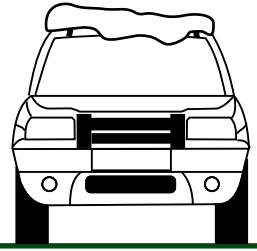


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The Guy Fawkes Effigy in Madoc. (photos by Dave Pell)



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Hey man, what's going on?

OVLRL Calendar of Events

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

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OVL R Secretary's Year-End Review 2007

It's New Year's Eve and the house is quiet, I've just started my first coffee and it's a good time to look back over the year. Could things have gone better?... Of course, could thing have gone much worst.... of course. All in all from my point of view things were pretty good.

We've got about as much money as we started the year with. The club purchased four new (much lighter) tables for the trailer as well. Some maintenance work was done on the trailer by Mike McDermott and company. Thanks Mike and company.

The Maple Syrup Rally was held as in past years at Vern's place in Shawville. The weather was nice and I think everybody had a good time. I know Terry did a good job of getting the notice out to the local people and coordinating the event. It was nice to see the progress Vern made on his wooden boat. For those of you who don't know, Vern likes building things with wood, big things.....very big things. If Vern's boat isn't as big as his house, it's almost as big. In addition to supplying some very good maple syrup for sale Vern brought in some ceramic jugs with the OVL R logo on them. On a personal note on the convoy up with Terry and Kevin we discovered that I had a charging issue on my truck. (Oh No, say it isn't so, a charging issue on a Series Land Rover.) I was able to make it to the Rally and back as long as I didn't run the headlights.

In the early summer Kevin, Terry, with some help from Terry's brother, Scott, and I made a couple of trips out to Ernie's land in preparation for the birthday party. We were able to expand one loop making a technically challenging (some tight turns especially in a long wheel base series truck, some off angle sections and some interesting rocks). With some more work Ernie's land has almost unlimited potential. Thanks



Dave at the workparty for the Birthday Party in May. (Photo by T. King)

Ernie. The attendance at the birthday party was around 96 adults with a couple more showing up to visit but unable to stay very long. We need to do more work on the trails for this year's birthday party but we're moving in the correct direction and are starting to recover from the loss of the use of the land by the main party site. Unfortunately, I was unable to see the RTV as I was looking after the Saturday evening dinner, but I heard that Robin did his usual excellent job of setting up the RTV, to test the capabilities of the trucks and their drivers. Hopefully we can coerce Robin and friends into doing it again this year. Thanks to Robin, Paul and Jess King as well as Jeff Murray for spending the time setting up the RTV, a special thanks to Sean Murray for letting the club use some of his equipment. The Sunday morning auction went very well (brought in just under \$1400 to the club) with donations from several people and companies. I want to thank the following members for donating items to the auction: Len Cater, Cameron Duff, Patrick Findlay, Bill Maloney, and Brian Scott. As well I need to thank the following Corporate sponsors:

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Atlantic British Parts, Rovers North, Rover Park Boys and Wise Owl, Ottawa Land Rover Dealership as well as the Waterloo Land Rover Dealership. We also want to thank the Deacon's for the use of their land for the main site as well as all the work they do in preparing the site for us; the grass doesn't cut itself.

In July some club members attended the ABCD at lakeside gardens in Ottawa; this event is open to all British vehicles. The ABCD organizers use our trailer to prepare the lunch for the attendees. Everyone who sees the trailer is suitably impressed with it. For me, as most of the cars are clean and pretty, and waxed within an inch of their lives, I thought it would be good to bring some of the Land Rover's good and dirty so Kevin and I went out the night before to do a short run thru the Carp Ridge trail. About ½ to ¾ of the way thru I came up a hill and stalled Fergie. When I went to start her, nothing, nada, zip. We checked the battery and it was about 8 volts. (Looks like I hadn't fixed the charge problem I had at the Maple Syrup Rally after all) Kevin gave me a boost and I was able to start and drive out on my own power. Did I mention this was a night off road. By the time we got



*Dave on the Hydroline at the Guy Fawkes Weekend.
(Photo by Fred Barrett)*

back to the trailhead it was dark, very very dark. Off roading at night is a different experience; offroading at night with no headlights is a scary experience. (Note Kevin I've put a 75 amp alternator into Fergie now so I really think I fixed the problem this time)

In August I brought Fergie to the Cheshire Cat's British car day. In many respects it's like the ABCD (or any other Car event) where a bunch of guys stand around talking about their vehicles but this one has beer. < G >

The Oiler : well, what can I say? We didn't do an oiler this year, last year four or five truck were oiled (two of which where mine). This year when we requested a volunteer to assist in organizing the event nobody stepped up. So the event wasn't held, maybe next year.

