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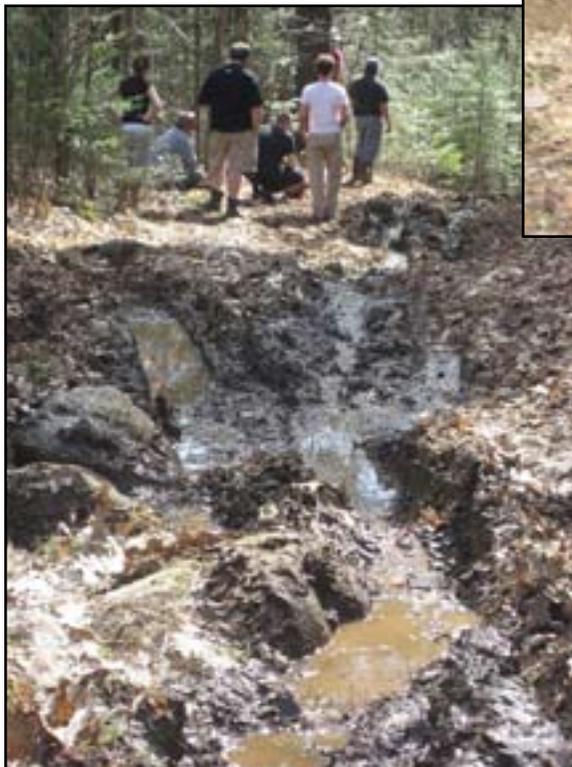
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20th Maple Syrup Run



**Recipe for fun:
Mix maple syrup ...**



**mud ...
add mother nature and stir**

Article and photos: Terry King

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General Information

Ottawa Valley Land Rovers is the oldest and largest Land Rover club in Canada. Membership is open to all Land Rover enthusiasts. Executive meetings are held on the first Monday of every month. Social meetings are held on the third Monday of every month, generally at the Prescott Hotel on Preston Street.

OVL R offers a monthly newsletter and a variety of activities throughout the year, from mechanical seminars and off-road rallies to social events and family oriented outings. Members receive discounts on parts from a number of North American suppliers. Off-road activities come in several categories. The light version, which is usually entertainment during a rally or at one of our family summer events, consists of a little "mud bogging" or tours along country lanes. The heavy stuff, which is usually several days across public lands navigating by compass, topographical maps and aerial photos, involves bridge building, river barging, and driving conditions ranging from cedar swamp to rocky hill winching.

Membership: Canadians joining throughout the year pay \$45 CDN per year, Americans and others pay \$45 US per year (*discounts available if you receive newsletter by email*). Membership is valid for one year.

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Hey man, what's going on?

OVL R Calendar of Events

Socials

Socials are held at the Prescott Hotel on Preston St., Ottawa, the third Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m.

Executive Meeting

Executive meetings are held on the first Monday of the month. Please contact Jean-Leon Morin for location. morinjl@sympatico.ca

OVL R Birthday Party

The OVL R Birthday Party is scheduled for Silver Lake on June 22-24, see attached document for registration information. Registration deadline is June 12th.

20th Maple Syrup Run

article and photo : Terry King

Shawville, QC, April 22nd, 2007

On a clear warm Sunday morning, sandwiched between two cold wet Sundays, thirty OVLR club members and families headed out to Vern Fairhead's maple orchard in Shawville for the first club gathering of the year, the Maple Syrup Run.

My trip started about 8:30 by collecting some loose ends at home, then my passengers, and meeting up with Kevin Newell, friend Mario, then on to Dave Pell's in Carp to gather the trailer and Dave and Fergie.

We stuck to the old 17 through Arnprior and drew a few curious looks from locals in the small towns along the way. We crossed at Chenaux and arrived at Vern's at 10:30. There were a half dozen trucks there from Ontario and Quebec and it wasn't long before we had the trailer up and the propane connected, and the coffee maker plugged in. Note to java addicts: bring a full thermos if you REALLY need a cup of coffee to get started as I do.

At this point it is worth mentioning that the propane hose, which appears to be hydraulic line had a blockage which affected one burner, but Vern and a few others managed to poke and fiddle with it and get it cleared.

The traditional Easter Egg hunt was ready for the mini-offroaders just before brunch, thanks to Scott and Shannon King for hiding them, and



Trucks parked at the entrance to Vern's.

Dave for bringing them. The main challenge was to get them high enough so that the dogs wouldn't find them, but so that the kids could still see them.

Once the burners were going and last year's grunge was cleaned off the grills, the sausages and french toast were served up by the volunteers who seemed to be mostly women, even though they were in the minority in the crowd. Weird.

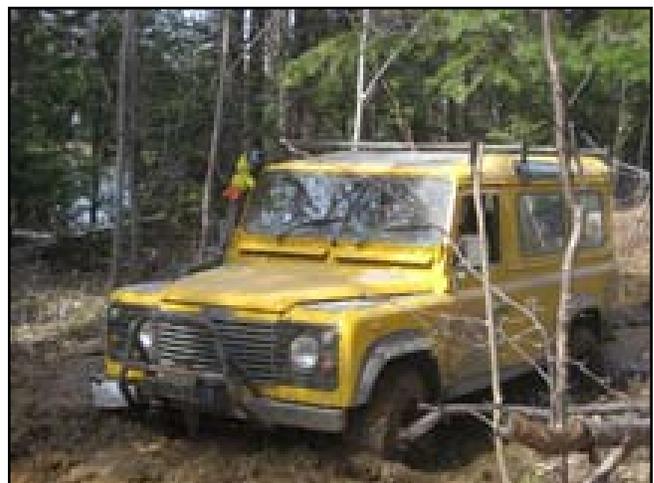
There was fresh syrup for the toast, and orange juice and a few cheese appetizers (provided by one of the members) for some of the lucky ones.

