

SOUTHERN NEWS

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June Committee Update:

The committee held a special additional meeting on Monday 10th June for our regular monthly meeting.

The committee were joined in this meeting by a non-committee member who has sourced a new trialling site for potential use in 2025. The site has also been made available to Southern Counties ORC for use in their Comp Safari's and trial also. This is very positive news indeed.

With another successful event behind us, we reviewed the details from Earlye Farm. It was noted that due to some mechanical issues with members vehicles the RTV and Tyro suffered slightly lower entry than usual, however the 16 CCV entries made up for that and as a result the early indications from a financial site are positive.

With regards to event logistics, it is clear we are still in need of assistance specifically with moving the club's event trailer. A comment was made that the ideal candidate would reside in the "Heathfield Area". The club is making investigations into the subject of insurance to cover the movement of the trailer. This is becoming a big issue!!

The club's BIG event of the year, Our SROC 2-Day CCV Team Trial was the next big subject. With entries now open and trickling in, most of the staffing and facilities in place, we are definitely on track. For more information on the 2-Day please read further into this publication.

Social media appears to be going well, with several other clubs seemingly taking the lead from SROC and upping their Facebook campaigns and communications. The committee have agreed that a "Cleanse" is needed, with a Facebook membership of over 1000 and a membership of under 250. John (I) will be looking into this in the coming months.

Scrutineering, a subject that is being looked at a little more closely following the ALRC national @ Whaddon in May. A bulletin has been issued with various points of interest. A copy of which is included further into this publication.

Event staffing. Following communications with various members and a push from the committee, we have several staff lined up for the remaining events in the year. Once again, a copy is included later in this publication.

The newsletter (the one you are reading) appears to be the recipient of good reviews from the SROC membership. A decision has been made to release it on an open platform to make it more available to potential members and members of other association clubs etc.

That's it for a brief update. Read on for more content regarding some of the subjects above.

John Jennings



This year's well organized ALRC National was at Whaddon near Milton Keynes. SROC had a good entry this year, two in Tyro, six in RTV, sixteen in CCV and two in comp, plus lots of volunteers.

The CCV was on Saturday and in sunshine! Our first section was a bit of a wake up, having not been trialling for a while and was one of the harder sections. Lots of humps, bumps, dips, axle twisters all hidden among long grass and a big tree branch to drive over. It was quite difficult to read the ground. We managed to clear the section but bent the steering bar where we had driven into a mound of mud. Later we found that others had diverted around the tree branch! The second section was more of the same. Martin had not had enough of tree branches and managed to go a bit wide and get caught up on this one. *Oops*. Then we moved to the water and mud run section. The first section of water was quite deep when we got there. The Chicks motor didn't enjoy its dip into water, but Mick did manage to get to the end and dunk their new motor into the pond mud run. Another in our group managed to kill his engine in the water! Perhaps us clipping the 8 gate was not so bad.

Martin and I were first off on the next section, this section was made up of gravel and mud, we got to the 11 gate and the drivers wheel dropped into this big hole spun the tyre all this orange gravel and water flew in the air, few sections later it came down covering the bonnet, roof and Martin in orange ballast, lovely. I think the odd person somehow got through otherwise that was an 11 for most. So, the first group had a good advantage. The next few sections were much drier, and some had a challenging end which we managed to negotiate. Next, we were back to the muddy sections. Our second to last section, we had a hold up, but the sun the shining and there was friendly banter among our group, we had to wait for an hour as the group before had problems with a tree that was then removed, then three cars struggled to recover the stuck car! Maurice the clerk then warned us of the problem, and we could only have a go if we had people willing to tow out. One competitor with a low score in our group managed to get to the 9, but the rest of us took the 10. The last section had several large chunks of concrete in the earlier gates, but luckily, we all managed to get towards the end of the section to finish the day. The area was nice and open, so we were not rubbing trees, or bending bodywork and the canes were mostly wide, so it was against the ground. Only one nearly scary end so Martin didn't have a scared passenger, which was nice!

It was good to catch up with everyone again.

Jenny Tanton Brown



The 2024 ALRC National took us to Whaddon near Milton Keynes and a good contingent of the club travelled north to compete, socialize, spectate and officiate.

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Saturday's CCV competition at the National was interesting, to say the least.

Held in bright sunshine seven groups ran through twelve challenging sections with a total of 101 competitors of which Southern members numbered sixteen. Due to multiple recoveries, most sections were taking each group about one hour to complete, so a long day ensued which pushed back the team recovery and prize giving that were planned for early that same evening.

The Nationals are rightly very challenging as they attract many of the best drivers from all over the country. Overall, the sections were very good and those drivers that stayed away because of a pre-judgement based on the 2019 National missed a good event.

Unfortunately, there were two sections that failed to stand up to the rigors of over 100 vehicles attempting to negotiate the landscape. Very noticeable in the results these were section 1, a slightly downhill traverse of a side slope followed by a ditch crossing. This ditch was obviously fed by a natural spring and very quickly deepened and widened. So much so, that from the second group on this section, most of the drivers were taking home a 10. A hefty score to recoup during the rest of the day. This was evident when you see that the top four finishers in the overall competition all came from the first group on this section.

Section 8 was the other problematic challenge presented to us. A long ditch drive that had an all-swallowing hole just after the start, coincidentally this was also just before the 10 gates. Our own Dave Green was one of only ten drivers who made it through to the end. Of course, alternative routes were employed but all seemed to end with the same situation. However, the author noticed on a YouTube video, aired after the event, that a low-lying tree which had influenced the route taken by most of the groups had 'disappeared' later in the day and by the time the video was recorded, – strange!

