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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SATURDAY 5th JULY 2014
At THE OAKS FARMHOUSE, NFU Mutual HQ
Tiddington Road, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 7BJ

AGENDA

10.00am

1. Reading of the notice convening the meeting.
2. Apologies for absence.
3. Accuracy of Minutes from 22nd March 2014.
4. Matters arising from the above minutes.
5. Chairman's report.
6. Secretary's report.
7. Treasurer's report.
8. New Club Applications.
9. Rule Change Proposals
10. Section Reports.
    a. Caravan Secretary
    b. Overseas Liaison Officer
    c. Non-competitive Clubs / Show Co-ordinator
    d. Countryside Access Officer
    e. National Rally Liaison Officer
    f. Press & Publicity
    g. MSA Liaison Officer
    h. Scrutineering & Off Road Committee Chairman
    i. CCMSA Coordinator
    j. ALRC Handbook Editor
    k. Web Master
    l. Child Protection Officer
11. Any other business.
12. Date & time of next meeting.
13. Close of meeting.

You are reminded that items for inclusion on agendas should be submitted to the Chairman or the Secretary prior to the day of the meeting.

The Scrutineering and Off Road Committee Meeting will take place starting at 13.00.

CLUBS PRESENT – ALRC EGM 22.03.14

	Present	Apologies
ASSOCIATION OF LAND ROVER CLUBS	Simone Birch Sue Foster Denis Bourne	
ANGLIAN LRC	Andrew Flanders	
AYLESBURY LRFC		Heather Moscrop
BRECKLAND LRC		Martin Sullivan
CHELTENHAM & COTSWOLD ROC		
CHILTERN VALE LRC	Tim Linney	Dave Moore Steve Murphy
CORNWALL & DEVON LRC	Guy Cashmore	
CUMBRIAN ROC	Alex Cowsill	
DISCOVERY OC	Janet Smart	
DONCASTER DLRC		
DORSET LRC		Caroline Hart
DUNSFOLD CSSS	Paul Barton	
EAST NORTHANTS LROC		
ESSEX LRC		Karl Reilly Terry Taylor
HANTS & BERKS LRO	Elton Jonsson	Steve Kirby
LANCS & CHESHIRE LROC	Colin Gaukroger	
LAND ROVER REGISTER 1948 -53	Andrew Neaves	
LAND ROVER SERIES 1 CLUB	Andrew Cross Derek Spooner	
LAND ROVER SERIES II CLUB		
LEICS & RUTLAND LRC	Tony Sinclair Andrew Sinclair	
LIGHTWEIGHT LRC		
LINCS LRC		
MERSEYSIDE LROC		
MIDLAND ROC	Richard Smith John Kesterton Dan Fasham	
NORTH EASTERN ROC		Paul Walton
NORTH WALES LRC		
NOTTINGHAM LRC		
PEAK & DUKERIES LRC	Dennis Wright	
RED ROSE LRC	Roger Wright	
SCOTTISH LROC		
SOMERSET & WILTS LRC	Pete Lugg	
SOUTH COAST LROC		
SOUTHERN ROC	Dave Canham Sandra Bourne Tony Kempster	
STAFFS & SHROPS LRC	Zam Alexander	
WYE & WELSH LRC	Murray Wiltshire Peter Gladman	
YORKSHIRE LROC		
THE CAMEL CLUB		
THE G4 CLUB		
101 FC&RC	Les Emanual	
TOTAL 38	19	5

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MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD ON THE 22nd MARCH 2014
AT NFU MUTUAL, TIDDINGTON ROAD, STRATFORD UPON AVON, CV37 7BJ.

1. Paul Barton opened the meeting at 10.05am
Welcome and thank you to everyone for coming today. Thanks again to NFU for providing us with these facilities. All future meetings will take place in The Oaks Farmhouse instead of the main NFU HQ building. Free drinks are available from the vending machine. If there is a fire alarm then we must congregate in the front of the main building.

2. Apologies for absence – see attendance table.

3. Minutes of previous meeting held on 16th November 2013
After spelling mistakes the minutes of the meeting held on the 16th November 2013 were proposed as being a true record by Dave Canham, seconded by Pete Lugg and agreed unanimously. Signed by Paul Barton.

4. Matters arising from previous minutes *(unless covered elsewhere).*
a. Clubs still to collect their cane tops and section markers – Dorset LRC. Bunting still to be collected by Merseyside LROC, South Coast LROC. . No-one present from these clubs.
b. ALRC Competitive Events Consultation. To allow this to move forward it was decided by the ALRC Council at their meeting in February that this will be discussed at the S&ORC meeting and a working group set up to progress the ideas put forward. The working group will be open to any members that wish to be included on it.

