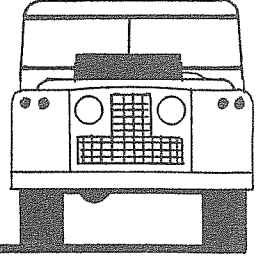


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G'Day eh

March 15, 1985

Here's your new letterhead just like we promised. It's the result of a lotta work by Neil Brewer, a little running around by the exec and a few bucks from the club coffers for which you all can take a bow. We'll use it on newsletters and all official correspondence from OVLR. Hope you like it ... too bad if you don't ... we've got enough to last us two years.

ALROC annual meeting

ALROC made history at its annual meeting March 5. For the first time since its inception, someone from outside the Ottawa area was chosen to sit on the executive.

Ron Low, secretary of the Island Rovers club on Vancouver Island, won the vice-president's job, replacing outgoing VP Jerry Dowell. President Mark Pankhurst and treasurer Andy Graham were returned for another term. Walt Saveland was appointed TB editor for another term, Bruce Ricker will remain club archivist and Mike McDermott will continue as ALROC chapter liaison.

Ottawa Valley Land Rovers extends hearty congratulations to the new executive and expresses the hope that Ron's victory is only the first step in making ALROC a truly national organization, reflecting membership coast to coast.

The dual job of secretary-treasurer, held for years by Andy Graham, has been split into two separate positions because of the growing workload. While Andy remains treasurer, the annual meeting failed to produce someone for the secretary's job, a position of growing importance as ALROC struggles to deal with increasing mail and interest from across the country. If you can help, please call Mark Pankhurst.

Other highlights at the meeting included a set of proposed bylaws aimed at bringing the association and its constitution into line with its current activities. The proposals will be published in the April 15 edition of Transfer Box for member discussion and the exec hopes to finalize the changes later this year.

ALROC spotter cards, designed to be left on the windshield of strange Land Rovers touting the benefits of joining the association, should be included in the April TB.

Full details of the annual meeting will appear in the April TB.

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Busy OVL.R

It's been a busy four weeks for OVL.R since our last newsletter.

The club held a slide night to scare away the February blahs and 20- id members dredged seldom-seen pictures from the past to share with popcorn and beer. Besides reliving adventures past in Calabogie, Perkins, Jim's Lake, Tweed and Mechanicville, NY, we saw the Smithers brothers of 20 years ago, some Land Rover rebuilding and what one looks like when it's rolled several times.

Peter Parsons picked up a four-litre jug of EP-90 gear oil as door prize and Mike Smithers walked away with an oil filter for his 88. Ironically, Peter doesn't have a Land Rover on the road and Mike's should be taken off it.

Special thanks to hosts Walt Saveland and Jackie.

Early March saw four LRs heading for the Smiths Falls farm of Audrey and Fred Cole and a day romping in the snow. Audrey and her 88 joined us for some light challenges in the snow-covered fields, Al Pilgrim learned that he can't wrap a winch cable around the middle of a rotten tree and expect it to stay there (the tree that is) and Fred Barrett decided that his "wide ovals" rubberware are better suited for the Sears parking lot than knee-deep snow.

We had lunch beside a warming bonfire and embarked on a special project to skid an old outhouse across three fields to a new resting place. Audrey was nice enough to invite the club back later this summer and the outhouse will probably come in handy. The group, which included McDermott, Mark Pankhurst and son Steve, Elizabeth and David Johnson with offspring Maggie and Malcolm and Fred's lady Debbie, tucked into a warming snack with the Coles and son Ian before the run back to Ottawa in the late afternoon. Our thanks to the Coles for their hospitality.

McDermott and Al Pilgrim paid a visit to Edna Scott who's laid up after breaking her hip in a December fall. Edna may be down but she's certainly not out and says she'll be up and around in time for the club's spring garage sale. (More on the sale next newsletter.) We wish her a fast recovery.

On the road again

The ALROC "travelling roadshow" of McDermott and David Smithers has been hard at it spreading the word on association benefits. In February they were in Halifax and found Robert McGregor who's interested in looking at the chapter program. Several weeks later they were in Regina where they looked up Keith and Brad at the Import Doctor, a shop that deals in exotic vehicles like the LR. They left membership information and a copy of Transfer Box. They also talked to Michael Adams, a former member who now plans to join again. The Regina contacts were made possible through information from ABP's Bobby Cochran. Thanks to her, ALROC now has a toe-hold in that city.