At the prizegiving Simon Barden was the top man from Southern taking home a trophy for second in class 10. He was on a level par with Steve Limb from Leicestershire but was pipped to the win when most clears were taken into account. Unfortunately, that was Southern's only competitive trophy. Simon also came close in the Senior's Cup competition presented to the best CCV driver, aged 55 - 64, with the lowest total score. But once again Simon's nemesis, Steve Limb took the win, they were both on 29 points but the L & R man took the win on most clears.



The Brothers Chick suffered teething problems with their newbuild. To give them credit the vehicle was only finished 48hours before the event but with all things mechanical it's only as good as the constituent parts. On this occasion the weakest link was a half shaft that let them down. Consequently, they had to forego their place in the team recovery leaving that event devoid of any Southern members.

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The club had five entrants in the RTV event held during showery weather on the Sunday. All but one of them were in class 5 vehicles, i.e. long wheelbase motors, Jon Darby in his 90 being the exception. The twelve sections were well received by pretty well all the drivers. Totally non damaging with not a tree insight, but quite a lot of mud to keep you on your toes, and plenty of options to catch you out. The team performed well and took the top three places in their class: Alan Taylor coming home first and a very creditable tenth overall, Shaun Lillywhite second and Dave Green third.

In the TYRO, Richard Malone and Dave Canham were the club's representatives progressing through straight forward sections apart from number four, which had a sequence of gates around the 5/6/7 area, that caused exactly half the field to falter. After all eight sections had been driven, five drivers were tied on all clears and went into the run-off. It was the first of four run-offs which took over an hour to complete! Our own Richard was among them but unfortunately Dave was one of the drivers that had been caught out on section four.

The first run-off removed two drivers leaving just three. The second produced a clear winner, but our Richard and Martin Dieppe from Anglian were still level and a third run-off was needed to confirm the placemen. This challenge still failed to separate them so a timed section was called for in which the driver who can negotiate the canes at the slowest speed i.e. takes the longest time is the winner. The Anglian driver then turned out to be the biggest creep as Richard just couldn't bring himself to drive that slowly!

Monday brought us the Comp Safari in which we had two entries. Jon Darby in the series one only managed to complete four of the eight runs before broken suspension put paid to his day. Steve Newland had quite a good day, consistently running in the top third of the entry until his sixth run when his vehicle chose to view the landscape from a different perspective and duly laid down on the course within sight of the finish. Not a major incident but the red flags were quickly thrown and a course maximum awarded. But if anyone saw the jumps, he was achieving over the long 3.8-mile course, many of which were featured on YouTube, they couldn't have failed to have been impressed.

Away from the driving events Paul Barton managed to collect a non-competitive trophy, the Farvis Shield, presented to the highest placed Working Vehicle in the Concours d'Elegance.

So, the National has been and gone for another year and well done to Southern's drivers of longer vehicles for showing us the way. We had Simon Barden 2nd Class 10 in the CCV, in the TYRO we had Richard Malone 2nd in class and 3rd overall and in the RTV we had the top 3 in the LWB class; Alan Taylor, Shaun Lillywhite and Dave Green respectively. Jon Darby flew the flag for the shorter vehicles with Class 1 wins in both the CCV and Comp and a respectable 5th in class in the RTV. Well done to all. Next year's event will be back at Stainby, just a little further up the A1 and one of my favorite sites. We look forward to seeing as many Southern Rover members in attendance as possible.

Graham Bridgland

SROC Member Scores

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Tyro Trial

Club	Driver	Class	Group	S 1	S 2	S 3	S 4	S 5	S 6	S 7	S 8	Total	Run Off 1	Run Off 2	Run Off 3	R/O Time	Class Position	Overall
SROC	Richard Malone	LWB	B04	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	1	4m09s	2 nd	3 rd
SROC	Dave Canham	SWB	A02	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	6						

RTV Trial

Club	Driver	Class	Group	Team	S 1	S 2	S 3	S 4	S 5	S 6	S 7	S 8	S 9	S 10	S 11	S 12	Total	Class Position
SROC	Alan Taylor	5	C12	SROC 1	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	1	2	5	22	1 st
SROC	Jon Derby	4	B06	SROC 1	1	0	1	3	0	0	0	5	8	1	0	7	26	
SROC	Shaun Lillywhite	5	D06	SROC 2	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	7	4	5	5	7	32	2 nd
SROC	David Green (Ashford)	5	B02	SROC 2	1	2	0	3	0	3	1	8	8	0	8	1	35	3 rd
SROC	Thomas Constable	5	C11	SROC 1	3	2	0	1	12	6	3	10	8	1	2	4	52	

CCV Trial

Club	Driver	Class	Group	Team	S 1	S 2	S 3	S 4	S 5	S 6	S 7	S 8	S 9	S 10	S 11	S 12	Total	Class Position
SROC	Simon Bardon	10	C08	SROC 3	10	2	1	3	0	2	1	2	3	2	1	2	29	2 nd
SROC	Dave Green	9	D04	SROC 4	10	2	1	3	0	3	1	0	0	0	8	2	30	
SROC	Keith Luxford	9	E02	SROC 5	11	2	0	3	0	1	1	0	0	6	8	2	34	
SROC	Dave Powell	9	C02	SROC 1	10	2	1	1	1	1	1	10	1	0	1	5	34	
SROC	Harry Powell	9	C10	SROC 1	10	2	7	2	0	1	2	10	1	0	0	2	37	
SROC	Dan Lillywhite	9	G11	SROC 4	10	1	4	3	0	3	2	10	0	7	6	2	39	
SROC	Terry Buss	9	D11		10	2	0	3	0	0	1	10	0	7	6	2	41	
SROC	Martin Leonard	9	G04	SROC 2	10	1	1	0	0	1	2	10	1	0	8	8	42	
SROC	Ollie Benstead-Smith	9	E12	SROC 4	11	6	1	3	0	3	1	2	4	6	6	2	45	
SROC	Peter Parris	9	C04	SROC 5	11	6	1	3	1	3	2	10	2	2	6	2	49	
SROC	Martin Smith	9	A09	SROC 3	12	6	1	3	1	3	2	10	2	1	9	2	52	

