



Invicta Landrover Club Kent

Monthly Meeting News.

Tuesday 02nd December 2014.

Good evening and Happy Christmas to you all.

Club Meeting News.

The Club meeting in November was our AGM and 40 members and friends attended at the Dog and Duck Pub Plucks Gutter, Ollie (Vice Chair) opened the meeting at 2003hrs with a warm welcome to all.

- Vice chair (Ollie) hands over to Secretary (Jules) for election of new Chairman. Ollie was nominated and seconded and accepted the role.
- Ollie then held elections for all club committee positions with the following elected. Secretary (Jules), V-Chair (Shaun), Treasurer (Ted), Club Shop (Phil) & Web Master (Andy D).
- It was decided by all, that there will be two “meetings” in December, on the 02nd we will have our normal club meeting night and on the 16th we will have our Christmas Party night. Food to be supplied by the club for all members.
- Lesley asked for her “knitted poppies” to be promoted at £2.50 each, with 50% going to both the Air Ambulance and Help for Heroes.
- There was a raffle held in aid of The Kent Air Ambulance with the magnificent total of £44.35 raised. Many thanks to all who donated prizes. A very special mention to John who must have twisted the arm of everybody in the pub to make this total possible. Thanks John.
- With the meeting closed Andy and Janet did a Movie Theme Soundtrack Quiz. It was well received and not surprisingly won by a musician!
- Andy agreed to do another quiz in December with a £1 donation from each table going to the Air Ambulance.



Dates For Your Calendar / Diary.

Christmas Party at the Dog & Duck on Tuesday 16th December 14 at 1930 – 2000 hrs.

Our Next Meeting will be on Tuesday 06th January 15 at 1930 – 2000hrs.

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London, Brighton, and Anywhere In Between.

(By John Clark)

Another year and another early start for the 16th Annual London to Brighton, organised by SLSLRC (to the appreciation of almost a thousand enthusiasts that took part). Being my second year of doing this rally, I had a rough idea of what to expect, which made me look forward to it even more.

For a few weeks leading up to the event, I had been arranging different meeting places with different people. Jules & Phil, and Jenny & Alec had confirmed they would avoid the early convoy from Thanet by staying near the Epsom site in the comfort of a Premier Travel Lodge-Inn (other over-night accommodation is available). Dave (silver 110) and Richard Lock's family (in the *other* 110 with a roof rack) were both originally hoping to camp in Epsom, until the heavy rain the day before changed their minds. The Thanet posse were going to do their usual early convoy to Clacket Lane Services to meet the rest of the club.

As for me, I was planning on milking every stage of potential convoy driving (after all, this year I had a CB radio!) Despite being one of the closest to London, I probably had one of the earliest starts. First I had a 04:45 meeting place for the Porter family (green series 3) at the top of my road, where we left our trucks running in the pub car park to both warm the engines and try to demist the screens. Then at 05:15, we were at the Running Horse (bottom of Bluebell Hill) where we met the Dowling's and the Locks. Already with a 4-strong convoy, we hit the road to Clacketts to be there at 06:00.



Of course, it didn't take us long to realise we were stupidly early, but thankfully not the first of the trucks there!! After all having a McDonalds breakfast (other fine dining experiences are available), and welcoming little Leo on his first club outing, we set off for Epsom. On this journey, Dave (who claims he left Gillingham after 06:30!!) flew past the convoy and fell in line in front of me before we left the M25. Despite the club convoy (which seemed larger than last year) being split by traffic lights a couple of times, we all arrived together at Epsom with plenty of time to spare.

After having a good chat, fixing plaques, playing with dogs and saying how frosty the grass was, we jumped in for the journey to Brighton. By this stage, Sarah had decided her dad's series 3 was a bit too chilly, so jumped into my county. Never before has an early defender been described as quiet and comfortable!!

For some unknown reason, our convoy leaving Epsom was split by the organisers before we even left the field, who decided to let over a dozen other trucks in between. This was a running theme throughout the whole day ... but a convoy of land rovers is still a convoy, even if they are not your club. I lead my mini convoy with Dave, Stephen and Ann behind all the way to Peas Pottage, where we finally met the club (approximately 15-30 mins after they had arrived). This may have been my fault, as I was leading the route completely blind, trying to pick the most common path used by the criss-cross of Landies. This led to a lovely detour through some back roads and smaller lanes. However, the prize goes to the Smurfs who found an even longer route after following the Range Rover fire trucks (who seemed to pull in to every other fuel station from what I could work out). I was half expecting the Smurfs to win the "furthest travelled" trophy, despite trucks coming from Germany and Scotland!!

Most of the ILRC left Peas Pottage about 10 minutes before my mini-convoy had recovered. Due to the vast amounts of traffic in Brighton, this was amplified to probably another 30minute gap by the time we hit Madeira Drive. To our surprise, the Letley's were the first on scene since they bypassed Peas Pottage altogether ... and most of West Sussex! We waved to the club who were approaching the final left turn at the roundabout, while we started our 2 mile slow crawl up and back down. This resulted in three of the club's trucks being split from the rest of the pack. However, with the extra bit of space found by the Porter family, we were able to put their lovely series 3 in a spot by itself, and try to sell it! (If anyone is interested in more information, please email me at johnthedrummer@hotmail.co.uk ... no other trucks are available).



After another fantastic show, with decent weather to match, the bulk of the club went to the Harvester for our traditional meal. The club members who were parked up together had pre-ordered as there were so many of us going. However, the Clarks, Porters and Jenny & Alec sneaked off a bit earlier to try our luck (as we hadn't pre-booked). Amazingly, after being told there may be an hour or two's wait, we were seated within 20 minutes, served quickly and really enjoyed our meal. Unfortunately, the same can't be said for the rest of the club... (Other restaurants are available ... and will probably be used next time!!!)

