

Alvis Saracen APC



Above: a nicely restored pair of Alvis Saracen Mk6 APCs, typical of the 1950's approach to British armoured vehicles.

Left: one of the more unusual vehicles at the show was this South African Defence Force Eland 60 armoured ca, which is clearly based on the French AML H60.

Right: the Daimler Ferret Scout Car remains a popular choice with collectors, due in part to the small size, which makes storage that much easier.

Below right: some see the 'Snatch' Land Rover as just a Land Rover, but the composite armour from it is built surely puts it in the armoured vehicle class?

them in the post-war armoured section, but I fear the debate as to their classification may rage on.

I had a similar dilemma with the Land Rover CAV100 or 'Snatch' Land Rovers at the show. Often referred to as 'Plastic Pigs' as a nod to the composite 'plastic' armour used in their construction and the fact that they essentially took over the job once performed by the old conventionally armoured Humber Pig on the streets of Northern Ireland long before they headed to Iraq and Afghanistan.

With these vehicles being released in large numbers now that the British Army has finished with them, more and more of them are starting to appear at shows and once again I've decided to include them in this section, after all they are armoured (albeit 'plastic') and they are post-war vehicles, even if some people only see them as Land Rovers.

I'll leave you now to enjoy this month's selection of photos from the 2011 War & Peace Show, and I'll be back next month with a selection of photos of the WW2 softskins at the show.

