

# DETAILED HISTORY OF LAGONDA 2 LITER PJ 4608 IN MY OWNERSHIP

Feb 83	Saw and drove car	Acquired new cylinder liners from Hepworths.	Sept 83
	Bought car	Replacement steering wheel refinished and fitted	
	Fixed lights, brakes, and horn. Changed oil, checked tire pressures etc.	W	Feb 88
	Drove home on borrowed trade plates.	Engine rebuilt	Jan / July 88
March 83	Engine misfiring. Took off cylinder head. Cracks and broken rocker		
	Bought spare head from Cpt Forshaw and fitted with new gasket and rocker arms.		
	3 rallies and numerous drives	Pistons / rings	
October 83	Moved car to Farm @ Running Hill.	White metal bearings	
	Greenfield Service rebuilt clutch	Reground cams	
	Fitted spring gaiters	Oil pump	
	New tires	Water pump	
Jan 84	Bought used mag	Timing chain and sprockets	
	Greenfield rebuilt brakes and try to install mag. (car came with disty fitted to camshaft)		
	Stripped off wings and bonnet for paint.	Balancing	
Feb 84	Resprayed metal part of body.	Monterey Historics race	Aug 88
March 84	Got mag working but stayed with disty	Wheels rebuilt. New tires fitted.	Feb 88
May 84	Had original cylinder head repaired	Machined and rebuilt rear hubs	June 88
June 84	Mag rebuilt (combined 2 mags)	Monterey Historics race	Aug 88
July 84	Car shipped to US	Acquired two spare halfshafts	Nov 88
August 84.	Arrived in Oakland. Drove to Aptos. Broke down 4 times.	San Diego race	May 90
	Used a lot in Santa Cruz area.	2 new tires	July 90
	Mag fitted	Monterey Historics race	Aug 90
Jan 85	Kingpins replaced. Perot shaft refurbished	Rebuilt gas tank. Sender / gauge	April 91
Aug 85	Monterey Historics race	San Diego race	
Oct 85	Fitted electric gas pump (Autovac took away power when going uphill)	W	May 91
Aug 86	Monterey Historics race	Rebuilt steering joints.	May / Aug 91
July 87	Bought 2 <sup>nd</sup> spare mag	New brake springs	

May 97	Wine country Classic race	
Aug 87	Monterey Historics race. Videp sows engine smoking.	
Sept 87	Acquired new cylinder liners from Hepworths.	
	Replacement steering wheel refurbished and fitted	
Feb 88.	Wheels repaired and tested.	
Jan / July 88	Engine rebuilt	
	Machining by Jim Stranburg at Phil Riley CA	
	Liners	
	Pistons / rings	
	White metal bearings	
	Reground cams	
	Oil pump	
	Water pump	
	Timing chain and sprockets	
	Clutch	
	Balancing	
Aug 88	Monterey Historics race	
Feb 88	Wheels rebuilt. New tires fitted.	
June 88	Machined and rebuilt rear hubs	
Aug 89	Monterey Historics race	
Nov 89	Acquired two spare halfshafts	
May 90	San Diego race	
July 90	2 new tires	
Aug 90	Monterey Historics race	
April 91	Rebuilt gas tank. Sender / guage not working. Cannot repair.	
	San Diego race	
May 91	Wine Country Classic	
May / Aug 91	Rebuilt steering joints.	
	New brake springs	

	Modified front with anti tramp arm	VARA Buttonwillow race	April 97
Aug 91	Monterey Historics race	Monterey Historics race. Won class cup.	Aug 97
Jan 92	Silentblock bushes in springs	San Diego race	Nov 97
	2 new tires	Monterey Historics race	Aug 98
March 92	San Diego race	Monterey Historics race	Aug 98
Oct 92	Gov Cup Rally Arizona. 3 days	Drive down Big Sur	
May 91	Wine Country Classic	San Diego race	Oct 98
June 92	Gold Coast Rally. SLO	VARA Buttonwillow.	May 2000
Aug 92	Monterey Historics race	Cyl head gasket leaked. Replaced and head crack	July 2000
June 93	Wine Country Classic	Monterey Pre Historics race	Aug 2000
Aug 93	Car used for wedding and honeymoon	Monterey Historics race	
	Monterey Historics race. Mag issues	San Diego race	Oct 2000
Sept 93	Gov Cup Rally Arizona. 3 days.	VARA Buttonwillow.	May 2001
Dec 93	# 2 spare mag rebuilt	Wine Country Classic	
May 94	VW generator in Lag case. Never connected. Lag parts kept.	Brake check	Aug 2001
	Cyl head gasket changed. Head skimmed	Pre Historics race	
	Water pump volume increased	Monterey Historics race	
June 94	Wine Country Classic	Toured Camel and Big Sur	
July 94	Mags checked and found OK.	# 2 spare mag rebuilt.	Sept 2001
Aug 94	Monterey Historics race	Oil filter acquired but not fitted	Jan 2002
	Support vehicle for Pebble Beach Concours	New carpet fitted	
Oct 94	Gov Cup Rally Arizona. 3 days	Tech rebuilt	March 2002
		Resistor reflectors for P100s	
June 95	Wine Country Classic	Rebuilt all road springs, replaced wheel bearings	
	Parade to Sonoma	New rear bearings	
Aug 95	Monterey Historics race	Brake springs and cables	
June 96	Wine Country Classic	Reused gas tank	
Aug 96	Monterey Historics race	New racing belt	
	Toured area in car following race	Mag testing steering parts	



