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From the Editor's Desk

Not many pages in this edition but sending massive thanks to Dave for his "2 Ball Rally" otherwise I don't know what I would have found to entertain you.

There hasn't been any trialling since the last edition, but several club members attended the Countess of Warwick show.

Ralph and I went to Kent with the Pod for a few days in September. We are going to the show at Stonham Barns and are looking forward to what will be our last night in the Pod until next year.

The guys at work used Chatgpt to great effect and created a Land Rovery birthday card for me (I think they imagined me driving a comper!).

Nigel has had a birthday too. He got a Lego Land Rover which he says appears to have me in the driving seat! (It's now on my wish list for Christmas).

See you at an event soon.

Sue Coulson

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5 Oct	Show	Stonham Barns Book in online
11 - 12 Oct	Trials	Twiney Wood - Tyro, RTV, CCV Book in and pay online
12 Oct	Event Support *Contact Steve/George with availability.*	Chelmsford Marathon
26 Oct	Laning	Book in online
26 Oct	Breckland *invite*	*Comp Safari - Horsford*
2 Nov	Event Support *Contact Steve/George with availability.*	Fireworks
8 - 9 Nov	Trials	Little Baddow - Tyro, RTV, CCV Book in and pay online
16 Nov	Breckland *invite*	*RTV - Burgh Castle*
23 Nov	Laning	Book in online
6 Dec	Day into Night Trials	Sudbury - Tyro, RTV, CCV Book in and pay online
14 Dec	Laning	Book in online
27 Dec	Driving Day	Sudbury

Check the Website or Facebook

to confirm dates and for final details

Please note: All trials bookings are now online and MUST be pre booked. Entries close at 6pm on the Friday before the event.

Chairman Announcement

The committee is pleased to announce that Karl Reilly has agreed to come on board as our Chairman.

Many of you will be aware that Karl has a huge knowledge of our Club and Cross Country motorsport in general. He has previously been on the committee for a total of around 25 years, so you can be sure he knows a thing or two about Land Rover club processes.

He will be formally in the role at the next committee meeting on Thursday 20th October, so please join us in welcoming him back to the team.

Fire Training with AEMC

A while back, the Club joined the Association of Eastern Motor Clubs, (AEMC) as we were forced to join a regional association to continue as a Motorsport UK registered Club. I began to attend their regular online meetings with a view to seeing what they could offer us. It was clear that Land Rover and Cross Country type clubs was something new to them. They are mostly rally and track oriented and have a wide knowledge and membership in these disciplines.

As part of the ongoing meetings, a topic which came up a few time was that of training. It no longer seemed like MSUK was going to offer anything at club level, it all falls to the regional associations.

The first of these sessions was organised and a couple of club members were in attendance at a training day in Mildenhall on Saturday 27th September. Myself, Mark Pycraft, Mike Morgan and Mike Stapleton had an informative day with sessions covering Fire Theory, Fire Practical, Radio Usage at Events, and Extrication of Injured Persons from a crashed vehicle.

For me, one of the most useful parts was being able to try out several different fire extinguisher types. This was on a training rig where the fire could be controlled and every one of the 61 attendees had the opportunity to put into practice what was learned in the theory presentations.

It was interesting to learn that the most effective way to deal with the types of vehicle fires we would expect on our events, is to have two

extinguishers, ideally used by two marshals. The first would use a **powder** type to extinguish the flames, and then follow up with a **foam** type to cool the area down. Up until now, we have only one type at an event. Perhaps this is something we should consider when next renewing our fire extinguishers for the Club.

The AEMC did a great job, providing a full day of training and activities, with the option to stay on at Mildenhall Stadium for the evenings racing. I didn't take this opportunity as it is a couple of hours journey back home. Lunch was also provided which rounded things off nicely.

Overall, I learnt a lot of useful tips and techniques from very knowledgable trainers with many years of experience. It was also a chance to update my own experience to the latest rules and regulations.

Many thanks to the organisers, trainers and the venue for providing this, all free of charge to MSUK Registered Marshals. Hopefully there will be other training sessions arranged for future months.

