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STEERING COLUMN

ALRC Handbook 2009 Edition: - Hopefully you will have received your copy of the 2009 Handbook. These were delivered to your club secretaries during the second week in January. Thanks to everybody involved with the production of this edition, I am sure that you agree it is a very professional publication. A special thanks to our Editor Steve Kirby and to Bruce Skivington of Land Rover Enthusiast with the printing and publication. If you respond to any adverts in the Handbook please mention where you saw it.

What sad news to hear of the recent death of Ted Ivory. Ted was a man who enjoyed life. A great part of that life was taken up with Land Rovers, Motor Sport and Cornwall and Devon Land Rover Club. Together with his wife Sylvia, Ted has contributed not only to his club and this association but also to the sport in general by promoting our pastime with their good natured approach to life and encouraging new members and especially the youngsters to join in. It was always a pleasure to meet and talk with Ted; he will be missed by many.

You will notice elsewhere in this newsletter an item relating to the Transport for London Low Emission Zone. As one of those that would have been affected by this legislation I can only thank Boris for his timely intervention.

Could I remind the current holders of the perpetual trophies from the 2008 A.L.R.C. National Rally to arrange for their return, duly engraved and cleaned to our AGM to be held on Saturday 14th March 2009.

Unfortunately due to the recurrence of a previous illness, Steve Kirby has found it necessary to take a well deserved rest. For the time being any enquiries regarding the Scrutineering and Off Road Committee should be addressed to our Secretary Simone Birch. I am aware that many of the competitors and vehicle builders amongst you have contacted Steve by e-mail in the past regarding vehicle compliance, could I ask that in the future your initial enquiry is addressed to you own club scrutineer and if he cannot answer your query then ask that he contact the S&ORC.

Denis Bourne
ALRC Chairman.

A.L.R.C. NATIONAL RALLY 2009

Entries are now coming in steadily with the both the R.T.V. Trial and C.C.V. Trial two-thirds full and the competitive safari over half full, so please get your entries in as soon as possible to guarantee your place. The Bike Trial will now take place on Sunday 24th May after the Team Recovery, it has been necessary to change this event due to the lack of volunteers to run it.

If you a member of a non-competitive Club or just do not wish to participate in off road sport there is always the Concours event – your vehicle does not have to be in pristine condition to enter this event, there are numerous

trophies available i.e. there are classes for working vehicles, most original condition everyday working vehicles, Series II or IIa normal control Land Rovers, Ex-Military Land Rovers etc. full listings of the trophies are on page 131 of the 2009 Handbook.

The campsite is flat so why not come along and enjoy a weekend away and meet up with other likeminded enthusiasts. Any Clubs wishing to have a Club Stand to display their vehicles and club information should contact me.

Once again we are being supported by N.F.U. Mutual and at the time of writing Rimmer Bros have agreed to sponsor the R.T.V. Trial. We are actively seeking more sponsors and traders, so if you know of anybody wishing to sponsor an event or just have a trade stand, all the necessary information is on our website. Remember the traders do not have to be just selling Land Rover bits and pieces; it would be nice to see something more interesting for the other members of the family.

Keep an eye on the website for the most up to date news on the entry numbers, traders, sponsors and any special offers.

Sandra Bourne
National Rally Liaison Officer

LAND ROVER NEWS

British International Motor Show

Are you ready for the ultimate experience?

It's time to get your heart racing and your adrenaline pumping. Experience all that Land Rover has to offer at the British International Motor Show - the biggest automotive exhibition in the country.

The British International Motor Show is a must-see event for anyone from passionate car enthusiasts to families looking for an exciting and fun-filled day out. The 2008 show will be held at ExCeL Exhibition Centre in London's Docklands from 23rd July to 3rd August. And with over 60 vehicle marques, 600 cars to view, global premiers, interactive features, supercar displays and a Kidz Car zone to keep the drivers of tomorrow amused, it promises to be one of the most spectacular shows to date.

See Land Rover from a different angle

This year Land Rover's contribution to the event is not for the faint hearted. Our 'Ultimate Experience' allows you to be driven by an instructor up a 10 metre high mountain - a real taste of what a Land Rover is capable of. You can also put our off-road capabilities to the test on one of our specially constructed courses, complete with hill descents and climbs. There'll also be the chance to see all our new 2009 models and the pioneering LRX - Land Rover's concept car of the future - which needs to be seen to be believed.

Take advantage of a 20% discount off adult tickets with Land Rover - that's just £10 for weekdays and £14 for weekends - or three adult tickets for the price of two.

To claim your discount, enter the unique codes shown below when you buy tickets from the Motor Show website, or quote your code if you buy tickets by phone on 0871 230 5588.

