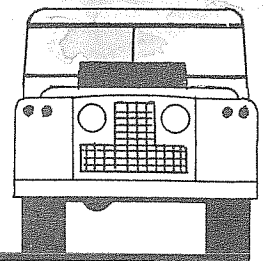


OTTAWA VALLEY LAND ROVERS



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Nov 8/91

FIRST THE HEADLINES: A prevue of Christmas yet to come, update on the Canada/Alaska Tour, LRO hilights, winch sales, good news for parts customers and an invitation to the Portuguese rally.

Now the details: The nomination clock is ticking down to the Nov 15 deadline and we've received only one completed nomination form to date. We're looking for members to run for president, VP, treasurer and secretary. Last month's newsletter contained your nomination form and a description of the executive offices. Dig it out, fill in the names of members you would like to see running the show next year, tear it off and mail it to the letterhead address. Nominations will not be accepted election night at the Annual General Meeting in January. So do it now.

The Fall Frame Oiler, held once again at the home of Grace and John Hart near Carp, saw 11 Land Rovers blasted with Texaco's Flo-Coat, that creepy, gooey, sticky bane of rust. The strain of so many customers proved just too much for the club's old wooden ramps, constructed several years ago by former President Neil Brewer. Next year will see new ones. (It would be nice if Neil could come home from his hilltop hideaway in BC to build them.) To give the ramps credit, they held up well considering people were always driving over them. Then there was that incident a couple of years back when they went bouncing down the Queensway after somebody forgot to secure them properly. Good ramps, those.

On what was probably the last warm day of the year, the bright sun drew lots of members who just came to watch and join us in a lunch of two soup choices and hot chili topped off with cake. Prez Jason extends his thanks to chefs Yves Fortin and Lady Louise, Fred Barrett and Nancy Fuller.

Things were kept cosy by Secretary Harry's super shelter while Jason's compressor handled the spraying chores. It also marked the first official function attended by the club's newly-constructed trailer which carried all the things necessary to make the day happen. Several members had LR troubles looked at in addition to getting their aluminum friend coated. Dale Desprey brought an intermittent ignition/fuel problem...and left with a good shot at this year's Lugnut award. (See it at the X-mas party)

Special thanks to Grace and John Hart for their warm hospitality.

MAIL YOUR NOMINATIONS NOW

More details of the 1992 Trans-Canada/Alaska Expedition, this time with the help of The Gearbox, publication of the Rover Owners' Association of Virginia.

The 4,900-mile trip from Halifax to Anchorage, Alaska, gets underway July 1. Each day has a specific destination but participants set their own speed, gathering each evening. That approach gives individuals freedom to explore special points of interest along the way. Most travel is on paved routes except on portions in Maine, BC, the Yukon and Alaska. One-way cost for food and fuel for the six-week trek is estimated at around \$2,000 per person. You find your own way home.

Vehicles must be in top condition. The wilds of Northern Ontario is no place to be replacing a transmission. Besides a "like new" Land Rover, participants are expected to carry the following: Two mounted spare tires, two, five-gallon "Jerry" cans, an ABC fire extinguisher, a nylon recovery strap, 3/8-inch tow chain, a gallon each of engine oil, gear lube and antifreeze, two oil filters, radiator "stop leak" and hoses, a quart of brake fluid, clamps, belts, ignition parts, a good tool kit and CB radio.

In addition, organizers are calling for participants to bring camping gear and clothing for all seasons, a complete first aid kit, five gallons of potable water and five days food rations per person.

There is a \$50 non-refundable deposit due asap. For more information write expedition organizers Ron or Bernie Mowry. Box 1023, West Lebanon, Maine, 04027. Or call (207) 658-9064.

OVLRL is putting together a plan to assist the group with accommodation, mechanical repair and communications when they pass through our area July 10-11. Some of our group will be joining the expedition for some or all of the trip. We'll also provide a full technical inspection (for a small donation) of any member's vehicle.

By the way. Members interested in receiving The Gearbox should write: Rovers Owners' Association of Virginia. 1633 Melrose Parkway. Norfolk, VA, 23508, USA

Have you got your Land Rover Owner this month? If not, the club issue is in and highlights include tips on choosing the right tire for the job, the Land Rover Story talks about the 1.6 litre series and Stateside Beat visits Nevada's Black Rock Desert.

The monthly meeting found us with \$1,083 in the bank, the best X-mas party budget in years and, if we don't burn her out in the next two months, a full-time Events Co-ordinator.