5. Chairman's Report –Paul Barton
Another year seems to have slipped quickly past and the highlight event of the year for me was the 2013 National organised by Wye and Welsh LRC which was a very enjoyable event and everything a National should be. You will hear later how things are progressing with this year's National Rally to be held at Stainby Quarry and once again the ALRC Council is taking the lead in organising the National Rally with help from member clubs – a trend which seems to be following the traditions first set with the ALRC Council organising 2003 at Doncaster, 2006 and 2009 at Manby and now 2014 at Stainby.
Away from muddy fields, your Council has also had a very busy year meeting here at NFU Tiddington and I need to mention the very substantial help we receive from NFU who are very supportive with their sponsorship of ALRC. I know that Derek spooner and Simone Birch had a meeting with Blanche Surman earlier this morning and this will be reported later in the minutes. I have had an enquiry from another motor insurer asking why we would not advertise their services to members and when I let them know the extent of the NFU's help they were impressed by NFU support and understanding of our position. I would like to record a vote of thanks to NFU who through Blanche Surman help us so much.
I would like to thank Simone Birch for all the work she has done over the year along with the rest of the Council. It has been a busy year which has also involved the planning for the National Rally. Please go back to your clubs and encourage your members to book for the event as they are only coming in very slowing.

6. Secretary's Report – Simone Birch
a. The following has been sent to all clubs: The ALRC EGM and S&ORC meeting minutes have been sent to all club secretaries, S&ORC, log book scrutineers and club delegates who attend the meetings. Rights of Ways information has been sent to some local clubs. Anyone attending meetings can be added to the list.
Details of club events circulated by email.
Voting form for the rule change proposal sent to all clubs.
After the S&ORC meeting on the 16th November 2013 a letter was sent to all clubs (18.11.13) with the following additions to the ALRC Supplementary Competition Regulations which took immediate effect.

SECTION B – STANDARD CLASS VEHICLE REGULATIONS

B12. BODYWORK & CHASSIS

B.12.6 When a roof is fitted it must be made of any metal, canvas or weld mesh only. No other materials allowed.

B.13. BUMPERS & CROSS-MEMBERS

B.13.2. On Land Rovers, bumpers, mounting and rear cross-members must be straight, have at least equal strength to the original fitment, **be of original specification** and shall be mounted in the original position with the front and rear faces presenting flat vertical faces. (Amended & Implemented 16th November 2013)

SECTION C – MODIFIED CLASS VEHICLE REGULATIONS

C.6. DAMPERS

C.6.2. Damper mounts are free.

C.12. SILHOUETTE

C.12.5. When a roof is fitted it must be made of any metal, canvas or weld mesh only. No other materials allowed.

After further correspondence the rules B.12.6 and C.12.5 were withdrawn on the 26th November 2013 and will be re-discussed at the next S&ORC meeting to be held on the 22nd March 2014.

b. ACCEO renewal form for 2014 completed. ACCEO Matters received in November

c. I attended the 2014 MSA Seminars for Club Officials on the 23rd February 2014.

It would be useful to new members starting out at helping at events to attend the seminars but these do not tend to want to go to the meetings. Clubs should be encouraged to send members as this could benefit them. The seminars are usually run every two years.

Also a DVD received from the MSA with three new films on to help raise safety standards - Rally Safety for Organisers, Marshals and Competitors. Very similar to previous films with not much given to cross country motor sport as such – mainly deals with rallies. All MSA recognised clubs should have received these.

It could be that the MSA do not want to get too involved with cross country as we already have our own rules that seem to work with no problems.

It should also be remembered that the MSA do check up on clubs and read any paperwork sent to them.

Some clubs run self-set trials and also drivers marshal with one independent person making decisions. It is not necessary for a C-o-C to lay out the event, just be responsible for the running of the event. Clubs do also need to be aware of the judicial system to run at events. Tips on how to do this are given at the seminars.

d. Details received from Norton Insurance – Heritage Classic Car Insurance who are offering discounted insurance to club members. Clubs may do as they think fit but the ALRC are sponsored by the NFU Mutual who also offer classic insurance so this will not be progressed. Lakeside Insurance were also offering folders but again we do get support in many ways from the NFU Mutual.

e. Letter received from Richard Entwistle, Chairman, Peak & Dukeries LRC asking if rules changes added under safety could they be listed as recommendations? This was discussed by the ALRC Council where it was decided that any rules under safety should be mandatory as safety in motorsport was very important.

