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Suggested & Organised Events 2008

May 08

Saturday the 3rd—Sunday 11th of May. Wheels week in Ashburton.

Wednesday the 7th of May. Monthly meeting University Staff Club

June 08

Wednesday the 4th of June. Monthly meeting University Staff Club

July 08

Wednesday the 2nd of July. Monthly meeting University Staff Club

August 08

Wednesday the 6th of August. Monthly meeting University Staff Club

September 08

Wednesday the 3rd of September. Monthly meeting University Staff Club

October 08

Wednesday the 1st of October. Monthly meeting University Staff Club

November 08

Wednesday the 5th of November. Monthly meeting University Staff Club
Annual "Nove Rove" Rally. More details to follow

December 08

Wednesday the 3rd of December. Monthly meeting University Staff Club

Monthly meetings 1st Wednesday each month.
University Staff Club 7.00pm.
Drinks & Natter



Part Six

On pages 10 to 13 is the sixth instalment of "The History Of The Rover Car Company" released by British Leyland in the 1970s.

Rover News

It has been recently announced that India's Tata Motors will get the right to use three classic British brand names as part of its \$US2.3 billion deal to buy Jaguar and Land Rover from Ford.

Included in the deal are the Rover name and the Jaguar-owned names of Daimler and Lanchester.

Ford bought the rights to the Rover trademark in the interests of protecting Land Rover. BMW had obtained ownership of the Rover name when it bought the Rover group in 1994. In 2006, BMW refused a request from China's SAIC to use the Rover brand name under licence. SAIC had bought some assets of the ailing MG Rover group and now builds cars called Roewes in China.

New Address

Please note that the Club now has a new postal address. It is Post Box 2075, Dunedin 9012

ARCC Rally, Nelson



New Email Address

Please note that I now have a new email address. It is rover110@windowslive.com.
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IGNITION.

April 2008.

Trusting you all had an enjoyable holiday and safe travelling at Easter with those who did the round trip West Coast / Nelson Rally arriving home safely.

We Arrived home last night at last from the West Coast Rove and ARCC Rally in Nelson, plus week family holiday, so I can sort of relax now.

Both the Rove and ARCC Rally events were enjoyable, with the West Coast sojourn especially enjoyable with the four other couples and one family group. We had excellent weather throughout the West Coast and over Easter in Nelson.

Our Coupe was the puncture winner with one going up and another one on the way home, which will be a new tyre job I think. Plus a blown exhaust flange seal, This was a result of the Cromwell based NZ Classic Car Rally day off to Mt Aspiring venture, no doubt started that.

The Otago Rover Car Club collected a bit of the silverware with Ian Clark for the longest one owner car trophy and Bernie and Steph Halford for the peoples choice and the Rally trophy.
See photos over the coming newsletters.

Last Sunday before leaving Nelson I visited the Nelson Rover Clubrooms again and attended their club meeting which allowed me the opportunity of another look over their spares again.

Returning south on the Monday I noted the Wheels Week date in Ashburton is the 3rd to the 11th May for those interested.

Also we have a SD1 up in Central Otago which is needing a new owner. More about that later.

In the meantime **Safe & Happy Roving.**
Norman & Carleen S.
President.



ROVER 3 LITRE SALOON

The 3 Litre models were replaced in 1967 by the more powerful 3½ Litre Saloon and Coupé models, having a new all-aluminium V8 engine. Developed by The Rover Company, the engine produces 184 b.h.p. at 5,200 rev/min and affords a considerable saving in weight.

The Three Thousand Five, announced in the spring of 1968, is provided with the same V8 power unit and automatic transmission as the larger 3½ Litre models, and provides a logical progression from the highly successful Rover 2000 concept.

ROVER CAR CLUB of OTAGO

MINUTES of meeting of members, University Staff Club, 7pm Wed 2ND
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PRESENT

Ross Allan, Walton Brown, Reid Buchan, Ian & Eleanore Clark, Diana Kearns, Lloyd Meikle, Alastair McInnes, Kevin Phillips, Jenny Newstead, Jan & Eli Smith, Jeff Sparrow.

APOLOGIES

Norman Sparrow, Ray Pilley, Bernie Halford.

CORRESPONDENCE

Club newsletters received from - Auckland, Christchurch, Australia.
Post Office Box. New box number 2075 Dunedin 9012, (effective from 1 April)

MEMBERSHIP

Resignations. nil
Application for membership. Leo Hulme Alexandra (1972 Rover P6B) approved

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions paid to date Town 24 Country 25
Subscriptions outstanding nil

TRIPS & OUTINGS

Best of British Taieri Mouth - 9 March

Slow start because of weather, eventually 140 cars arrived. Thanks to 6 members who assisted with gate and gymkhana

ARCC Rally Nelson -12 cars from Otago/Southland attended, weather excellent, organization lacking in some areas. Kevin reported problem with petrol supplied by Caltex Hanmer Springs which resulted in complete dismantling and clean out of petrol supply system

GENERAL BUSINESS

Rover Club Badges agreed to obtain prices to supply a) metal grill badges, b) woven patch badges, c) investigate lapel badges, and monogrammed tee-shirts.

CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 7.45pm, followed by general discussion

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The Earls Court Motor Show of 1958 heralded the introduction of the elegant Rover 3 Litre car. The Saloon and Coupé models were the last word in styling, comfort and efficiency and outsold almost every other car in their class.

Rover's most enterprising creation was of course, the now famous '2000'. Introduced in October, 1963 it was voted "The Car of the Year" and has since been universally acclaimed as one of the safest cars ever produced. In 1966, following the announcement of the 'Automatic' and more powerful TC (twin carburetter) models, the Rover 2000 won the Automobile Association Gold Medal for "the high degree of inherent safety incorporated in design and construction." This premier award was made for the most valuable contribution to motoring in Great Britain during the year. For production of the '2000' an entirely new plant was specially built and equipped at a cost of over £10,000,000.

FOUR THINGS YOU PROBABLY NEVER KNEW YOUR MOBILE PHONE COULD DO

There are a few things that can be done in times of grave emergencies. Your mobile phone can actually be a life saver or an emergency tool for survival. Check out the things that you can do with it:

FIRST Emergency

The Emergency Number worldwide for Mobile is 112. If you find yourself out of the coverage area of your mobile network and there is an emergency, dial 112 and the mobile will search any existing network to establish the emergency number for you, and interestingly this number 112 can be dialed even if the keypad is locked. Try it out.

Also the New Zealand emergency number 111 can be dialled whilst your mobile phone keyboard is locked. This is another reason why 111 receives so many false emergency calls!

SECOND Have you locked your keys in the car?

Does your car have remote keyless entry? This may come in handy someday. Good reason to own a cell phone: If you lock your keys in the car and the spare keys are at home, call someone at home on their mobile phone from your cell phone.

Hold your cell phone about a foot from your car door and have the person at your home press the unlock button, holding it near the mobile phone on their end. Your car will unlock. Saves someone from having to drive the keys to you. Distance is no object. You could be hundreds of miles away, and if you can reach someone who has the other "remote" for your car, you can unlock the doors (or the trunk).

Editor's Note: It won't work on early model Rovers which still have keys.

THIRD Hidden Battery Power

Imagine your mobile battery is very low. To activate, press the keys *3370# Your mobile will restart with this reserve and the instrument will show a 50% increase in battery. This reserve will get charged when you charge your mobile next time.

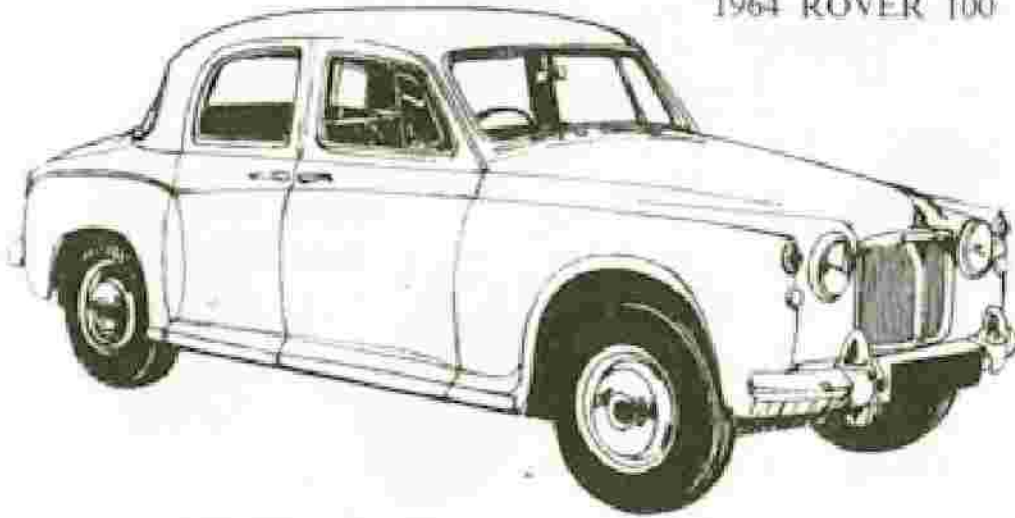
The answer to this problem was the Land-Rover announced in 1948. Although designed primarily for agricultural use this new four-wheel drive vehicle proved itself so versatile that in a very short time it was called upon to do a great many other jobs, both civilian and military. To-day it is found doing work in all parts of the world and since 1948, over 617,000 Land-Rovers have been produced and are exported to 175 different countries.



REGULAR LAND-ROVER

A Short History Of Rover, Part 6

1964 ROVER 100



The P4 range of cars were in production until 27th May, 1964, and included the '60', '80', '90', '100', '105 S & R' and the '110'. Over 130,000 of them were produced.