Ralph

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Comp Safari @ Horsford INVITATION

On Sunday 26th October BLRC is running the Peter Hinchcliffe Memorial Comp Safari at Horsford*

- **IMPORTANT:** Drivers and any passengers **MUST** be members of BLRC or another invited Motorsport UK/MSUK affiliated club, **AND MUST** have the relevant competition licence. You **MUST** show paper or digital evidence of these when signing on. If you cannot, you may not be able to participate.
- Your vehicle must have any relevant paperwork in place. This will be checked.
- You may turn up and pay on the day; however, you can sign on and pay online for this event (Comp Safari 3) (Event Entry Form - Breckland Land Rover Club 2024) and doing this really helps those organising the day.
  Please bring a screen shot or print out of your online signing-on form as this contains next-of-kin details that the event secretary needs.
- Vehicle scrutineering and on-the-day signing on starts at 7.30am and will conclude at 9.30am. Late arrivals may not be able to participate.
  NOTE: On-site catering will be available from 7.30am.

Questions, queries?	Kevin (CoC 07899 911137), Gary (Chief Marshal 07771 755157) and Shaun (Comp Officer 07710 552968) will be coordinating the event and all queries, questions and offers of help to any one of them please
Event specific SRs (rules etc.)	Can be found on the club website
Site location	what3words site entrance perch.layers.leaps OR NR10 3AL / Map 133 - 179152

* Please note the previously advertised Junior Comp segment of this event has for organisational reasons been cancelled

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Homestead Results

All to play for as the new season for the Homestead Trophy has started.

Homestead Trophy Results 2025/2026

	Name	TYRO Sudbury July 25	RTV Sudbury July 25	TYRO Twinney Wood Oct 25	RTV Twinney Wood Oct 25	TYRO Little Baddow Nov 25	RTV Little Baddow Nov 25	Day into Night Dec 25	Total
1	Dave Wood	10							10
2	James Day	10							10
3	Joe Bushell	10							10
4	Alex Day	9							9
5	Ian Finch	9							9
6	Jim Bushell	9							9
7	Ben Bushell	8							8
8	Terry Taylor	8							8
9	John Musham	7							7
10	Ian Barton	6							6
11	Chris Berry	5							5
12	Ian Newman	5							5
13	Martyn King	5							5
14	Ralph Coulson	5							5
15	Sue Bushell	5							5
16	Sue Coulson	5							5

Homestead Trophy Points Allocation

5 points for taking part plus

5 points - 1st in class or overall win,

4 points 2nd in class, 3 points for 3rd, 2 points for 4th, 1 point for 5th in class

5 points for marshal / official / setting out (not driving)

Two Ball Banger Rally Take 2

After the success and enjoyment I had last year I thought I would sign up for another banger rally this year. Right at the beginning of the year me and my mate decided on a bit of a cheaper and shorter one this time round. So we went for the Lake District route that's over 2 days in September.

Straight away I was looking at cars, after selling the Mercedes from last year. I wanted something a bit different so within a couple of weeks I was driving home in luxury, in a 1997 Jaguar XJ 3.2 straight six. The paintwork had seen better days but mechanically it wasn't too bad. Just a service, cam cover gasket, and a new tyre, and it was sorted and I was then using it alongside the Defender.

It didn't take long to realise I needed my own fuel tanker to follow me around due to getting 12mpg around town. It had to be parked up for now, and a fiesta was purchased quickly to use everyday.

Fast forward to the summer and the Jag was back out with a fresh MOT and the stickers were being ordered and applied. September was soon here and the rally was upon us. We drove up to the Lake District on Friday the 12th September, for registration that evening and to meet everyone and have a drink.

Saturday morning and we were all meeting at a services in Penrith ready to start. This was a bit different to the Europe one as we had more of a set route to follow this time with the normal challenges along the way. The challenges where things like finding an old Bedford fire engine in a certain area and getting pictures in certain places that had been described to us.

Some very interesting roads and mountain passes, even with a bit of water to go through, which I'm not sure the Jag enjoyed. We had the bonnet up half hour later drying a few bits out because it started misfiring. But we completed all changes and met up again that evening to show our photo evidence and have the scores taken.

The awards were given out as all the challenges are completed on the Saturday, sadly we didn't make the top 3.

Sunday morning we all met at the same place again and headed out in

convoy. This time on a 75 mile trip across some more passes and very small roads. We all then met around lunchtime at Devils Bridge picnic site for the end of the rally. Everyone had a chat and shared pictures and videos before we all set off home.

So, again I had a great time and would recommend trying one of these rallies to anyone who might be interested. This is probably a good route if it's your first one as it's a bit shorter and keeps the costs down compared to the European ones.

The question is do I do another one next year and if so which route?

Dave Wood

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