f. Tyro – non-compliant vehicles. After receiving a letter asking if this was permitted and having spoken to the clubs attendees at the November EGM who knew nothing about this letter from their club secretary we were assured that only ALRC compliant vehicles were used in the event.

g. Details received for an event held at the Heritage Motor Centre – Club Expo 2014 on 1st March. They are now planning a "Best of British Transport Festival on 25th May 2014. Unfortunately unable to attend either event as already committed on these days. It would appear that there were no attendees to Club Expo from those present at this meeting.

h. Information received from Paul Walton, NERO which may be of benefit to members using trucks to transport their vehicles to events. There is a guide issued by VOSA for horsebox and trailer owners which covers the use of trucks and trailers for non-commercial activity. Recently one of their club members was fined £300 for not using a Tachograph but by using this guide and advice from the VOSA helpline it was managed to get the fine rescinded. You do not need an operator's licence or to use a tachograph if you can prove that you are towing as a hobby and not a business.

i. A new club constitution has been received from Staffs & Shrops LRC as they have decided to update their original one from 1983. Clubs are reminded that any changes should be notified to the ALRC secretary for approval.

j. An enquiry has been received asking how clubs run their membership policies with regard to family membership and what payment is required for children in families. I think that most clubs require a "child" to have their own separate membership when they reach 17years old and hold their own driving licence. It is down to individual clubs as to how they organise their membership structure.

It must be remembered that any competitor who takes part in an event must be a member of the club and have full voting rights. This applies to children as well if they take part in events. Each member must have their own individual membership card.
k. Information received from the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs about falsified Land Rover certificates for Series I Land Rovers so I would ask that members be vigilant in this matter.

Club Secretary address details / Council member / Scrutineering Change of address:
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Hants & Berks LRO - Niall Banyard, 38a The Drive, Oakley, Basingstoke, Hampshire, RG23 7BA. 07730771262. niall.banyard@hbro.co.uk
Anglian LRC – new website - www.anglianlrc.co.uk
East Northants LROC – only contact detail - enlroc@yahoo.com There are no personal details released for East Northants LRC.
Information from Lancs & Cheshire LRC about committee changes - Harold Carman has stood down as Chairman, Hazel Mellish will remain as their secretary at present and Colin Gaukroger is now their ALRC Representative.
The same email included details that Simon Smith had stepped down from carrying out scrutineering duties for his club. These changes do not affect Harold Carman's or Simon Smith's ability to remain as a log book scrutineer as this is an ALRC position. They remain in this position so long as they attend meetings and are active in carrying out log booking duties. This is checked periodically with Dennis Wright.
If club secretaries do not attend meetings them it would be useful if their club has a nominated ALRC representative with these details having been passed to the ALRC secretary.

Log book scrutineers.
Pete Garlick, 07851 551996. cd.chairman@hotmail.co.uk
David Jeffery, 07853 307555. david@highlanesgarage.co.uk.
Fraser Parish, 07730 222470. elppascoe@hotmail.com.
Terry Shepherd and Matt Basire have both now stood down as a log book scrutineer.

7. Treasurers Report – Derek Spooner

Since the last meeting we have had an income over expenses of circa £5000. There have been significant movements of funds both in & out.
Main general Income:-
Sales £17: Subscriptions £9724: MSA Refund £239: Logbooks & Permits £35 Permits £20
Main General Expenses:-
Expenses Claims, mainly travel £3874: Printer & Inks £252: 2014 Property Insurance £289: ACCEO membership £108: Wye & Welsh MSA refund: £239
All but 4 Clubs have renewed so far. Still to pay - 101 FCC&R, G4 OC, Scottish LROC and Merseyside LROC.
Log booking – could all log book scrutineers please be vigilant when receiving cheques and ensure that they are made out to the ALRC and not the ARC as the time may come when the bank may not accept wrongly named cheques.
The Lloyds Bank CCMSA account has been retained and I can now make payments to Unity via Co-op branch in Hereford. (Hopefully with nil cost) Lloyds Bond matured in Jan 14 and I have renewed to Dec 14 as this was the best return.
ARC & ALRC Annual Return done with Companies House
Lloyds now offer viewing only internet access to accounts. This has been set up so that I can keep up to date with National Rally figures amongst others.
The Annual Accounts:
On page 4 you will see that we made a small surplus as opposed to a deficit the previous year.
Figures on page 8 Turnover show subscriptions were up – this is partly because new clubs have joined and generally some membership has increased and also there was no refund given to clubs in 2013. It was decided that this money refunded in previous years would be better used to help fund the National Rally for the benefit of all clubs. A larger package is now available to any club that hosts the ALRC National Rally. This includes the cost of all the trophies.
The club shop surplus is in fact a negative and includes items like the cane tops that are then given partly as gifts to clubs. Hopefully this can be removed from this part of the accounts for the next year as it does give a false figure – a lot of the items are bought specifically for the use at National Rallies etc. It is mainly stock that we hold i.e. flags. In the accountants view giving items back to the clubs are donations and should be shown in expenditure and not turnover.
Sponsorship and advertising is the sponsorship from the NFU Mutual.