Sale of our club sweatshirts and revenue from the frame oiler will mean we're entering the new year in a healthy financial condition. Nancy Fuller volunteered to try her hand as Events Co-ordinator after the oiler de-briefing again pointed out the need. The club has been unable to find a volunteer to co-ordinate events this year, leaving the task to an already busy executive. As a result, some things have occasionally been overlooked. She'll work with Jason and VP Yves on the X-mas party prep.

Prez Jason, owner of the club trailer for licensing purposes, will investigate insurance options to allow the trailer to be used by club members. The trailer is held "in trust" by Jason for OVLRL members and, at the meeting, the executive affixed their signatures to a document drawn up by an Ottawa lawyer for that purpose.

The new association between Atlantic British Parts Ltd. in Waterloo, Que. and British Rovers Inc. of Rutland, Vermont, will benefit Canadian customers by providing another source of original and aftermarket parts.

That's the word from ABP Canada owner Cliff Cochrane. Cliff and British Rovers owner Mike Wilkes have worked out a parts supply agreement. The Canadian wing of ABP split from its American parent several years ago. This summer, several former employees of Atlantic British Ltd. in Mechanicville, NY, left the company and formed British Rovers. The new company also assumed affiliation with Atlantic British's California office.

British Rovers will publish a full catalogue of Land Rover and Range Rover parts in several weeks. Right now Canadian prices will average 35 per cent over the US list but Cliff says that, with the changing Canadian dollar, it could drop to 30 per cent before too long. The 15 per cent discount OVLRL members have enjoyed with Cliff will continue on all regular sales items. As before, the discount will not apply to special parts or sales flyers. The new arrangement provides the Canadian supplier with a large inventory of original equipment and aftermarket spares. Order something Cliff doesn't have in stock and he says he'll get it from the Vermont office and handle all customs hassles.

Meanwhile, over in Mechanicville, it's business as usual. Steve Springer says the new competitor has made "no real change in the marketplace."

Atlantic British Ltd. is preparing its 22nd anniversary edition of Roverlog magazine. Steve says that because the company has been around so long, its spot in the marketplace is sound. "Land Rover is not being imported into North America so it's a very limited market. Range Rover on the other hand is really taking off and we're shaping our business to fill that market", says Steve.

The Range Rover parts portion of AB Ltd. is expanding and the company has seen an increase in used Range Rover sales.

For Land Rovers, Steve says the complete rebuild business is increasing too. "We've seen a high increase in our frame over service. We've changed suppliers for our galvanized frames and improved specifications over the original equipment."

He said recent improvements have also been made to the mail order section of AB Ltd. New personnel, training and expanded business hours are some of the areas he and co-owner Dick Taylor have been working on. "We're now open from 7:30 am to 7 pm during the week. We're looking at weekend hours but no decision has been made yet." he said.

"And we're still planning to hold all the usual activities we've had for years. We'll have the annual rally next summer as always."

Ed's note: OVLRL has received a supply of sales flyers from British Rovers Inc. They're too large to include in the newsletter but are available at McD's (613) 224-8300 or at the X-mas party.

NOMINATE SOMEONE YET?

The X-mas party Wednesday, Nov. 11 also received the final touches. Al Pilgrim will again perform master of ceremonies duty but this year there will be less time sitting down and more time to socialize. Our new "digs" at the Navy Association mess on Victoria Island has lots of room, a hugh stone fireplace and, best of all, better food at a better price. Tickets are \$15 each with a choice of three dinners. In recent years, the club has had to underwrite the cost of our Christmas extravaganza to keep ticket prices reasonable. Last year, for example, members and guests paid \$17. The actual cost was \$22, the difference being absorbed by club coffers. Besides meal costs, the ticket price includes an additional 30 per cent in taxes and gratuities plus hall rental, gifts, prizes and incidental costs like slide film, decorations and the like. With a better deal we won't have to pester guests with so many "take-a-chance-for-a-buck" games. The exec is coming up with new fun things as well as old favorites like the "Feeley-Meeley" box and the slide show. And of course we'll have honors for the most towed member, the most disaster prone and the infamous Lugnut Award. Rumour has it we'll see special appearances from our friends at Rovers North, ABP and others.

The kitchen needs two weeks notice of your dinner choice so hire the baby sitter, put the map in your pocket and make up your mind. (menue in last month's issue). The phone committee will be calling soon in the Ottawa area. If you're long distance and planning to join us, call VP Yves (613) 237-9719 by Nov. 24 to reserve your spot.

