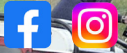




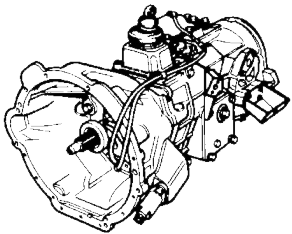
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CLUB NEWS



A BIG WELCOME to the family friendly club for all leaf sprung Land Rovers that leak!!

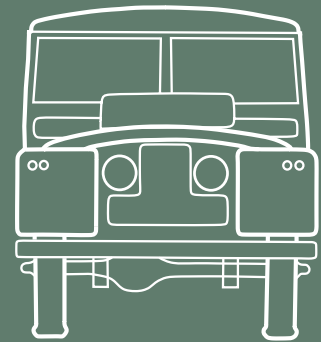


NEWS FROM THE GEARBOX

We recently emailed all club members a short survey to capture some basic data to allow us to best plan. The survey was closed at the end of May. Results will be shared in the next Newsletter.

We are pleased to announce that we have obtained additional discounts from new suppliers, details of which are included on the E Newsletter sent out to club members. We will continue to add to this list over time

As the club continues to grow, we need to look to the future, in terms of legal entity and protection, along with all the various back-office functions. Various options & avenues have been explored, and it has been decided that the most robust is the Limited Company (by guarantee) model. With this model comes cost, and with cost comes expectation & value for money, something we are very mindful of, but are working towards. The plan is that once we have X amount of club members we can look to move to a simple annual fee. This fee will give us financial forecasting, which will allow us to implement what we set out to offer. We would likely announce this when membership is closer to or at 1000 members, as we anticipate that some will be lost when a fee is introduced. We will keep you informed as things progress. For now, the club continues to be free, although donations are always welcome.



MEMBERSHIP

So come and join the fun by contacting membership@series123club.co.uk for more information and to join, especially while the membership is still FREE!

DONATIONS

The Series I, II, III Club is free to join.

However, if you wish to help contribute to our basic running costs you can donate via our website.

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NEW CLUB SHOP!

The club shop has now moved away from Teemill, and is now fully hosted with Ravenspring, in Totnes, Devon. Ravenspring are a family business started in 1975, they offer a wide range of garments to suit all needs and price points.

It is now possible to order garments with an embroidered version of our logo on many new high-quality garments. Ravenspring are also able to print graphics onto garments, so you will see from the website there are now two sections, Embroidery & Printed. The printed range at the moment contains our horizontal leaf spring logo.

Ravenspring have advised, if you spot something in their catalogue that isn't listed in our shop, and you would like the club logo embroidered onto it, then just give them a call and they will do it.

[Click here to visit:](#)

Embroidery Printed



Stanley Shuffler iconic long sleeve t-shirt (STTM560) (Land Rover Series I, II, III Club) (Embroidery)

£23.95

Stanley Shuffler iconic long sleeve t-shirt (STTM560) (Land Rover Series I, II, III Club) (Printed)

£28.96

AWDis Ladies Cool Recycled T-Shirt (Land Rover Series I, II, III Club) (Embroidery)

