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Editorial...

Sorry about last month's odd layout to P&B. Extras turned up at a late date and I had to redo the layout in a hurry. (excuses, excuses!). In this issue is a report from Colin Gross on the Brooklyn Engineering sponsored trial.

Preliminary results of the ARC Questionnaire reveal that 28 HBRO members own Land Rovers of one sort or another. Presumably of the 150 or so members who didn't reply want to keep quiet about what they do own!!

Due to continuing problems with military land useage, the event at Broxhead Common on May 3rd has been cancelled. A "do" at Ham Lane has been arranged in its place. See elsewhere in this issue.

Keep the articles and letters coming in, folks. If you're typing or printing them yourself, please make the block of text match the rest of the newsletter. For those of you with access to IBM PC or compatible computers, I can accept articles on $3\frac{1}{2}$ " and $5\frac{1}{4}$ " discs. Better still, send document files from "Xywritelll", "DCA-RFT", "RTF", "PC-Write" "Tasword", "WordPerfect" (most versions), "Wordstar" (most versions), "Windows Write" and "Word for Windows" (versions 1 & 2)) word-processors on either size of disc. If you don't have a choice, send it in anyway and I'll see if I can load it. Unless otherwise requested, I'll return the disc, and any photos sent, with your newsletter if possible. Please let me have your articles by the 10th of the month please.

Hi There!

I know I've written this bit before, and the old hands will be getting fed up with it, but we are still gaining members week by week....

Are you a new member attending the pub meet? Please don't just "Hover" in the background! There are about 190 members in all and the regular members of the club don't know everyone by sight and so won't know whether you are new or not. We aren't ignoring you, promise! Come and say Hello.

Steve Kirby

BEN NEVIS '92

In June of this year, a team from the 3rd Battalion of the Parachute Regiment will be attempting to break the record time for driving up Ben Nevis, the highest mountain in Great Britain. The present record was set in 1928 by George Simpson in an Austin 7.

The team leader, Corporal Mick Doherty is a member of Hants & Berks Rover Owners. He will be driving his own 90 Diesel Turbo.

The charity they are raising money for is the Airborne Initiative who's aims are:-

- 1. To meet the welfare needs of past members of Airborne Forces and their families.
- 2. To preserve the traditions and heritage of the Airborne story for future generations and the Nation by improving and maintaining three Airborne museums in Aldershot and Normandy.
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- 4. To propagate the Airborne Spirit in all sections of society by running community projects to train people from all walks of life to fulfil their true potential.

We will be raising money by sponsorship and a competition to guess how long it will take. We hope members of the ARC will give generously to this fund raising event and help make it successful in the primary aim of raising cash for charity.

The Land Rover will be on display on the International Offroader/LRO stand at the ARC National rally in May. It will be all kitted out and ready for the attempt. So if you have any questions you can ask them at the stand. The 90 will be in the RTV.

For further information, contact Mick or Tracey Doherty.

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Brooklyn Engineering RTV & CCVT Slab Common.

by Colin Gross

Having spent my last few articles extolling the virtues of away events it now seems fair to describe one of the Hants & Berks own competitions, namely the trials held at Slab Common on the 8th of March.

With both CCVT and RTV trials being held I theoretically had a choice of event, but although road legal my vehicle is supposed to a competition machine, so I entered the CCVT (the only CCVT vehicle driven to and from the site). Scrutineering was quickly dispensed with and the vehicles lined up for the first section. As with most HBRO trials, parts of each section were common to both CCVT and RTV, which gives each group a chance to see how the others are doing.

Section one split after the nine gate, with the RTV going the long way around a copse and then making a sharp descent turning to the right. The CCVT took a short cut, down a small cliff to rejoin the RTV effectively using the descent as a side slope. This was interesting enough to get the adrenaline moving to start the day.

Section two was identical for all vehicles, so the CCVT had an easy time here, while some of the RTV had trouble with a very tight turn into a descent. If nothing else the section taught drivers the importance of getting the line absolutely correct through a series of gates. One slight error was compounded by each successive gate until that turn was reached.

Section three was common to both groups until the two gate, and was cleared by almost everyone. Terry McGerr contrived to almost bury his vehicle in a boggy bit by making a wide turn, and I scored a one by virtue of choosing the wrong rut near the finish.

Section four had very few common gates, but used the same section of ground. Some of the RTV vehicles had trouble with an ascent, their less aggressive tyres bringing them to a halt were the CCVT vehicles tyres and V8 power came into play. Mark Ambler was driving the only CCVT vehicle on leaf springs, and thus failed the axle twisting start to the CCVT route. For the other CCVT motors the last few gates produced an interesting rough ride around the edge of a water filled crater.

