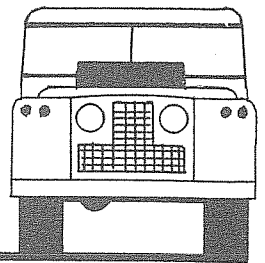


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FIRST THE HEADLINES: Canada's national Land Rover magazine is launched, we help out at the Rovers North rally, news from Solihull and it's showtime in Kingston.

Now the details: That publication with the pretty woman eyeing the assembly of British aluminum included with this package (unless you got yours at the birthday party) is the first edition of Oileak Illustrated, Canada's national magazine of things Land (and Range) Rover. It's being produced by Rhonda Wood, former editor of the Roverlander, magazine of the erstwhile but now deceased Land Rover club that lived in BC's lower mainland. She's being assisted by Andre Maier who sees to the technical side of things and ex-Alberta crazy Al Sigurdson who takes care of the lunatic fringe.

The first edition, aptly named for a beloved vehicle whose drippings have ruined more than one laneway, is a nice mixture of practical items, news and information offset by a little madness a la Sigurdson. Rhonda says later editions will feature more photos and local news from around the country. OVLRL will be a regular contributor beginning next issue. If you've got any suggestions or helpful criticism on making a good thing better, drop Rhonda a line. She wants to hear. (We don't have quite enough copies so lottery decides who gets one. If you were missed, write to Rhonda at 311, 945 Marine Dr., West Vancouver, BC, V7T 1A8.) Next issue we'll have enough for all.

If you're feeling the need to see something British and beautiful this summer you could drop in to the Boot'n Bonnet Club's British Car Day in Kingston, Sunday, Aug. 18. OVLRL has been invited to participate but the event is only a week before our Picton Run and plans are too far down the road to juggle. However, we hope to transport the Dowell's pristine Series I to Kingston to offset the show's low slung roadsters. For more info, call Brian or Linda Thomas at (613) 542-8110

Speaking of the Picton Run, be sure to reserve Aug 23-25. We're leaving Friday after work for the drive to Richard Copple's spread on Lake Ontario. We'll spend the weekend with friends from the Toronto Area Land Rover club and do a little Land Rover surfing. More details next newsletter.

If you're into monster mudder tires, jacked up pickups, scads of chrome and grandstand competitions, don't miss the Off-Road Canada Jamboree at the Brighton Speedway July 26 to 28. There's a parade, off-road racing, mud bog competitions, manufacturers' seminars and vehicle show displays. For more information, call (613) 475-1102.

The Birthday Bash, held again this year at the Pakenham area home of Mike and Pat Dolan, was again blessed with good food, fine weather and a myriad of adventures. Some things were familiar: Chef Harry and sous chef Lyne put on a fine spread of barbecued beef with all the fixins, Bates and Dave Lowe tied for the lead in the Lugnut race, the Toronto crowd got mired in the swamp and didn't get home until dawn, the "light" off-road trip took longer than expected and we all had a great time.

New this year were special guests Charlie and Pam Haigh from Rovers North who arrived with armloads of gifts. Charlie also saw service as sage for members with tales of woe about their beloved Land Rovers.

An awards ceremony Sunday morning saw some of the Rovers North T-shirts, frisbees and pens go to people who had distinguished themselves during Saturday's events. A big seller was the club's spiffy new sweat shirts. Complete with pouch and hood, the dark green shirts with club logo in gold were great for sitting around the campfire when things began to cool down.

Disaster of the weekend had to belong to Dave Lowe, aka "Daphny the coquette". He started out with the Toronto group Friday and managed to break down only moments from home--twice. His 88 continued the good work throughout the weekend, garnering the prize for the most towed vehicle. While the Ottawa contingent left for home about mid-afternoon Sunday, the Toronto crowd didn't get out until 9 pm after finally extricating themselves from the clutches of Dolan's swamp. Halfway home, Daphny's 88, which had been coughing and sputtering all weekend, finally called it quits. It was hooked to the rear of Tom's trailer--which was hooked to the rear of Tom's 88--and off they went. A half hour from home--it's now 7am-- a small but spectacular blaze broke out aboard the good ship Lowe. Waving, screaming, jumping up and down finally awakened Tom who pulled over and the fire was put out. Next day, after looking at the charred remains of his wiring harness, Dave decided the culprit was a loose wire that caused the misfiring in the first place...then fell off to short circuit into the blaze. In spite of all the towing, he still plans to claim the best mileage per gallon.

Bates on the other hand, wasn't nearly as inventive. His plight was to forget to tighten the wheelnuts--again. Fortunately, the rattling vibrations are all too familiar and he managed to stop in time to avoid disaster. Unfortunately, he was caught with wrench in hand by Editor McD and the best lies couldn't save him. We have pictures.

Speaking of pictures, this year's event was videotaped by professional shooter Chris Duncan, an associate of McD's. After looking for hairspray, borrowing a cute hat and destroying a rearview mirror to check how she looked, she finally got around to shooting a few pix. TV types are soooo tempermental. We nope to have a finished video soon.

Numbers were down a little this year with 39 adults and six kiddies at the barbecue. Another half dozen joined us just for the fun. Special thanks to hosts Mike and Patty, cooks Harry and Lyne, helpers Yves Fortin and Louise, Tom Mayor, Bates, Charlie, Pam and several others who helped peddle Harry's bike-cum-rotisserie.