I attended the Land Rover Salvage Guy Fawkes Weekend event in Madoc. (see separate article – thanks, Dave – ed.)

After a false start we eventually did have a Christmas Party at the Hungarian Community Center. In spite of the short notice 27 people were able to attend.

Now, we have to start planning the AGM and it starts all over again. According to our bylaws at the AGM we need to elect a President, Offroad Coordinator, Events Coordinator, Member at Large. The Secretary is appointed by the executive subject to ratification by the membership. (Note: to the incoming executive I'm willing to serve as secretary / treasurer for a couple of more terms if you wish). I'm also the returning officer so think about whom you want as an executive in 2008 and let me know. It's possible to nominate yourself. The club doesn't take that much time to run so come out and help. If you're unable to commit to helping out for the whole year volunteer to help plan one event such as Maple Syrup Rally, Birthday party, ABCD, the Oiler, Guy Fawkes, or Christmas Party.

*Happy New Year,
Dave Pell
OVL R Secretary Treasurer*

Destination: Roanoke, Virginia

by Pam Haigh

Hello to all you Solihull Society members!

Just wanted to give "Ya-all" (that's a southern expression!) a report as to "Where in the heck did we go!" We packed up everything we owned (and then some) and hit the road on a very snowy, muggy Colorado morning on February 28th. **A very special "THANK YOU VERY MUCH" to everyone who spent those last long days helping us and making sure we got everything in the truck that we wanted to take with us. That certainly was painful for all of us and we couldn't have done it without you!

The roads were a mess: pounding wet, sloppy snow to give us an unforgettable exit. I guess it serves us right for leaving, eh? Anyway, we made the trip in 3 days (dogs and cat and all) and arrived to a 70 degree day in Roanoke, Virginia on March 3rd. Of course it immediately became humid for unloading the Budget truck and a 12 foot trailer stuffed full. And that was our 2nd load. We also took a load back in December. But most of that was Charlie's infamous storage locker and garage stuff. And we all know how much stuff Charlie has! But somehow we found a place for everything.

We Are enjoying being back in Virginia. Charlie is busy, to say the least, in his new job with the Hammersley Group. Land Rover is a small part of this dealership, but he's working to make good things happen here. I, of course, have a job with a busy veterinary practice. And we've gotten involved again with the Blue Ridge Land Rover Club. A smaller club than Solihull Society but a fun bunch. Some Blue Ridge members will be attending the 2007 National Rally and will be reporting back to me. I have every faith in Larry to carry on in my absence and make 2007 the best rally ever! And be assured that we will attend MAR (only about 2 hours from our home) and set them straight as to the difference between MAR and the National Rally! Duh!



We do indeed miss all of you in Colorado! And miss that fabulous weather also. But it's great to be back close to family. And we can (and will) come visit – hopefully for the 2008 National Rally in Utah.

Please keep in touch with us at our new email address: roverhouse@verizon.net.