SROC Member Scores

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CCV Trial (Continued)

Club	Driver	Class	Group	Team	S 1	S 2	S 3	S 4	S 5	S 6	S 7	S 8	S 9	S 10	S 11	S 12	Total	Class Position
SROC	Shaun Stocking	9	C06	SROC 1	10	5	1	9	1	1	1	10	1	0	1	2	53	
SROC	Freya Luxford	9	E08	SROC 5	10	4	1	2	0	6	12	10	4	6	9	2	66	
SROC	Jon Darby	1	A03	SROC 3	7	5	9	3	0	3	10	10	5	8	6	6	72	1st
SROC	Mick Chick	9	G09	SROC 2	11	1	Retired						0	8	2			
SROC	George Chick	9	G03	SROC 2	11	2	Retired						2	1	6			

Comp Safari

Club	Driver	Class	Race No	Runs	Total Time	Class Position	Overall Position
SROC	Steve Newland	8	31	8	01:44:09	8	25
SROC	Jon Derby	12	1	8	03:16:12	1	34

The RTV Team of SROC 1 Alan, Jon and Thomas placed 3rd in the RTV Teams Trophy and the CCV Team of SROC 4 Dave, Dan & Ollie placed 6th in the CCV Teams Trophy.

In the non-competitive events, Paul Barton took "The Farvis Boilers Shield" for the highest place working vehicle in the Concours d'Elegance.

All in all, over the various event disciplines our members represented SROC well!! Congratulations to you all!!



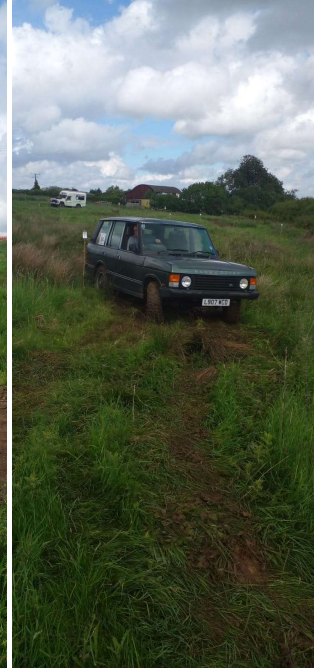
Photos from AIRC National 2024

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Thanks to Phil Newland, Dave Powell, Joe Parris & Ollie Benstead-Smith

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2024 2-Day CCV Team Trial pre-event report.

As many of you will know, 2024 is the 28th running of the SROC 2-Day CCV Team trial in a period of 30 years. Way back in 1994, the inaugural event was set up with SROC stalwart's Ron Baker and Skip Maskell who would not only return to Clerk the event in 1999 but also Ron would go on to Win the event no less than 4 times over the years.

Below is a brief history break down of the event winners:

Event No	Event Year	Overall, Winners	Club	Overall Combined Score
1 st	1994	Pete Lugg & M Bourne	S&WLRC	46
2 nd	1995	Ron Baker & John Fleet	SROC	68
3 rd	1996	Caroline & Andrew Flanders	SROC	39
4 th	1997	Ron Baker & John Fleet	SROC	No Record
5 th	1998	Pete Lug & Mark Freeman	S&WLRC	No Record
6 th	1999	Pete Lug & Mark Freeman	S&WLRC	11
7 th	2000	Pete Lug & Mark Freeman	S&WLRC	No Record
No Event due to Foot and Mouth Disease				
8 th	2002	Pete Lug & Mark Freeman	S&WLRC	No Record
9 th	2003	Pete Lug & Mark Freeman	S&WLRC	41
10 th	2004	Debby & Charles Darby	SROC	19
11 th	2005	Ron Baker & John Fleet	SROC	33
12 th	2006	Ron Baker & John Fleet	SROC	60
13 th	2007	Pete Lug & Mark Freeman	S&WLRC	77
14 th	2008	Pete Lug & Mark Freeman	S&WLRC	24
15 th	2009	Kevin Hammond & Mark Reid	ALRC	17
16 th	2010	Ron Baker & Greg Willig	SROC	36
17 th	2011	Dave Naylor & Keith Lynam	P&DLRC	52
18 th	2012	Dave Naylor & Keith Lynam	P&DLRC	53
19 th	2013	Dave Naylor & Keith Lynam	P&DLRC	16
20 th	2014	Dave Naylor & Keith Lynam	P&DLRC	7
21 st	2015	Dave Naylor & Keith Lynam	P&DLRC	11
22 nd	2016	Neal Mellish & Richard Rowley	L&CLRC - MROC	55
23 rd	2017	Neal Mellish & Richard Rowley	L&CLRC - MROC	40
24 th	2018	Dave Naylor & Ben Parks	P&DLRC	31
25 th	2019	Dave Naylor & Ben Parks	P&DLRC	19
No Event due to Covid 19				
26 th	2021	Dave Naylor & Ben Parks	P&DLRC	86
No Event to Venue/Land				
27 th	2023	Neal Mellish & Richard Rowley	L&CLRC - MROC	23
28 th	2024	???	???	???

