

SOUTHERN NEWS

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I'm not sure about the rest of you, but September sure does seem busier than any other month in the year.

Following on from two spectacular events in August, the club had just 1 event planned for September. Which regrettably was cancelled due to low pre-entries. The responsible decision and will ultimately uphold future good relationship with our landowners.

However, that doesn't stop us "Southerners" from getting out and getting dirty with our Land Rovers, does it? No Sir! I along with the rest of the Jennings family ran off to the LRO Show at Belvoir Castle over the weekend of the 7th and 8th joined by Mick Chick and Charlie Newland for a weekend of absolute Land Rover madness. A week previous several of our CCV drivers went out to play with SCOR. Then was the busy weekend, September 14th and 15th with Team Southern heading up to the Majors and with Cowfarm hosing the final round for the Dirt Nationals championship. Oh yes, it's been a full on few weeks.

Add to all the above the kids going back to school after the holidays, various birthdays and anniversaries and, you can relate to my opening remark. Next September, heads up. I'll be MIA.

Looking forward to October for a rest!

Continue reading through the newsletter to see what's been on in a bit more detail.

Cheers

John (JJ)



September Committee Summary

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The latest meeting. Tuesday 17th September was mainly planning for 2025, however there were a few other issues to deal with.

Keith and Freya Luxford were co-opted onto the committee. They are taking over the membership role from Joy at the next AGM. So, between now and then they will be getting up to speed with the system. Especially with renewals coming up at the end of the year.

We still need someone to take over the trophy and awards role from Phil.

We also still need a volunteer for the logistics role.

The Website is also getting to be a hot topic, as it is now an old platform and is getting vulnerable and needs updating. We are aware that most members would like better/easier event entry. We are working with a web developer and another ALRC member to formulate our needs. Watch this space.

Much time was spent planning the events for 2025, the draft plan is now available in the members area of the website for any feedback and comments.

Our next meeting is on 21st October so please send any comments before then.

Mark Baitup



Land Rover Owner Show

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Belvoir Castle 2024

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We (The Jennings Family) have been fortunate enough to have been involved with the planning and running of the "Live Action Arena" at the LRO show now for over 10 years. This year saw the 2nd running of the show at its new venue which, in 2012 had hosted the ALRC National Rally.

This year once again we had arranged for 30 plus of the UK's top Offroad teams from Winch Challenge, Dirt Racing, ultra 4 and Comp Safari to attend and put on a show for the paying public over the 2 days.



Unfortunately, the weather was not on our side for the 2024 event as it had been in 2023 so the arena was very WET! The Friday afternoon aloud for some clear skys, but come Saturday our arena was like a skid pan! Much to the enjoyment of our "Demo Teams" who took to the drifting and donut's like ducks to water!! I had been made aware prior to the event that Mick and Charlie were coming up to help out one of their Sponsors by displaying the new 80 on their stand. Seizing the opportunity of a nice sounding V8, I invited Mick to join Team Hybryd, Team OFG (Old Forge Garage) and 1 or 2 others to open the show! Well, that was it! Could we keep them away, No, no we couldn't. The "Chicky Donuts" were a fan favorite all weekend! And, the 80 along with another last minute ALRC motor who asked to join in were very well received.



I must admit. It gave me an idea. The brief from "Live Promotions" who arrange the show is always to demonstrate Offroad motor sport, up until 2024 we have promoted Comp Safari, Winch Challenge and the Ultra 4/Dirt racing vehicles. Now, with the space and time we have, for 2025 can we promote Trials? We have the space, we have the man-made terrain, we have the crowd!! All we need are some motors and volunteers to lay out a couple trials sections over the 2 days?! Food for thought!! Anyone fancy it for 2025?

As always with our northern family and friends old and new we had a brilliant time!!

The Jennings Family (John, Bev, Jack and Joshua)

Dannells Steering Bars

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We all know that steering bars/links on Offroad competition vehicles are vulnerable and let's face it there is little you can do to really protect them.

The usual method in which to reduce the probability of damage or worse a total failure is to fit Heavy duty steel replacements. Sumo bars being an early brand, now copied and made cheaper and possibly giving a lesser advantage.

Well, here is an option. How about fitting an Aluminum alternative? Dannells Off-Road offer 7075-T6 specification alloy bars in the 38mm diameter for various Land Rover applications as well as the various brackets and adapters that may be required. The benefit of the Alloy bar is that the material will allow an element of "Flex" and "Spring back" to your steering system.

Worth a consideration if you are looking to upgrade!

Look them up

Head over to www.danellsoff-road.co.uk

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SUSPENSION & STEERING LINKS



"THE WELSH MAJORS"

The photos below are courtesy of Joe and Pete Parris as well as the Chick Brothers.



Congratulations to all the Team Southern crews who made the journey to Wales.

Our members finished in teams placing 2nd and 3rd Overall.

The Major's.

From a bystander's point of view.