20% discount code: LAND02
3 for 2 code: LAND03

Terms and Conditions for ticket offers:

Customer 20% discount offer

Customers who quote the code LAND02 when booking will be entitled to a 20% discount on the full ticket price. Adult weekday tickets will cost £8 (normal price £10) and weekend tickets will cost £11.20 (normal price £14). Ticket offer not valid in conjunction with any other offer. Offer valid on tickets booked before 23 July 2008. Offer valid on adult tickets (excluding Press Day on 22 July and VIP Preview day on 23 July). Not valid on Child Rate, Family, Live Action Arena, Music Festival or King Tut Combo tickets. Tickets do not include entry to the Live Action Arena or to the Music Festival. Tickets are subject to a 60p booking fee per ticket and a transaction fee of £2 per order.

Customer 3 for 2 offer

Customers who quote the code LAND03 when booking will be entitled to 3 adult tickets for the price of 2. Adult weekday tickets will cost £20 for 3 (normal price £30) and weekend tickets will cost £28.00 (normal price £42). Ticket offer not valid in conjunction with any other offer. Offer valid on tickets booked before 23 July 2008. Offer valid on adult tickets (excluding Press Day on 22 July and VIP Preview day on 23 July). Not valid on Child Rate, Family, Live Action Arena, Music Festival or King Tut Combo tickets. Tickets do not include entry to the Live Action Arena or to the Music Festival. Tickets are subject to a 60p booking fee per ticket and a transaction fee of £2 per order.

A.L.R.C. MEETING DATES FOR 2009

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.

ALRC Meeting Dates for 2009

S&ORC - 25th April and 12th September Please note date changes to previously advertised
Council – 6th June and 17th October.
AGM / EGM – 14th March (AGM), 11th July and 14th November (10.30am start).

SCRUTINEERING MATTERS

Following a request to find someone to take on his role as chairman of the S&ORC from Steve Kirby who is currently unwell Andrew Flanders was elected as the chairman of the S&ORC with Frank Champion to act as vice chairman. Steve will continue to remain a member of the S&ORC. Members should initially direct queries to their club scrutineers or local log book scrutineers with further enquiries to Simone or Andrew Flanders, 3 Mortimer Hill, Tring, Herts, HP23 2JJ. 07813085325. andrewflanders@btinternet.com (not as printed in handbook).

NON-COMPETITIVE CLUBS NEWS

As the Non Competitive clubs coordinator I have also taken on the job of Shows & Events. In this capacity, I have booked stands at the following shows on behalf of the ALRC.

9/10th May - Live Promotion event at Drifffield, Yorkshire
6/7th June - LRW's show at Eastnor, Hereford
17/19th July - LRM's show at Newark showground, Newark and Live Promotions event at Billing Aquadrome
29/31st August - Stoneleigh Park Country Festival, Warwickshire
12/13th September - Live promotions event at the Peterborough showground.

I will receive a limited number of vehicle passes for these shows so if you are interested in displaying your vehicle can you please send me a S.A.E with the name of the show you wish to attend written on it. If possible, I would like a couple of competitive motors on display i.e. Trials motor, comp motor and/or one used for RTV. I think it is important to put across to the public the responsible and safe use of land that the ALRC competitive clubs have. As with my own club all I ask is that, you make yourself available to talk to the public at intervals during the show.

Other dates for your diary's are:

2/3rd May - Gaydon Heritage weekend
23/25th May - ALRC National event, Manby Motorplex
26/28th June - Manby Land Rover show, Manby Motorplex
22/26th July - War & Peace show at Beltring, Kent

If there are any more shows that you think I should know about or book a stand for please ring me on 01204 396449, Email em_sue55@yahoo.co.uk or write to Sue Foster, 31, Slimbridge Close, Brightmet, Bolton, BL2 5NT Hope to see you during the year. Sue

The Heritage Motor Centre will be the new venue for a Land Rover Auto Jumble on the 2nd May 2009 followed by the Heritage Land Rover show on the 3rd May 2009

Camping will be available all three nights (Friday thru to Monday) back on the Meadow

Many more details to follow but please see the link below:

<http://www.landroverclearout.co.uk/>

Remember you can get the Heritage run forms and more details on the Show from our website:

<http://www.hlrw.co.uk/>

Sue Foster
Non Competitive Clubs/ Shows and Displays Co-ordinator

NEWS FROM NFU

Cheap travel insurance can prove false economy

Taking out cheap travel insurance can end up costing holidaymakers dearly, especially if they are heading out to the slopes this winter. One in three travel insurance claims are for medical expenses for people enjoying a winter sports break.