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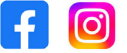
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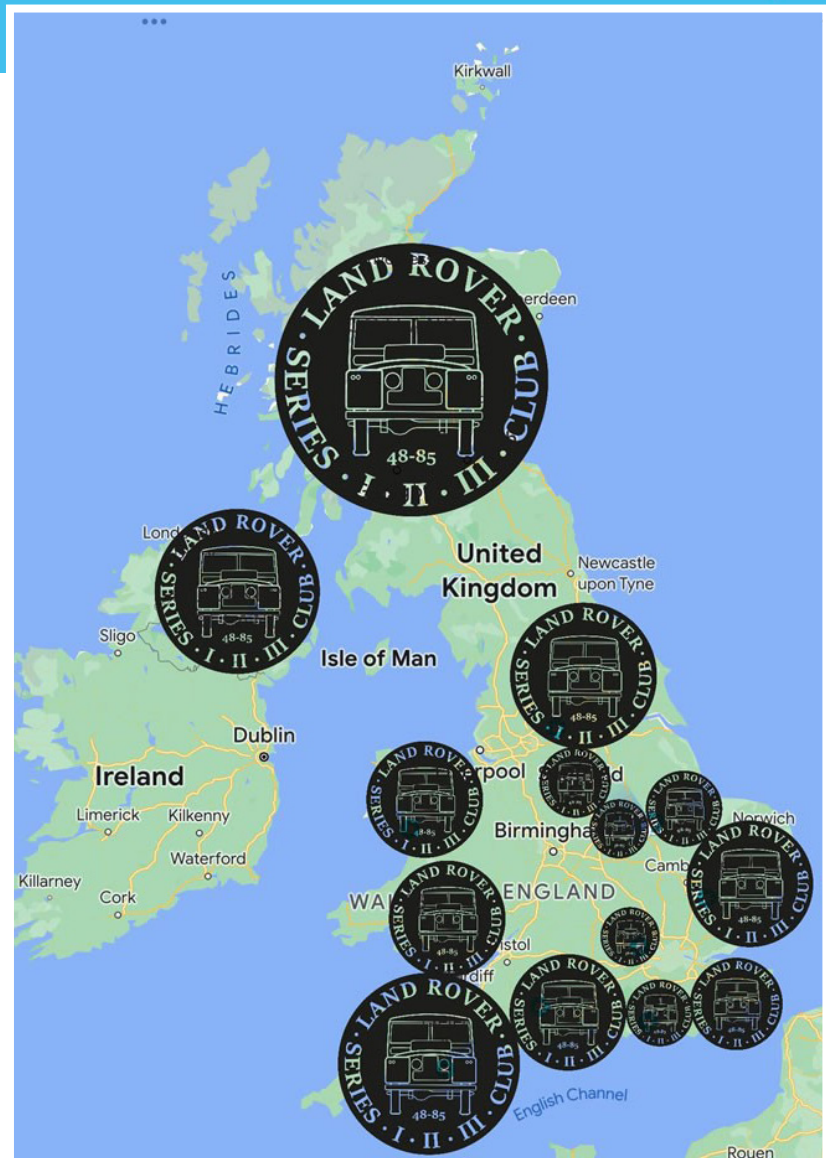
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THE CLUB CONTINUES TO GROW

Since sending out the last Newsletter, membership is again on the increase, extending across the UK and around the world.

Please continue to spread the word.





We have an exciting and action-packed year ahead of us, with something to appeal to everyone. Key events so far in the 2024 club calendar are:

New Forest & Solent Camping Weekend

 18th, 19th, 20th & 21st July

 Church Farm Caravan & Camping Park, Sixpenny Handley, Wiltshire, SP5 5ND

Land Rover Series I, II, III Club Rally

 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th August

 Wing Hall, Wing, Rutland Water LE15 8RY

LRO Show

 7th & 8th September

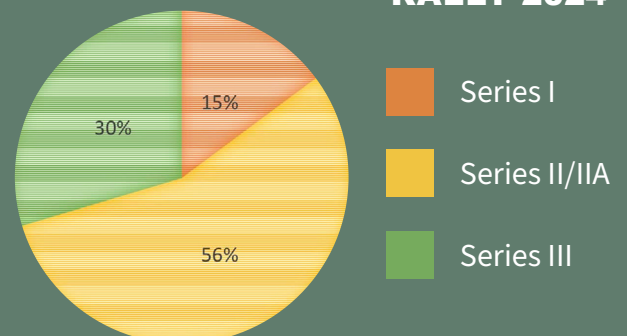
 Belvoir Castle, Grantham NG32 1PA

Land Rover Day

 29th September

 Amberley Museum, Arundel BN18 9LT

LAND ROVERS ATTENDING CLUB RALLY 2024

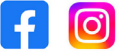
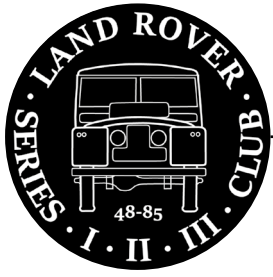


