



Dear Land Rover enthusiast:

If there's anyone out there who didn't catch our Spring tune-up April 2, you missed a good one.

In all, 17 Land Rovers and about two dozen people showed up. Some vehicles got a complete tune-up, some had tricky problems solved and some were just admired by the rest of us.

By 10:30, a half dozen LRs had pulled into the Merivale Road parking lot and the "phud-phud" of a poorly-tuned four-banger was being transformed into a happy hum by ALROC president and professional mechanic Andrew Finlayson.

Andy Graham installed a tach and fixed his horn, John Barrett's near perfect Series One station wagon got new points and plugs and a promise of help with his carb problems, John and Grace Hart showed off their tea tray they designed for the dash of their "88", John Blakey was there with his electric rad fan hookup and George Hurry swapped a fender for his "109" wagon.

New ALROC VP Walt Saveland found his leaking engine oil problem was just a loose oil filter, Peter Lewis came by to renew old acquaintances, Bob Hussey learned a little about CB radio and Land Rovers and Mike Smithers took some notes on his upcoming change-over to a GM alternator in his "88".

There was lots of talk on matters concerning Land Rovers around Al Pilgrim's always-hot coffee pot and more than one visitor spent time leafing through the many shop manuals and ALROC publications on display.

John Williams from Cumberland dropped by with his 1945-3/4 ton army truck. John is part of a group of vintage military vehicle owners and we'll be hearing more about them later this summer.

Donations amounted to \$21 and just about covered the coffee, donuts and newspaper ad that attracted two new bodies

All reports indicate tune-up day was a great success. We'll have another in the fall. So now that your LR is humming again, why not give it a chance to show what it does best?

Get it off the pavement and join us for the Victoria Day weekend .

If you're interested----turn the page.

This has been an annual event for the past four years. Usually, we head for the wilds of Quebec around the Fort Coloungé area. This year, we're trying the Calabogie Region May 20 to 23.

It's a beautiful pine-and poplar tree area criss-crossed with rut roads, Crown Land, lakes, hydro rights-of-way and un-used rail beds. We've charted a triangular route with each leg offering a different challenge to meet the varied interests of our group.

An advanced team will set up a base camp near Calabogie the afternoon of Friday, May 20 and have hot coco waiting when the rest of the group arrives after work.

On Saturday, we'll travel down an old railbed, visit an abandoned mine, then truck on to a little village with the fairytale name of Flower Station. If you've had enough adventure, here's where you get off--but you'll be missing a lot of fun.

The second leg takes us deeper into the bush and another night under canvas. We'll prepare a gourmet meal--complete with French wine and cigars--Dinner dress is necktie and rubber boots.

Sunday, we'll find our way with compass and map across a mile of uncharted terrain making our own road--without harming the flora and fauna--tricky stuff. It's Straddlebug Lake and our third campsite. Monday, it'll be back to Calabogie or on to Ompah, depending on the time....then home.

Speaking of time..we plan to have lots of it...for lying in the sun, exploring, playing in the mud..whatever your pleasure. We're well equipped for the bush with winches, swamp ladders, spare parts and experience. Two of the group are currently taking a mapping course at Carleton University, One lad has first aid and CPR training and we carry long range two-way emergency radio that can reach Ottawa as well as CB sets for keeping in touch with each other on the trip.

The price includes everything--food, a tank of gas for each LR, and all the shared goodies like black fly spray. Last year, the price was \$70. This year it'll be \$75. That might sound like a lot but where else can you get three days vacation that includes great food prepared for you, exercise, good friends, campfires, bush lore and come away more impressed with your Land Rover than ever before.

Full details will be discussed at a social night Friday, May 13 at the RA Centre on Riverside Drive near Bronson. Drop into the Riverside room on the second floor by 7:45 and we'll show some slides of the Tune-up day share some laughs and show you in air photos and topographical maps just where we're going the next weekend.

If you plan to join us for the Victoria Day weekend, bring your \$75 (cheque preferred) to the social night. We need several days to buy and pack food and other supplies.

But even if you can't join us for the weekend, why not meet us at the RA centre for some socializing. It's a buck a head for the room.

Any questions, call Mike McDermott at 224-8300 or Dave Smithers at 526-1831