The log book surplus is slightly down. Log book scrutineers are reminded that all rechecks should be charged for.
The National Event surplus for 2013 is a correct figure. The previous year shows two payments as one came in late from 2011. As any National Rally loan needs to be repaid by September after the event, should not the ALRC levy also be paid by then? Some clubs do wait until the accounts are finalised before paying which is not really necessary and it should show up in their accounts.
Other income includes the bond interest.
Expenditure shows telephone and facsimile slightly up. Council members are also able to claim an allowance for use of their own computers and this varies as to whether or not members claim.
Photocopying and printing costs are down slightly.
Travelling costs are down but this is because there are some late claims now put in.
The donation is the amount paid to LARA for the Chris Marsden appeal. Some of this may be returned pro rata as the original appeal has been won.
Depreciation has gone up slightly as we now have 8 new flags which show in this figure.
The bank charges are usually for handling overseas payments from clubs.
With reference to the Accounts, a number of clubs have asked me why does the ALRC pay Corporation Tax, my club doesn't? As a Company Limited by Guarantee we pay tax at 20% on investment income, which is mainly the return on our Bonds. We don't on anything else.
Dave Canham asked whether we could split the cost of the ALRC Handbook over the two years so that the accounts were similar each year? Not thought to be a problem but Derek Spooner will ask the accountants if this is possible.
It was proposed by Dennis Wright, seconded by Sue Foster and agreed unanimously that the accounts be accepted.
It was proposed by Derek Spooner, seconded by Andrew Neaves and agreed unanimously that the 2014 accounts be prepared by Four Oaks Taxation & Accounting Services Ltd, Suite D, Astor House, 282 Lichfield Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield, B74 2UG. FOTAS do the accounts very quickly as they have done for them several years and know what is required by us.
Denis Bourne asked whether the subscriptions were likely to increase for 2015? This is to be reviewed later this year. There has been no increase for several years but we have made a small surplus last year. We do help clubs and we are funding more towards the running of the National Rally. We do need to be wary in case we lose the sponsorship from the NFU Mutual and can no longer hold meetings at Tiddington but hopefully their support will continue in the future.

8. Election of ALRC Council / S&ORC.

The following members of the Council are due for re-election under the one third rotation and are seeking re-election at the ALRC AGM: Paul Barton, Andrew Flanders, Steve Kirby, Tony Kempster, Mark Whaley. All are seeking re-election.
It was proposed by Tim Linney, seconded by Derek Spooner and agreed unanimously that they remain on the ALRC Council.
A further nomination for Dennis Wright to join the ALRC Council has been received proposed by Simone Birch, seconded by Andrew Flanders. This was agreed unanimously.
At present the ALRC Council is made up of members from the following clubs: Anglian LRC, Chiltern Vale LRC, Discovery LRC, Hants & Berks LROC, Land Rover Register 1948-53, Land Rover Series I Club, Leics & Rutland LRC, Lightweight LRC, Lincs LRC, Midland ROC, North Eastern RO, Peak & Dukeries LRC, Southern ROC, 101 FC&RC and Wye & Welsh ROC. (Some members belong to more than one club)
The following members of the Scrutineering & Off Road Committee are due for re-election under the one third rotation: Frank Champion, Tim Linney, Scott Whitmore, Matt Basire.
Frank Champion and Tim Linney are both seeking re-election.
Matt Basire has stood down as a log book scrutineer and member of the S&ORC.
Scott Whitmore wishes to remain as a log book scrutineer but leave the S&ORC.
It was proposed by Murray Wiltshire, seconded by Zam Alexander and agreed unanimously that Frank Champion and Tom Linney remain on the S&ORC.
At present the S&ORC is made up of members from Anglian LRC, Chiltern Vale LRC, Hants & Berks LRO, Leics & Rutland LRC, Lincs LRC, North Eastern RO, Peak & Dukeries LRC and Somerset & Wilts LRC with some clubs having more than one representative (LLRC, NERO, P&D).
Only votes from paid up member clubs have been counted.