At its peak the event attracted no less than 24 2 vehicle teams from across the ALRC and has been jointly clerked by 16 individuals from SROC with help, assistance and support from countless other members.

The event format was originally devised by Ron Baker to add a team element to CCV Trialling. Each Team comprises of 2 drivers, passengers are not compulsory but each driver may only have one passenger, and no driver may passenger another. The object being for Team Members to guide and direct each other through the sections, although this needs to be done without endangering themselves. The event will take place this year on its traditional first weekend of August. But it's a new venue, Bilsington Priory where the ALRC National Rally was held in 2022. As with the National CCV, Team Chick will be clerking, so if you enjoyed the National CCV, you are in for a real treat.

If you have not already entered or disclosed your intention to offer assistance, please head over to the website and do so. www.sroc.co.uk/2-day-team-trial.

Time for a jump back in time. To the 2014 event and a report from Ron Baker, originally published on the Autumn edition of Southern news.

Many thanks to our main sponsors this year, Chris & Caroline at RLG Tyres and Damian & Kerry at Bramble 4 x 4, who sponsored the hiring of the trial site, supplying door stickers and numbers, marshal tabards, the pig for the hog roast, and loads of prizes for the raffle. Amazing, once again many thanks.

As many of you may know this was the 20th year of the two day trial, and this year we had a record entry. We must be doing something right, long may it continue.

Once again, many thanks to the Mockford family for allowing us to use this magnificent site.

I would also like to thank the group leaders, Greg and Micky, Mark and Dave the scrutineers. Skip glad to see you back, all the marshals and everyone behind the scenes involved in the dreaded paperwork. Debbie for sorting the club trailer. Steve, Di and Jane for sorting re-fuelling and assembly lines. Margaret and Peter for selling loads of raffle tickets and that amazing cake. Mr Esmond and Ian Davies liaison for the radios. Lastly a young man that saved my old legs miles by helping put in loads of section canes, I will put my neck on the line by predicting he will win the national by the time his 21! That young man goes by the name of Harry Powell – watch him drive and you will see what I mean! Many thanks Harry (Prove me right Harry!!)

Anyone I have forgotten I apologise.

The winning team – what can you say, Dave on clearKeith on 7. Amazing well done.

Thanks also to the raffle prize donators:
St Leonards Motors, Canterbury Tools, Ajays, Bearmach, Terrafirma, Guy Salmon, Snap on Tools, Skip Maskell, Ron Baker.

Again anyone I have forgotten I apologise.
The Friday evening meal at the Bear Motel Burwash was attended by 37 people (not many from SROC). All reported the food very good.

Saturday night hog roast I thought went very well – hopefully again next year? (Your comments please) It also brought everybody together for a while for a natter and a beer.

Thanks to everybody that helped to clear up on Sunday afternoon.

Lets have feedback – good or bad – on sections, campsite, hog roast, organisation, anything to make it better – new ideas.

Hope you all enjoyed it as much as me.
Ron



Dave Greenaway on the 2014 Event



Dave Powell on the 2014 Event

More Pictures of the 2014 Event from the SROC Archives.



George Baker on the 2014 Event



2-Day CCV Team Trial



Mick Chick on the 2014 Event

The most recent running of the event in 2023 once again Clerked by Ron Baker with the assistance of Greg Willig and John Fleet saw an entry of 15 teams of 2 vehicles. For a little bit of pre-event research and a feeling for the event, check out some YouTube videos from Britclip and Lewis Flanders channels.



Cross Country Vehicle Land Rover Team Trials



SROC Two Day Team Trial 2023 Group B

For an insight into Bilsington Priory the 2022 ALRC National trial was covered in 2 great videos. Check out the Ed in the shed channel and Breckland LR Club Channels.



Ed in the Shed @ the ALRC National Part 1 CCV Trial



ALRC National Rally 2022. Land Rovers, RTVT & CCVT

Looking forward then to the 2024 SROC 2-Day CCV Team Trial.
 This year supported by Medway Fabrication's with Mick, George and Garry Chick at the helm. What can you expect?

Well, Mick reports from a recent interview the following statement:

“People will have learned by now, that the most important thing is to have a fun day out! Have a good social with mates that you don't see often, and get some good stories logged in the bank. We will find every piece of Mud we can, and people will love it. That is a promise”

In addition to Mick's pledge that ensures you all get your fill of muddy fun. The organizational team led by Ian Davis has all the facilities, camping, permits, entries and catering well in hand. Below is the provisional Food and Beverage Menu for the event.

2024 SROC 2-Day CCV Team Trial

Nikki's Burger Bar – Friday and Saturday Evenings

- Steak & Chips
- Chicken Pie & Chips
- Fish & Chips
- Sausage & Chips
- Chilli & Rice
- Ribs & Chips
- Steak Pie & Chips

If possible, please pre order

The Bar

Draught	Pts	½ Pts
Amstel	£5.00	£2.50
Bitter	£4.80	£2.50

Bottles

Old Mout Cherries & Berries	£5.50
Bottle Bitter	£4.80
Moretti Bottle	£4.50
All Spirits (25ml)	£3.50
With Splash	£4.00
With Tonic	£4.50
Bulmer's Cider	£5.50
WKD	£4.00
All Wines	£5.00
Prosecco	£5.50
J2'0	£2.90
Red Bull	£3.00
All ½ pts Soft Drinks	£1.70
Soft Drinks Cans	£1.50
Bottled Water	£1.50
Simply Fruity	£1.30

All products subject to availability Price List May 2023



Event Clothing is as always available for 2024 from Lauren's Printing Services. There is a link from the 2-Day page on the SROC website. But, for those of you who need it go to www.sroc.co.uk/product-category/2-day-clothing-2/

Also available on the website are the links to enter the event, view and download the event SR's (Supplementary Regulations) and to join the circulation mailing list.

