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President's Message

By Brian Edmonds

Greetings to all Rover Fanatics out there.

First up for this month is Club Shirts, I will be taking orders at next Wednesdays Meeting, I need an order for at least 10 to place an order with the maker so roll up and lets have your order. Cost is approx \$25 and if you know your size well and good, I for instance need a 3X [Fat/Large/Rotund/Obese/Pleasantly Cuddly etc] in this make, but 2X [still Fat Large/Rotund/Obese/Pleasantly Cuddly etc] in other brands. For those who don't I will have my trusty tape measure with me and I will get you sorted out, no problem. If you can't make the meeting ring me on 40411994, sorry internet's AWOL at this point in time. (now back on again - editor)

Now on other matters, readers of the UK 4 x 4 Motoring Press will have noticed that those crafty EU types have now looked at Tyres and are bringing in a standard that is banning the use of certain oils used in manufacture as they might have a health hazard, despite the fact that the tyres grip the road better.

There is to be a "Noise Compliance" which means aggressive tyre patterns will be out, old Bar Treads make a nice sound at speed on tar seal, so it probably means that they are out. Their memories must be short as virtually all Allied Military Vehicles in the 40's and 50's had bar treads, and just who freed them from the Jackbooted Tyranny they were suffering at that time. Ahh but then I am showing my age remembering such forgotten details !

Watch the Nerds in Canberra have fun with this new EU dictate, here we go again.!

Rover have quietly changed the colour of the "Green Oval" from yellow/green to silver/green, probably has some thing to do with the 'shed loads' of Silver you need to buy a new Rover !.

Oh yes, " Bonking Bars " get another mention ! Also there is a product called "Oil Spy", a paper that you wipe the dipstick on and it tells you the state of you engine oil!

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For those who know the name "Overfinch" its sad to see them in receivership. Another casualty of the GFC no doubt.

Well known scribe parked \$230,000-00 Range Rover Vogue in my drive recently, made the neighbours stare! Probably thought I had won on Lotto !

Still keeping to my New Years Resolution, but its getting harder by the day.

(Ah, yes, that was me with the RR Vogue, just happened to be in the right place at the right time for once in my life. It was an amazing vehicle. One or two Landcruiser fans spoke to me and generally the comment was 'why would you spend that sort of money?' Some people just don't understand do they!! If I won Lotto I would buy one!

Very scary driving around in a car like this, took the boys to McDonald's and didn't know where to park to avoid getting the doors scratched. The twin turbo V8 diesel does command a bit of respect on the highway though! - Trevor)

*Next General Meeting is on
Wednesday the 13th April @
6.30pm @ Brother's Leagues Club,
Andersen Street*

Interested in joining the Land Rover Owners Club of Cairns FNQ - LROCC

Call either: The President - Brian Edmonds - 4041 1994 The Secretary - Ian Lomas - 4054 4662

Upcoming Trip Proposals & Leaders

Trip Co-ordinator - Trevor Lowmass

Date	Place	Grading	No. of Days	Trip Leader
22 April 2011	Easter at Einasleigh	2	5 days	Wolfgang Rauh
May 2011	Mt. Mulligan			Stuart Wilson
June 2011				Gareth Smith
July 2011	Rocky Bluff	4	1	Trevor Lowmass Justin Bromage
August 2011	LROCC 8th Birthday Trip			Glwyn Thompson Jeff Bromage

New Defender? When?



First it was going to be coming in 2008, then 2010, then 2012 and now it seems 2013 !

Land Rover has overhauled almost its entire line with the 2010 updates to the [Range Rover](#), [Range Rover Sport](#) and [LR4 \(Discovery\)](#), but the one vehicle that hardly gets touched is the one that started it all. The Defender may be set to get its largest makeover in its over sixty-year history.

Land Rover is set to reveal a new [Defender](#) for 2013. This can be extremely tricky because the reason Britain's Jeep remained largely untouched since its birth is because of its loyal following. Customers like its basic utilitarian structure, which has made it a European workhorse. What will not help the new Defender's acceptance with the loyalists is that it will likely be based on the Discovery in order to reduce costs. This will include trading in the coil spring suspension for an independent setup that may include air bags for adjusting ride height.

Trip Reports & Newsletters

Well it's been a very wet few months since my last trip report of our Christmas party. We did get to Tinaroo in January and then we had a Workshop at Cairns Land Rover Specialists in February. Ian had to cancel Black Mountain Road in March at the last minute.

I have been extremely busy over the last 3 months so have been somewhat tardy over both newsletters and trip reports. At our last committee meeting we decided that as Jorge is doing such an incredible job of our website that we could become more web based for such items as trip reports but we would not abandon the newsletter and we'll continue to email it to members (paid and potential).

As the website develops it will probably become our main communication system, you can already register for trips, get vehicle service advice and sort out a menu or two if you fancy something different for dinner.

Thanks Jorge you're doing an incredible job of our site, interest in our club has increased four fold.

Go to:- www.lrocc.weebly.com

Make it your home page!

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