

March 1983

Dear Members,

Once again the season of shows and displays is upon us. ..and no doubt many of you will be ready to start those non-essential maintenance jobs that had to be put off because of the weather..or the promise of it.

We've just returned from the Bristol Classic Car Show, where the stand was excellently prepared by Andrew Cross and Jamie Fairchild. Andrew's RAE was there again (1952 80") and we were lucky enough to be able to borrow a part restored 1948 model. ..one which does not feature in any of our records, or on the Register..although that will quickly be rectified. It stood resplendent in its sage green paint...only the bulkhead and nearside wing obscuring the view of all the mechanical parts....quite a crowd-puller. Partially because the stand was even better than before, but also, I think, because interest in Land Rovers is increasing as well, it was a very busy couple of days for all those who manned it. We are very grateful for their help.

35th Anniversary Commemorative Run for Series One Land Rovers.

The 100 entrants (lists are now full) will travel from the Solihull Factory via M42, M6 and joining the A5 at exit 12 of the M6 on their way to Anglesey. The first point on the A5 should be reached just before 11am, and should reach Plas Coch on the Isle of Anglesey at about 4 pm, via the Tubular Bridge. Land Rover Owners are invited to line the route along the A5 to cheer the 100 vehicles ranging from a 81" Rolls Royce engined Land Rover, via 2 80" Station Wagons, to the whole range of Series Ones.

Report on the Bristol Gathering...8.2.83.

A cold and wet Tuesday early in February saw our first mid-week evening gathering held at the Albert Inn. It was good to see the few who did turn up, however, next time we may try a different night in the week in the hope that more members will want to attend.

A.Cross.

'E.T.' at Andover.

Once again Sunday 20th March was the occasion of a gathering at 'The Eagle' at Abbots Ann, with a good number of members arriving from near and far. After a couple of hours at The Eagle enjoying the food and drink we were invited by David Bowyer to follow him (and the Land Rover badges stuck to road signs in the area!) to 'Red Roofs' to see the video recording of the TV documentary on the Land Rover which was filmed at Eastnor on 19th Feb. Some of you living in the Central TV region will already have seen the programme, but to most of us it was a surprise to see the very topical title of "The Extraordinary Terrestrial", and a chance to try to spot ourselves among the largest Land Rover gathering ever. Our thanks to David for his hospitality for the afternoon.

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SEAT BELT LEGISLATION

Last Newsletter we printed a query about the qualifying dates for the Seat Belt Legislation. The Department of Transport replied to my letter very promptly telling me I was wrong. What they did say was this:

'A vehicle manufactured before 1 July 1964 but registered after 1 January 1965 would not be required to be fitted with seat belts As your Club I s vehicles were manufactured in 1958 (up to 1958) they do not require belts to be fitted and are therefore exempt from the Wearing Regulations.'

'If challenged your members should produce their log books, showing the manufactured date.'

Unfortunately the DoT doesn't know that DV1C only puts on the log book (replacement) the date of first registration!! Not much help if you are ex-WD and therefore apparently dated after 1965. If you are bothered, why not carry a copy of the Register of vehicles showing your vehicle in the midst of early dated ones.