Entries for the 2024 event have been steadily flowing in, but you still have until Wednesday 31st July when final entries will close.

As always, questions and enquiries are welcomed. Contact the committee directly, or if you are not able to do so contact view our website or Facebook group is just as easy.

SROC look forward to welcoming you to the 28th running of the 2-Day CCV Team trial.

John Jennings



Scrutineers Scribbles.

Well, the National has been & gone and now the weather has started improving the ground is starting to dry out a bit, so we are managing to hold some events of our own. Long may it continue. We had a pretty good representation at the National, with some success's that you will be able to read about elsewhere and I didn't hear of any of our club members having any issues getting through Scrutineering. All in all, a good event.

Although it seems that there were some common threads highlighted at the National which has prompted the ALRC to produce a Scrutineering Bulletin, a copy of which follows. The new ALRC Chairman, Kevin Peake, has a strong Scrutineering background so this is likely to be the first of many. Inevitably the spotlight will be on anything that these bulletins highlight so it would be prudent to read them and take note. If you aren't sure about anything, ask! I am only a phone call away.

And finally, to make things easier all round, it would be helpful if you include the class of your vehicle on your entry. Again, if you're not sure, please ask.

As ever, give me a shout if you have any queries on the above or any other scrutineering issues.

Dave Canham





Scrutineer's Bulletin # 1 – June 2024

Welcome to the first Scrutineer's Bulletin. We hope this will be regular item to make everyone aware of changes to Regulations and to keep you aware of technical issues across the Land Rover world.

Logbooks – The logbook system is a huge element of many areas of the ALRC, especially safety & eligibility, and so results are all based on the process working correctly, from initial inspection through to renewals at 5 yearly intervals. At the 2024 National Rally all logbooks were kept from the events to check that correct information and tag numbers were recorded, and unfortunately there was several that weren't. Many had the incorrect owner's name, others had incorrect tag numbers or wrong classes for the events. It's difficult for a scrutineer at the Nationals – the vehicles should be correct for the year's prestigious event, but it's too contentious to be refusing vehicles when they have been competing at club level all year. Thankfully we had a booking & results system that was easy to change classes on the day Please check the details at every event and if they're not correct make a comment on the back and advise the competitor to send to the Logbook Secretary for updating. The digital logbook process isn't too far from being rolled out and will make things much easier for those that chose to use it – we'll keep you up to date on this as progress is made.

Fire extinguishers – Lots of extinguishers at Whaddon were either out of date or not fixed properly. If there vehicle requires an extinguisher by either MSUK or ALRC regulations, then Section K.3.2 says all extinguishers must be serviced every 2 years (or sooner) and must be secured with anti-torpedo tabs held by 2 (minimum) quick release metal straps. If there is no service label then the scrutineer must use the date the cylinder was manufactured, which is often several months before it was filled and so the extinguisher serviceable life is shortened. It appears some manufacturers aren't fitting the label to the unit, instead leaving it loose in the packaging. It's worth checking all new units to make sure the stickers are all in place for the future.

Wheel arches - MSUK Yearbook regulation says: 5.2.6. With the exception of racing cars or cars of A to D be equipped on all wheels with mudguards which present no sharp edges and cover the complete wheel (flange+rim+tyre) around an arc of 120 degrees. This minimum coverage must: (a) be achieved with a continuous surface of rigid material within which ventilation louvres may be fitted. The tyre must not be visible when viewed from above. When viewed from the rear, the tyre must not be visible above any point 50mm or more above the axle center line (b) extend forward ahead of the axle line (c) extend downward behind the wheel. We saw lots of vehicles at Whaddon that had wheels sticking out past the wheel arch, and each competitor was told about the issue. This needs to be monitored at each event, as not having wide enough wheel arches is clearly an advantage when traveling through a tight gate.

PTO.



Smoking – When competitors come to scrutineering, please make sure they don't smoke – it's not very pleasant having a puff of secondhand tobacco blown in your direction while trying to do your job!!

Scrutineers – “Scrutineers are responsible for checking the mechanical state of vehicles both in regard to compliance with all Regulations and in the interests of safety” Whilst a pivotal part of the organization, as scrutineers we are part of a team lead by the Clerk of the Course, and only the clerk has the power to exclude a competitor. When talking to a competitor we can only enforce MSUK, ALRC and event REGULATIONS – nothing else. There have been lots of discussions over the years that somehow make it to “mythical rule stage” but we need to remember that ultimately if you can't put a rule number to your decision, then treat it as advising the competitor. When the ALRC Yearbook happens, we will try and get rid of the anomalies from different areas, and it will mean a large set of rule changes to make things, such as tow points, easier to police and avoid rushed discussions close to an event. Whilst we will always have safety at the front of our minds before the event, it's also a good time to look at basic eligibility items. At the last two Nationals there have been issues over cars entered in a standard class when shock mounts are clearly modified. Remember, all the regulations we work under are written in the “if it doesn't say you can, then you can't” format.