April 97	VARA Buttonwillow race	Modified front with anti tramp arm	
Aug 97	Monterey Historics race. Won class cup.	Monterey Historics race	Aug 97
Nov 97	San Diego race	Silentblock bushes in springs	Jan 98
Aug 98	Monterey Historics race	2 new tires	
Aug 99	Monterey Historics race	San Diego race	March 99
	Drive down Big Sur	Gov Cup Rally Arizona. 3 days	Oct 99
Oct 99	San Diego race	Wine Country Classic	May 01
May 2000	VARA Buttonwillow.	Gold Coast Rally. SLO	June 99
July 2000	Cy head gasket leaked. Replaced and head crack tested.	Monterey Historics	Aug 99
Aug 2000	Monterey Pre Historics race	Wine Country Classic	June 99
	Monterey Historics race	Ck used for wedding and honeymoon	Aug 99
Oct 2000	San Diego race	Monterey Historics race. Mag issues	
May 2001	VARA Buttonwillow,	Gov Cup Rally Arizona. 3 days	Sept 99
	Wine Country Classic	# 2 spare mag rebuilt	Dec 99
Aug 2001	Brake check and refurbish	VW generator in lag case. Never connected.	May 99
	Pre Historics race	Cyl head gasket changed. Head skimmed	
	Monterey Historics race	Water pump volume increased	
	Toured Camel and Big Sur	Wine Country Classic	June 99
Sept 2001	# 2 spare mag rebuilt.	Mags checked and found OK.	July 99
Jan 2002	Oil filter acquired but not fitted	Monterey Historics race	Aug 99
	New carpet fitted	Support vehicle for Pebble Beach Concours	
March 2002	Tach rebuilt	Gov Cup Rally Arizona. 3 days	Oct 99
	Resilver reflectors for P100s		
	Rebuilt all road springs, replaced wheel bearings	Wine Country Classic	June 99
	New rear bearings	Parade to Sonoma	
	Brake springs and cables	Monterey Historics race	Aug 99
	Reseal gas tank	Wine Country Classic	June 99
	New racing belt	Monterey Historics race	Aug 99
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	S/A bushes	VARA Buttonwillow	May 2008
	Halogen bulbs in headlights	Wine Country classic	
Aug 2002	Monterey Historics race	Monterey Reunion, Won the Spirit of Monterey	Aug 2010
Oct 2002	San Diego race	Coronado race	Sept 2010
Aug 2003	Monterey Historics race	Refurbished clutch	April 2011
Aug 2004	Monterey Historics race	Monterey Reunion race	August 2011
Aug 2005	Monterey Historics race	VARA Buttonwillow	Sept 2011
Aug 2006	Monterey Historics race	Took Laguna to HMC	Nov 2011
Oct 2006	San Diego race	First part of major refurbishment at HMC	Dec 2011 / Feb 2012
		Steering, kingpins track rod ends and new keyway in shaft.	
Feb 2007	Gearbox rebuilt by High Mountain Classic	New front hubs	
	Refurbish clutch when gearbox is out	Brakes. Rebuilt with new Permat shaft	
	Shims in steering box	Clutch – realignment and relining	
	Tighten front kingpins	Suspension. New rear hubs	
	Some rewiring	Engine – top end	
	Retrim sides	New guides, rocker pins and valves	
	Replace dash switches	Fast road cams	
	Separate mag and gas pump switch.	New rear hubs lapped in halfshafts	
	Round outside mirrors	Upholstery, tonneau cover and carpet	
	Gaiters off springs and grease	Twin carbs bought and refurbished	March 2012
	Powder coating	Road test and final adjustments.	April 2012
	Strengthen fender supports	Wine Country Classic	June 2012
	New running boards	Pre reunion race	August 2012
March 2007	4 new tires	Monterey reunions race	
	VARA Buttonwillow	Rebuilt and fitted new gas pump and regulator	June 2012
Aug 2007	Monterey Pre Historics race	Spindo repaired	June 2013
	Monterey Historics race	Horn rewired	
Oct 2007	San Diego / Coronado race – Won cup for performance and presentation.		August 2013
Feb 2008	Refurbished leather and new part of back seat	Monterey Reunion	

