULY 2007

10.00 A.M. prompt at NFU Mutual HQ Tiddington Road, Stratford-upon-Avon

PLEASE NOTE minutes will be available at the meeting and sent out afterwards to clubs not attending due to the lateness of me receiving them.

Changes to club contacts include:

Scrutineering and Off Road Committee Member

Malcolm Wilson change of email now, malcolmwwilson@msn.com

New Log Book Scrutineers:

- Mykul Jones, 1 Great house Farm, Caerwent, Monmouthshire, NP26 5AS. 01292 422142
- Adam Godwin, 37 Railway Street, Llanhilleth, abertillery, Blaenau Gwent, NP13 2JD. 01495 212757
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Scrutineering– Malcolm Whitbread – Ty Bryn, Cwrtnewydd, SA40 9YH. 01570 471131.

Change of Club Secretary

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NEWS FROM NFU

Contrived Accidents – A Warning to All Drivers!

Any motor accident can be a distressing time, but how would you feel if it was caused deliberately to fraudulently obtain compensation? A recent case handled by NFU Mutual highlights a scam where fraudsters target lone female drivers.

A collision occurred, between a Toyota Carina driven by the Third Party (TP) and a Peugeot 106 driven by an NFU Mutual policyholder, at a roundabout off the M62 motorway in West Yorkshire.

The accident occurred when, according to the policyholder, the Toyota applied its brakes whilst entering the roundabout for no good reason, causing the policyholder to collide with the rear of the Toyota. The behaviour of the TP and his passenger was odd, suggesting he had sustained an injury. The driver expressed surprise when he observed the policyholder's daughter in the rear seat of the Peugeot. His first words after the incident were, "I'm sorry, I didn't realise you had a child in the car".

The TP had their details pre-written out, and the recovery driver who collected the policyholder after the incident commented that he had recovered another lady's car the day before from the same scene (also a victim of the scam).

We would, therefore, remind all drivers to take careful note of the circumstances surrounding any accident in which they are involved. Insurance companies, recommend you carry a disposable camera to capture the scene and record any damage caused. Also make a note if:

- the vehicle in front was being driven erratically prior to the accident
- the TP already had their insurance details written out
- the TP's vehicle was driven away from the scene (the fraudster will often claim recovery costs and that their vehicle was written off)
- There were multiple passengers in the TP vehicle.

Please contact NFU Mutual, if you would like more information or a quote for car insurance. For details of your local agent, call 0800 975 0600* or visit www.nfumutual.co.uk

A.L.R.C. MEMBER CLUB EVENTS FOR 2007

AUGUST INTERCLUB WEEKENDS

NORTH WALES LRC –PLAS COCH

Following the success of the August Bank Holiday Weekend the North Wales Land Rover Club will be holding an Interclub Weekend over the weekend of 25-27th August 2007 at Plas Coch on Anglesey a couple of miles south of Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwlllantysiliogogoch. This large site has plenty of space for a wide range of trials sections, flat (yes really, flat, in North Wales) ground for caravans, with stunning views across Snowdonia, and a permanent bar on site! All this and it's only about three miles from the main dual carriageway

across North Wales, linking directly to the English Motorway system. We will be running a Tyro Trial on Saturday morning, followed by a Gymkhana during the afternoon. Both these events should be entered on the day. There will be an RTV Trial on Sunday and a CCV trial on Monday. We are planning to run a Children's (? and for older children?) over the weekend and are looking at other family orientated events. There will be a bar on site and evening entertainment is being planned. If you want to escape Land Rovers for a while Anglesey itself is a delight, and many consider it the spiritual home of Land Rovers, but nearby we have the splendour of Snowdonia, the beauty of the Lley Peninsular, the sweeping beaches of the North Wales coast as well as Castles and Steam Railways galore, and many other attractions. It almost seems a shame to waste time trialling when there is so much to see in the area! For more information contact: 01492 531047 or Interclub@NWLRC.co.uk

WYE AND WELSH LAND ROVER CLUB – BASKERVILLE CHALLENGE 2007
AUGUST 25-27th 2007 CLYRO

Details of the Wye and Welsh Baskerville Challenge and the booking form is now available from the club via the club website at www.wyeandwelshlrc.co.uk/BC_App.doc

PEAK AND DULKERIES LAND ROVER CLUB – ECKINGTON INTERCLUB 2007
AUGUST 25th -27th at Hall Farm, Hundall, North Derbyshire

Entry forms via club website at www.pandd.org.uk/Eckington007/Eckington_forms_2007.pdf

MIDLAND ROC - Date for THE 9th MAJORS MEMORIAL TRIAL at Eastnor is 14 - 16th September 2007.

Closing Date for entries is 16th August 2007 - entry forms available now from MROC or from the club website at www.mroc.co.uk/New/Index.htm

SOMERSET AND WILTS LRC – MENDIP CHALLENGE 2007

RTV Saturday 13th October and CCV Sunday 14th October entries limited to 120 in each trial – entry Secretary is Rod Findlay, SWLRC, Beech Tree Barn, Marksbury, Bath, Somerset BA2 9HQ tel 0761470577

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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