Meetings – It would be great to see more Logbook Scrutineers and Club delegates joining in with Scrutineering and Off-Road Committee meetings, and part of the commitment to being an LBS is to attend one per year. Now that only one meeting per year is face to face, joining in with the other Zoom meetings is straightforward and only takes 2-3 hours out of your day. The benefits of attending are two sided – it means your Club gets an input into the way our sport is governed, and your Club gets the latest information straight back to the front line. The next meeting is 29th June, so look out for the invite. If you think there is any easier or better way of communicating with us, please let Simone know. Content – If you have any items, even better with pictures, that you'd like to go into the next bulletin please forward to Chairman@alrc.co.uk

SROC SCRUTINEER CHECK LIST

To help any volunteer Scrutineers, and to keep standards above minimum levels as well as being consistent the Club Scrutineer has created a checklist as a guide to follow.

TRIALS SCRUTINEERING GUIDE

Item (This is the minimum requirement – check more if you can)	Check
Silhouette – Does it look like a Land Rover, are the wheels inside the bodywork. RTV door tops fitted	
Bumpers – Size, strong, secure & straight	
Recovery points & Ropes – Securely attached & fit for purpose. No straps, wire or KERR. Soft shackles only to join ropes	
Fluids – Fuel, Brakes, Oil, Water, Power Steering, Dampers etc., no leaks	
Engine & gearbox mounts – Good condition / secure	
Throttle return spring – If the cable fails will the throttle close	
Battery – Secure, & covered if not under the bonnet	
Steering – No cut or welded parts. Links, Joints, Ends, Box & Lock stops	
Wheels – Securely attached, studs & wheel bearings	
Tyres – No open block tread pattern, RTV - 22psi, CCV or TT - 12psi	
Brakes – Firm pedal, hand brake effective	
Steering Wheel – Securely attached	
Seats – Good fixing. Can the driver reach all the controls inc. park brake	
Seatbelts – Good fixing, no frays, can they be undone under tension	
Starter – Will it start. Automatics - starter inhibitor operational	
Fire extinguisher – 2.4l AFFF / 2kg Powder, serviced within 2 years, 2 quick release straps. Adv. for RTV, compulsory for CCV & Timed Trial	
Bulkhead & bonnet – No holes	
Loose objects – Nothing loose in the vehicle	
Propshafts – Excessive play	
Chassis – General condition, structurally sound	
Fuel tank – Secure & covered	
Exhaust – Excessively noisy	
Roll-cage – CCV, any signs of stress / cracks on welds, the right shape, do the tag numbers tally up with the Logbook	
Log book – CCV, valid & in date	

To be used in conjunction with the Motorsport UK Blue Book & ALRC Green Book. If in doubt – ask!

SROC 2024 Events

Staffing planner

July - December

DATE	SITE	EVENT	Clerk	As Clerks	Admin	Scrutineer	Steward
13 th July (SAT)	Renshurst	Tyro					
13 th July (SAT)	Renshurst	Gymkhana					
14 th July (SUN)	Renshurst	RTV	Keith Luxford	Freya Luxford		John Jennings	Bev Jennings
24 th Aug (SAT)	Copford	RTV	Peter Parris	Joe Parris		Terry Buss	
25 th Aug (SUN)	Copford	TYRO					
25 th Aug (SUN)	Copford	CCV	Mick Chick	George Chick		Tom Constable	John Jennings
26 th Aug (BH MON)	Copford	Time Trial					
14 th Sept (SAT)	Deudneys	RTV					
15 th Sept (SUN)	Deudneys	CCV					
12 th Oct (SAT)	Grove House?	RTV					
13 th Oct (SUN)	Grove House?	CCV					
16 th Nov (DAY/NIGHT)	Cow Farm	RTV/CCV	Keith Luxford	Freya Luxford			
17 th Nov (SUN)	Cow Farm	Time Trial					
7 th Dec (SAT)	Cow Farm	RTV	Harry Powell				Nicky Powell
8 th Dec (SUN)	Cow Farm	CCV	Shaun Stocking				Nicky Powell

Though the above shows many events are starting to be covered, we still need your help. Please do come forward to show your support, the committee will be at the events Badgering you all to help and commit.

Jake Farrington

Wadhurst Events Weekend

Southern News June 2024

@ Earlye Farm

www.sroc.co.uk

The weekend of the 8th & 9th June saw our 2nd events weekend of 2024 at a club favorite site. A full menu of events we're of offer with RTV Saturday, followed by both the Tyro and CCV on Sunday. Once again Paul Barton had taken on the task of transporting the club trailer to the site, setting out both the RTV and Tyro, with the Parris brothers of Pete and Joe doing the same for the CCV.

The Jennings Family arrived shortly after the CCV group had left the car park on Sunday morning, but signed on, we headed out across the rolling hills of the site in search of the 16 strong field including 3 entries from our Essex associated club. The top part of Earlye's woodland site is not somewhere I had been previously with Southern, however I had been there once 7 years ago with another club for a winning event so we knew where to head.

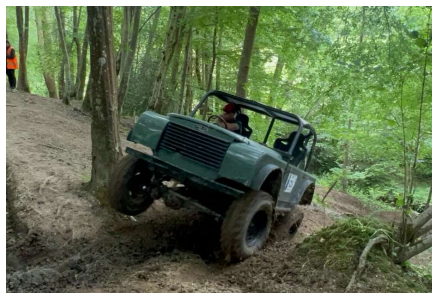
In total, 5 sections were stood in the wooded section. All with nice long climbs, drops and traverses as well as the odd soggy patch. A good variety of scores were starting to show on the score sheet also, meaning the event was all to play for! A few simple recoveries were needed due to some of the deeper mud but nothing that delayed the days progress. With the officials and marshals working together to tear down the sections after each had been ran, and Graham Bridgeland calling the drivers promptly to the start line it was a great morning.

