



April 2017

The ENL-ROC SLIDER

Monthly (Sort of) Newsletter of the East Northants Land Rover Owners' Club

Happy April, Enl-Rockers!!

I've been quite busy with things of late – and am currently enjoying a holiday in sunny Wales. Very sunny as it happens. There's been off-roading and beer and a beach and a castle and the Botanic Gardens and a club invite to a local vintage show in these parts (more of which later) and tomorrow is a Barbeque and maybe a quiet forestry drive on Sunday! James and Nic were here until today (Friday) but now we are playing on our ownsome. Good times.

April Club night is on Wednesday the 12th at:

The Windmill Club, Glassbrook Rd, Rushden NN10 9RP

For those who haven't been before, park round the back (or front if there is room) go to the front door, press the buzzer and they will let you in. See you there!

Cheers!

Mark

Shows News:

Only one bit I know of from here – we (ENLROC) have been invited to attend the Towy Valley Vintage Club Annual Show in West Wales. Yes, I know it's a long way away and I'm sorry but last night there was this bloke in a pub see (I'm not kidding) and their committee were meeting there and one thing led naturally to another and now I have an entry form and we have stand space for 5 vehicles... ahem. All free, of course, and a bit of VIP treatment... last weekend in June. Big show for these parts, no bar but bring your own beer. Various hospitalities available for extended visits... Anyone interested?

Trials News:

The next trial is Sunday 23rd April at Weston Underwood: RTV/CCV (open permit) so it will be a great one to watch (for free, of course) or you can drive for just £20. Utter bargain if you think about it.

Your next trialling calendar dates are:

16/07/17- Weston Underwood Tyro (open permit)
13/08/17- Clipston Tyro (open permit)
15/10/17- Cranford RTV/CCV (open permit)
19/11/17- Clipston RTV
17/12/17- Weston Underwood RTV

Reliability Section:

Now I thought that the D4 was the most reliable Land Rover ever produced, but it seems that not everyone agrees...

Probably dreamt up by a disgruntled Jeep Renegade owner...☺



Convoy for Heroes Section:

(Repeated from last month)

Into our 7th year, Convoy for Heroes has raised over £45,000 for Help for Heroes. Convoy 2017 we hope will follow previous years with the Convoy on the Sunday, along with the twilight tour, Easter bonnets, Egg scrambles, Children's entertainment and all the usual fun and games.



CONVOY *for* HEROES



Friday 14th April - Monday 17th April 2017
Long Marston Airfield, Stratford-upon-Avon,
Warwickshire, CV37 8LL.

Book now to avoid disappointment.

<http://www.convoy4heroes.org.uk>

or

Email: shop@convoy4heroes.org.uk

Our Trade Partners Section:

TMS Motorsport are offering a 10% discount for ENLROC Club Members:

www.tmsmotorsport.co.uk

Bearmach! Bearmach are offering 5% discount on all their stuff with 5% cashback for ENLROC! So if you buy from them your club makes money and you get a discount.

Awesome!

Details on the Club Website and FB page – I'm still in Wales without an internet connection except for mobile data...

Next month I'll have the link in here too. 😊

Not a Partner, but potentially useful (formerly P38spares.co.uk):

Auto Car Parts Online

Air Suspension Parts
Land Rover & Jeep 4X4 Parts



Introduction to our new 'dedicated air suspension and 4X4 parts' parts website - www.autocarpartsonline.com