With brunch out of the way, more volunteers stepped up to do the pots and pans and pack up the trailer. Others visited with Vern and Linda,

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The Cooking Crew



Defender on the trail.

Maple Syrup Run (continued from page 5)



Climbing Back Up

bought their syrup, and looked at the trucks. Vern went the extra distance this year and found a supplier for great looking clay jugs with an OVLRL label for the syrup. Thanks Vern !

Just before 2:00, our trail leader Kevin Newell, gathered the drivers for a meeting to go over the rules, and assign the order of the trucks for the offroad. To quote Vern, “we will head out for an hour, and see what we find” ... Well, off we went, a series of nine trucks, ranging from old to new, with a sense of discovery in mind, to defend our right to get dirty ... (notice the clever use of series, ranging, discovery and defend in one sentence ... there would have been a reference to freedom if there had been a Freelander amongst us).



Shannon King riding with Dave Pell

In any case after 10 minutes of dust and gravel we got to the trail, which on the surface looked dry, but in fact crumbled as you drove over it, to the point that it was difficult even going downhill.

There was one muddy uphill stretch that grabbed a few diffs and made it hard on anything without MT's, and even some with. There was also a stretch of water that wasn't too deep, but as soon as Alastair put the nose of his Series in it stopped dead. After trying to get it restarted we pulled it back out and lifted the hood. After some poking and prodding at the electricals, I think it was Vern than realized there was no fuel getting through, so there was a little surgery and then he was running again. While we were busy doing that, 3 or 4 of the others had gone down a big



Capstan in Action

hill a bit further on, so that they could enjoy the challenge of coming back up. The trail got pretty chewed up and just fell away from under the wheels, making it extremely difficult to get back up. The winches and tow straps were deployed several times until eventually everyone was back at the top. We wound our way back the way we had come, and were back at Vern's about 5:00.

The bottom line was a successful club outing, made up of a good meal and a fun trail run. Thanks to Vern for hosting and Dave Pell for his running around and all the volunteers who pitched in.

*Cheers,
Terry King
Event Co-Ordinator*

UK: Animal charity given four millionth Land Rover

8 May 2007 - Source: *just-auto.com* editorial team

Contributor: M. Jackson

Ford owned SUV specialist Land Rover has donated its four millionth vehicle, a Discovery 3, to the Born Free Foundation, a charity dedicated to wildlife conservation and animal welfare.

It was collected by British actress Joanna Lumley (see photo), Born Free's Founder patron, and will become a rapid response rescue vehicle for deployment across the UK and Europe.

This summer the vehicle is likely to be used by Born Free's partner, British Divers Marine Life Rescue, rescuing, treating and releasing stranded or abandoned marine mammals, especially Common and Grey seals, who frequently get into trouble along Britain's shores during the breeding season.

Since the production of the three millionth Land Rover in 2001, an average of 700 cars have rolled off the production lines per day.

Phil Popham, managing director of Land Rover, said: "The production of the four millionth Land Rover is a major milestone and it is only fitting that it goes to such a worthy cause."

Land Rover began production of its utilitarian model (the Series) - now called Defender - in 1948 and launched the Range Rover in 1970. The Discovery arrived in 1989 and the Freelander in 1998.



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Go Green in Your Outdoor Recreation

By Del Albright, BlueRibbon Ambassador

Ok, don't shoot me, but I want to suggest a type of "Go Green" for four-wheeling and other types of motorized recreation. If you're a regular reader of Del Albright, you know I'm not anything related to a "greenie" or anti-access radical protectionist – in fact, I'm the opposite. But something has come over me lately. It's similar to nausea, but there may be something here worth suffering for.

Everywhere I look I see this "Go Green" stuff. What does this mean to us?

Read and Download this article here —
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obsessed friends to join
OVLRL!

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subscription details.

Humour

Submitted by Dave Pell

drill press: a tall upright machine useful for suddenly snatching flat metal bar stock out of your hands so that it smacks you in the chest and flings your coffee across the room, splattering it against that freshly-stained heirloom piece you were drying.

wire wheel: cleans paint off bolts and then throws them somewhere under the workbench with the speed of light. also removes fingerprints and hard-earned guitar calluses from fingers in about the time it takes you to say "yeoww!"

electric hand drill: normally used for spinning pop rivets in their holes until you die of old age.

skil saw: a portable cutting tool used to make studs too short.

pliers: used to round off bolt heads. sometimes used in the creation of blood-blisters.

vise-grips: generally used after pliers to completely round off bolt head.

belt sander: an electric sanding tool commonly used to convert minor tough-up jobs into major refinishing jobs

hacksaw: one of a family of cutting tools built on the ouija board principle. It transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes.

table saw: a large stationary power tool commonly used to launch wood projectiles for testing wall integrity.

two-ton engine hoist: a tool for testing the maximum tensile strength of everything you forgot to disconnect.

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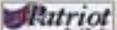
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