On leaving the Harvester (just as the club were starting their main course), we watched Ben (the dog) have his supper (sausages we had saved, cut up and sneaked out in a doggy bag from one of our plates), and set off with just the Clarks and Porters in convoy. By this stage, we'd had enough of fast roads, so decided to take the scenic country roads home through Lingfield, Four Elms and Sevenoaks. This "long, slow route" home turned out to be much quicker than the motorway due to the accident shutting the M25. As a result, we managed to return home at 22:30. Again, the same can't be said for the other club members who apparently decided to have a sleepover on the motorway.



For Sale. 1982 Land Rover Series 3.



For Sale is my much cherished 1982 Petrol Series 3 Land Rover. I have owned the vehicle approximately 5 years and have spent a good deal of time and money improving it to what you see today. I have replaced many of the parts as well as incorporating upgrades to make ownership more pleasant and practical.

The Land Rover starts and runs well, the performance and economy are better than most of these vehicles on the road today.

I have a significant amount of paperwork detailing parts purchased as well as MOTs dating back the past few years showing how little use the vehicle has had since owned.

It has not failed an MOT nor had any advisories (current MOT to Jun 2015)

I welcome any inspection and you are free to crawl around inside and underneath where you will see just how sound it is.

Detailed description.....

Bodywork:-

- Chassis and bulkhead are completely solid and have been regularly cleaned and waxoyled.
- Footwells solid
- Paintwork brush-finished in Land Rover Deep Bronze Green enamel. There are several age-related dings but the overall look, while not perfect, is very impressive.
- Two new glazed door tops
- Replacement air vent seals
- Replacement number plates
- Spare wheel with cover, on bonnet means rear door doesn't drag on its hinges.
- Tinted windows offer protection to the rear area from prying eyes and helps keep the interior cool.

Mechanical / Other:-

- The vehicle has been very well maintained with regular services including oil and filter changes.
- Land Rover Discovery differentials fitted to the axles – these effectively raise the gearing by 1/3 resulting in a more driveable vehicle that can cope with motorway driving without the engine screaming. This also has a positive impact on fuel economy.
- Reconditioned head – runs on unleaded fuel
- All gears working including hi-lo 2wd-4wd
- Doesn't jump out of gear not whine in any gear.
- Weber carburettor with K&N free flow air filter results in improvement to both performance and economy.
- All 4 tyres are good 205 x 16 radials
- The vehicle, being one of the much later Series 3's, has the larger brakes with servo assistance which makes a huge difference compared to the earlier models

Electrical System:-

- Powerlite high-torque starter motor spins the engine on the coldest of mornings and eliminates the troublesome starter solenoid
- Facet electronic fuel pump replaces the highly unreliable mechanical pump on standard set-ups. This also eliminates the common problem of fuel starvation at high revs on many of these engines.
- Electronic distributor – this is a contact-less system with no maintenance required and a much more reliable spark for improved starting / running
- New alternator
- New battery
- New coil
- New ignition leads
- Kenlowe large diameter electric cooling fan and controller
- New Ignition switch and steering lock
- Additional fuse box installed to protect accessories
- There is a full wiring loom and socket for towing – but I have never towed with the vehicle and so do not know whether this works.
- New side lights front and rear
- New indicators
- Reconditioned heating system fan
- New earth straps
- New wiring looms to engine and alternator
- New battery leads

Interior:-

The interior is very clean and tidy....

- Full length fully insulated "La Salle" headlining kit fitted with 4-speaker stereo system, interior lights and 2 JVC speakers (2 further speakers are fitted in the cubby box)
- Exmoor Trim "extreme" high-back seats with integral headrests. Seats are cloth with covers fitted.
- Forward-facing seat in rear area – another could be fitted alongside or replaced with bench seats to increase the seating capacity from its current 3
- Inertia-reel seat belts
- Cubby box with drinks holders and 2 speakers
- Re-covered dashboard top
- Door cards and handles
- Twin 12v sockets with USB facility to charge accessories / sat nav.
- Voltmeter
- Ammeter
- Clock
- Additional switches for reversing light and rear work light.
- Fire extinguisher
- Reconditioned air vent system and cables mean that demisting is effective – very rare for a series 3
- New gaiters fitted to gear and brake levers

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From The Editor.

Ho Ho Ho Everyone.

Just wishing you all a Merry Christmas and for the New Year to come. Thank you for the re-elections at the AGM in November, I know that all of the committee will do their best for the club taking us into 2015. I guess like me you will all be looking forward to the rest.

See you in the New Year Jules.



Your Reports.

Please let us have your reports of what you have been doing to your trucks, photos and comments so that we can include them in your magazine for others to enjoy.

It's doesn't take a lot of time to do a report, type it, write it or just give Jules your scribbling's and let us do the rest, go on you can do it.

If anybody has any items that they would like to be considered for next month's magazine or anything shop related please see me (Jules) after tonight's meeting, or email / phone Phil on. phil.letley@sky.com / 07702 960644. Thanks as always to Mark & Ryan for their help.

Club Shop.

Fleece Tops, Sweatshirt's, Hoddies and Polo Shirts, Base Ball Caps with Club Logo (and option of your name on Shirts) made to order. Paper Rolls, Latex Gloves, and Kinetic Ropes / Strops (to order). Various Stickers large, med & small Club Logos for bonnets, doors and windows, WWW Address, Fire Extinguisher and First Aid. Custom made ones to order. All in stock or obtainable very quickly to order. See Phil / Jules.

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