The costs for medical treatment in ski resorts can be very high. For example, inpatient treatment with surgery can cost up to £50,000 in the USA. It is not just the cover levels that are the problem, cheap policies often don't include much needed extras, such as helicopter recovery from the slopes. If consumers simply go for the cheapest travel insurance policy on the market they could discover their claim is rejected and they are left with a huge bill.

A good winter sports travel insurance policy would include cover for skiing or snowboarding, piste closure, ski equipment, luggage, and full medical costs including rescue and repatriation liability to others.

Two thirds of holidaymakers in the UK continue to buy single-trip travel insurance when it may be more beneficial to purchase annual cover. If you go abroad more than a couple of times a year it's worth taking out an annual policy. Despite the fact that it is now easier than ever to buy travel insurance, one in ten travellers are still failing to take out cover, sometimes with disastrous and costly consequence as those falling ill or being injured abroad can face hefty bills.

For more information on NFU Mutual's travel insurance contact one of our local agents. Find your local agent at nfumutual.co.uk or call 0800 197 1283.

Useful websites: The foreign and Commonwealth Office: www.fco.gov.uk or UK Passport Service: www.ukps.gov.uk

NFU MUTUAL ANNOUNCES ITS 2009 CUSTOMER BONUS

NFU Mutual, the large rural insurer, has today announced that for the tenth year running it will be paying a bonus to its loyal customers. In 2009, as in previous years, NFU Mutual's general insurance customers will receive a bonus of up to 10% of their premiums when they renew their policies.

It is expected that the overall cost of the 2009 bonus payments will be around £85 million.

Lindsay Sinclair, NFU Mutual's Group CEO said: "We are delighted to be rewarding our loyal members. We have over three quarters of a million members who have general insurance policies with us, such as car and home, and year after year we see them coming back to us to renew their insurances.

"In fact, around 95% of customers renew their policies with us every year – reflecting just how many our customers appreciate the service we provide and the financial strength that lies behind it. Many of our customers are from families who have been with us for generations."

The level of Mutual Bonus that policyholders will receive depends on the length of time they have insured with the company. In 2009 every customer who renews will receive a discount of between 6% and 10%. This includes car, home and contents, business, horse and travel policies.

Mutual Bonus is applied as a discount at renewal. The amount of Mutual Bonus customers will receive in 2009 is calculated by the length of time policies have been in force:

- 1st renewal – 6%
- 2nd renewal – 7%
- 3rd renewal – 8%
- 4th renewal – 9%
- 5th renewal – 10%
- 6th and subsequent renewals – 10%

Low emission Zone in London suspended

Reprieve for small businesses as Mayor suspends phase three of Low Emission Zone

The Mayor of London, Boris Johnson, has announced his intention to suspend the third phase of the Low Emission Zone because of the detrimental impact it would have on London's small businesses. He outlined how, whilst entirely committed to improving air quality, improvements can be achieved through other measures.

The move is part of the Mayor's agenda to aid businesses during the economic downturn, and complements his £3bn Economic Recovery package to get London back on track. The Mayor has extended half price bus fares to Londoners on Job Seekers Allowance, introduced the 24 hour Freedom Pass and free travel for war veterans, and has frozen the Council Tax precept for the first time.

The Low Emission Zone currently targets the most polluting lorries over 3.5 tonnes, buses and coaches, and the Mayor is 100 per cent committed to the existing phases 1 and 2 of the scheme, which have proved effective. Phase three of the scheme, planned by the previous Mayoral administration, was scheduled to start in October 2010 and would have affected much smaller vehicles, including vans and minibuses, and even family camper vans. Without these changes many of the owners of the 90,000 non-compliant vehicles that use the zone each year would have faced a bill of up to £2000 for abatement equipment, or £15,000 for a new vehicle. Phase three was due to start on 4 October 2010 affecting light goods vehicles and vans up to 3.5 tonnes, minibuses under 5 tonnes, and specialist vehicles including motor caravans and horseboxes between 2.5 - 3.5 tonnes. They would have alternatively faced £100 daily charges or fines of £500 for each day they entered Greater London.

SCRUTINEERING AND VEHICLE REGULATION NEWS

Rule Change Proposals.

A rule change proposal has been submitted by Paul Finney and Arthur Wilson from Peak & Dukeries LRC. The proposed rule reads:-

B.7.1 any brand / make of steel wheels are allowed but they must be of adequate strength, have A diameter matching that of factory fitted wheels for that model and have an offset between the outer flat of the nave plate and the external face of the bead area (not the outermost turned-out flange of the rim) of 4" / 102mm or less. Also any Land Rover produced / manufactured alloy wheel and matching wheel nuts may be used when suitable hubs for that wheel are fitted.

