



Tuscan treat

Colin Buckley of the Land Rover Registro Storico Italiano reports on some muddy fun in Tuscany

So far as settings for a Land Rover club weekend go, it would be hard to beat the gorgeous medieval town of Barga, which hosted the third run of Italy's Land Rover Parade.

This year's theme was promoted as the 'Defender Tribute', but it turned out to be a celebration of all 67 years of Series and Defender production. It was hosted at one of the best 4x4 locations in the country, the Ciocco Sport Village, which benefits from an off-road course and camping ground.

More than 30 Series vehicles turned out. These included a special guest, a 1951 Series I, LAC 295, driven by Tom Pickford from the UK, who was en route to Malta. It was the second-oldest vehicle present, just a tad younger than Paolo Turinetti's freshly restored 1948 lights-behind-grille HUE 222.

British-style weather completed the scene on Saturday, making the terrain extremely slippery. However, Franco Picchiottini in his Minerva showed everyone how to put an

old girl through her paces on the muddy tracks.

The sun broke through on Sunday long enough for participants to enjoy a traditional long Italian lunch.

Jaguar Land Rover Italy contributed to the event by lending a new limited-edition Defender 90 Expedition.

This was a special Series and Defender event, as 2015 unfortunately sees the end of an era – though the LRRSI guys keep the legend alive by supporting the heritage.



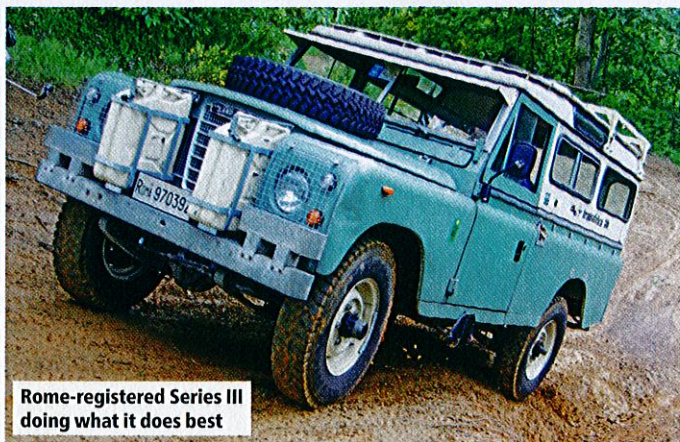
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The club and its main event sponsor, Land Italia magazine look forward to seeing the entire Land Rover range represented again on the fourth run next year. To get involved, keep an eye on registrostoricolandrover.eu.



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