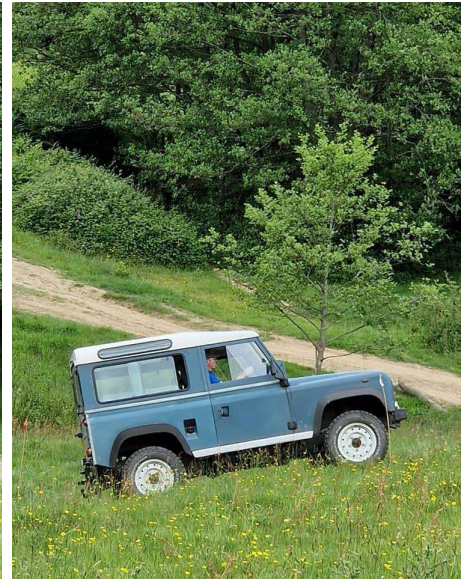
The afternoon's 3 sections were much the same, all revolving around the balloon field. The 1st of which involved 2 stream crossings, which was very entertaining to watch the drivers paddling through. The final 2 sections of the day were both very dry and ran quickly to finish the day nicely before 4pm. A credit to the club once again with Pete and Joe Clerking, Paul Barton & Diane Buss on Admin for the day, Steve Smith on Scrutineering and Jenny Tanton-Brown, Graham Bridgeland and Bev Jennings marshalling through the day. A good fun day out, getting Land Rovers dirty in the sunny southern countryside. Not bad a!!

John, Bev, Jack and Joshua Jennings

I managed a few photos of the CCV, and photos of the RTV/TYRO were taken by Dawn Davis and Sharon Baitup.







CCV



Southern Rover Owners Club

Earlye Farm CCV 9th June



Recognised Club



Driver Name:	Vehicle Class:	Novice:	Section										Points Total:	Class Position	Overall Position
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10			
James Hartley (Essex)	A9		0	0	0	0	1	2	1	0			4		1ST
Harry Powell	A9		0	0	1	0	2	2	0	0			5	1ST	
Mick Chick	A9		0	0	1	0	2	2	1	0			6	2ND	
Dave Green	A9		0	0	1	2	2	2	0	0			7	3RD	
George Chick	A9		0	0	1	1	3	2	1	0			8		
Shaun Stocking	A9		0	0	1	1	8	0	0	0			10		
Terry Buss	A9		6	0	0	0	4	2	0	0			12		
Mark Debenham (Essex)	A9		6	0	1	0	8	2	0	0			17		
Martin Leonard	A9		2	0	11	1	2	1	1	0			18		
Barney Harvey	A9	Yes	5	2	1	1	8	0	1	1			19		
Keith Luxford	A9		6	3	1	4	7	2	1	0			24		
Franklin Ashe	A9		6	1	11	1	2	2	1	1			25		
Trevor Hannington (Essex)	A9		5	0	1	5	7	2	1	10			31		
Freya Luxford	A9		6	2	1	4	8	2	1	10			34		
James Cheeseman	A9	Yes	0	3	8	12	12	2	1	0			38		
Dan Lillywhite	A9		2	0	Retired								NA		

RTV



Southern Rover Owners Club

Earlye Farm RTV 8th June



Recognised Club



Driver Name:	Vehicle Class:	Novice:	Section										Points Total:	Class Position	Overall Position	
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
Alan Taylor	5		1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			1		1st
Mark Baitup	4		1	4	0	0	0	0	0	9			14			
Martin Stapleton	10		9	6	0	0	0	0	0	0			15			
Ben Stapleton-Denyer	11		8	5	0	3	0	0	0	0			16			
													0			
Dan Poland	Q		3	4	0	3	2	0	0	0			12			

Earlye Farm Scores (Cont)

TYRO



Southern Rover Owners Club

Earlye Farm TYRO 9th June



Recognised Club



Driver Name:	Vehicle Class:	Novice:	Section										Points Total:	Class Position	Overall Position	
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	RO	10				
Dave Canham	Lic		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5:01	0		1ST
Steve Greenwood	Lic		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2:57	0	1ST		
Chris Horn	Lic		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2:35	0			
Jazara Canham	U-Lic		0	0	0	8	0	0	0	5		13				
Phil Newland	Lic		0	7	0	0	5	0	0	5		17				

Provisional trials leagues (Subject to correction/completion)

After 2 events

SROC RTV Trial League, 2024 at 19.06.24.xlsm.

Driver	Class	Cow		Net	Lows			CoC's Value				Total	Qual
		05-May	08-Jun		1	2	Sub	Ev.	No.	Val.	Tot.		
A. Taylor	5	38	40	78	n/a	n/a	78	2	0	39	0	78	
B. Stapleton-Den	11	31	35	66	n/a	n/a	66	2	0	33	0	66	
J. Darby	4	40		40	n/a	n/a	40	2	0	20	0	40	
C. Darby	4	38		38	n/a	n/a	38	2	0	19	0	38	
M. Baitup	4		38	38	n/a	n/a	38	2	0	19	0	38	
M. Stapleton	10		36	36	n/a	n/a	36	2	0	18	0	36	
D. Darby	4	35		35	n/a	n/a	35	2	0	18	0	35	
T. Fairbrother	3	34		34	n/a	n/a	34	2	0	17	0	34	
D. Green (Ashford)	5	33		33	n/a	n/a	33	2	0	17	0	33	
S. Lillywhite	5	32		32	n/a	n/a	32	2	0	16	0	32	
T. Constable	5	30		30	n/a	n/a	30	2	0	15	0	30	
C. Kendon	5	29		29	n/a	n/a	29	2	0	15	0	29	
J. Clark	4	28		28	n/a	n/a	28	2	0	14	0	28	
P. Barton		CoC	CoC	0	n/a	n/a	0	2	2	0	0	0	

SROC CCV Trial League, 2024 at 19.06.24.xlsm.