The ALRC Scrutineering and Off Road Committee accepted this as being compatible with ALRC philosophy. The only clarification suggested would be the insertion of "aluminum" before alloy in the interests of accuracy; because steel is an alloy which the proposers have accepted. This will be voted on at the AGM in March and if accepted the ALRC Council will meet at the conclusion of the meeting to ratify it so that entrants to the ALRC National 2009 can use the new rule.

Other changes to be introduced by the MSA:**Challenge Event regulations and tyre regulations are to be discussed by ALRC SORC.**

Roll Cage Mountings - revised regulation 293, effectively an MSA/FIA cage required in vehicles with separate chassis and body but with internal superstructure of steel pressings from 1st January 2009.

Mud flaps - in competitive safaris, hill rallies and point to point - all road wheels must be fitted with a flexible mud flap of material not less than 5mm thick extending a minimum of 4cm each side of the tyre tread and a maximum of 10cm above the ground- recommended from 1st January 2009 mandatory from 1st January 2010.

A.L.R.C. MEMBER CLUB EVENTS FOR 2009**STAFFS AND SHROPSHIRE LRC MAY DAY EVENT**

This years S&S LRC May Day Interclub will be held at a new venue Red Hall Farm, Halmer End, Near Newcastle, Staffordshire which extends to about 450 acres.

As usual we have a RTV and bike comp on the Saturday, a CCVT on the Sunday and an Open Comp Safari on the Bank Holiday Monday. Entry numbers for all events have been capped at a maximum of 50 each in order to ensure a good day of competition is had by all. Therefore it is a **PRE-BOOK ONLY EVENT** for competition entries. Camping/caravanning can be paid on the day, but at an additional cost.

SO BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT - see www.saslrc.co.uk or call Ann Cooper on 01785 841575 for a booking form.

Please note that Staffs & Shrops LRC will be implementing a pre-booking system for all their club events this year. This is to ensure all events are viable. Details of the pre-booking system can be found on the news page of our club website www.saslrc.co.uk together with pre-booking slips.

Pre-booking closes one week before the event date and notification of whether the event will go ahead or is cancelled will be shown on the front page of the website on the Monday morning before the event is due to take place. This is to prevent wasted journeys.

CORNWALL AND DEVON LRC**June 27th – 28th Charity Two Day RTVT, Cornwall & Devon LRC****This is the 4TH CHARITY RTV EVENT AT NEWNHAM PARK 27th -28th JUNE 2009**

Let's Go Yellow Again for Charity St Lukes Hospice Our chosen charity St Lukes Hospice is again going yellow for 2009. After the fantastic show of support last year "Can you go one better?"

2008's Best Yellow Theme award went to Midland Rover Owners Club. What theme will your club come up with this year? The wackier the better!! Cornwall & Devon LRC look forward to welcoming you again For a fun filled weekend with two whole day's trialling in support of St Lukes Hospice. See you soon. See C&D Website for forms at <http://www.cornwallanddevon-landroverclub.co.uk/>

SOUTHERN ROC

There is an invitation to all ALRC competitive clubs from the Southern Rover Owners Club who are planning to hold their annual 2 day CCV trial and 4 Comp Safaris in 2009

The two-day trial will be open to all ALRC competitive clubs, and will be ALRC only.

It is to be held at Knowle Farm, Broad Oak, Heathfield, East Sussex and will take place on 1/8/09 & 2/8/09

The 3 Comp Safaris are as follows:

12/7/09 – Venue TBA

16/8/09 – Darwell Beech Farm, Netherfield, East Sussex

27/9/09 – Monkings Farm, Northiam, East Sussex

The Comps will be open to all ALRC competitive clubs, and also SCOR and Anglian Rover Owners Club.

The SRs will be posted on the Southern ROC web site prior to the events and will include a an entry form as part of the SRs

MIDLAND ROC

Majors Memorial Trial 2009 – 19th/21st September 2009 – Eastnor Deer Park. More details to follow

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

DUNSFOLD COLLECTION WEEKEND 20th/22nd JUNE 2009-02-16

This show is again being held at the popular Springbok Estate. There is ample car parking on site. As usual, we are being supported by **Land Rover** and **Land Rover Driving Experience** who will be giving demonstration rides around the on-site off-road course. There will be several **Club Stands, Trade Stands, Arena Events** and an **Auto Jumble**. Also on site, there will be a **bar and catering facilities**, with **evening entertainment** on the Saturday night. A **special event** of interest on the Sunday will be the '**Coast into the Country**' Land Rover run, which is organised by the **South Coast Land Rover Owners Club**. The run, usually consisting of around 70 vehicles, should start arriving at around midday. See their web site for details

www.southcoastlandroverownersclub.co.uk

The Springbok **Estate (GU6 8EX)** is just down the road from the Dunsfold DLR premises. See the Dunsfold website for details of how to book at <http://www.dunsfold.com/Events/events.htm>

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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