

# LROCC NEWSLETTER

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## President's Message

By Brian Edmonds

Greetings Rover Fanatic's

Well these past few days have seen some events that will no doubt bring changes to the World as we know it.

Firstly we have seen the Marriage of our future King and Queen, even the most ardent Republicans among us cannot have been impressed by the Pomp and Splendour of the event. No doubt about it the Brit's are among the world's best when staging a pageant such as this. Range Rovers featured prominently in many scenes, good free publicity for Land Rover. I particularly liked the scene where the happy couple took his Father's Aston Martin for a burn up down The Mall closely followed by a Royal Protection Squad in a Met. RR. Lucky Mob !!! [ Walloper's that is ]

The past couple of days have seen the much reported demise of a figure, somewhat dubious of reputation, in Pakistan who has in many obscure ways caused the pain in your hip pocket nerve. What has this to do with a 4 x 4 Club you may well ask, well consider the distress your plastic suffers each time you refuel, a situation that may get worse given the whole unrest in the Middle East.

[Yes I know I am stretching my New Year's Resolution ! ]

On a brighter note, readers of the many Land Rover Publications will have seen that Rover increased its sales in the UK by a whopping 28% in 2010 (see page 2 also – current sales are down - Ed), you may well have noticed the prices some of the older Rovers are bringing, those of you who just happen to have an old Series machine in the far reaches of your Garage or under the house are sitting on a small windfall these days. An old Friend of the Club, [who currently is not a member] is sitting on a couple of Series 1's, and I am aware that one of our members from the Tableland's has a veritable Fleet of old machines at his property, lucky Fellow's!

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I should also mention that any Club Members wanting to access old articles from the various Publications need look no further than Jeff and Justin's Workshop, where there is an extensive library situated in the Sales area from which you can source your information.

For UHF users, be aware that the new 77/80 channel application comes into effect shortly, for more info go to <http://www.gme.net.au/news>

**Brian Edmonds**

### Our Website

[www.lrocc.weebly.com](http://www.lrocc.weebly.com)

*Next General Meeting is on  
Wednesday the 11th May @ 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

**URGENT**>>>>>>>>>Stuart Wilson had originally been proposed to lead our May trip >>>>>>>>he will now be away overseas so we are looking for one of our members to step in at short notice and lead us on a trip. Please call me on 0407 172854 asap if you are available to do this on either the 15<sup>th</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Date	Place	Grading	No. of Days	Trip Leader
May 2011				
11, 12 & 13 June 2011	Palmer River Camping Weekend	3	3	Justin Bromage
July 2011	Rocky Bluff	4	1	Trevor Lowmass
August 2011	LROCC 8th Birthday Trip	2	1	Glwyn Thompson Justin Bromage

## New Jaguar Land Rover sales down year-on-year for April

Jaguar Land Rover saw sales slide year on year in April in line with the overall national trend – but experts said the market would return to growth.

Figures released by the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders show that Land Rover sold 1,712 vehicles last month compared to 2,409 in April 2010.

Meanwhile, Jaguar sold 516 cars in April 2011 compared to 1,235 in the same month in 2010. Longbridge-based MG Motor UK sold 11 new MGs compared to 47 in April 2010.

Read More

<http://www.birminghammail.net/news/top-stories/2011/05/07/jaguar-land-rover-sales-down-year-on-year-for-april-97319-28650416/#ixzz1LeZmdeCP>

## Einasleigh Trip Report

Easter 2011 - Wolfgang Rauh

As usual only 4 defenders showed up for such a tough trip and I was the last one again.

Paul Scowcroft, Alistair Smart and Ian Gilmore were in the other cars. Jorge and Michelle were running late, so we took off without them on their request. We cruised up the Kuranda Range and after a quick toilet stop in Ravenshoe we had brunch at the old Tin Dredge just outside Innot Hot Springs.

Nobody knew exactly which roads were open [even the RACQ got it wrong]. After Ian confirmed with a truckie that the shortcut was closed we had to take the boring old Lynd Junction-Einasleigh Road. We camped for the night opposite the pub on the Copperfield River and had a nice fire to sit around. We and told each other a few stories until midnight with the odd beer in hand! We saw the 2000 people or so camping next to the racecourse from about one km away.

Saturday morning the hustle and bustle started and there were people everywhere. Went to the races at 1pm and we are not allowed to tell you what happened after, because it is like with Las Vegas. What happens in Einasleigh stays in Einasleigh. (Tell us more Wolfgang! – Ed)

Left there on Sunday midmorning, refuelled at The Lynd and took the beautiful drive through the Valley of the Lagoons where we camped overnight.

Monday we made our way down to Ingham from where everybody said goodbye and made their own way home.

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## QT Wildcat – ‘Defenders’ really are the best aren’t they!



### Chassis and Body

Based around a lightweight tubular chassis, the 300STR encompasses all of the racing heritage that the Wildcat possesses to provide the discerning driver with a positive road driving experience. The rigidity of the space-frame construction gives a taut positive feel to the driver.

The body is manufactured from composite fibre glass giving it a highly durable corrosion resistant finish in a wide choice of colours with wildcat graphics pack.

### Engine

The 300STR series car is powered by a 4.0 litre Rover V8 developing over 270 BHP, its smooth power delivery and robust design matching the Wildcat’s characteristics perfectly. The engine pushes out enough power to send the Wildcat from 0–100kph in 5.8 seconds

The transmission is a five speed synchromesh gearbox with a two speed transfer box, the system providing both smooth road performance and extreme offroad performance.

### Suspension

The 300STR is equipped with 300mm long travel remote reservoir dampers with specially wound coil springs designed to match. This gives the car poise and presence on the road whilst being able to absorb really tough terrain offroad.

### Price

Somewhere around 200,000 AUD, I’ll have to sell the house to get one of these. You can also go for the racing versions... 400STR and 500STR... they have bigger faster engines!! – Trevor Lowmass