



O P E R A T I O N F R A N K N E W S

As promised, another newsletter from the folks at Operation Frank to bring you up-to-date on what has happened, is happening and hopefully will happen.

There are so far two more events planned for the season, with the possibility of a third. These of course are Operation Frank activities, not to be confused with official ALROC functions. The first national rally to be held soon....more about that later.

SOMETHING DIFFERENT -- A TARMAC TRIP

In keeping with Frank's desire to provide a little something for everyone, plans now are well advanced for a trip on the pavement. Absolutely no mud...promise !

We will be leaving Ottawa early Saturday morning, September 3, Labor Day weekend, and heading, at a steady 50 m.p.h. to Alexandria Bay, a quaint resort community in New York State in the Thousand Islands area. Reason for choosing the spot is that we will be meeting Land-Rover owners in New York State. Should be an interesting meet, especially on such subjects as parts, etc. Distance to Alexandria Bay from Ottawa is about 100 miles, give or take.

The meeting point in Ottawa will be the K-Mart/Loblaws shopping centre at Blossom Park, Highway 31 and Kingsdale Ave. (Thought we'd make it easy for the Parsons contingent !)
Time to be there is 7 a.m. We'll leave shortly thereafter and motor to Morrisburg for breakfast, and thence over the bridge and on to Alexandria Bay. Reservations will be made at a most accommodating motel on the outskirts of town. Lunch and dinner Saturday will be communal, scrubfaced affairs at one of the many excellent restaurants that Al Pilgrim promises abound in the said ville. Sunday morning will feature an outdoors breakfast with our new friends from the State. Then back to town, arriving early evening with lots of time to get the kids ready for school.

The cost, you ask ? It's a bargain, as usual. We're looking at about \$20.00 per person for accommodation. Food and drink are the responsibility of each, to keep things nice and simple. We need the \$20.00 in advance, so we can make the necessary reservations, no later than the end of the ALROC rally -- August 1. Contact Mike McDermott (224-8300), Al Pilgrim (731-6616) or David Smithers (526-1835) for more info. or to pay.

FALL LEAVES IN LAROSE

While a firm date hasn't been set, we will join up with our army-truck friends from Cumberland for a family event in

Larose Forest a little to the east of Ottawa. It's a pretty area, with room for mudding if the spirit moves. We've even arranged for a little sand for Mark P. There'll also be a big family barbecue lunch, etc. We'll keep you posted on this as time passes.

POST MORTEM -- CALABOGIE MUDDER

This event, designed to introduce newcomers to the wild blue yonder, saw no less than 10 Land-Rovers and 19 people gather at Big Pine on the Victoria Day weekend. And the blackflies also attended, in swarms. They were in fact the big "bad news" problem for the weekend, and even drove some wimps back to their TVs a day early. And on a similar subject, has anyone seen Official Navigator Ron Tysick since our return!? The good news was the fact that there was great food, meeting new friends, great conversation around the campfire (We think ALROC V-P Walt Saveland learned some new words!), and watching Peter Parsons getting unstuck: A lesson was learned from the trip -- perhaps a recommendation that future spring trips are either earlier or later to escape the bugs. Any comments?

Many trip participants gathered at David Smithers' house a week after the event for an official autopsy. And everyone got a refund, which was more good news. Some refunds were donated back to Operation Frank to help with things like postage, etc., and possibly the Alexandria Bay Sunday breakfast? Operation Frank now has \$51.74 in the kitty.

OPERATION FRANK T-SHIRTS

We are in the process of having designed and printed some t-shirts, and hopefully will have them available for the ALROC rally....

ALROC NATIONAL RALLY

Thanks to the sterling efforts of Prez Andrew Finlayson and also Mark Pankhurst, the first national event is but days away. To remind you, it's July 29-August 1, Ferguson Farm Campground near Calabogie. Lots of fun planned for the family, as well as drivers. Also looks as though there will be an excellent turnout from all over, including Toronto. Andrew is looking for \$5.00 a vehicle registration fee in advance, or call him at 225-4779 evenings.

WINTER WARMTH ?

Anyone interested in joining forces to rent a heated garage for at least the winter months, on a shared-cost, shared-use basis, get in touch with David Smithers (526-1835 evgs.)

And oh yes, the Operation Frank family day originally planned for July 23 has been postponed because of the ALROC rally in Calabogie a week later. Sooooo....we'll see you there instead.

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