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#### EDITORIAL.....

Well, the buy out of the Rover Group by British Aerospace (BAe) has now gone ahead despite objections by various factions in the EEC. The redundancies were unfortunate but not totally unexpected. Just what the future will be is open to conjecture at the moment. BAe has recently won a huge armaments contract, a big factor in the winning of which was BAe's ability to fulfill the entire contract. They are providing not just a range of aircraft and weapons, and through Vosper Thorneycroft, the patrol boats, but their Dutch based construction company (purchased last year) is building the airbase and the harbour. Their worldwide training facilities will also be available to train the personnel. Now they are in a position to provide military vehicles and equipment as well.....

The trouble with the design of this newsletter is that it is in units of four pages; that is four blocks of A5 text/artwork covering a folded A4 sheet. Sometimes it's difficult to make it work out exactly which is why I hold non-urgent articles in abeyance for a while to fill in spaces later. At other times it works out perfectly; then someone sends me an urgent page! As a result, I then need three more A5 sides to fill up the extra sheet; or I can leave a non-urgent page out. Fun, isn't it?

I still haven't had any articles about the Nationals so the least I can do is publish a results list. As has been mentioned before, Malcolm Whitbread won his class in the Off-Road class, but also lurking in there is Alex Waugh who came second in his class in the RTV. He entered when he was still in the Lincs club only, hence Lincs against his name and not HBRO. Come on Malcolm and Alex, let's have a report from you!

It seems that my comments regarding the Hampshire Bowman have ruffled a few feathers. I

apologise for getting the facts wrong. The explanation I was given for the cessation of the meetings was as written last month. Anyway, see letter this issue on the subject, setting the record straight and posing an interesting question.

Robb Unsworth recently met John Rogers, the rights of way officer for Wiltshire. He is a real green-lane enthusiast and is full of anecdotes. Robb suggests that we invite him to talk to us at one of our pub meets. I'll be following that up.

# Harroway Farm RTV

F.W.D. Motors have offered a trophy to be awarded at the RTV trial which is to be held on October 23rd at Harroway Farm. This is a new site that Gary Hodgson found. It's like Ham Lane but without the hill on the left as you look down the valley. The approach is through a long field that is used for clay pigeon shooting to the site at the end. There is a sunken dry river bed alongside the latter stages of the field which is quite The loops of the sections. for promising scrambling course on the right are quite steep and there is a selection of routes through the trees that could be used for sections too. Details later.

# OVERLANDER OFF ROAD CENTRE

Some months ago Pants and Barks printed a request for anyone interested in attending the Overlander Off Road Centre in Devon to make themselves known. It must be said that there was precious little response, but it is probably worth repeating the request now that more Land Rover and Range Rover owning members have joined the Hants and Berks Rover Owners. Obviously saying that you are interested is not a firm commitment to attend, but to get some idea of the interest, (or lack of) please contact Rog Pattie and let him know.

## COMPETITION NEWS.

With the Broxhead Common event behind us the next HBRO trial is scheduled for the 11th of December at Weavers Down. Looking to the future, applications have already been made for three events on military land ( such as Broxhead Common ) during 1989. Also thanks to the efforts of Gary, the club has located an alternative trials site in the Petersfield area, which we hope to try out this October. The club has also received invites to specific inter-club challenges in the immediate future, which are detailed below. There is also the standing invite for HBRO members to attend Anglian events, although your vehicle will need to comply with the Anglian Clubs regulations to be eligible. Since these regulations are slightly different to the HBRO's I would suggest that you contact either Steve Kirby or Colin Gross for the details.

Congratulations go to Hugh Glossop and Alan Tew who recently entered the Anglian Clubs night Safari. In this event which required the entrants to complete four laps of the 3.1 mile course at night, with a further eight laps on the next day; Hugh came 3rd overall with his special, whilst Alan took his infamous red Rangie to 3rd place in the 3.5 litre class.

