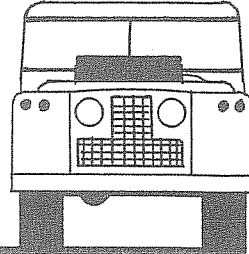


# OTTAWA VALLEY LAND ROVERS



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G'Day eh

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Anybody wanna go fishin'?

That's the plan for the Labor Day weekend this year when events coordinator Alan Pilgrim leads us into the bush in search of the Big One. Actually, it'll be with the help of such avid fishermen as Bob Hussey and George Hurry (Al thinks all fish come from supermarkets). But, although we'll try our best, it's really just another excuse to get away from the city lights and relax a little under the stars. We'll have more details next newsletter. Meantime, mark it on the calendar.

Speaking of events to remember, don't forget the Tweed rally coming up at Hidden Valley Campground on August 2-4. However, there's been a little change of plans. Because only six members indicated they wanted to go by the July 1 deadline, the exec was forced to cancel OVL's official involvement in the event. It was felt that a 10 percent turnout was insufficient to justify expenditure of club resources or warrant official representation.

While some members still plan to make the trip, they must now make their own arrangements for camping. Coordinator Al Pilgrim had worked out a deal with Hidden Valley to locate us all together in a site separate from other campers and at a reduced fee. Those arrangements, plus plans for a joint meal with members of the Toronto Land Rover club, have now gone down the tubes.

Hidden Valley Campground is located several kilometers off Hwy 7 near Actinolite, Ontario. There's a small sign to mark the campsite road about 200 yards east of the intersection of Hwys 37 and 7. While prez McD has received five calls from ALROC members planning to attend, Toronto club president Roger Youle-White could give no estimate of how many might be arriving from the Queen City.

However, the "battling Burton brothers" from St. John's Nfld and the venerable Harold Huggins are still scheduled to attend.

The search for OVL life member Edna Scott has ended happily. Seems Edna has been feeling poorly of late and has taken up residence in the Beacon Hill lodge. Prez McD plans a visit and will give us a full report next newsletter.

The July meeting found us with \$350 in the bank at the halfway point of the year. Spare parts and specialized tools put our net worth around \$1,100.

Treasurer Johnson's motion to re-evaluate our practice of user-pay to finance events was postponed to the annual meeting when the matter can be discussed by the membership at large.

OVL meets the first Tuesday of every month. Call the exec for details.

The 1987 election will be conducted by mail for the first time since the club's inception. About a third of our members live well outside the Ottawa area, some as far as Newfoundland, Victoria and Moosonee. It has been the practice since the club was formed in June 1984 that only members attending the annual meeting could vote. However, with such a large number of members living far from Ottawa, it was felt the practice was unfair.

The November newsletter will call for nominations, the December edition will publish the names of candidates and mailed ballots must be received by the beginning of the annual meeting in January. Members attending the meeting will vote by secret ballot.

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\*Special thanks to the Coles for their hospitality in hosting the club's second birthday party June 21. Their Smiths Falls farm was home to 29 members and guests. Treasurer Johnson led the group on a little tour of the "back 40" as the smell of a roast pig turning slowly on a spit teased their appetites. While some headed home after getting their fill, others sat long into the night beside the campfire before heading for their tents. Bravos to Bob Hussey who engineered the piglet, Al Pilgrim who oversaw the event and cleanup and all those who did duty turning the spit. Sympathies to prez McD who fell victim to Montezuma's revenge Friday, arising Monday to a cold scrap of pork tossed at his door by some smarty claiming to be a friend.

\*A late note from our friends south of the border .... the Land Rover Owners Association of the USA is staging a get-together August 17 in Westford, Vermont. It's billed as the "First International Land Rover Rally" and is held in conjunction with Rovers North Ltd. For details contact Rovers North, Route 128, Westford, Vermont 05494 or call (802) 897-0032.

\*Welcome to new member Richard Copple of Toronto. And a welcome back to former OVLR member Dave Davey who brings his sizable fleet -- which includes early 80 and 107 inch models -- back into the fold.

\*Treasurer David Johnson is zipping around at breakneck speeds these days after installing a new Duce'llier distributor in his Series III-109. He abandoned his aging Lucas after several attempts to get it working properly.

\*Jerry Dowell is still wishing his 109, 88 and 86 were on the road. Brother Jason's rebuilt his trusty 2½ and the body is undergoing a restoration.

\*Al Pilgrim is struggling to get his 107 "Sally" in fighting trim for Tweed. Last week it was a leaking gas tank.

That's all for now. Hope we see you in Tweed.

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