Lunch time at Slab always seems to involve me in a protracted recovery operation, and today was no exception.

First we had to try to tow Brian's vehicle back to the car park, a flat battery and an automatic gearbox meant that we couldn't tow start it. It's amazing how difficult it can be to start a dead vehicle moving on the soft sand at slab. My Land Rover just kept digging itself in before Brian's could be persuaded to move up the slight incline. Eventually pushing and towing got the lot on the move, only to bog down by the lake whilst trying to pass another bogged Land Rover. By the time Dave Ridden had used his winches to extract the two vehicles lunch was over.

Section five, and the CCVT went straight through two feet of water, whilst the RTV run along the side of the pond. Fun to watch, and a chance to test the waterproofing. This section also cost Brian the lead when he failed to notice the hidden yellow cane top that the HBRO use to designate a 'split' RTV/CCVT gate.

Section six, with a cunning use of the ground, kept both groups on their toes with tight turns and an evil adverse camber downhill turn. It's surprising how different the two routes seemed, since they both used the same obstacles; just subtle changes of course being achieved by the use of the split gate system.

Section seven saw Mark hung up on a concrete block (well CCVT isn't supposed to be easy), and a superbly spirited drive by Mick Leonard in the black Discovery showed what can be achieved by a expert driver. Just don't ask me to try it in my Disco.

Section eight confused everyone. The RTV course looked worse than the CCVT. After a lot of discussion the driving got underway, but the RTV vehicles just couldn't get round. More discussions; and the Clerk of the Course showed how to drive it. Fantastic driving, but that gap in the trees was literally only two inches wider than his Series Three; Nineties and Range Rovers just wouldn't fit. Another discussion and everyone agreed to drive the CCVT course. Many RTVers then got stuck on the climb. Again CCVT V8s came into their own.

Finally section nine, the mud pit for the CCVT. The RTV route avoided the long drag through the mud, but after the five gate we had no option; or so it seemed. Mark went first, and managed about 40 feet. Throwing finesse to the wind, and feet to the floor nearly got me through; about 120 feet. Malcolm managed about 100 feet before the waterproofing failed him. Brian tried for finesse. Crossing the ruts at the entrance, he got two wheels onto the opposite bank. All went well as he scraped past the first canes, but he couldn't escape the ruts again, so he

was brought to a complete stop by a tree against the front bumper. Good try, but only about 60 feet.

So that was it, nine sections completed and a great day had been had by all. Many thanks to all those responsible for putting on the event, its your efforts that make the competitions such fun for the rest of us. Prize giving gave us all a chance to thank the CoCs and the Marshals, as well as the sponsors, Brooklyn Engineering. It also produced some surprise results, showing that the established drivers have got some serious challenges from the newer competitors.

RTV	Overall	Mick Doherty	9
Class 2 Jim Mann	32		
Class 3 Hugh Duffet Terry McGerr John Bull	17 33 43	Neil Shawyer David Lynn	27 38
Class 4 Roy Bowerman	14	lan Piggott	18
Class 5 Steve Kirby	10	Mick Leonard	14
CCVT	Overall	Malcolm Whitbread	5
Class 8 Mark Ambier	32		
Class 9 Colin Gross	8	Brian Warn	11

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War of the Roses 1992

Following last month's request for team members, we had a team in no time! Colin Gross and Malcolm Whitbread head the team as last year. The rest of the team will be Mick Doherty, Jolyon Walker, Dave Ridden and Mark Ambler The War of the Roses is a winching/map-reading/initiative/stamina test that lasts for seven hard-working hours. The "War" is run by the Red Rose Land Rover Club. It is now open to any ARC club, having started out as I expect you can guess, as a competition between Lancashire and Yorkshire clubs. It is now held in Cumbria!

Our entry to this event has been confirmed and relevant rules and regs should be with me by the time you read this.

The date is the weekend of the 11th and 12th of July. There is an RTV on the Saturday followed by the main event on the Sunday. Now that we have a team, why not just come along to watch anyway? It's great entertainment. There is an RTV on the Saturday before, to which we are also invited.

For those of you who want to make a holiday of it in the lovely Lake District area of Ayside just to the south of Windermere, you may phone the camp site on 05395-31475 to make arrangements. The camp site has full facilities with hot and cold water, showers, toilets, etc. For information on the events and/or camping, please call:-

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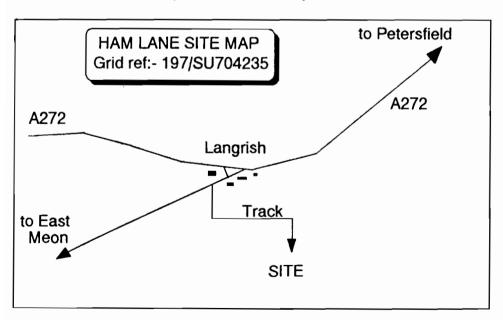
May Bank Holiday Mini-Rally at Ham Lane.