9. New Club Applications – none received.

Initial enquiry received from East Midlands 4x4 (16.10.13) but nothing else heard. Not sure where they are based.
Also enquiry from Towy Land Rover Club with follow up phone calls from them. (31.01.14, 10.03.14). Towy LRC are a non-competitive club based in the Carmarthenshire area who would like to get more involved with off-roading, green laning and other 4x4 activities. Initial query came from Harriet and Paul Booker with nothing further heard as yet.

Derek Spooner has had enquires from South America and Kuwait but nothing else heard. Overseas clubs should not be part of a business but some clubs are started initially by Land Rover dealers overseas which then branch out further.

10. Rule Change Proposal

B.15.5. Disc-brake handbrakes are permitted.

The sufficient number of voting forms had not been returned prior to the meeting but there were clubs present able to vote in person.

For – 12, Against – 3, Abstain – 0. The rule is carried.

The above rule change proposal will now go to the ALRC Council for consideration for ratification and if ratified will come into force on 1st January 2015.

Any new Rule Change Proposals for discussion must be received by the ALRC Secretary by 1st June 2014. It is planned to discuss some at this afternoon at the S&ORC meeting.

11. Section Reports

a. Caravan Secretary – Simone Birch

53 caravan permits issued for 2014. Slightly down on this time last year.

If clubs are applying for a permit where there will be only ALRC member club members then this should be applied for under members only (paragraph 6). A non-member application should only be requested if traders or non-ALRC members are attending. If clubs allow non-members to attend with families as extra units staying overnight then a non-member application should be made.

In November 2013 Natural England (acting for DEFRA) issued new guidelines on running rallies. A 24 hour period is now classed as one day, starting from when the site is first occupied. Clubs should bear this in mind when applying for a caravan / camping permit. It is permissible for a rally officer to be on site earlier for the setting up of the rally but there are further guidelines for this so please check in advance if this is planned.

Remember that there are often members of the public who do not want you in their area so all conditions of the exemption certificates must be adhered to so that any complaints can be dealt with. This has happened in the past with nothing further being heard after the complaint has been investigated and it being found that all rules were correctly applied.

b. Overseas Liaison – Derek Spooner

All very quiet with two clubs not having paid last year. This is not unusual as some do pay for several years at a time.

Derek Spooner has spoken recently to Roger Crathorne with regard to us not having any contact with the Land Rover Company and this has now been passed to Land Rover Driving Experience to progress with so we need to wait to hear from them. This will be followed up if nothing is heard within a couple of months.

c. Non Competitive Clubs & Shows Co-ordinator – Sue Foster

Some of you will be aware that I did not get to many events last year and would like to thank Simone Birch and Janet Smart for attending on my behalf. This year's show booking applications are being received and I am hoping to attend on the ALR's behalf.

d. Countryside Access – Tony Kempster

The main item in my report and the most important issue for LARA at present concerns the Deregulation Bill which is the government's first step to remove unnecessary bureaucracy and 'red-tape' to make life easier for individuals and society. At the November EGM I said that the draft version of the bill had been considered by a joint committee of MPs and peers and that the anti-vehicle lobby was seeking to have all BOATs and UURs reclassified as restricted byways. If they achieved their aim, it would mean the end of recreational driving and historic motoring events such as endurance trials and hill climbs which also use unsealed roads.

The bill is now progressing through its parliamentary stages in the House of Commons and is now at committee stage being scrutinised by nineteen MPs. LARA considers that although there is nothing in the bill as it stands that adversely affects vehicle use on rights of way, it is known that the 'antis' are continuing to lobby MPs to introduce amendments to the bill to prevent vehicles using unsealed roads. LARA is therefore actively lobbying on behalf of its members to counter any such amendments and is having discussions with government ministers and MPs to that end.

The committee stage of the bill is due to be completed by the 25th of March and it will then be followed by the report stage in the House of Commons when all 650 MPs will have an opportunity to consider the bill and put amendments. The bill will then pass to the House of Lords for further scrutiny and possible amendment. This is a very long process that will go on for months.

This is a very concerning issue for vehicular users of rights of way and LARA is now asking its member groups to encourage their members who wish to retain vehicular rights on current rights of way to make their feelings known to their local MP. This can be done by email, letter or in person. LARA has yesterday issued a draft letter for individuals to use together with a briefing paper to assist