The July issue of Land Rover Owner magazine has just arrived from England. Highlights this edition include a piece on Canada's Green Road Wilderness Expedition, a touring company based near Vancouver that uses Land Rovers to safari the BC outback, part two of "The Land Rover Story" with profiles on the men who drove the company and the next installment in rebuilding a Series III. Subscribe now. (or call McD and borrow it.)

The Aug 3-5 weekend among the beautiful Green Mountains of Vermont marks the return of Rovers North Ltd. Land Rover Rally. After several years, Mark Latorney and the gang are again hosting their weekend of fun, frolic and things Land Rover. We'll be pulling out of Ottawa convoy style Friday after work and heading for Westford, Vt., about four hours drive. There are several campsites in the area and we plan to make arrangements beforehand.

Saturday will be filled with events at Rovers North headquarters ranging from Technical workshops, videos, an offroad and obstacle course and vehicle judging in several categories. OVLRL is again running some Land Rover games and the exec is already scheming how to involve unsuspecting rallygoers in its plans. Mechanics will be on hand to talk over your problems and the parts shop will be open. New this year is a British style concourse highlighting the hard work of Land Rover owners who spent the baby bonus on the perfect restoration project. Rovers North is flying in none other than Clive MacDonald-Smith from England to be the judge. Saturday night is the chicken barbecue and awards presentation. followed by a hugh bonfire. Sunday marks another "first" for the Rovers North rallies--a hugh auction. Owner Mark Latorney says he'll drag out things never before seen. "We have all sorts of treasurers that have been lying around here fopr some time. We've got some really good items and we figured an auction would be a good way to give everybody a chance at them".

Cost of the weekend is free, except for Saturday's barbecue, catered by the Westford Volunteer Fire Department. That's worth \$10 US. It marks a three day long weekend in Canada and a visit to beautiful Rover-packed Vermont is the perfect way to spend it. If you planning to join the convoy or want more infor, call Pres. Jason.

At OVLRL's monthly meeting, Treasurer reported we still have \$27 outstanding from a late payer at the May garage sale but otherwise our finances are solid. A birthday debriefing discussed holding the "realman" offroad segment on Saturday and the "highland" tour Sunday, reverse to tne current schedule. The idea would allow more flexibility in dinner times. The exec discussed problems surrounding construction delays on the kitchen trailer and work should resume soon. They're also looking at ordering more club sweatshirts, depending on demand.

NEWS....FOR SALE....RUMOURS....WANTED....WHAT'S HAPPENING....OTHER STUFF.

*-Steph Bergeron still has a few bits left from his Land Rover sale: Rebuilt bulkhead, transmission, difs, fenders and 88 roof. Call him at (819) 458-2857

*-Wanna buy 150 odd Land Rovers? Relax. Former OVLRL prez Robin Craig is selling off his model collection. It contains several rare and classic models, some from Dinky.(613) 738-7880

*-Larry Pugh of Box 1303, Thunder Bay, P7C 5W2, is looking for an 88 Land Rover . If you've got a seller, write him.

*-Nicholas Vachon of Charlesbourg, Que., (near Quebec City) is selling his 72/88. It's complete with overdrive, 16-inch tires and rear seats. He's asking \$2,500. (418) 626-5417

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ROBIN'S RAMBLING ROVER ROUND UP

An ex military Land Rover group is now being run by Andy Wood from 10 Ransome Close, Titchfield, Hants, PO14 4JD, UK or call him on 011 44 329 41525. Bob Wood and I will be joining and so we'll let you what its all about when we get the guff.

Land Rover Products have been turning up alot in films and on the tube. In the US the VERIFINE fruit juice drink commercial features a Ser 3 109 Station wagon. At the movies Steven Segal's Marked for Death uses one too. The Bruce Willis Die Harder flic uses Range Rovers. Wild Geese 2 has some great sequences with Lightweights in Berlin, also the movie Red Scorpion shows 109's being reduced to scrap with rocket launchers etc. Would anyone with a list of Rovers in movies please send it in to me, your postage money will be refunded.

Also new from the US is the latest parts guide from Rovers North in Westford VT. This desk has been advised that Owner Mark Letorney is now sleeping on the porch after printing the picture of his wife Andrea and a rather bent vehicle on page 57! For more details, on the parts list or the bent Land Rover call Mark on 1 802 879 0032. Also making an appearance in the same catalogue is ex DVLR Pres Neil (aka Chubby) Brewer on page 43. Do I have to point him out?!!! How many of you recognized the first lightweight Land Rover on page 9. This vehicle was just put up for sale in last months LRD.

There have been a number of new releases on the model front. From PG Models in UK come some teeny tiny 109's in 1/152 scale. Available are soft and hard tops and an ambulance. New from Hart Models is a big variety of metal Land Rover kits in 1/43. Unbuilt they start at 26 pounds each. Also just out is the second version of the Dinky Series 1 this time in the colours of the AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION. This is available at better stores such as HOBBY HOUSE on Montreal Road. If they do not have one in stock they will take your name and order it. Price is about \$26 plus taxes. This release has been limited so buy it while you see it.

Also available through Hobby House or any other good book shop or model store is the latest edition [#25] of WHEELS AND TRACKS. This magazine is published by After The Battle and this month has a very interesting article about the Tempo Land Rovers built under Licence in Germany. There have been two other significant Land Rover articles in this magazine. In issue #2 there was an interesting article on amphibious Land Rovers and in issue #9 there was an in depth look at the British SAS Pink Panther vehicles. If you can not find the magazine contact me and I'll try to help you.

Anyone interested in buying a well established Land Rover toy collection containing about 185 pieces would they please get in contact with me on 613 738 7880 for more details

So until next time I'm outa here. ROBIN

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