## Club Challenge Trial. 25th September.

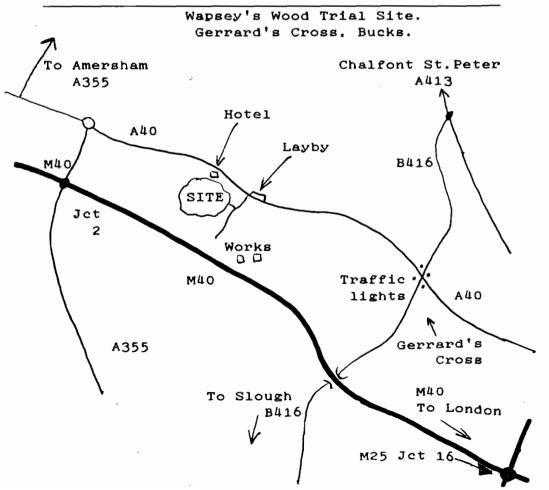
The Anglian Rover Owners Club have challenged the MDRO to a trial on the 25th of September. This is a specific event for the two clubs members only, so please make an effort to attend. The site at Wapseys Wood is less than ninety minutes drive ( even at Land Rover speeds ) from Petersfield so it really isn't too far to travel. Also since it is a co-promoted event, HBRO vehicles need only meet HBRO regulations, ie. you won't need to have the fire extinguisher fitted. The event is billed as a Novice Trial ( in Anglian terms ) which means that any standard Land Rover product runs in Class 1. Modified vehicles ie. V8 conversions, Range Rovers with big wheels etc. run in Class 2. Specials ie. Land/Range Rover hybrids, or non Rover products, together with non road taxed vehicles run in Class 3.

The site is a large sand and gravel pit, without any trees, so the event is basically non damaging but the terrain should make for more challenging sections than those at Ham Lane. Colin Gross is setting out the event using his Rangie, and the club hopes to see as many HBRO members as

possible competing. At previous challenges the HBRO have only entered a small team ( with great success ), so this time let's give the Anglian members a real challenge. A map showing the location is included at the end of this article, and the site will be signposted from the A40. Prebookings cost £8 to Colin Gross, or just turn up before 9am on the day to enter for £10.

## Majors Trial. 2nd October.

The Majors trial is an annual event hosted by the Midland Club and held at the Eastnor Deer Park, Ledbury, Herefordshire. The HBRO have never entered this event, but if we can find a team of three vehicles there is no reason why we shouldn't. Each vehicle has to comply with the ARC rules (so Land/Range Rover hybrids are not eligible) and to be honest I wouldn't enter a road going Range Rover as the event is tougher than an RTV and probably not non damaging. However if you wish to be part of a team then phone Colin Gross as soon as possible.



# GREENROADING NEWS Steve Kirby. Rights of Way Officer

The meeting place for those who phoned for the green lane trip on the 7th of August was Petersfield station car park. I passed the station on the way to pick up Gary Hodgson who has an injured arm and can't drive at the moment. On our return we found Andy Muchmore in his 88" SWB and John Dowdeswell and Darren Gay in John's LWB. We waited for half an hour but the other expected participants did not show.

We started off with a look at the dreaded Five Ways Corner. In mid Summer after a period of dry weather we thuoght it would be fairly easy. We got TO the hole at the corner without any trouble but getting through it was another matter! I switched off the electric fans and gunned the Rangy through successfully. Andy followed managed about threequarters through. I towed him had a go. Owing to lack of clear and John traction he didn't get much of a run up to it and grounded on the track just short of the 'puddle'. The other vehicles were round the corner and couldn't really tow him from where he was, so we used Andy's Tirfor. By the time he was half way up the exit slope, we could get a tow rope on him. The combined pulls hauled the LWB out of the hole onto firm ground. That wasn't the end of the story however. The track to the NE of the Junction has ruts so deep that the axle casings catch. Anyway. after much pushing, pulling and a bit of Hilift jacking we all got through the lane. It took us nearly three hours! I wonder what it's like in Winter? No!. don't try it please.

The next lane we tried was one we have never done before, I believe. It was blocked by numerous fallen trees and stacks of branches apparently dumped into this sunken lane from an adjacent field. Further on it got narrower and narrower and finally turned into a deep V shaped gulley which would be rather hazardous to drive. Another time perhaps.

We then found some really beautiful lanes over the hills in the area around HMS Mercury, the

Admiralty Communications station. There we found a nice looking RUPP but it was fenced at one end, blocked by a padlocked gate at the other and full of chickens in between! We'll be contacting the Council about that one.