Deadbeats eh?

Deadline for Ottawa Valley Land Rover membership is April 1. You must have your measly five bucks in by that date to retain your name on the ABP discount list, receive this newsletter and be eligible for other club benefits. Sorry for the hardnose approach but the club needs your dues to pay for the newsletter. Last year, late payers meant we had to use other funds to cover newsletter costs and that detracts from the other activities we have to fund. Please get your cheque off today to: Ottawa Valley Land Rovers, 1016 Normandy Crescent, Ottawa, K2C 0L4.

Attention (would-be) welders

The club is putting together another basic welding course. Last fall we sponsored a course that included a lecture by a safety expert on the proper care and use of welding equipment followed by a day-long practical session covering basic arc and gas welding, cutting and brazing. Like the first course, the fee for this one will be \$15 and will include a lunch.

We'll get underway at 9 am, Saturday, April 20 at the Woodlawn home of Bob Hussey. The course is limited to eight people to ensure adequate time on the equipment so, if you're interested, call McDermott to reserve a spot.

See ya, city life

Don't forget to reserve the May 3-4-5 weekend for the spring bush trip to Calabogie. May 3 is a Friday so you'll have to take the afternoon off to make the planned early afternoon departure. We'll return Sunday afternoon.

This year we're looking at a combined road/no-road challenge that should take us across five miles of cart trail by compass and another 20 or so miles of railbed, dirt road and skidoo trail. The mud baths and stony mountain rock piles will show up along the way you can be sure.

A special LR tune-up and briefing day in preparation for the trip will be held on Saturday, April 27 at the McDermott house, 1016 Normandy Crescent. Bring your LR if it needs fixing (and mechanically perfect is the condition suggested for 3-day bush trips), get details of the trip and pay your \$10 for the steak and wine dinner we'll share under the stars.

If you plan to go on the bush trip, please come to the briefing day or call McD. We must know who's going so that we can arrange for equipment, choose campsites and assign passengers.

If you're interested in getting in on the planning session, why not join us at the regular OVLRL monthly meeting on Monday, April 1, at 7:30. We're getting together at Imbro's restaurant, 364 St. Patrick Street at King Edward.

OVL.R meeting

The March OVL.R get-together saw Bob Hussey report on the club proposal to sponsor frame rebuilds. Bob's general picture to date shows an estimate of \$500 for materials, eight full days of labor for one man, access to a cutting torch, arc welder and heavy-duty grinder and some kind of jig to hold the frame together during construction. More details next newsletter.

In other business, the meeting discussed killing the parts pool idea due to lack of response. Few members have submitted a list of the parts they have lying around the house in spite of repeated pleas from the newsletter. It was decided to let it go another month before final decision.

Treasurer David Johnson reported we had \$503 in the bank with a little over half the membership dues in.

GOSSIP, RUMOUR, TALL TALES, FACT, FICTION, HAPPENINGS, NEWS, VIEWS AND THE LIKE

- Newest OVL.R member is Jordie Bowen of Nepean who drives a Series II-A, 88.
- Bob Hussey laying plans to build a Land Rover transport trailer this summer and he's looking for suggestions and ideas. Call him at 832-2095.
- Anybody out there got a spare reservoir for a Series III brake system? If so, call McD and negotiate.
- Ottawa members attending the ALROC annual meeting were happy ... and somewhat surprised ... to see two members from Bathurst, NB, sitting at the table. William Cormier and Ronald Chamberlain drove up to Montreal (not in a Land Rover) to catch the boat show there and decided to drop into Ottawa for the meeting. Who knows, maybe next year they'll be flying in from Tuktoyaktuk.
- Growing number of ALROC members are becoming famous through their Transfer Box prose. If you've got something to say, give Walter a call at 770-4993.
- David Johnson hard at work (pushing McD) to finish his box frame trailer for the summer canoe season. David has designed the cantilevered, double canoe carrier to run on Land Rover wheels, thereby eliminating the need to carry a second spare tire.
- Mark Hill still hasn't found a buyer for the "Hollywood 88". The Series II-A needs frame work but the body and mechanics have lotsa miles left. Mark's at 839-3408.
- Al Pilgrim back from his Florida vacation black and broke. The bet's are his 107, under rebuild since last summer, won't be ready for the May mudder. Whaddajerk.
- McD and David Johnson in the market for 16-inch LR wheels. If you've got some, we're buyin'.

That's all for now.

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