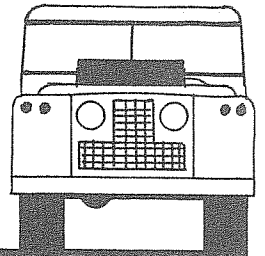


# OTTAWA VALLEY LAND ROVERS



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February 15, 1986

Put on your woollies, grab your camera and warm up the old dear. Sunday, March 9 is the Second Annual OVL R SNOW DAY. Last year we frolicked in the fields at Audrey Cole's Smiths Falls farm. This year it's Land Rover ice races at Lac McGregor near Perkins, Quebec. Events Coordinator Al Pilgrim has arranged for members to try their luck slip-sliding away on an oval ice track. Don't worry about denting the old dear ... you'll be racing the clock ... not each other. For those whose tastes lean more toward the spectator than the participant, the Chateau Brilliant provides a cosy and excellent view of the races while you sip hot toddies beside the woodstove. After the competition and awarding of trophies to the big winners, we'll take a little tour through some lake country before returning to town late afternoon.

Travel time between Ottawa and Lac McGregor is less than hour. Admission fee is \$2 per vehicle to pay for the prizes and a little something to keep us warm on the ice. We'll leave at 9 am sharp from the Loblaws parking lot at Isabella near Pretoria Bridge.

The February meeting saw the exec face down in Italian food again as plans for a busy summer began to take shape. A road trip to Waterloo (see below) is shaping up for the May 17-19 Victoria Day weekend, we've got a couple of mechanical seminars in the works, the bulk purchase plans are being revamped and we're taking another look at the rebuild program. New member Lyn Leduc has taken on the task of laying the groundwork for plans to incorporate the club. The move is part of efforts to limit our liability as the club gets more involved in Land Rover equipment, rebuilds and activities.

The OVL R membership directory for 1986 will be published in the March newsletter, another reason to hurry up and get this year's dues in.

Wednesday, April 2, had been slated for SLIDE NIGHT 86. This year, OVL R has a bunch of videotaped adventures to show you as well as the usual (and embarrassing) slide show. The tapes include clips from the now-famous "Let's-blindfold-the-driver-and-watch-him-drive-his-Land-Rover-into-that-fencepost" competition at the June birthday party, the "rescue" of John Pritchard from the Winchester Bog and the club's sojourn into the Calabogie swamp. OVL R supplies the popcorn, a 35-mm slide projector and a spare carousel. You bring your own slides and libations.

SEE your friends embarrassed by the all-seeing eye of the camera. HEAR Bob Wood when he breaks a half shaft in the mud. WIN a prize for catching another member in a compromising photo. WIN a prize for the best all-round photo of a Land Rover. WIN a prize for just showing up.

We're still looking for a place to stage slide night so, if you have a room that'll hold 25 people and feel generous, please call the exec soonest.

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OVL R meets the first Monday of the month. Join us for some chuckles, chatter and cheap chow. Call the exec for details.

Do you find yourself, these bleak February Sunday afternoons, staring out the window at the snow-covered hulk sitting in the yard and thinking of those hazy, crazy, lazy days of summer in your Land Rover? If the answer is a resounding "YES" ... we've got something for you.

For many years now, the May long weekend has been reserved by the more hardy (and noisy) members of our fair group to charge off into the boonies and purge their systems of a winter's worth of city pollution. Well, this year we're trying something a little different. Partly because some of us are getting bored with the same old mud, flies and rain and partly because of the quest for new adventures, we want to try something new in our spring rites of passage....we're going on a road trip this year.

When the dawn comes up on Saturday, May 17 it will shine on a little clutch of sleepy-eyed Land Rover owners and friends gathering in the steam of their coffee on the first leg of their trek to Waterloo, Quebec. Why, strangers might ask, would anyone in their right mind want to bump along in a noisy, drafty, balky Land Rover for 150 kidney-endangering miles? First ... because it's there ... but better still, because OVLR has been invited to a barbeque at the home of Cliff and Bobby Cochran, owners of Atlantic British Parts Limited.

We'll take the day to tool down to Waterloo, arriving around 3 pm for a tour and buy (at special prices) of ABP's well-stocked parts shelves. We'll attend the fete that evening and bed down in a motel or under canvas, whatever the spirit moves. Bobby and Cliff are scouting the area for the best accommodations. Next day we'll see the sights of Waterloo and Granby (it's beautiful rolling hills country), find another place to stay Sunday night and head for home Monday morning.

We'll have more details next newsletter.

To help ensure the old dears are up and ready for the Waterloo trip, the annual spring tuneup will be held Saturday, May 10. Make a date to join us and hedge the bet your Land Rover will purr all the way down and back. We'll have a location next newsletter.

Rumours....gossip....for sale....tall tales....lies....fibs....what's on.....

\*March 1 is the deadline for current members to renew their membership for 1986. Up to then it's \$10. After March 1 it'll cost you \$10 plus a \$10 initiation fee if you want to keep receiving the newsletter, discounts and other benefits. Besides, if your dues aren't in by March 1, you'll miss the 1986 directory. Mail your cheque NOW to OVLR, care of the letterhead address.

\*OVLR has in stock for those little unexpected problems ... hub seals, brake hoses, wheel cylinders and kits, half shafts (new and used), differentials, rad hoses and lots of other bits.

\*Michel Gagne has a couple of used mufflers in good condition. They're going cheap. 746-8750.

\*Al Pilgrim's 4-ton PTO winch and Pres McD's winch-operated snowplow both passed the test recently.

Pres McD 224-8300

VP Neil 830-1458

Tres David 225-6527

Sec Jerry 731-5098