The weather was blazing hot; a beautiful day. My Rangy didn't like it though; the underbonnet temperature causing the occasional vapour lock in the fuel system. A short break cooled it off alright. We completed six lanes at a leisurely pace (enforced!) and stopped several times to view the lovely scenery. A good day out.

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The Editor, Pants & Barks.

Dear Steve.

I always look forward to reading Pants & Barks each month. August's editorial I feel needs comment. Your remarks about the demise of the Hampshire Bowman pub meet are not correct. The matter was decided, by two committee members who rarely if ever attended, without consulting members who did. Both myself and Roy Michael, also a regular attendant, voiced our opinion at last year's AGM. Maybe it's time to move to a more central, geographically speaking, position. Basingstoke?

Yours Faithfully.

Robb Unsworth.

# NATIONAL RALLY 1988 Hosted by Staffordshire & Shropshire

# Road Trim Vehicle Trial. Sponsored by Pirelli CoC-Ken Walker

Land Rover Club Ltd.

Class 1 Standard 80" 1st K.Mador Southern 2nd R. Lines Yorks 3rd D.Barrett Leics Class 2 Standard 86/88" Srs I & LtWt 1st A.Wilson Pennine 2nd C.Luxton Breckland Lincs 3rd J.Radley Class 3 Standard 88" Srs. II, IIa & III Southern 1st A.Collier L&C 2nd R.Edwins 3rd P.Hanes Lines Class 4 Ninety 1st R.Ward C & D 2nd D.Lyes **Breckland** 3rd M. Hobson Yorks Standard LWB. 101, 110 & R/Rover. Class 5 1st D.Read P & D 2nd A. Waugh Lincs 3rd L. Leacock Pennine Special 80" Class 6 1st C.Leay S & W Class 7 Special 86/88" Srs. I & LtWt 1st C.Chesters Pennine 2nd P.Allen 3rd A.Rutherford Red Rose Class 8 Special 88" Srs. II, IIa & III 1st G.Mimmack Lines Class 9 Special.coil sprung, min 80" WB 1st P. Harrison P & D

Special awards: Pirelli Trophy - C. Chesters Pennine.

# Off-Road Trial. Sponsored by Land Rover Parts Ltd. CoC-Colin Parkes.

Class 1 Standard 80"

1st M.Morrison L & C 2nd K.Stroud AROC

3rd S.Carman L & C

Class 2 Standard 86/88" Srs. 1 & LtWt	Competitive Safari. Sponsored by Kingsdown
1st R. Baker SROC 2nd M. Chaloner Pennine	CoC-Reg Smith.
3rd P.Whisker Lincs	ooo kee ballon.
Class 3 Standard 88" Srs. II, IIa & JII	Class 1 Standard, <2000cc
1st A.Collier L&C 2nd M.Hall S&W	1st M. Harvey P & D 2nd S. Carman P & D
3rd P.Williams SROC	3rd M.Chaloner Pennine
Class 4 Ninety	Class 2 Standard. 2001-2495cc.
1st M.Whitbread HBRO 2nd M.Hobson Yorks	1st C. Amos Pennine 2nd S. Taylor Pennine
Class 5 Standard LWB, 101, 110 & R/Rover	3rd G.Almond Pennine
1st W.Leacock Pennine 2nd D.Roberts Brecklan	d Class 3 Standard, R/R, One Ten, LWB_V8
Class 6 Special 80"	No Awards
1st D.Marsh C & D 2nd P.Tucker C & D	Class 4 Special. Leaf sprung. <3000cc
3rd D.Rogers C & D	1st H. Carman L & C 2nd S. Lee Pennine
Class 7 Special 86/88" Srs. I & LtWt	3rd I.Bartram Pennine
1st S.Denham L & C 2nd A.Bury Pennine	Class 5 Special. Leaf sprung. >3001cc
3rd M.Jones L & C	1st M. Jones L & C 2nd A. Retallack C & D
Class 8 Special 88" Srs. II, IIa & III	3rd S.Rothwell L & C
1st S.Newland SROC 2nd D.West Pennine	Class 6 Special.Coil sprung.<3000cc & 90
3rd B.Danson L & D	1st K.Boydell L & C 2nd G.Ferriman P & D
Class 9 Special, coil sprung, min 80" WB	3rd T.Thake SROC
1st T.Thake SROC 2nd C.Daw C & D	Class 7 Special.Coil sprung.>3001cc & 90
3rd T.Boydell L & C	1st R.Wells Lincs 2nd J.Cook Midland
	3rd T.Hartley Pennine
Special Awards:-	
Land Rover Parts Trophy- D. Marsh C & D	Special Awards:-
(1st overall)	Crossland Filters Challenge Cup- K. Boydell L&C
Rickard Trophy- M. Morrison L & C	(Fastest Land Rover of any type)
(1st standard Land Rover)	The Kingsdown Cup- C.Amos Pennine
Mitchen Industries Cup- B. Leacock Pennine	(1st Lightweight)
(1st Range Rover)	John Craddock Shield- G. Almond, C. Amos, S. Taylor
Pirelli Cup- T. Thake SROC	Pennine Club (Best nominated team of three)
(Highest placed nominated driver)	Set of Michelin Tyres- C.Amos Pennine
Ladies Rose Bowl- Zoe Dodge Midland	(Fastest Standard Land Rover)
(1st Lady driver)	)
Total Team Trophy-T.& K.Boydell, H. Carman L & C	<b>,</b>
(Best nominated team of three drivers)	Team Recovery. Sponsored by Birmingham Ropes
Intersector Cup- Anglian Rover Owners	CoC-Colin Parkes.
(Best average score from one club)	
Over 55s Cup- Jim Court SROC	1st K.Boydell & T.Boydell L & C
The Blackwood Spoon- A. Dunham	2nd S.Bruce & C.Bruce L & C
(Highest Score!)	3rd A.Stovordale & S.Rothwell L & C
	Special Awards:-
	Rover Challenger Trophy- K.& T. Boydell L & C
	(1st Overall.)

