



OTTAWA VALLEY LAND ROVERS

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Giddy eh

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Beefs, questions, new ideas, a chance to beat Treasurer Al with a pointed stick .... all things are possible at the first OVLRL annual meeting and election on Wednesday, January 30 in the National News building, 2655 Lancaster Road.

Although in office only eight months, the executive wants to start 1985 on a calendar year, rather than have to run budgets, plans and administration thingies from the date of the club's inception last June. The reason is simple: the exec's not overly bright and a year that starts in the middle of spring is more than it can handle.

We'll get underway at 7 p.m. sharp in the meeting room (enter by the side parking lot door) with a short message from the president, followed by an open session to answer your questions about why the executive did what it did the way it did. It's a chance to air your grievances, get some explanations and offer some suggestions on how we might improve things. Treasurer Al will entertain with a little song and dance over the club books and what he spent your money on. We're entering 1985 with almost \$500 in the bank after spending \$1,500 on club activities since June.

A secret-ballot election will be held to select the 1985 executive by members attending the meeting. The current executive has put together job descriptions for each of the three elected positions spelling out responsibilities and all the things you can get pooped on for not doing. So, if you're thinking of running for office, better read the descriptions first (available at the meeting) to see what you're getting into. OVLRL meets every month and there are always planning activities and a monthly event to take up more of your time. Make sure you have the time before you make the commitment. OVLRL deserves dedicated leadership.

The exec has also put together a few ideas on things it would like to try next year, some of them culled from the questionnaires. We'll talk about them at the meeting.

So come to the annual meeting and throw some bouquets or raspberries. We're looking at less than two hours -- then we'll all retire for a noggin at a nearby pub.

OVLRL meets the first Monday of every month in a local eatery for a little planning and some chuckles. Call one of the exec for reservations.

The January OVLRL meeting was held in the Ming Palace restaurant on January 7. Trouble with holding a meeting in a chinese restaurant is ... half an hour later you're ready for another meeting.

Racist humour aside, the good news is we reached the 40-member mark this month with Olga Johnston's \$5. She laid the money down at the OVLRL meeting over pal David Slither's protests that "two can belong as cheaply as one, my darlingness".

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Speaking of dues, they're going to remain at \$5 a head for '85. The club generated enough funds to cover all our activities and, although we'll have to investigate ways to maintain that practice, we can boast of zero inflation this year.

Still a couple of people who haven't paid their dues for '84. They've been getting the newsletter the past eight months but the exec decided that that will have to end with this edition. Beginning immediately, members will have to pay their dues within two months of the annual meeting to continue receiving club benefits and newsletters.

Final touches are being put on the club letterhead by Neil Brewer. It'll be Rover green printing on yellow paper and should be available by next month. The letterhead will be used on all newsletters and official club correspondence.

The exec is also getting prices on the club crest -- you saw the design at the Christmas past -- and it'll be available by spring, we hope.

Immediate plans for the winter-spring season -- besides the annual meeting -- include a "bring-your-own" slide night in late February, a day in the snow at Audry and Fred Cole's Smiths Falls farm where we'll drag the LR's as far into the forest as we can and have a weinie roast, and of course the annual mudder planning meeting in April for the trip on May 3-4-5.

Gossip, dirt, innuendo, news, fabrication

Andy Graham is saving his loose change to jump on the rebuild bandwagon this summer. He's decided to take the plunge after watching a growing number of club members trundle into the future with a reincarnated LR.

Little Davy Smithers in the news a lot these days. Recently mortified that his debacle with the wooden snowplow-cum-kindling had become so well known, he redeemed himself by visiting Alexander Metal for a couple of steel plate models. Armed with enough materials for two "real man" plows, he and McD spent a weekend welding up a prototype and Dave's been turning neighbourhood heads of late with his prowess as a first-class snowplower. McD will put his together after he's sure Smithers hasn't made a fool of himself again.

Al Pilgrim's 107 reguild fired up for the first time a few days ago to a round of champagne. Electrics, body and custom fuel tank to go.

Mark Pankhurst is looking for a rear box for his 88. He needs it to go with the brand new rear door that's arriving from England.

ALROC has appointed McD chapter coordinator. He's responsible for recruiting, liaising with and harrasing chapter leaders for regular TB copy.

That's all for now. See you at the annual meeting.

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PARTS POOL

Ottawa valley Land Rovers is compiling a parts pool, a list of all the new and used parts we've all had gathering dust around the basement and garage for years.

The idea is to establish a central listing of all the bits and pieces we've got so when a member goes looking for something he's got a little chance of finding help before emptying his wallet on a new part and waiting until he's going grey to get it.

It's also handy in an emergency like when you break a halfshaft on a Saturday afternoon and need the LR for work Monday. Mail order houses can get you an axle within several days but wouldn't it be nice to get one immediately--then give the replacement to the donor when it arrives.

Or maybe you want to update the brakes on your aging Series 2 to a Series 3 power system...if only you had a unit to look at to help in the planning stages before you laid out big bucks.

There are lots of benefits...but it has to start here. Please list as many parts you can think of..regardless of whether you're interested in selling them.

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PARTS: (include Series/year info where applicable)

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