



G'Day eh

August 15, 1986

First, a little change of plans. The Labor Day fishing trip has been rescheduled to the weekend of September 27-28. The switch was made to free up the last long weekend of summer for members who do the traditional thing like close up the old cottage and hose down the kids for school. Events coordinator Al Pilgrim, working with fisherman extraordinaire Bob Hussey, has lined up a lovely spot on the Ottawa River near Westmeath, just a hop past Arnprior. Ontario residents don't need a licence to fish this side of the river and the Ministry of Natural Resources describes the spot as one of the most underfished areas in the region with a wide variety of sport fish available.

Laurentian View Cottages is about 90 miles from Ottawa and well off the highway. Space for tents and trailers for \$10 a night is available. There are also cabins that sleep four -- \$25 a night without electricity and \$50 a night with. In addition, you can rent boats, canoes and sailboards. If you're an armchair fisherman, you can lie on a sandy beach and catch some rays in the bay.

If you're interested in a little touring, several new logging roads have been pushed through the area and offer a little exploring.

The owners would like to know how many plan to visit, so we're asking interested members to let VP Neil Brewer know (830-1458) by September 5 with a \$10 deposit.

The Tweed rally saw only three Ottawa members attend the August long weekend. They were joined by several Land Rover owners from the Toronto area and an ALROC member from Nova Scotia. Although the turnout was disappointing, the 19 people who made the three-day event showed all signs of enjoying themselves. ALROC guru Harold Huggins had to cancel at the last moment and the Battling Burtons from NFLD were stymied when they discovered they were surrounded by water. Secretary Jerry Dowell had spent the previous week nursing "Gertie", his '67-109 back into shape. Al Pilgrim was back on the road with "Sally", his '57-107 and Prez McD was set to show off the new canvas top dressing up his '55-86. A valve problem on McD's LR delayed the planned Friday departure and the lads left early Saturday morning. They got less than a mile before McD's 86 sputtered to a stop. Reason outshone loyalty and Al and Jerry set out alone while McD lurched his wounded dear back home for repairs, joining the others Sunday. By then, Al and Jerry had met up with Roger Youle-White and Paul Socholotuc of the Toronto club and Phil Regan in his Jeep. John Cranfield and his sister Jennifer from Nova Scotia had arrived as had Don Watson and family from Wingham. OVLR member Dave Davey drove in for a visit from nearby Norwood in his 107 pickup -- a sister for Pilgrim's "Sally" -- and several others stopped by for a short stay. By then it was mid-day and Pilgrim led the group on a tour of backroads. After a little fishing and a gourmet meal, the group was treated to a cornroast by hosts Tish and Roy Hoskin. Then it was a roaring campfire and off to bed under the stars. Next day there was a lot of tip-toeing around as partiers shook off the night before.

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It's cleanup time at the OVL R used parts department. Each Fall we sift through the pile of bits we've collected over the year and get rid of the stuff that's not moving. We have seatboxes, seatrails, 88 gas tank, differentials, axle casings, brake shoes, backing plates, windshield frames, hubs, spring shackles, body parts and bits and pieces of carbs, distributors, dash panels and a thousand other things. Deadline is September 15 -- then it's off to the dump for the slow movers. Call Prez McD (224-8300).

The rebuild program heading for Neil Brewer's this weekend to start work on his 88 frame. Bob Hussey and McD will weld plates fore and aft while Pilgrim and Neil will handle the grinding duties. When finished, it'll have new front horns, mainrails from the gas tank back and a bulletproof rear crossmember. While the boys are in a frenzy on the frame, George Hurry will be busy cutting brackets for an American alternator conversion kit the club will market soon. Of course George just has to have one installed.

Club secretary Jerry Dowell is touring the Vermont hills this week as he takes a little vacation following a visit to the Land Rover rally there. The two-day event is cosponsored by the Land Rover Owners Association of the USA and Rovers North Ltd. Jerry took with him some handout information about OVL R and some ALROC crests. He'll return (if Gertie comes through) with an armload of pictures and tall tales.

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- \*Welcome to new member Stephane Bergeron (776-3685) and his '63-88 with capstan winch.
- \*Bruce Ricker, Mark Pankurst and Bob Wood are waiting for a load of bits to return from a Montreal galvanizer.
- \*Prez McD is in the market for a mechanical fuel pump. Call him if you can help.
- \*The next OVL R meeting is the first Wednesday of September. We'll be discussing the fall oiler/tuneup, the Christmas party and bulk purchasing, for starters. Call the exec for details and join us.
- \*If you're getting impatient waiting for your parts from several of our suppliers, they're getting impatient too. It seems there's some kind of delay on the British side of the pond.
- \*Anybody interested in watching the "4 X 4" freaks make fools of themselves in the mud? The Calabogie mud competitions are underway Saturday, August 23. Events start at 1:00 pm. Price is \$5 to watch and \$30 to compete. Location is the lodge at Calabogie Peaks on Hwy 508 at Barrett's Chute Road. For more information, call 1-752-2720.

That's all for now.

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