# Winch Recovery. Sponsored by F W Winches CoC-Alan Edgar.

1st C.Smeeth SROC

## Concours d'Elegance

Judged by Ted Beesley and John Craddock

1st J.Halls Range Rover
2nd K.Wheelwright Srs.I 80"
3rd J.Williamson Srs.I 80"

Special Awards:David Bowyer Cup(Best Srs.I LR)

K.Wheelwright

Tony Hutchins Award- Gavin Howell in HNX 444 (Most original prototype as driven to the event)

# Trailer Reversing Sponsored by K & S Land Rover Services CoC-Graham Stubbs.

1st D.Smerdon C & D 2nd C.Daw C & D 3rd A.Retallack C & D

Dixon Bate Award of a tow hitch- D.Smerdon C & D

I am indebted to Staffordshire & Shropshire LRC for the above information.

Steve Kirby.

## CHRISTMAS DINNER

Although it is still Summer (?), it is worthwhile mentioning the HBRO Christmas Dinner. In previous years this has proved to be popular and this year we are trying to ascertain how many members would be interested in attending a club Christmas Dinner, it will most probably be on a Friday evening on a date to be arranged. On previous occasions the cost has been under £10 per head, drinks extra, and the cost hopefully will be similar this year. If interested at this early stage then let Rog Pattie know.

# TORQUE TECHNICAL TIPS

Book Review by Steve Kirby.

In Australia, it seems that to pop next door for, say a cup of sugar, involves a 500 mile bash in a grossly overloaded Range Rover across deserts, through rivers and over mountain ranges, avoiding snakes, spiders and wallabies along the way! This is the impression I get from Overlander's imported book, Torque Technical Tips. It's full of a myriad of useful hints and wrinkles for Rangy owners on how to make it go, how to make it stop and why it doesn't always go terribly well in between! The book contains many dissertations on engine tuning, suspension mod's, electrical installations, bodywork and what to do if you get bitten in the outback by a funnel-web spider!

The high temperatures in Oz seem to cause much trouble with tyres and engine overheating; a problem we don't have here! There are also numerous references to pattern items not available here plus comments on fitments peculiar to Aussie Rangies but apart from that, the list of remarkably useful suggestions amd modifications is too long to go into in detail here. After flicking through another club member's copy for a few minutes I phoned my order through to the publishers. It'll cost you around twenty quid but needs to save you only one wrong small spare part to pay for itself.