them in stressing the financial benefit, social engagement and the heritage of exploring minor highways.
The more people who make their views known, the more effective the exercise will be.
I have forwarded LARA's draft letter and briefing paper to Simone to send to all club secretaries encouraging them to get their members to lobby their MP as soon as possible to vote against any amendments to the Deregulation Bill which would ban vehicles from unsealed roads. Murray Wiltshire will also add it to the website.
Dave Canham stated that the MSA are also sending information out on this.
Guy Cashmore said that he had a copy of the latest of three House of Commons amendment that was issued this week – very serious. The wording on this states "Every way which this section applies shall be designated for inclusion on the definite map as a restricted byway. In respect of any such byway the right to use mechanically propelled vehicles shall be extinguished". There would be exceptions for farmers etc. If members write in then they should write as an individual and not as a member of a club.
The more representation from members the better – they should be encouraged to write to their MP's. The ALRC also need to be lobbying for replies to be sent to give our view.
Amendments are only made through MP's for consideration by the committee. Bill Wiggins is the MP for Derek Spooner's area and GLASS have good contact with him.
Amendments are being attempted by the antis as there is nothing in the bill to keep vehicles out of the countryside. It is the amendments that are the problem and not the original Deregulation Bill.
Other items:
I understand that the adjourned Chris Marsden's appeal case against the magistrates' court to uphold Powys CC's opinion that a TRO suspends the duty to repair a highway will resume on 29th April. This is what we gave LARA a donation of £6000 for.
In January, I received an email from Roger Wright about another article in the LRW magazine about a large Series II Club run in Yorkshire. It was only last October following a similar event for which their club secretary apologised and said would not happen again! This second incident was included in my report to the February Council meeting and I suggested that the club chairman's attention should be drawn to it. The minutes record that Simone Birch would check the details before doing so. The article that Simone looked at appeared in the April Land Rover Monthly (LRW has ceased publication). Part of this article stated that the club had split up into groups on the first outing, meeting up for group photos. There were no photos showing large groups together on lanes. The second outing consisted of 9 Land Rovers with no mention of splitting into groups. The article has not been finished in the publication and ends abruptly.
Sandra Bourne and Derek Spooner stated that in the past that some publications had taken parts of articles from club magazines and not necessarily shown the whole truth. We have no control on what the magazines publish.
Tim Linney said that the guidelines can sometimes seem to be being broken when in fact there is a perfectly innocent explanation. He is involved in a farmers club which goes on farm visits. There can be 30 people in 8 vehicles driving down lanes looking at crops on a farm. This is with the land owners consent which is legal but the impression given to members of the public could be different and as such antis could show it in a different light.
He also said that there is a trial held in Exeter that uses rights of way with 100 cars being driven on the same route as a competition – legally with a permit.
It was decided that the Series II Land Rover club are already aware of this issue. Should we complain to the magazine about the article – it was decided that no comment is to be made to them.
I am registered with the public appointments section of the Cabinet Office and am notified of vacancies in public bodies and on a range of government committees. I will ask Murray to put any relevant vacancies on the website.

e. National Rally Liaison Officer – Janet Smart
Bookings are still quite low so members need to be encouraged to book in. Thanks must go to Dave Barrell for all the work he has done in setting up the booking system.
Entries 20.03.14: Tyro – 4, RTVT – 47, CCVT – 56, Comp Safari – 17, Team Recovery – 2, Concours – 4, Bike – 7, Pitches – 123.
Clothing is available for ordering from Sandra Bourne.
Trophies are being returned slowly but hopefully they will all be returned before the event.
When we had the site visit in February it was really wet but the camping areas were dry as they are very well drained.
Anyone coming to the event from the North on the A1 must leave the A1 at the Colsterworth roundabout. There is a turnoff before this signposted Stainby but it involves crossing the A1 which is not advisable as it is a very fast road. The site is only a couple of miles from the Colsterworth roundabout. From the M1 you access the site from Melton Mowbray. Signs will be put up to direct drivers to the site. Members who attended the site visit all said how easy the site was to get to.

The caterer has sorted out a comprehensive menu for breakfast, lunch and dinner and has organised real ales as well. Menus are posted on the website, Drivers will be able to purchase lunches along the lines of the marshals lunches which will be provided FOC to marshals (paid for by the ALRC).
A small shop is also going to be on site.
An ice cream van is to be looked into.
Showers have been booked for those camping.
We are still looking for a club to come forward to volunteer for 2016.
Now the package that the ALRC gives to clubs who host the National Rally has increased hopefully more clubs may consider hosting the event either singly or with others. Items provided include:
3 sets of cane tops and sections markers.
Set up loan repayable by September after the event.
All trophies - perpetual and class trophies. The host club can have input into the class trophies if they so wish.
Numbers for vehicles and score cards. Sponsors logos can be added to these provided details are received in advance.
200 motorsport arrows.
Standard set of Supplementary Regulations.
Competitors wristbands in different colours for drivers and navigators.
Transponders are going to be used for the comp safari. Advice will be given as to where these are attached and we will require them back after the event. A bulletin will be issued next week about these as they are not mentioned in the Supplementary Regulations for the event.
The NFU will give us a marquee, marshal vests, lanyards and carrier bags hopefully into the future.
Camping & Caravan extended permit FOC.
Loan of weatherwriters for the event which must be returned to Simone Birch afterwards.
4 National Rally Flags.
There is also now the use of a website that has been linked to the ALRC website that the host club can have control of. This is at no cost to the host club.
To host a National Rally clubs need to coordinate site services for the event and provide manpower to lay out the trials etc. It is not necessary to provide all the marshals for the events as volunteers will always come forward to help.
Dan Fasham is coordinating the 2015 National Rally on behalf of Midland ROC. Signed land agreements are in place for Eastnor Castle with site services already being organised. A booking form will be available soon.