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The Family Friendly Rally
* Greenlaning * Quarry *
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* PorkPies * Nene Valley
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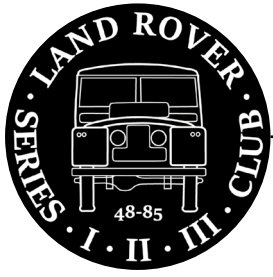
Report from Eddie Grinsead | Surrey & Sussex AR

It's been a quiet couple of months for most of us here in the Surrey and Sussex area. Some of the members have been hard at work with various projects including Series I and II rebuilds, a couple of V8 conversions and Series III diff upgrades, but we have shown a strong presence at the ever popular Rover Social Breakfast meet at Midhurst and a group of us enjoyed the day exhibiting our Landrovers at the Steyning Vintage revival.

With one of our other local shows cancelled, a small group of us went for a trundle around some of the Green lanes over in East Sussex.

Photos are credited to members Darren Sandle, Chris Pitt, Tim Hull, Jim Burch.





NEW FOREST & SOLENT

Report from James Williams | New Forest & Solent AR

PUB MEETS

Pub meets in our area continue to be well attended, both at the Fox & Goose, Combe Bisset and the The Bakers Arms, Lytchett Minster. For those attending the Fox & Goose pub meet, do not forget to sign up as a member to receive your discount member's card.

You will notice from the website that there is a limited number of Bakers Arms pub visits listed. The old pub meet in this area was held at The Cock & Bottle, Morden. This pub is currently under new management, and we are hoping to return to this later in the year once we have checked it out. Please keep an eye on the website and social media pages for updates.



NEW FOREST SCENIC DRIVE

In March we ran one of our New Forest scenic drives. Starting at a car park near the Red Shoot Inn, Linwood. We had 11 Series Land Rovers in total, and one Grenadier! The weather was kind to us, so much so we even managed to grab an ice cream at the Deer Sanctuary. As far as I recall no one was lost or broke down. Although some Forestry Commission car parks did give the leaf springs a good work out.



SWANAGE CLASSIC CAR SHOW

On Sunday 21st April we attended Swanage Classic Car Show, which is held in the main beach car park in town. This was a good show, great music, and more importantly some interesting classic cars. Worth noting also that the organiser of this event is also a club member. So thank you Culvin Milmer for organising. It was also great to finally meet Malcolm Munro the local Series I Club Area Rep and his lovely 1948 Series of course!

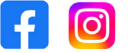


DORSET SCENIC DRIVE

In April we re-ran a slightly modified route of the Dorset Scenic drive undertaken last November. And this time, it was sunny! Approximately 13 vehicles met on top of Bulbarrow Hill, Dorset early in the morning to start our trundle West along country lanes crossing the Piddle Valley, passing Cerne Abbas, Rampisham Down, and finally circling around the village of Powerstock, before yet again finishing at The Three Horseshoes Inn in the village.

We had a good mix of Series I, II & III Land Rovers with us, and as usual the pub was very welcoming.

Tim had the tough job of realising upon arrival at the pub that there might be an issue with his wheel bearing, so decided to ring for recovery, which meant a long wait in the pub and not driving home. I am sure he made use of that.



GREENLANING IN POWYS/HEREFORDSHIRE

Day One

To re-ignite the adventure, once a year some of us travel further afield to explore part of the countryside we would never normally see. This year was the second year at Bycross Farm Campsite, near Hay on Wye.

The area is stunning, even without going off the tarmac. There are several greenlanes in this area, although quite a few are no longer passable for various reasons.

These trips remind me of the 'good old days' before the internet tried to take the fun out of everything. A small group of friends, a vague plan, some marked up Ordnance Survey Maps, and some recovery equipment, a good sense of humour and a pub at the end of the day. Exploring how Land Rover intended.



This year was another excellent year with nine Land Rovers in total. Typically for Team One, one of our first lanes was a very long one, and rather tight. Fantastic little lane, but as we got towards the end it just got that little bit too tight, with my 109" taking the brunt of it. After some pruning, swearing, and maybe a bit more pruning we were free! Others remained trapped in their cars while this happened.



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BUGGER!