Around 1946/47 when 'Export' was the order of the day in order to qualify for allocations of steel, the Company had to find something which would have World appeal, something outside the luxury class. It had to be a vehicle capable of lending itself for production within the existing organisation, be most suitable for the plant at Solihull and Tyseley, and utilize as far as possible the components already being produced for Rover cars.

FOURTH How to disable a **STOLEN** mobile phone?

To check your Mobile phone's serial number, key in the following digits on your phone! star-hash-zero-six-hash (* # 0 6 #)

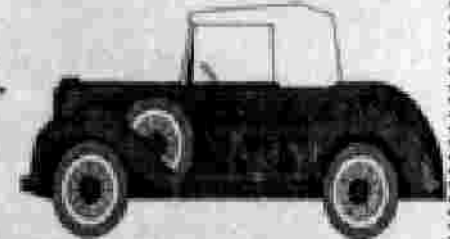
A 15 digit code will appear on the screen. This number is unique to your handset. Write it down and keep it somewhere safe. When your phone get stolen, you can phone your service provider and give them this code. They will then be able to block your handset so even if the thief changes the SIM card, your phone will be totally useless. You probably won't get your phone back, but at least you know that whoever stole it can't use/sell it either. If everybody does this, there would be no point in people stealing mobile phones.

Not only the above, but also in Australia your stolen phone is added to a "Stolen Mobile Phone" database, so if your phone is found later on it can be returned to you.

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FROM ROVER'S EYE

About a fortnight before the Best of British, the covers were suddenly rolled back and I was cranked into life then backed out to be thoroughly washed, both inside and out. The boss it seems had intentions of trying for the best of decade prize, on the day though he was roped into judging so I was left under the trees with no hope at all.

On the way home I heard the boss mention to Stephanie that he might take me to Nelson for Easter if I behaved, he was a little worried about me throwing up my anti freeze out at Taieri Mouth.

When I pulled into the garage and he shut me off I again disgraced myself by throwing up on the floor.

Over the next week or so he had the Doctor check me out, finding that I was OK for the time being, but was showing signs that there could be troubles to come. Home we went and over the next week or two I was loaded up with all sorts of spare parts, just in case. He even borrowed a new head gasket.

I also had my under side scrubbed and sprayed to look nice and new.

On Easter Friday I was woken just before 4 am and I was driven out into the darkness and soon also into fog. This made it easy on me as with not being able to see far in front, the boss couldn't push me to fast. We made it to Christchurch before too many other cars were about, then I had to jostle for my share of the road for a while. I was able to let most of the speedy ones past until I got to the run off the top of the Lewis Pass. By the time I got to Maruia Springs, I had about a dozen behind me so was very happy when the boss pulled me over into a slow bay to let them all by. This saved me from embarrassment as when he put his foot down again I dropped a big cloud of unwanted gas, boy if they had still been behind it would have brought tears to their eyes.

I disgraced my self again at the fuel station at Murchison where I again threw up on the forecourt.

We finally arrived in Nelson at 3.30pm. I over heard the boss telling people how pleased he was with the way I had performed on the way up, so that made me feel very happy. The AA guide says it's an 11 hour 5 minute trip from Dunners to Nelson. At my age I think I done very well to do it in 11 and a half hours.

I got treated to another wash at the motel, and then in the morning, off we went to the Founders Museum grounds for the judging. I got parked beside a flashy Orange SDI that had been cut down to a Ute, very sexy.

The boss continued to clean and polish, even rubbing the grass off my tyres till he was happy with my looks. The judges were very picky, some I thought were going to give me a new warrant of fitness.

Sunday we had the rally and just as I lined up to get the instructions I died in line. Steph, Malcolm and Lady Barbara (from Canada) had to push me aside. The boss didn't seem to know what was wrong so I was very pleased to have Terry come along. He only took a couple of minutes to work out it was the fuel pump and after a hefty tap away I went, and I went great for the rest of the day.

Sunday night the boss left me out in the cold dewy air while he went boozing it up at the prize giving dinner. I found out later that I had won the Best P4, Peoples Choice, and Overall Winner, "Yay".

Monday it was saying good bye to everyone and heading for home. The road was very busy and I had to go faster than I really wanted too. Even then other cars kept sticking there noses up my exhaust pipe. It was quite frightening at times. My accelerator started to stick below Blenheim but the boss wouldn't stop till we were on the Coast. After a bit of CRC I was away again for a short time till I started leaking fuel round my fuel bowl. I'm sure I'd have been OK if I didn't have to go so fast. Then as I approached Christchurch, my fuel pump stopped 3 times. How embarrassing! I was so glad we were staying over here for a rest.

On Tuesday I didn't have to run so fast as there was less traffic, so I made it home without any more embarrassment.

The boss worked out my fuel economy and he was very pleased, maybe even surprised as I done 23.7 miles to the gallon over the 1129 mile trip. That will teach him for telling people I would only be doing 20 to the gallon.

Its great to be home in my own garage, but I need another wash and covered up again, come on show some gratitude.

MILKY