NEWS...RUMOURS...FOR SALE...TALL TALES...WANTED...GOOD STUFF...

*-Looking for a good winch? Princess Auto Inc., an industrial strength hardware chain, is offering the Ramsey 8,000 lb electric at \$200 under the normal price. Several members use this model and say it's a good'un. At \$600, it comes with a 12-foot control line, 95 feet of 5/16 stainless cable and a hawse fairlead. The low-profile, 12-volt unit has 210:1 planetary gears, a full load line speed of 4.5 FPM, is reversible and has a free-wheel "cable out" feature. It's item 1530989 listed on the back cover of their recent sales catalogue. Sale ends Nov. 16. Closest store is Mississauga, Ont., Phone (416) 238-5211.

*-Robin ((613) 738-7880 is looking for anyone wanting a Land Rover military trailer. He's ordering a container load.

*-Sec Harry (613) 284-0228 is ordering some "heavy-duty" sweatshirts. Want one?

*-Congrats to member Jocelyn Mainville, also know as "Lagaan" in professional sculpture circles. Jocelyn is enjoying an exhibition of her work at the Caledonia Art Centre until Nov. 23. Proceeds to OXFAM-Quebec. Call (613) 678-2150 for information.

*-We've been invited to join the Clube Land Rover de Portugal next Spring. If you're planning to tour Europe, this rally could be for you. More later.

That's all folks:
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OVLR CHRISTMAS PARTY, 1991

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 11

Ottawa-Hull Naval Association
150 Middle St.,
Victoria Island
(Off chaudiere Bridge)

Programme:

6pm: Cocktails

Socializing, videos, things to poke at, stuff to read, funny-looking guys on the executive to abuse, wandering around and helping set up.

7:30pm: Dinner

EAT, EAT, EAT, EAT, EAT' EAT, EAT, EAT, EAT, EAT, EAT, EAT, EAT, EAT, EAT, EAT, EAT.

8:30pm: Entertainment

Laughter, embarrassing photos, jokes, some gas, spilling of drinks

9:30pm: Social break

Stretch, walk, go wizz, get some air, get locked out, meet mugger

10pm: Awards presentations

High anticipation, horror of winning, personal abuse, lose rubbers.

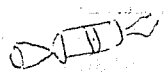
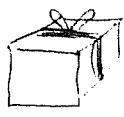
11pm: WE'RE OUTTA THERE

If you get lost, call the Mess at 233-7009. Tell them you're with the Ottawa Valley Land Rover party. They might tell you to get lost, depending on what battle the old farts are still fighting, but give it a try. Parking at the rear.