I have made good use of the spring part number chart and got my Rangy to ride level and at the height I wanted, first go. OK so that involved £50 worth of springs (Genuine Parts, naturally) but the book is less than the price of ONE spring. I have also used the instructions on how to install a grease nipple on the ball joint of the steering drop arm. It's great seeing all that crud being pushed out and knowing fresh grease is getting to the right place.

The section on safety should be made compulsory reading even though the part on snake bites is a bit over the top for Britain!

Roger Pattie has a copy available for immediate delivery.

# The F.W.D.Motors/ Castrol Oils Cup

## RTV Trial, Broxhead Common

This was to be the first Hants & Berks event for which we have received sponsorship. It took the form of prizes of oil products from Castrol and a fine silver cup from F.W.D. Motors.

The first event at this location was spoilt by persistent rain but this one was different. The sun shone and the competitors turned up in quantity. We had the usual problem in coaxing anyone from the fairly large group of friends, relatives and onlookers to act as marshals. As usual several members who had entered had to give up their entries to marshal instead.

The terrain at Broxhead is mainly sandy with trees and the odd patches of water. Grip is usually fairly good. A long dry period prior to the event left the ground dry and puddles few and far between. Allan Tew and Hugh Glossop laid out the sections and managed to find a bit of water and mud. Most of the sections looked easy but as the results show, only one person managed to stay clear all day. Nobody suffered any damage and a good day was had by all. We had quite an assortment of vhicles, the most eyecatching was Dennis Western's huge six wheeled Eagle RV jeep.

The entrants were split into two groups and they went off to do the sections out of each other's way. There's no point in trying to describe the sections; you should have been there!

Thanks go to Hugh and Allan for laying out the course and scrutineering, Roger Pattie for being secretary of the meeting. Colin Gross and Gary Hodgson for being the stewards, and Steve Kirby for arranging the sponsorship. Also, a sincere thanks to all the other helpers and marshals, particularly those who unselfishly gave up their entries to assist.

Finally, thanks go to F.W.D.Motors of Kingston-upon-Thames for the Cup and to Castrol Oils for prizes of various oil products.

#### RESULTS....

Class 1 SWB <2 1/	2 1tr	Class 4 LWB >2 1/2	ltr
Brian Warburton	2	Nick Jennings	6
Vic Garrett	4	Alex Waugh	17
Phil Matthews	7	James Wallis	38
John Wingate	14		
Dick Corking	17	Class 5 Specials	and
Malcolm Adamson	21	non-Rover vehicles	
Robin Warrington	24		
Dave Catlin	27	Russel Norman	0
Dave Cuthbert	28	Ron Baker	8
Angie Marynicz	39	Mike Maskelyne	8
		Paul Lloyd	29
Class 2 SWB >2 1/2 ltr		Dave Henry	34
		Dennis Western	37
Richard Maskelyne	18		
Steve Hazell	23	Ladies Award	
Mark Turner	28		
Sue Glossop	32	Sue Glossop	
Tracey Doherty	37		
Class 3 LWB <2 1/	<u>2 1tr</u>	FWD Motors/Castrol	Cup
John Gifford	12	Brian Warburton	

In class 5, Ron beat Mike as he went furthest before incurring penalties.

## OFFICIAL NOTICE OF AGM

The Hant's & Berks Rover Owners will be holding their annual general meeting on October 12th at the Hind's Head. Aldermaston at 8 p.m.

The main issues will be; -

- (a) Make changes to the constitution regarding membership categories.
- (b) The present committee will be standing for re-election but if any member wishes to stand then please let the secretary know.
- If any member wishes to propose any motions, then please write to the secretary; letters to arrive 14 days or more prior to the AGM.

# GREENROADING NEWS Steve Kirby. Rights of Way Officer

## The Definitive Map

I expect most of you have heard of this but few will have seen one; so what is it? The Definitive Map is a map of every road, lane, track, etc. etc. and one is kept by every County Council in the country. It records the CURRENT status of each road and is often updated daily.

Recently, Gary Hodgson' and I visited the offices of Hampshire County Council in Winchester to view the Hampshire Map. I have purchased a complete set of new OS maps for the whole of Hants and these have been marked solely from the definitive map and will be kept as a master set. The information will gradually be transferred to 25.000 scale Pathfinder maps when I get them. When complete, these maps will be available for you to see on request. As you may know, most unclassified county roads (UCR, shown in white on OS maps) are public and have vehicular rights. Many are private and do not. Where a UCR is used as an access to a green lane. it's status is highlighted in pink on my maps to confirm right of access. Other UCRs have not been checked.

