

Series stunners wow Goodwood

A special selection of 1948-66 Land Rovers stole the show at September's Revival historic race meeting

To commemorate 67 years of Series and Defender production at Solihull, spectators at this year's Goodwood Revival were treated to a jaw-dropping display, with Land Rover gathering together a stunning selection of pre-1967 Series vehicles for daily parades of the West Sussex race circuit.

The historic motoring extravaganza is devoted to machines from the venue's post-war glory days, from its

opening in 1948 (especially appropriate for the Land Rover) to its final race meeting in 1966. High-powered, big-budget classic race cars are the usual highlights of the international retro fest, but this year it was the large assembly of humble Land Rovers that stole everyone's hearts.

Fifty-two vehicles formed a spectacular parade in the early morning sun around the track, led by the Dunsfold Collection's replica of the 1947 centre-steer

prototype, followed closely by HUE 166, the very first pre-production Land Rover.

Piloting 'Huey' was Roger Crathorne, Land Rover's veteran engineer and off-road demonstrator, who helped curate the '52'. Alongside him was none other than original chief engineer Arthur Goddard, who had flown to the event from his home in Australia. He was on typically jovial form.

Also joining Huey were nine more pre-production 80in



'Land Rover and Goodwood have been inseparable since 1948, as this display proved'

MIKE, LRO EDITOR



Lightweight, Series II FFR, Tempo, Minerva, they were all there...



Legends Roger Crathorne (left) and Arthur Goddard

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KEN WHEELWRIGHT '80': YOURS FOR £50k

Restoration veteran Ken Wheelwright, renowned for his accurate Series I rebuilds, has completed the renovation of a 1949 ex-Swiss left-hand-drive 80-inch. It is being sold privately, with Victor Jones as agent. 'This car is suitable for the most discerning collector and is priced accordingly,' Victor enthuses. Here's the translation: £50,000.

In May, a beautiful 1952 Series I 80in restored by Ken Wheelwright went through Silverstone Auctions for a whopping £39,375. Expensive – but a complete restoration of an 80-inch costs a lot.

'I don't know how other people go on,' muses Ken,

now 83. 'I don't even have a computer – when I want parts I just use the phone.'

'I'm slowing down a bit; my knees aren't so good. I don't do more than six hours a day. My son-in-law Frank helps if he has a couple of hours spare, before milking.' Yes, Ken's restorations are still turned out from a farm shed, just as they have been since the 1980s.

The next restoration (Ken's 25th, a 1948 model) is already underway, with two more waiting their turn...

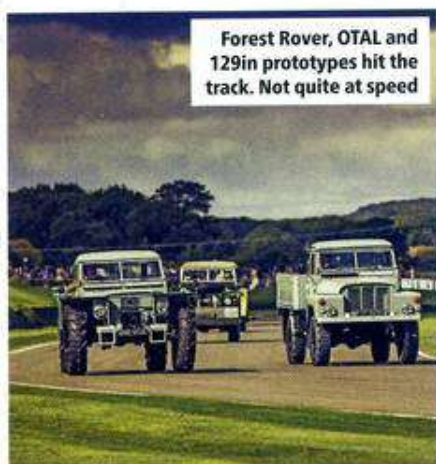
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vehicles, making it probably the largest number of pre-pros in motion together since the '40s.

Behind them was an eclectic mix of models, including fire engines, military vehicles, Forward Controls, the Series II Moy Elevator, a tracked SII Cuthbertson, and the Series I owned by Winston Churchill.

It was a deeply moving display, and we can't help but feel sadness for the passing of this uniquely British icon. It'll never be the same again...



News in brief

JLR Academy

Jaguar Land Rover has begun a new training academy for its employees. Courses range from short engineering programmes to post-grad qualifications. See: LRO.com/jlracademy.

Monty completes African expedition

Land Rover Ambassador Monty Halls has returned successfully from his 'Shoals of Agulhas' marine research expedition. Ten Land Rovers towed boats for 600 miles around the South African coast. More at LRO.com/Agulhas.

Get voting now!

Time's running out to vote for your favourite Series or Defender... To mark the Defender's final year, we've compiled 50 of our favourites since 1948. Vote for your favourites and you could win a 12-month subscription to LRO! Poll closes on October 2. Vote at LRO.com/VoteTop50.



What's your favourite Series?

Saudi plant plans ditched

JLR has reportedly canned plans to build a new factory in Saudi Arabia, in which it aimed to make 50,000 vehicles a year by 2017. See: LRO.com/SaudiFactory15.

UK Rhino result

The Victor Ludorum award at this year's UK Rhino Charge has gone to Team Crawler in a bobtailed Range Rover Classic. The event raised £3325 for the charity Rhino Ark; Team Crawler aim to compete in the Kenyan Rhino Charge next year. Story at LRO.com/ukRhino15.

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