Day One Continued

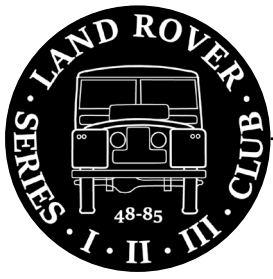
Soon after this Robin's 109" Station Wagon started to boil over (It was a hot day) so bonnets were raised, and it was decided he would head back to the campsite for wine and steak, like a true Station Wagon owner.

The four of us pressed on across the top of the hills with magnificent views.

After being recovered, it was my turn to recover Ian who was beached in the ruts on some dry grass. This recovery ended the life of one of my rear driveshafts. And although we heard it go pop, we thought it was the shackle rotating on the Ian's tow hitch. Still unaware, I continued thinking I had working four-wheel drive.

We stopped for lunch, and I stupidly said it would be all be easy and fast going from here on in. Straight after lunch I drove into a small, but stinky muddy puddle and promptly came to a halt, unable to reverse or move forward something was not right. I asked Matt to recover me, and as he came to attach the tow rope he informed me that my rear wheels were not going round, but my prop was! Oh bugger!

Now we are on top of a lovely hill in full sun. Matt towed my Land Rover to the nearest oak tree for some shade, a spot we are to become very familiar with as we spent the next two hours removing the rear differential to remove the broken driveshaft. The job is not a difficult one, but doing it on sheep poo infested moorland, after driving through something very stinky and stagnant water before hand definitely made for sub optimal workshop conditions.



Day One Continued

Now getting late in the day we decided to cut our route short and investigate a few more lanes before heading to the pub at Painscastle for a well-earned drink. Some of the tracks we drove did not look as if they had been driven in years, which was great.

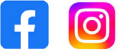
Our last lane was a good one, short, muddy and challenging, and we very nearly didn't make it out. My Land Rover slowed to a snails pace as we crawled through a muddy section where a river crossed the track going up hill. Thankfully she pulled through and the others were able to follow. With this now being the last lane, Matt decided a final bit of character building was required and accidentally slipped off the track while trying to cross a fallen tree trunk. With his rear wheel in the gully, we had to guide him out and up onto the road.

Now rather muddy, tired, and thirsty our day came to an end stood at the bar in the Roast Ox Inn, Painscastle, smelling the roast from their kitchen.



Just half an hour from the campsite, dinner was next on the agenda, we phoned through the campsite to say we would be ordering pizza upon arrival. The race was on, and then it was off, as one of the vehicles had a puncture. The A Team sprung into action for a speedy and hot wheel change before all arriving back together a bit later than planned. Pizza was ordered, beer and cider was consumed around the fire.

We slept well.



Day Two

Day two was much more successful, and was always planned to be of lower risk. This time we headed north west towards Built Wells, before dropping south and finishing at The Wheelwright Arms in Erwood on the A470.

The first lane was a tight one, non-damaging, but quite technical. Matt's Land Rover decided to have a rest in a partial state of roll. Easily rectified by pulling him forward over a tree root. It looked much worse than it was.

Once again, two separate groups undertook two different routes, although I suspect Team Two had chosen to finish a bit earlier in order to allow more pub time in the evening, or maybe this was part of the 'self-help' after the trauma and enjoyment of the route they drove on day one?

Day Two consisted of great views and awesome lanes, with no major mechanical issues to report.

Special thanks also to my passenger David who was with me all weekend, and has opened his recommended yearly allowance of gates!

Back at the campsite we cooked our dinner and sat around the fire discussing the finer details about the velocity required to compress a tuna fish into a can underwater.

For those interested about the durability of Rover Axle rear driveshafts. It was the long driveshaft that failed on my 109", at the differential end. This driveshaft was installed in 2013 with a brand new genuine Land Rover item. It had covered 29,407 miles before failing. It should be noted that I do a lot of towing with my Land Rover. I do not feel so bad after all!





NEW FOREST & SOLENT UPCOMING EVENTS

RUTLAND RALLY CONVOY

The Club's first national rally is not far away now. Several local members are attending. Myself and a few others will be traveling up on the Thursday. A convoy will be organised, and route put together that does not follow motorways. Please get in touch with me if you would like to join so I can optimise the start location for the convoy. Current thinking is Tesco at Tidworth, and then minor roads to Oxford via Wantage and Hungerford.



