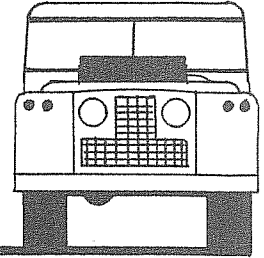


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G'Day eh

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The newsletter is coming to you a little early this month so we can tell you more about the first annual birthday party we're holding at a farm outside Kemptville on Saturday, June 22.

The date marks exactly one year since OVLR was created and, in the short time that has passed, our membership has grown from less than two dozen to 50 Land Rover lovers.

To celebrate the event, we're planning a day of fun, frolic and Land Rover shenanigans for the whole family. Things get underway when you leave à la caravan at 10:30 am from the Vincent Massey parking lot at the northwest corner of Riverside Drive and Heron Road. David Johnson will lead you out Hwy 16 about 30 miles to the farm of John and Gay den Admirant. On the way, there's a chance to win big prizes in the annual Harold Huggins rally. You'll get a secret envelope with the details for this "sharp eye" contest at the parking lot.

After a chance to stretch your legs and tour the barnyard, you can take part in a tour of local country trails, pitch a little horseshoes, whack a badminton birdie or take a swim. Round about 3:00 pm we'll stage a couple of LR "games" on the farm ... like navigating an obstacle course blindfolded while receiving driving instructions over a radio ... all at creeper speed, or course, but it's usually good for a few laughs.

Then we'll belly up to a "mess o' ribs" cooked over a barbeque pit as only Al Pilgrim can do 'em. It's all you can eat complete with salad, buns, coffee and a birthday cake to make it official. And we'll give out prizes for the day's efforts. For those who can stay, we'll have a cozy bonfire and you can tent out if you like. If you plan to camp, remember to bring breakfast goodies.

Price is \$6 a head, payable at the farm. You'll be getting a phone call several days before the event so we can determine how much grub we have to buy. Come and help us celebrate the fastest growing Land Rover club in Canada. UNlike McDonalds, YOU do it all for you.

## "Help"

OVLR was kept busy since the last newsletter with a record number of calls for help. We mounted a rescue operation for John Pritchard whose 88 got sucked into the bog behind Winchester, helped Mark Pankhurst install a transmission, supplied Fred Barrett and Tom Hammond with half shafts, U-joints and hub seals. John Gilliland's series III-88 got an MOT-style inspection and a new ignition system, Al Pilgrim's 107 lost some bugs and, at press time, we were lining up a crew for another transmission swap. Listen for your phone to ring ... we need your help.

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### Power in numbers, eh

You might remember from the last newsletter, we had some problems with the batteries rented with a video camera to record the May mudder. Well, Andrew Finlayson got no satisfaction when he complained to Video Flicks Ltd., 888 Meadowlands Drive. OVL R took up the cause and, although the company refused to refund the bucks, it did agree to a weekend's free use of the camera ... and good batteries this time.

We're getting it for the June 22 birthday bash to record you all looking silly with your winter-white knees showing.

### Much-needed bucks

The club garage sale took in \$260 and thanks go out to all members who contributed stuff to help fatten our coffers. Special thanks to Treasurer David who watched over the cashbox, Al Pilgrim for running the show, Elizabeth Johnson, Kelsey Anderson and Millie Owens for their baking table goodies and Malcolm and Maggie Johnson for their signs,

### Getting it together, eh

When we held our annual meeting last January, former Treasurer Pilgrim took on the task of Events-Coordinator, a job that included everything from frame oilings to barbeques to tune-ups to road trips. With the summer months - and a growing membership - it didn't take too long to realize Al's job was becoming a monster. To remedy that, and to try to split the workload, OVL R now has a Project-Coordinator to handle all activities of a mechanical nature. That includes rebuilds, mechanical work, emergency rescues or building special equipment. In short, anything that is hands-on work in nature. The Events-Coordinator will handle all the items that are more social in nature, like barbeques, trips or fund-raising events. Bob Hussey has volunteered to handle the Project-Coordinator's job and Al Pilgrim will continue in charge of coordinating events.

### Deli decisions

The June meeting was held Thursday rather than the first Monday this month because some of the exec were away and to accommodate the request of several members.