Driver	Class	Cow	Earlye	Net	Lows			CoC's Value				Total	Qual
		04-May	09-Jun		1	2	Sub	Ev.	No.	Val.	Tot.		
J. Parris	9	29	CoC	29	n/a	n/a	29	2	1	29	29	58	Yes
P. Parris	9	29	CoC	29	n/a	n/a	29	2	1	29	29	58	Yes
H. Powell	9	35	40	75	n/a	n/a	75	2	0	38	0	75	
T. Buss	9	36	33	69	n/a	n/a	69	2	0	35	0	69	
S. Stocking	9	33	34	67	n/a	n/a	67	2	0	34	0	67	
D. Lillywhite	9	38	26	64	n/a	n/a	64	2	0	32	0	64	
B. Harvey	9	29	31	60	n/a	n/a	60	2	0	30	0	60	
F. Luxford	9	32	28	60	n/a	n/a	60	2	0	30	0	60	
K. Luxford	9	30	30	60	n/a	n/a	60	2	0	30	0	60	
E. Lillywhite	9	40		40	n/a	n/a	40	2	0	20	0	40	
M. Chick	9		38	38	n/a	n/a	38	2	0	19	0	38	
D. Green (Splinter)	9		36	36	n/a	n/a	36	2	0	18	0	36	
Ge. Chick	9		35	35	n/a	n/a	35	2	0	18	0	35	
D. Powell	9	34		34	n/a	n/a	34	2	0	17	0	34	
Ma. Leonard	9		32	32	n/a	n/a	32	2	0	16	0	32	
Si. Barden	10	31		31	n/a	n/a	31	2	0	16	0	31	
F. Ashe	9		29	29	n/a	n/a	29	2	0	15	0	29	
M. Hart	10	29		29	n/a	n/a	29	2	0	15	0	29	
J. Cheeseman	9		27	27	n/a	n/a	27	2	0	14	0	27	
J. Jennings		CoC		0	n/a	n/a	0	2	1	0	0	0	



SROC Qualification 2024 at 19.06.24.xlsm.

Name	Event Type	CCV	RIV	RIV	Tyro	CCV	Total Points earned	Leagues			Points left	Team Southern reward
	Venue	Cow	Cow	Earlye	Earlye	Earlye		Qualified for				
	U16	04-May	05-May	08-Jun	09-Jun	09-Jun		RTV	CCV	TT		
B. Jennings						1	1				1	
C. Darby		2					2	No			2	
D. Buss						1	1				1	
D. Darby		1					1	No			1	
D. Green (Ashford)							0	No			0	
D. Green (Splinter)							0		No		0	
D. Greenaway		1					1				1	
D. Powell			1				1		No		1	
E. Lillywhite							0		No		0	
F. Ashe							0		No		0	
F. Luxford							0		No		0	
G. Bridgland		1	1			1	3				3	
Ge. Chick							0		No		0	
H. Powell							0		No		0	
J. Darby							0	No			0	
J. Firrell		1					1				1	
J. Jennings		3			1	1	5				5	T-shirt
J. Parris						3	3		Yes		0	
J. Tanton Brown						1	1				1	
K. Luxford							0		No		0	
M. Baitup							0	No			0	
M. Chick							0		No		0	
Ma. Leonard							0		No		0	
P. Barton		1	4	6	4	1	16				16	Fleece
P. Newland				1			1				1	
P. Norcross				1			1				1	
P. Parris				1		2	3		Yes		0	
S. Baitup				1			1				1	
S. Greenwood		1	1				2				2	
S. Smith						2	2				2	
S. Stocking							0		No		0	
Si. Barden							0		No		0	
T. Buss			2				2		No		2	
T. Constable							0	No			0	
T. Firrell		1					1				1	



FOR SALE

5X Land Rover 8 spoke Wheels & MK1 Insa Turbo Special track Tyres (235/85 R16) taller than the newer ones. Hard to get!!



£380 ono

Contact Peter or Joe Parris

Upcoming Events:

Our next event is the Mayfield Tyro Trial @ Bines Farm in East Sussex on Sunday June 30th.

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

Sunday TYRO – Clerk(s) of the Course **Tilly & Jamie Firrell**

Officials and Marshals needed for the day.

Following that, we have the Marks Cross Events & Camping Weekend @ Renshurst Farm over the weekend of July 13th & 14th.

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

Saturday TYRO – Clerk(s) of the Course **TBC**

Saturday GYMKHANA – Clerk(s) of the Course **TBC**

Sunday RTV – Clerk(s) of the Course **Freya & Keith Luxford**

Officials and Marshals needed for the day.

JAYNE BAITUP

We are saddened to report that Jayne has recently passed away after battling pancreatic cancer.

Jayne was a regular competitor in the Tyro events, where along with navigator Joy, they would make “entertaining” drives of the sections!! All while wearing colour co-ordinated Club shirts, of course!!

She served on Committee for some time running the Club Shop and along with husband Andy and daughter Kim were regular campers and competitors at events.

She was great fun and a good friend and will be sadly missed.



Previous 2024 Southern news publications

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



Remember.....

If the arrows are pointing at you. You are probably going the wrong way!!