SIXPENNY HANDLEY CAMPING WEEKEND

Our annual camping weekend/rally at Sixpenny Handley has limited space remaining so please book in if you have not already.

Camping is not mandatory, so if you are local and would just like to pop up and join in the fun/ take part in the BBQ just fill out the booking form accordingly so I can make sure we don't run out of burgers & sausages! The vehicle line up will be in the rally field on the Saturday evening from 5pm onwards. All Series Land Rovers welcome.

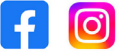
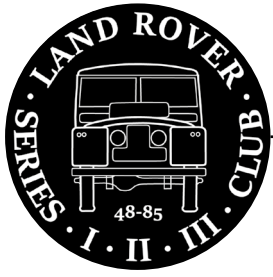
There will be a scenic drive/non-scratchy/open and safe greenlane run on the Friday AND Saturday, heading West into Dorset. On the Friday we will finish mid-afternoon at the Gaggle of Geese, Buckland Newton. There is a wedding taking place in the garden of the pub on the Saturday, so another suitable pub will be found, which I am sure won't be a problem.

Local greenlane routes will be available around Cranborne Chase as well, and if you fancy something a route that includes a large ford and some scratchy lanes then a special 'Patina' route will be made available. Navigators to lead groups always welcome!

Please don't forget to bring wood for the campfire on Friday and Saturday night.

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RUTLAND

Report from John Stokes | Rutland AR

REGULAR MEETS

Since the last edition, our group has met up for breakfast at the Ferneley's Dairy (Melton Mowbray) and at New Farm, Bulwick (nearer Peterborough), and our monthly pub meets have attracted several out through the darker rainy evenings. In May, our Summer meets kicked off at Greetham Gathering with several stalwart members braving the rain.



EAST MIDLANDS STEAM AND COUNTRY SHOW

In early May, Steve Bryan and Andrew Woolley flew the Club's banner at The East Midlands Steam Fair, Rushden. A lot of Land Rovers came along over the course of the three-day event to display.

RUTLAND RALLY EVENTS

Planning for the Club's Rally in August promises to be great, offering gentle green-laning, to quarry driving and use of the East Midland Land Rover Experience course (subject to sufficient numbers).

We've trips to 'Rocks by Rail', Nene Valley Railways as well as a special invitation to the RAF Wittering Heritage Museum (which is on the RAF station, and not normally open to the public).

A weekend "drop in" invitation to the new LR Optional Equipment centre, courtesy of Rob Maude offers another highlight for Rally-goers to pick up general spares at discounted prices (10%) or that special winch / free-wheel hubs / other Optional Equipment that you know you need.

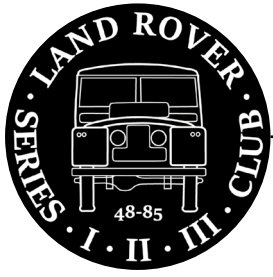


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- * Beach
- * Vinyard
- * PorkPies
- * Nene Valley Railway

And there's also sightseeing and leisure activities for all the family to enjoy around Rutland Water. So get booking for your early break in August to Rutland.



PEAK DISTRICT

Report from Philip Hallows | Peak District AR

HELLO

Hello and welcome. I am Philip Hallows the Land Rover Series I, II, III Club Peak District Rep.

I have started to organise some events and to mark the beginning of the events as a I, II, III Club rep I organised a cake to mark the occasion.

Don't forget to join the Land Rover Series I, II, III Club Peak District Facebook Group to keep up to date with what is happening within the Peak District area.

Pub meet details are on the club website.

Please contact Phill Hallows on: peaks@series123club.co.uk and keep an eye on the Peak District Area Facebook group for upcoming events!



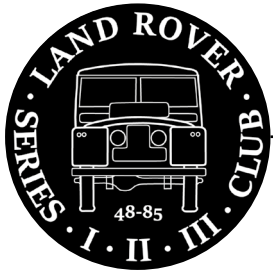
CASTLE DONNINGTON HISTORIC FESTIVAL

On the 4th May five of us attended Castle Donnington Historic Festival with a club stand. Tea and cake were provided, and all things Series Land Rover were discussed.