After wading through some nuclear pickles at The Melting Pot, Treasurer Johnson announced that we had a bank balance of \$428. Income since last meeting totalled \$318 - from the garage sale, parts and dues. Expenditures came to \$421 - mailing costs, slide film for events, the garage sale barbeque and replacing tools that went missing at the mudder tune-up.

We also expanded our supply of new parts we stock for quick service to members (see next article) and the club advanced the \$108 Andrew Finlayson paid out to rent the video camera for the May mudder. Members who went on the Calabogie trip agreed to contribute but some have been slow in paying up.

### Stalled on Sunday?

OVL R now carries a stock of new Land Rover parts to bale out members when things go bad and you're in a hurry. We have rear half shafts, wheel hub seals, diff seals, flex brake hoses, exhaust gaskets, ignition sets, distributor caps and U-joints. It's a limited stock - usually one of each - and designed to get you out of a jam when the unexpected happens and you need it immediately. Price is ABP 15 percent discount plus freight - same as you'd pay yourself. The stock, as well as used parts the club owns, are available through the executive.

### Let's talk

As you can surmise from the size of this newsletter - and the number of things we're getting into, OVLR is growing at a fast clip. Membership has more than doubled in a year and many of the new members who have joined us the past few months have never met the oldies who've been around since the early days of ALROC. With operating funds over a thousand dollars a year, rebuild programs, club-owned supplies and equipment and a profile becoming more public, the executive thinks it might be a good time for members to get together and set down some guidelines on how they want things done.

When the club was small and everyone knew each other, the executive could make decisions and be pretty sure those decisions would be in line with what their friends wanted. Those days are gone now. The same thing that gave us the buying power to negotiate discounts - our membership numbers - is demanding we get better organized. The executive has been making up the rules as it goes along, a system fraught with weaknesses that has little place in a democratic organization like OVLR.

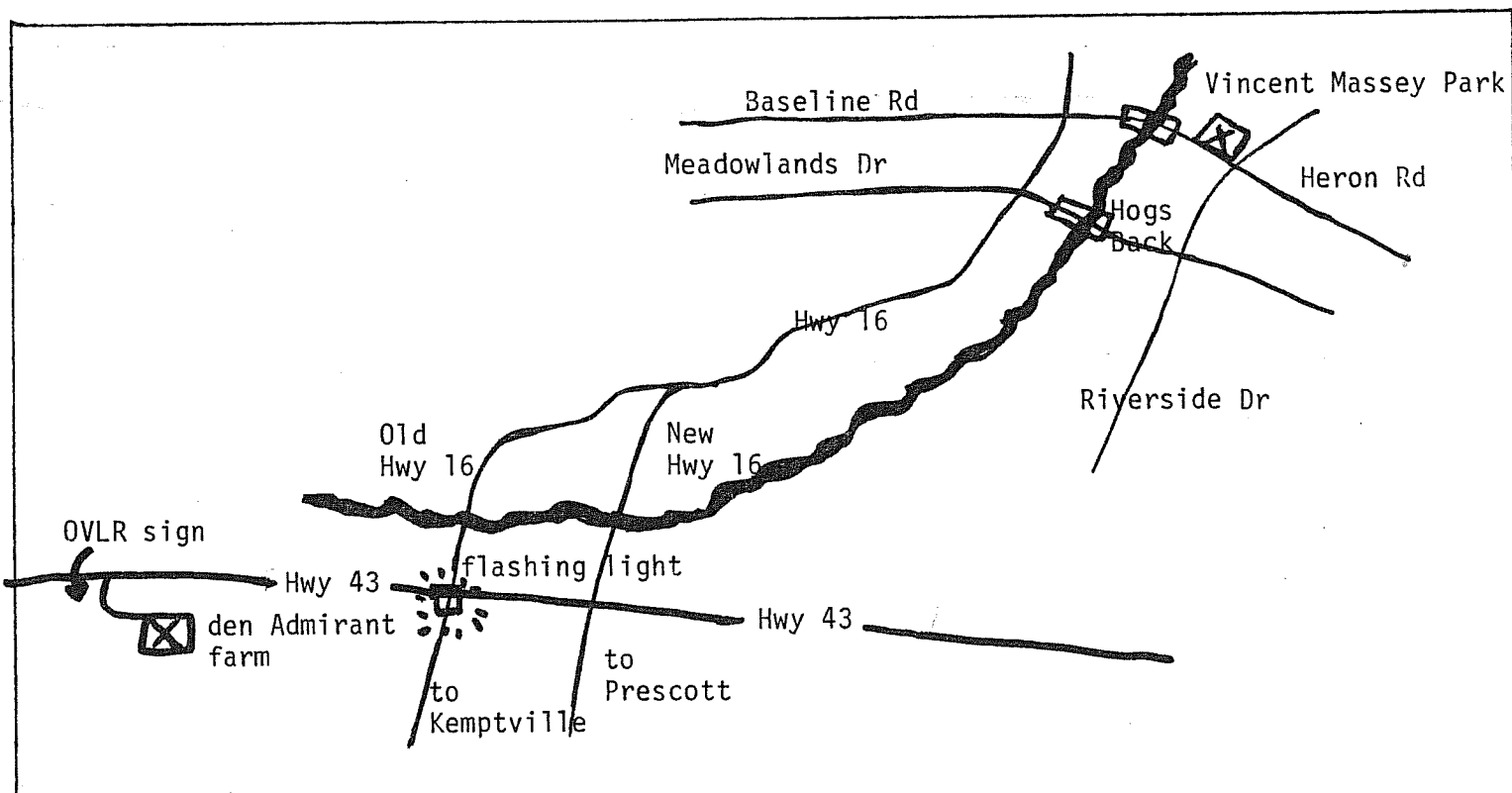
The exec wants your direction. It's putting together its thoughts on guidelines needed to better serve the membership. Take some time to jot down your ideas and, later this summer, we'll get together and hammer out some rules for the benefit of all.