As the RUPPs mentioned are reclassified, the council will notify interested parties as to the new status and these maps will be updated accordingly.

#### FOR SALE

please note: - small-ads are free but please let me know when a transaction is complete so I don't keep printing an out of date ad each month. Ta. Rates for COMMERCIAL ads are very cheap; just ask!

- Firestone Super All Traction (SAT) tyres 7:50x16. 6 or 8 ply. £45+VAT. Delivery (extra) is possible. Phone Mark Jones on Gerrards Cross (0753) 887871 for more information.
- How Unused copy of "Torque Technical Tips" in as-received condition from Overlander Bookshop. Produced by the Rover Club of Australia, this is a very useful book for the Range Rover owner and has masses of information for the enthusiast. For sale at the cost price of £21.99. For more details phone Roger Pattie on 07357-2884
- Rover 2.2. Saloon, Red, Webasto sunroof, electric windows, radio/cassette, tax, MOT. £350 o.n.o. Phone Robert Smith on Epping 72922.
- Land Rover Srs. IIa SWB, 'H' reg. With ally copy of soft top. £750. Contact Gary on 0730-67146 as he is handling the sale for a neighbour.
- ➤ Used tyres: Two Firestone Town & Country M+S radials, slightly worn. One Avon Ranger II cross-ply, half worn. All suitable for Land/Range Rover. Phone Jeff on O1-898-2120 for prices.
- ★ Mobelec Magnum Contactless electronic ignition unit for V8. Phone Steve on O1-894-3961.

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★ Early type steering wheel (Metal spoke pattern) for series II Land Rover restoration project. Contact Mike Cunningham on O252-626693.

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PLUS: - Engine, gearbox, general service parts and exhausts at low prices for all Land Rovers from 1958 onwards. Telephone anytime for details including Sundays or call for advice should you run into difficulties.

#### FOR SALE

**Bearmach Bull Bar.** As new, will fit any LR Ser3 on. (Colin and Steve have actually seen this!)

## WANTED

Front Hoop for short tilt (Ser 2/3), i.e. the one for the pickup bed behind a truck cab. Could swap for similar for a full tilt.

Also wanted, any photos of my LR's in action, these are: Ser2 WOW 293 (ACC 445A) and Ser3 OEY 366S. And also, of course, Toby KOM 682.

For all of the above contact Dave Cuthbert, telephone Colwyn Bay (0492) 534417. Could arrange delivery or collection at events or meetings (if you're patient!)

## EVENTS for your DIARY

- \* First Sunday each month, green-lane trip. Call Steve on 01-894-3961, unless specified below.
- \* Second Wednesday each month, Noggin & Natter at the Hind's Head, Aldermaston. (from 7:30 p.m.)
- AUG 28/29th Anglian Club. (AROC) Dave Wise Trophy. Two day RTV and experts trial at Sundon (near Luton.) Camping. Secretary: Steve Fuller, 3 Roseby Way, Goldington, Bedford. 0234-219706
- SEP 2/3/4 "Bridgestone Tyres Off-Road Wales." at The Welsh Motor Sports Centre, Pembry, Llanelli, Dyfed, S. Wales.
- SEP 4th Green-lane outing. Phone Steve on 01-894-3961.
- SEP 25th Anglian (AROC) Novice Trial co-promotion with HBRO. Wapsey's Wood near Gerrards Cross, West London. Details elsewhere in this issue.
- OCT 12th Annual General Meeting at the Hind's Head, Aldermaston, starting at 8 p.m. Details elsewhere in this issue.
- OCT 16th Anglian (AROC) RTV & Experts Trial at Sundon, near Luton. Details later.
- OCT 23rd RTV Trial at Harroway Farm. This is a new location. FWD Motors are putting up a cup for this one too. Details later.
- NOV 5/6th AROC Nan King Novice Trial/Ladies Class and Firework Party. Still awaiting details!

NOTE:- HBRO members may enter any AROC events shown above. For all AROC events, vehicles must carry a total of 2.5kg of BCF or HALON fire extinguishant.