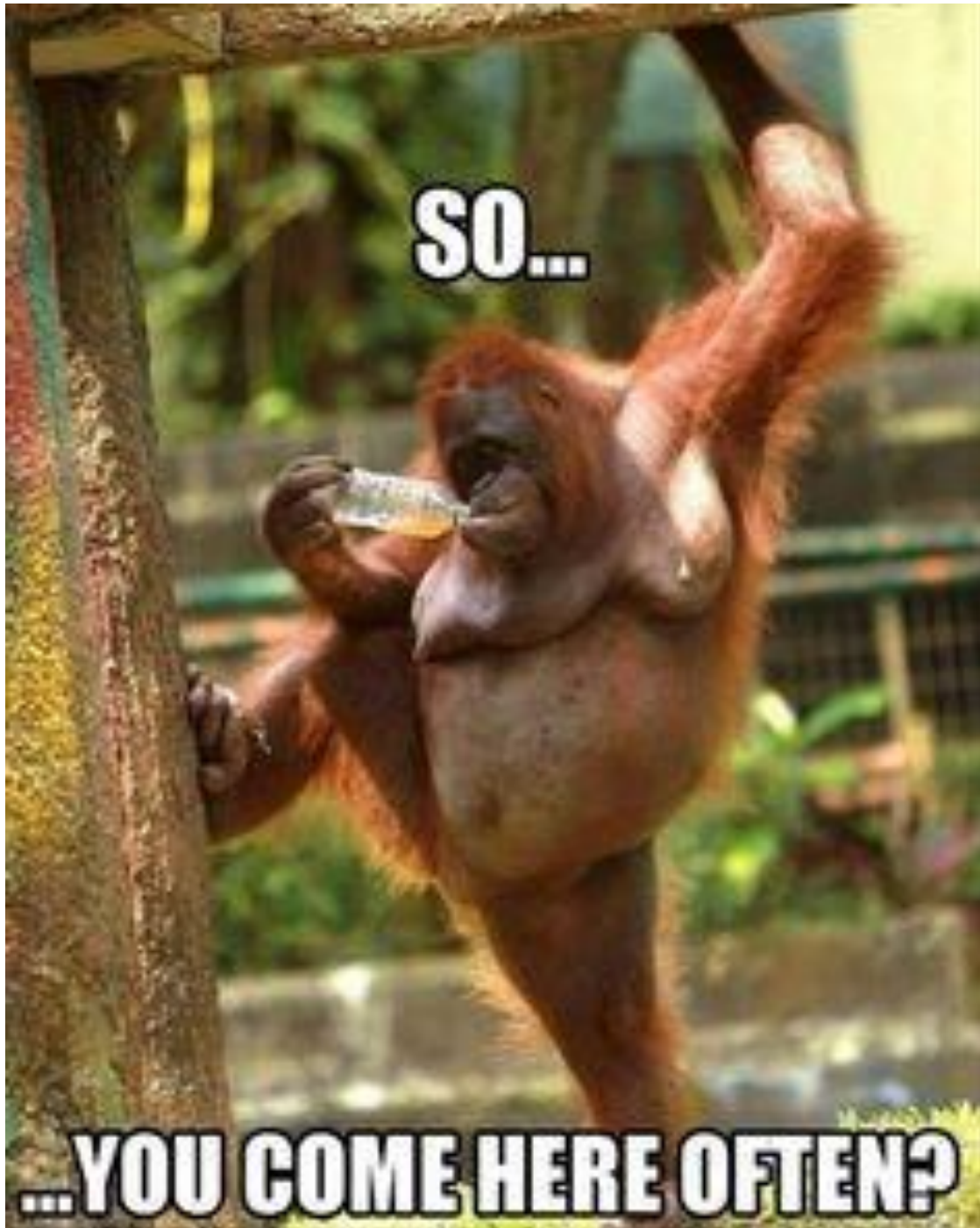
Quite Awesome New News Section:

Those of you who have been keeping an eye on the specialist motoring press will have seen pics of the new Defender – and I've managed to snaffle one from the interweb!

Looks a bit like the DC100 thingy to me, and purists may be offended by the fact that it is based on a Discovery 5 chassis, drivetrain and running gear, but allegedly it has even more off road ability, using joint Ducati-developed 'Skyhook' active suspension (as found on their 17K Multistrada motorcycles but considerably beefier!) which makes it even more adaptive and versatile than a new Range Rover. Personally I can't wait to see one in the flesh. Nice.



The editor on a particularly good day, when he's been giving out really interesting news:



The We've been playing in Wales Section!

Yes we have! We didn't get to drive Pendine Sands (closed to vehicle traffic at the moment – should reopen after Easter) but we got onto some lanes and, somewhat crucially, onto Red Valley Motorsport's mountainside which is 'closed', but Andrew is a

friend of mine, as previously mentioned. I'll put some more pics in next month's newsletter, but here's a taster from near the top of Cwm Coch (Red Valley) for now:



The 'OMG We have Gentry in our very midst!' Section:

I'm sure they won't mind me telling you, okay, they will, but I'm really no good at keeping secrets like this – you see just under a year ago Nic and James Bell moved to a new (for them) house in Little Paxton, Cambs, (near St Neots) and they were always aware that there was a Diocesan Stipend attached to the property, commanding a peppercorn rent in perpetuity.

Anyway, looking deeper into it they have made the extraordinary discovery that their parcel of land (big enough for about 30 land Rovers) has a titular entitlement! So it seems that they have inadvertently become Earl and Lady Bell! Although that's not strictly their titles, James is now Earl Bell, James of Paxton and Nicola is Lady James! As well as this incredible elevation in title it seems that James can now represent the proletariat in the House or Lords as a landed Peer of the Realm. How amazing is that?!

Our warmest congratulations to the happy (and well posh) couple!

James, you'll have to buy a Range Rover now, like what I have.

The happy couple celebrating James' newfound peerage recently:



Committee Contacts:

Committee members should only be contacted between 9:00am-9:00pm for club business, please, and we would be grateful if you would not pass on these contact details to people outside ENLROC without first asking permission from the individual in question.

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