f. Press & Publicity – Paul Barton
The One Show has been in touch looking for a “Land Rover Nutter” so if anyone has any ideas? They have also been in touch with other members.

g. MSA Liaison – Andrew Flanders
There was a meeting on the 6th February 2014 but there are only two meetings a year and these do tend to only be a couple of hours long.
The door bars and diagonal bars were discussed. None of our vehicles are classed as space frame as they have a chassis. We do not require the diagonal bar. So long as they have the bottom bar under the doors that is sufficient at the moment.
Colin Gaukroger pointed out that if clubs are running open comp safaris then they need to be aware that some space framed vehicles may be entered so scrutineers should be on the look-out for these.
There is concern that some composite seats are breaking up. Some of the seats being used can soak up water by osmosis and then degrade. Scrutineers are asked to be watchful of this. There seems to be no particular brand, or age of seat that is affected. There may be guidance issued for more steel framed seats rather than just composite seats. It does not seem to be an issue for trials but could affect comp safaris i.e. speed events.
The MSA are keen for senior officials to wear badges at events for ease of identification. In the future they may want all marshals to be named at events. A list could be posted on a Bulletin board.
There was no interest in fast tracking of scrutineers. If we had a list of scrutineers that would like to upgrade we can then write to the MSA technical department and they could perhaps complete an assessment to upgrade.
Andrew Flanders to check with John Ryan, MSA after this meeting.
National B Off Road got upgraded to National a few years ago.
How vertical should the main hoop be? There is still no definite answer but it is thought to be 8 degrees.
In the latest copy of rule changes received form the MSA there is a clarification as to the bolt size needed to be used when fitting seat belts. “*Where the vehicle manufacturers’s standard safety belts and associated fitments are not utilised, bolts must be a minimum 7/16”UNF or M12 (grade8.8).*
Sometimes these are tucked under a seat and are hard to see.

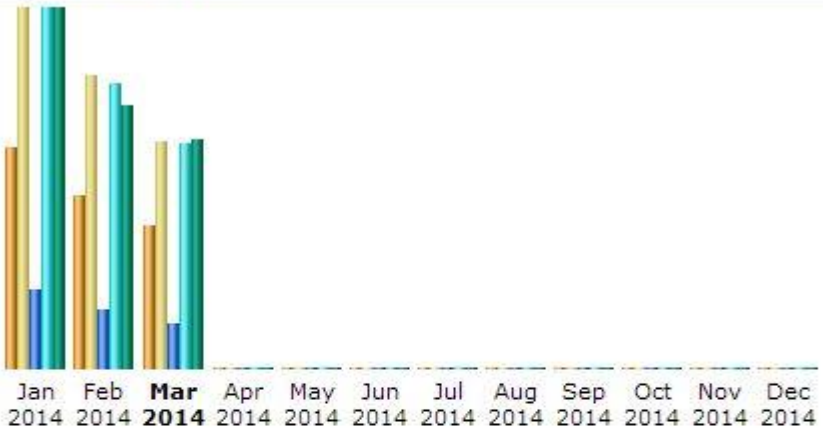
h. S&ORC – Mark Whaley No report apart from minutes already circulated.

i. CCMSA Coordinator – Andrew Neaves
Nottingham LRC have requested 8 applications.

j. Handbook – Steve Kirby
Simone Birch will be checking if people wish to remain on committees / log booking duties before the end of the year ready for the new edition of the handbook. All club details will also be checked.
There are references in the Handbook to the tax disc – these will need to be removed as the tax disc will no longer be issued later this year. The same is to happen to MOT certificates
The onus is on the competitor who signs on the MSA forms to say that their vehicle complies with the regulations – it is not down to the organisers to check.