We are holding a Camping/Caravanning/barbecue/trial meet with an RTV/CCVT trial at Ham Lane Leisure Centre, Langrish, near Petersfield, HANTS, on the 3rd to 6th of May. The weekend's events will be open to all fully paid-up members of HBRO. There will be an RTV/CCVT on Sunday and possibly green-laning on Monday. Minimal facilities - loo and running water only.

This is essentially a camping weekend with a trial. Barbecue facilities may be provided. Bring bats and balls, frisbees, etc too!

Scrutineering will be at 9:00.a.m. and the competition will start at 10:00.a.m. prompt, so please be on time. ARC rules will apply as usual. The regs in your ARC Yearbooks are out of date; revised sets of rules are available now. Don't forget your MOT certificate and driving licence. RTV will be a qualifying round for the "Red Leader Shield" and the "Pilot Trophy".

Please come along early on Saturday to help set out the sections. Please bring all your own stuff for barbecue. On the Sunday, please enrol as a marshal, we'll show you how to score if you've not done it before!

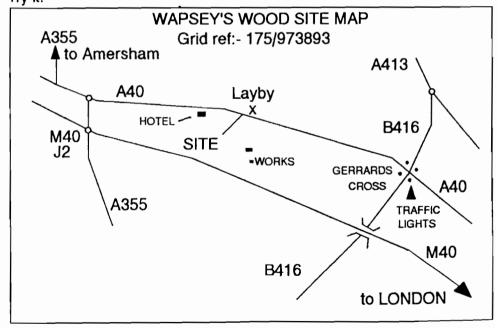


RTV & CCV Trial, Wapsey's Wood, May 4th Invite from Anglian Rover Owner's Club.

We have been invited by Anglian Rover Owner's Club to an RTV and CCV trial at Wapsey's Wood, near Gerrards Cross, just to the NW of Heathrow Airport, on the 4th May (as in "May the 4th be with you"). The event is open to all fully paid-up members of HBRO. Entries can be on an HBRO entry form. The fee is £9 in advance or £11 on the day. Payment to:-

Robin Warrington, 226 Telscombe Way, Stopsley, Luton, Beds LU2 8QR tel: 0582-415183

Scrutineering and signing on will be from 8:30 to 9:30.a.m. and the competition will start at 10:00.a.m. prompt, so please be on time. Rules are generally similar to those of ARC. Seat-belts compulsory in all vehicles. Event is run to RACMSA and FIA competition regulations. Southern ROC and Bucks 4x4 will also be present. Should be a big event. Try it.



ARC Vehicle Regs

The Vehicle Regulations in the ARC yearbooks you all have are now out of date so I have produced a booklet containing the new set. Some of you may already have one. The current issue is green and has two vehicles and 1992 on the front. The older purple ones are still OK to use but all others are now out of date. Please bear in mind the Roll-bar rules and the Scrutineering article in the ARC Yearbook are still valid. Remember too, that the regulations in the RAC Yearbook also apply to us. Members of the committee will endeavour to hand these new rule books out to regular competitors at events or club evenings. Please write to me or phone if you want me to send you one.

Note that some of the rules have just been changed again. ALL the changes will allow many currently prohibited vehicles to compete again as of January next year, so that is all good news.

Steve Kirby

Come and Play

We have mentioned several times before that setting out a trial can be great fun. You get a whole day driving round the site for free! Try it; and take the load off some of the others who seem to do it all the time. We have the use of military sites on several occasions in 1991. It's worth giving up the chance to compete in exchange for a whole day driving around at Broxhead or Weaver's while setting out!

Steve Kirby.

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May 3rd	*** CANCELLED ***		
(Sunday)	Trials at Broxhead Common.		
	** CANCELLED **		
	Replaced by:-		
	Ham Lane, camping Saturday, Sunday and		
	Monday, trial on Sunday, probably green-laning on		
	Monday. Camping about £2 a night.		
May 4th	* AROC invite to RTV & CCVT at Wapsey's Wood		
(Monday)	(just West of Heathrow near M25). Details		
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May 22-26	ARC National Rally at Cannock. Still no map for you		
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June 21st	Trials at Newbury. Details later.		
July 26th	Invite from Anglian to trials at Slab Common.		
	Details later.		
Sept 21st	Trials at Newbury. Details later.		
October 11th	Trials at Broxhead Common. Details later.		
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