GREENLANING IN THE PEAKS

For our first event on 6th April we decided on a greenlaning/scenic drive. We had nine vehicles attend, which meant two groups were required. We started at MacDonaldis, Matlock and stopped off at Tissington Tea Rooms where the two groups met up for a brew and chat. We then travelled down into Hartington via some lanes and stopped to go to the famous Hartington Cheese shop, followed by a few more lanes and of course finishing at the pub!



FRANCE

Report from Clément Anthoine | France AR

JOINING FORCES

The creation of the French area is very close to the partnership with the French association “Le Temps Des Series”. The opportunity appears in February to create a “friendly partnership” between the two clubs. The mutual feeling was obvious, both clubs appear to share the same mentality, the same behavior, and the same passion. As both clubs describe themselves as “the club for leaf sprung land rover,” the friendship was easy. Le Temps Des Series offers some “English spoken relay” in France, to help English Series travelers in France to find some help or for a fresh beer (as teatime is not very common in France, it will be difficult to find some place to do it). In the other side, some French spoken relay will be searched in the UK to do the same thing.

So, what has been organised in France with or without Le Temps Des Series (LTDS) since the beginning of the year.



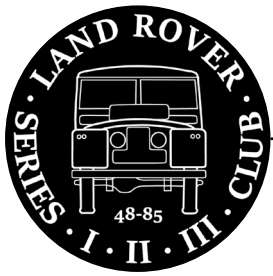
CLUB CELEBRATING 20 YEARS

On this new year, there are so many subjects to do. 2024 will mark the 20th anniversary of our club (LTDS). And for this event, we will have to celebrate it during all the year.

We started quite early on the middle of January for king cakes meetings. The two first were held on the 13th January in two places: one near Paris and the second in the “Pays-Basque”.

A second date on the following Saturday in Brittany and another in the south-east. On each date, the programme was a lunch between friends and passionate people, followed by a little series run and finally a break to eat a part of king cake.

Little funny fact: we had a little Visio-call each weekend with the second place where there was another trip. Almost all, the club committee was present in Paris even those coming from Savoy and Brittany. It was a great moment to talk together about all the celebrations this year for the club’s anniversary and for our 2024 and 2025 meetings.



OUT WITH FRIENDS

In February, our Swiss and Northern Alpine/Savoy members met for their traditional dinner near Geneva. It was a great moment with a lot of discussion, some of which was mechanical about our trips with our series in the next months. This year discussions finished way later than the meal and ended late in the night.



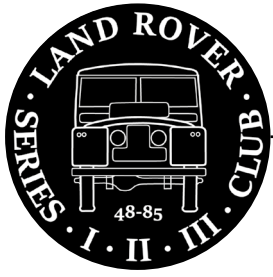
END OF A DECADE

The same weekend, a traditional meeting held in the South-West. Organised each year for about a decade, this year there was no snow but a lot of rain. Anyway, it was a very good weekend for every participant.



SALON HISTORIC AUTO

Later in the month, the club was present at the "Salon Historic Auto" in Nantes. It was an interesting time to communicate our anniversary to the global classic car world. It was also a good moment to meet new members, professional and old car enthusiasts. Another good moment of sharing and meeting.



BRITTANY TRIP

For the Easter weekend, a small group of four Series and one Discovery LR3 met in Brittany for a three-day trip. Few visits, and ride to discover this charming part of Brittany. A small ride on the beach to take some beautiful picture and a restaurant to eat some of Britain's traditional food and the weekend was a big success.



LAND ROVER SECOND-HAND SELL

At the end of April, LTDS was present at the "Land Rover Second-hand sell" in Viglain. The committee was there with the club's gift shop, to sell traditional t-shirt, stickers and mug, and also promote the news for this anniversary year.

GRAND COLOMBIER

The same weekend, a small group of three Series went in adventure in the mountain of "Grand Colombier", near Savoy and Switzerland. Between, forest, river and mountain, some nice roads were found and wonderful pictures taken.