May 2008	VARA Buttonwillow		
	Wine Country classic		
Aug 2010	Monterey Reunion. <b>Won the Spirit of Monterey Rolex Award with watch!!!</b>		
Sept 2010	Coronado race		
April 2011	Refurbished clutch		
August 2011	Monterey Reunion race		
Sept 2011	VARA Buttonwillow		
Nov 2011	Took Lagonda to HMC		
Dec 2011 / Feb 2012	First part of major refurbishment at HMC		
	Steering, kingpins track rod ends and new keyway in shaft		
	New front hubs		
	Brakes. Rebuild with new Perrot shafts, shoes, drums etc.		
	Clutch – realignment and relining		
	Suspension. New rear hubs.		
	Engine – top end		
	New guides, rocker pins and valves.		
	Fast road cams		
	New rear hubs lapped in halfshafts		
	Upholstery, tonneau cover and carpet		
March 2012	Twin carbs bought and refurbished		
April 2012	Road test and final adjustments.		
June 2012	Wine Country Classic		
August 2012	Pre reunion race		
	Monterey reunions race		
June 2012	Replumbed and fitted new gas pump and regulator		
June 2013	Speedo repaired		
	Horn rewired		
August 2013	Pre reunion		
	Monterey Reunion		



	Tried electric fan. Temp the same.		
Aug 2014	Replaced seat belt		
	Pre Reunion race		
	Monterey Reunion race <b>Invited to Quail Concours</b>		
Nov 2014	Second part of major rebuild		
	Engine		
	Removed		
	Bearings re metaled		
	Cy head changed with new valves etc		
	New pistons / rings		
	Conrods balanced		
	New main caps fitted		
	New sprockets and timing chain		
	Realign camshaft		
	New motor mounts		
	Mags tested		
	Carbs tuned		
	Dyno tested		
	Clutch		
	Replaced with modern clutch and flywheel from club. Original clutch can be replaced		
	Wheels		
	New wheels from UK with Blockley tires		
	Upholstery		
	Some leather refurbishing		
	More leather work		
May 2015	Sonoma races		
Aug 2015	Monterey Reunion      DNS		
Aug 2016	Monterey Reunion. Emergency surgery		

August 2017	Monterey Reunion	Third electric fan. Temp the same.
2018	Used as a weekend car	Replaced seat belt
2019	Issues with missing solved with retiming and setting of mags.	Pre Reunion.
	SU carbs were sticking. Stripped and now working very well.	Monterey Reunion.
2020	1000 miles of gentle touring	Second part of major rebuild
2021	500 miles of gentle touring.	Engine

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## HISTORY OF 1929 LAGONDA LOW CHASSIS 2 LITRE

UK Registration PG 4609

Engine # OH 1259 from UK logbook (differed from plate in engine bay)

Engine # OH 1258 from plate

Engine # OH 1258 US registration

Engine stamped SL 921 on timing case.

Chassis # OH 9517 (called Car # on plate)

Body Type SM CH

Delivered 13<sup>th</sup> November 1929 to Major Andrews. Sold 1958

1958- 1960 - Jonathan Greaves, Goodfellows, Tilty, Great Dunmow, Essex CM6 2HP

1960 - 1979 – Anthony (Tony) Rhodes Brown, Oakham LE1 9AF (296 Nanpantan Road, Nanpantan, Leicestershire.

Subsequent addresses East Lea, Long Clawson, Melton Mowbery Leicestershire

*College Farm, Belton in Rutland, Oakham LE 159AF*

### *Comments from the Lagonda Club*

*Ann Pilgrim comments in December 2018 "From the clothes, I think it is more likely that the photo was taken in the sixties, probably just after Angela Barker sold BLK the first time. The next owner was R Aderson (or perhaps Anderson) who lived in Nanpantan Road, Loughborough. He didn't join the Register, and isn't in the Lagonda Club's 1962 members' list either. But, guess what ! The other three cars, all low chassis 2-litres, are in the 1962 list, and their owners all lived at various addresses in Nanpantan Road ! One of the photos is taken in the car park of The Priory, which is now a pub or restaurant. The owner of PG 4609 lived very close to there, and the other three were a bit nearer the centre of Loughborough. But why would four Lagonda owners all be living in the same road ? Were they students at Loughborough College of Technology (soon to become Loughborough University), I wonder."*

However there I have no record of the car being owned by a R Aderson. In fact, Tony Brown told me he had owned the car until 1979

Past owners from DMV do not list any additional owners between '79 and Michael Ripley who acquired the car 22.9.82

I have no record of the owners from '79 to '83. However in October 1980 PG 4609 was advertised for sale by Ronald Bruce in Oakham Leics. From the photograph it had a great deal of work done, was now darker (blue?) and the correct sidelights fitted.

1982 - 1983 - Mike Ridley, The Cottage on the Hill, Hillside East, Lilleshall, Newport, Shropshire TF 10 ?

1<sup>st</sup> March 1983 - Mr & Mrs G O Wallis, 2916 Via Pacheco, Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274

Current address 1460 Padre Lane, Nipomo, CA 93444, USA

*Original engine number OH1259/SL921 as indicated by Mr Greaves - LOOK AT ID PLATE for real number*

*Although the UK Log book says OH1259/SL921, the plate says OH1958 and the number stamped on the engine is SL921*

*Code on body says SM CH which means body was made outside factory need details from a future owner.*

*Looks identical to a standard T2 body with the exception of the windscreen.*



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In 2014 Graham Wallis writes that he has owned this car since 1983.