k. Webmaster – Murray Wiltshire
I strive to update web pages as soon as possible, mostly by the next day although sometimes if away from access facilities this can become a couple of days.
I have been adding more club events to the Event page on the website this year, mainly those events that are advertised as inviting other clubs.
The website continues to be used quite regularly and perhaps is more useful now that some Handbook content is directly available.
Current basic stats for the alrc.co.uk website circa 21/03/2014 22.00

Monthly history



Month	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth
Jan 2014	2,235	3,648	13,401	61,316	1.53 GB
Feb 2014	1,763	2,959	10,138	48,391	1.12 GB
Mar 2014	1,440	2,297	7,777	38,356	999.67 MB
Apr 2014	0	0	0	0	0
May 2014	0	0	0	0	0
Jun 2014	0	0	0	0	0
Jul 2014	0	0	0	0	0
Aug 2014	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 2014	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 2014	0	0	0	0	0
Nov 2014	0	0	0	0	0
Dec 2014	0	0	0	0	0
Total	5,438	8,904	31,316	148,063	3.62 GB

Back in July 2013 I reported that I would purchase a new domain to be used for National Rallies. As many of you will know, I have created a new sub-domain (website address) for National Rallies instead. This is www.nationalrally.alrc.co.uk and when navigating to this address, a user will automatically diverted to the current year National Rally pages, where ever they might be hosted. For this current year 2014, the National Rally pages are hosted within the main ALRC website and as such does not cost anything extra. For 2014, the National Rally website has been created by Dave Barrell on behalf of the ALRC Council and has an independent log-in for the 2014 pages.
My proposal is that this arrangement can be set-up for each year going forward and as such will therefore be a 'free website' to any club that comes forward to host a National Rally in future if they wish to take advantage of this?

I have also reserved a new .UK domain name on behalf of the ALRC which will be www.alrc.uk. This is thought a good idea to safeguard someone else perhaps purchasing this and being able to present an alternative website causing confusion. At this point, there are no plans to develop any new pages for this domain. Once the domain becomes available on 10th June, I intend to have a re-direct that takes a user to our current site if this new address is used. The cost of reserving this domain is £9.99 +vat.
I have renewed the existing domain for another year and the hosting package will be renewed on 9th May when it falls due and will cost £48 for the year.
As always, please notify me if you spot anything wrong or have any ideas to change for the better.
Janet Smart advised I had an old e-mail address for her on the Club Shop page. I made the correction within 1 hour of seeing the e-mail from Janet, unfortunately, the e-mail had been caught in a spam filter and was stuck in a spam folder for most of 1 week!

l. Child Protection – Simone Birch.
It was disappointing that there were only two attendees from the ALRC to the MSA child protection training held last October (myself and Peter Gladman, Wye & Welsh LRC). I would recommend that all clubs send a delegate should the MSA repeat the training. The MSA do provide a DBS check free of charge for club child protection officers so it is worth a club having their own child protection officer. There have been no issues in the past year. The MSA are currently updating their policy which should be available later this year. The ALRC policy is due for the annual review in June.

12. Any Other Business
a. Replacement flag poles and bags have now been received to replace damaged ones – to be tested at the National Rally.
b. Meeting with Blanche Surman, NFU Mutual took place with Derek Spooner and Simone Birch earlier today. The NFU Mutual continuing to support the ALRC, we hold all our meetings here and today have received marshal vests, lanyards and carrier bags for use at the National Rally. The NFU marquee will also be provided at the event. Hopefully there may be an increase in sponsorship in the future.
c. Les Emanual,101 FC&RC asked when the next Handbook would be available and whether it would be in electronic form as well? The new Handbook will be available in January 2015, printed copies only. Some articles are available electronically if asked for and a few appear on the website but because of updates being applied the printed copy is still considered the best option. If the non-competitive clubs would like more copies then please get in touch with Simone Birch and this can be arranged.
d. Club certificates were available for collection at the meeting for those clubs that had already paid their 2014 ALRC subscriptions with the remainder being posted out. Apologies were received from Les Emanual on behalf of the 101 FCC&R not paying. They have had a change of secretary so hopefully this oversight will be sorted out quickly.

13. Date of Next Meeting – 5th July 2014.
Future meetings are to combine the EGM and S&ORC on the same day. EGM – am, S&ORC – pm.
Dates for 2014:
Council – June 14th, October 11th.
AGM / EGM / S&ORC – November 15th.
Clubs are asked to try and avoid the dates of the general meetings for club events if at all possible.
All meetings are to be in The Oaks Farmhouse instead of the main MFU Mutual HQ building. As you enter the NFU Mutual site drive down the main drive, turn left and follow the road turning left again to park within the walled car park. Park near to the covered walk way and you'll see The Oaks Farmhouse in front of you.

14. Close of Meeting at 12.12.