### GOSSIP ... NEWS ... RUMOUR ... HEARSAY ... BUMPH ... ADS ... SALES ... ETC.

- . Welcome to new members Tom Hammond of 1383 Plumber Street (745-0736) and Desmond Burke of 2564 Alta Vista Drive (733-2444). ADD TO YOUR DIRECTORY before you lose 'em.
- . John Duigenan (234-4012) has a 6-cylinder for sale ... no more details.
- . Mark Pankhurst is selling his "Little Darlin'", the mint-condition Series I-88, complete with canvas and hardtop.
- . Arno Schmidt of Toronto (1-416-789-4619) has a "mint" Series I-86 for sale. He says it's like new throughout with overhauled difs, transmission, engine, new wiring, steering, brakes and a Fairey Overdrive with less than a thousand miles on it. Body is good as is frame and he's even galvanized the shiny bits again. He'd like to recoup the \$4,000 he's got invested in it. Address is 225 Douglas Avenue, Toronto, M5M 1G9.
- . Peter Parsons has a 2½ engine to original factory specs for sale. Asking \$2,000. Call him at 521-5010.
- . Al Pilgrim and friends stumped over why his carb is starved for air when he connects the air filter. Filter works on other LRs. In fact, he's tried three filters (oil bath type). Any suggestions?
- . OVLR has a supply of EP-90 gear oil for \$6 per four-litre jug - cheaper than anywhere else. Buy from the club and save.
- . The Ottawa chapter is now a member of LINK, an England-based organization of world-wide Land Rover clubs ... some in places we never heard of.
- . President McD has a couple editions of the Roverlanders newsletters - that's the club around White Rock where Harold Huggins now lounges - for members' perusal.

- . Another new member just as we went to press: Michel Gagne of 61 Presland Street (746-8750). Welcome aboard, Michel.
- . Looking at a frame rebuild? Need some welding done? Electricians got you fooled? Contact the exec ... it's all part of the OVL R rebuild program.

DON'T FORGET THE BIRTHDAY BASH ON JUNE 22! Below is a map to get to the farm of John and Gay den Admirant if you can't make the 10:30 leave time for the caravan. If you get lost, their phone number is 1-258-5296. LET IT RING ... IT'S A BIG FARM.



Whew! That was a long 'un!

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