No doubt you have all seen pictures of the amazing sites, scenery and sections that the four clerks managed to arrange for us and the many 'Youtube' videos that have been posted to run alongside the numerous glowing reports that have emanated from those present. Although I was in attendance, I am afraid that I neither saw any of the Southern drivers nor managed to watch any of the top teams. Therefore, it is difficult to comment on the excellent drives undertaken by the winning team of Gordon Renshaw, Neil Mellish and Connor Bruce. Similarly, I missed seeing Martin Leonard's outstanding drive that saw him in fourth position individually and contributing to the second placed team prize along with Matthew Bennett and Alex Skidmore. Ending up just 4 points behind the winners after twenty sections over two days of intense trialling. Team Chick comprising George, Mick and Steve Smith took the third step on the podium. Well done to them all.

I helped by being a replacement nominated marshal for a team from Leicester and Rutland. The sections were staggering at times with all gates commanding forethought and care. There was no gentle run in you could fall foul of difficult obstacles just as easily at the 10 and 11 gates as the 1 and 2, but all section were cleared on the first day (the dry day) so all were possible. Personally, I always seemed to end up observing from the bottom of a hill, Jolly from Breckland always took the high ground but being younger than me I suppose it was only right that he should do the climbing. Some of those hills were extremely steep and slippery.

Midland don't use the traditional bamboo canes for marking the route but use the yellow glass fibre canes instead. Lighter to carry, thinner so less storage space BUT they bend. It doesn't take much of a breeze and they whip around continually. Fortunately, they were mostly kept well away from the intended route and very few actually posed a problem. This was not a stick trial it was always the ground that added points to your score as could be seen in the many film extracts that emerged in the days following the event.

Conversations over the weekend included the possibility of holding a National there at some point in the future. For the CCV competition the event could be fabulous. For the TYRO, traversing any of the fields could provide exciting challenges but for an RTV event I believe that the hosting club could have its work cut out finding ground that is not too severe yet drivable in all weather conditions. Remember this is Wales that green and pleasant land where it rains! However there does seem to be a snag now, those in the know, know and the rest of us will have to hope it can be resolved.

To avoid unfortunate clashes the organizers have already booked the site for the 2025 Major's which will be held on the 13th and 14th of September. See you there!

Graham Bridgeland

Photo Caption Contest

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Photograph supply by Dave Canham.

What is
Joy
Saying?

What is Phil
Saying?



Vacant Committee Position Awards Role

As I set out in the last issue I will not be able to carry on with the Awards job due to moving away from the area.

Unfortunately, I have had no interest shown in this so far, which is disappointing to say the least.

There is no way any of the existing Committee should feel obliged to take this on, indeed some are already covering multiple roles already. If nothing happens it is likely the awards, including those for the AGM, will enter a period of "suspended animation"

The Committee continually look at new ideas and better ways of doing things. Examples are the on-line membership and event entry systems and even this online magazine you are reading!!

A new custodian of the role may want to explore changes to the current system.

Do we need awards at all??

Perhaps a step too far but every option must be considered so please come forward if you are able to consider taking on this Committee job - **Your Club News You!!**

Phil Newland

NEW MEMBERS

We would like to welcome the following new members. See you at events soon.

James Parnaby	Ringmer
Louke Van de Meer	Battle
Sam Filmer	Boughton Monchelsea
Emma Filmer	Boughton Monchelsea

Joy Newland - Membership Secretary

STILL TO COME

2024 SROC Competitive events

October	Saturday 12 th	CCV	Deudneys	Herstmonceux
October	Sunday 13 th	RTV	Deudneys	Herstmonceux
November	Saturday 16 th	Day/Night Trial	Cowfarm	Rushlake Green
November	Sunday 17 th	Time Trial	Cowfarm	Rushlake Green
December	Saturday 7 th	RTV	Cowfarm	Rushlake Green
December	Sunday 8 th	CCV	Cowfarm	Rushlake Green

2024 Non-Competitive & other events of Interest calendar:

The following is to list shows and events that may be of interest, SROC is not intending to have stands at any of these. Further details of them can be looked up online and may be subject to alteration or correction, some have not yet published the date for 2024, so further information and dates may be added in due course.

October	6 th	4x4 Spares Day	Newbury	Berkshire
October	6 th	Land Rover Day	Amberly	West Sussex
November	3 rd	Veteran Car Run	London to Brighton	
November	8 th – 10 th	(Lancaster) Classic Vehicle Show	NEC	Birmingham

You can tell we are fast approaching the end of the year, fewer and fewer events to look forward to!! The goods news is that the 2025 provisional calendar is now available to view in the members section of the website. This means we will soon have another year's worth of dates to program into our calendars! If you want a peak into what 2025 looks like. Head over to the website.