X-MAS PARTY HILIGHTS

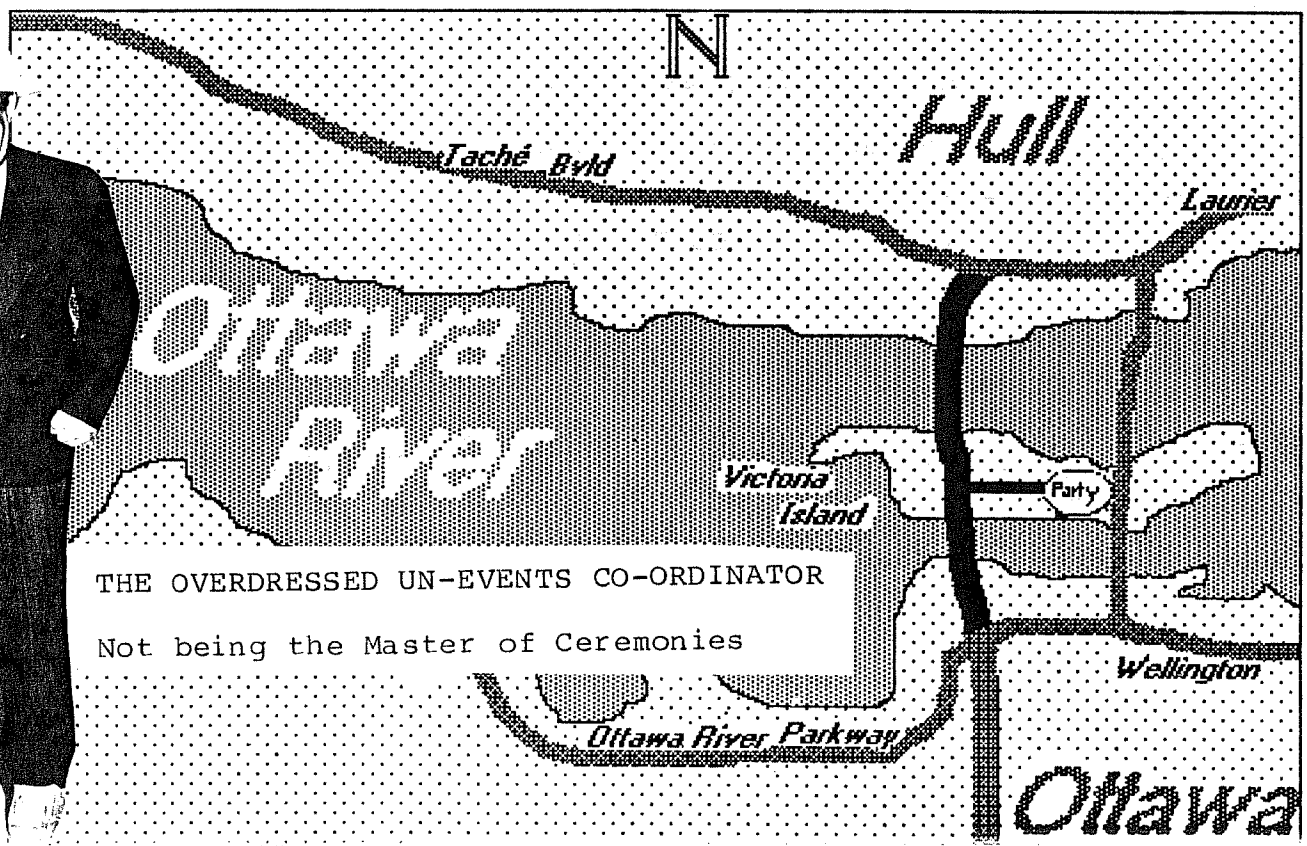
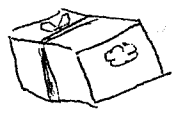


FRIENDS FROM FOREIGN PLACES
Looking really goofy with their hand in a box



KINKY ENTERTAINMENT

With "Leatherbutt Lyne" and the intelligence-impaired.



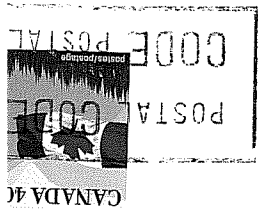
THE OVERDRESSED UN-EVENTS CO-ORDINATOR
Not being the Master of Ceremonies

Ottawa

LAND ROVER MILESTONES

- 1948 LAND ROVER LAUNCHED AT AMSTERDAM SHOW 30TH APRIL 1948.
- 1949 FIRST STATION WAGON AVAILABLE.
- 1950 FREE WHEEL FEATURE REPLACED BY SELECTABLE 2/4 WHEEL DRIVE.
- 1952 1997 cc ENGINE INTRODUCED.
- 1954 SERIES I 86" LAND ROVER.
- 1954 SERIES I 107" LAND ROVER.
- 1958 SERIES II LAND ROVER.
- 1959 250,000th VEHICLE COMPLETED IN NOVEMBER.
- 1962 SERIES II 109" FORWARD CONTROL VERSION.
- 1966 500,000th VEHICLE COMPLETED.
- 1968 HEADLIGHTS MOVED OUT TO WINGS.
- 1968 88" LIGHTWEIGHT AIRPORTABLE LAND ROVER.
- 1971 750,000th LAND ROVER COMPLETED.
- 1971 SERIES III 88" AND 109" LAND ROVER'S LAUNCHED.
- 1972 101 MILITARY FORWARD CONTROL MODEL LAUNCHED.
- 1976 1,000,000th LAND ROVER PRODUCED.
- 1979 V8 ENGINE OPTION INTRODUCED IN MARCH.
- 1983 LAND ROVER ONE TEN MODEL LAUNCHED IN MARCH.
- 1984 INTRODUCTION OF 2.5 LITRE DIESEL ENGINE.
- 1984 LAUNCH OF LAND ROVER NINETY IN JUNE.
- 1985 V8 ENGINE OPTION FOR LAND ROVER NINETY.
- 1986 2.5 LITRE DIESEL TURBO ENGINE INTRODUCED IN OCTOBER.
- 1988 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF LAND ROVER. OVER 1.6 MILLION VEHICLES SOLD WORLDWIDE.
- 1989 NOVEMBER LAND ROVER DISCOVERY LAUNCHED FIRST ALL NEW VEHICLE SINCE 1970.

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