www.sroc.co.uk/about-the-club/members-only/

SROC DRAFT EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE		EVENT		VENUE
15-Feb		GHF ELHAM	RTV1?	ELHAM
16-Feb		GHF ELHAM	CCV1	
15-Mar		NEW SITE TBC	RTV 2?	
16-Mar			CCV 2	
21-Mar		CLUB AGM	AWARDS	R&C TONBRIDGE?
18-Apr		GOOD FRIDAY		EARLYE FARM?
19-Apr		EASTER SATURDAY	RTV 3	WADHURST
20-Apr		EASTER SUNDAY	CCV3	Late Easter
21-Apr		EASTER MONDAY	TYRO 1	
02-May	Fri	EARLY MAY BANK HOLIDAY		NEW SITE
03-May	Sat	EARLY MAY BANK HOLIDAY	CCV 4	TBC
04-May	Sunday	EARLY MAY BANK HOLIDAY	RTV 4	MAYFIELD
05-May	Monday	EARLY MAY BANK HOLIDAY		
23-May	FRI	SPRING BANK HOLIDAY		
24-May	Sat	ALRC NATIONAL RALLY		
25-May	Sun	STAINBY		
26-May	Mon			
15/16 JUNE		CORWALL AND DEVON CHARITY RTV DATE TBC		
21/24 June		SERIES 1 CLUB NATIONAL RALLY DATE AND VENUE TBC		
29-Jun	Sun	BINES FARM	TYRO 3	
6/7 JULY		MENDIP CHALLENGE	DATE TBC	
14-Jul			CCV 5	EARLYE FARM?
19-Jul		RENHURST FARM TYRO	TYRO 4	RENHURST FARM
20-Jul		RENHURST FARM RTV	RTV 5	MARK CROSS
03-Aug		2 DAY CCV	CCV	NON LEAGUE
04-Aug		TEAM TRIAL	CCV	BILSINGTON PRIORY
22-Aug		AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY		COPFORD FARM
23-Aug		AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY	RTV 6	HORAM
24-Aug		AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY	CCV ???	Camping Thursday to Tuesday 12
25-Aug		AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY	TYRO 5	
13-Sep		Majors Trial		DATES TBC
14-Sep		Majors Trial		
21-Sep	Sat		CCV 8	DEUDNEYS FARM
22-Sep	Sun		RTV 7	MAGHAM DOWN
12-Oct	Sat	DAY/NIGHT EVENT	NON LEAGUE	COW FARM
13-Oct	Sun		TIME TRIAL?	
08-Nov	Sat		RTV 8	GHF
09-Nov	Sun		CCV 8	ELHAM
07-Dec	Sat	XMAS CUP	RTV 8	COW FARM
08-Dec	Sun	XMAS CUP	CCV 8	COWBEECH

This list of "proposed" events is NOT definitive and is subject to consultation with our Landowners.

The list is also viewable/downloadable as a PDF document from the members area of www.sroc.co.uk

The purpose of publishing the draft calendar is to allow SROC members to volunteer their feedback to the committee. Should you have any suggestions or questions please send them to

competitionsec@sroc.co.uk



Upcoming Events & Staffing:

Our next event is the Deudneys Farm Trials weekend near Herstmonceux over the weekend of October 12th and 13th.

For exact location details please check out the site maps section of the members area on www.sroc.co.uk

Saturday CCV

Clerk of the Course – **Harry Powell**

Sunday RTV

Clerk(s) of the Course – **Alan Taylor**

Shaun Lillywhite

Officials and Marshals needed for both events over the weekend.

Following that, we have our Non-League Day into Night trial and Time trial weekend at Cowfarm near Rushlake Green.

For exact location details please check out the site maps section of the members area on www.sroc.co.uk

Saturday Day/Night Trial

Clerk of the Course – **Keith Luxford**

Sunday Time Trial

Clerk of the Course – **TBA**

Officials and Marshals needed for both events over the weekend.

Previous 2024 Southern news publications

Available to download and view on www.sroc.co.uk members area.

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- ❖ 2024 Nationals reports
- ❖ 2024 National SROC scores
- ❖ 2024 Nationals photo's
- ❖ 2-Day CCV Team Trial pre-event report
- ❖ Scrutineers Scribbles
- ❖ ALRC Scrutineering bulletin
- ❖ Trials Scrutineering guide
- ❖ 2024 Event staffing planner
- ❖ Earlye Farm CCV report
- ❖ Earlye Farm event photos
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- o July Committee update
- o Events still to come in 2024
- o 2-Day entries update
- o The good old days
- o New Members
- o The nationals 2024
- o Gites Farm Tyro
- o Wharfedale 2024
- o Revolving Stone event
- o Dashford 20 photos/scores
- o General Site rules (Reminder)
- o Scrutineering Aims (Reminder)
- o Scrutineers Scribbles
- o 2 Day Team Trial site recon
- o 2 Day Team Trial pre-rew report
- o August 18 2-day event schedule
- o AHR event staffing planner
- o Nationals CCV Photos (Mickie)
- o Upcoming events info
- o A Thank you to Alan Firrell

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- o August Committee Update
- o 2-Day CCV Team Trial Website update & Scores
- o 2-Day CCV Editors Photos (Sunday)
- o Still to come 2024 events
- o Committee Vacancy for 2025 (Award: Role)
- o New Club members
- o August BH CCV report
- o Something a bit different (MacMillan)
- o August BH event scores
- o Leagues update

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REMEMBER:

You CAN have it quick. You CAN have it good. You CAN have it cheap.

But you CAN'T have all 3!!