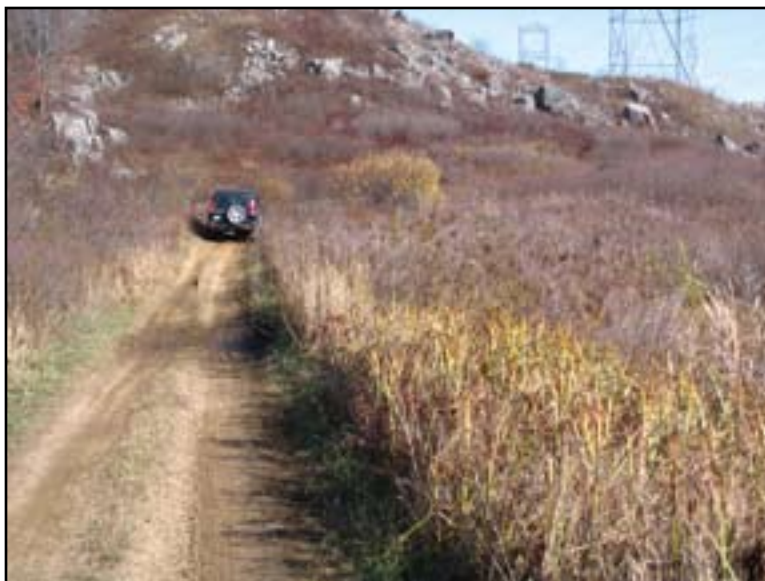
Pam and Charlie Haigh 🍋

Guy Fawkes - Nov 3rd, 4th and 5th

Article and photos by Dave Pell

So this is the first annual (I hope) Land Rover Salvage Guy Fawkes Event. The Ottawa Valley Land Rover executive agreed to assist Dominic with this event. In the UK Guy Fawkes Day is Nov 5th however as the 5th was a Sunday Dominic felt that we should take a little licence and move the bonfire and fireworks to the Saturday night.

Before going into a lot of detail about the event itself a little background info might help. Before I continue I should point out I use Black Adder as my main source for British history, and Wikipedia as a secondary source. So what is Guy Fawkes Day?... back a long time ago (16th undreds) a gentleman attempted to overthrow the British parliament by blowing it up. The plot was foiled on Nov 5 when Guy Fawkes was caught trying to place gunpowder under the parliament buildings. He was tried and convicted of treason, and sentenced to death. The unsuccessful event (blowing up the parliament - not the Guy Fawkes Day) is celebrated every year in England by burning an effigy of Guy on a bonfire and setting off some fireworks. As Land Rover owners we should celebrate all things British (well maybe not the cooking, but all other things British) This event is a natural opportunity to do some offroading, Get together with friends



before the weather turns nasty and before we get busy with Christmas preparations.

So to the event itself, Dominic used the space behind his business as the site for the event. Terry King brought the club trailer down a week or two before the event, helped with the site clean up and coordinated the distribution of the notice of this event to our members. Unfortunately after assisting Dominic with the organization Terry was unable to attend due to other commitments. The plans were to have people find their way to Dominic's place on Highway 7 for around 10:00 on the morning of Saturday the 4th, marshal up and go offroading. My morning started off by meeting up with Eric Ratcliffe in Carleton Place at 8:00 AM and convoying the 90 to 100 miles down to Madoc. The drive down was uneventful and we made reasonable time getting to Dominic's place on schedule around 10:00 AM. We hooked up with the people who had driven down or up from Toronto Friday night and stretched our legs. We had 18 trucks in attendance, with about 14 or so going off road. It was decided to convoy enmasse to the trail head and at the trail head break into two groups; a heavy and a medium off road. At the trail head we ran into about 30 or so hunters unloading



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Hydro line near Lingham Lake, Guy Fawkes offroad

their trucks and loading the atv`s to go into their huntcamps (note to self, we do not want to be in the bush on Monday morning... opening day of deer season) I opted to go on the medium trail, which was under the powerlines and ran parallel to highway 7 off Highway 62 coming out on Highway 41 near Kaladar. Most of the trail was easy greenlaning with lots of rocks. I took the tail end position and followed Jean-Francois in his Disco. It`s nice watching a technical driver, Jean-Francois carefully places the wheels of the Disco on the major rocks and let the truck slowly crawl up and over them ensuring he doesn`t damage his truck. (He later confided in me that he has to drive that way, it`s his daily driver and if he damaged it his wife would kill him). At around 1:00 the seven trucks on the medium trail had crested a hill and we stopped for lunch, the day had warmed up nicely and the sun was shining. After breaking for lunch we proceeded along the powerline until we ran into a water hazard. (I believe this the is the water that team Dafiney had so much trouble with during the 2006 birthday party. The water looked about 500 feet or so long and fairly deep but passable, however there appeared to be a minor obstacle at the end of the water, a broken down

Jeep CJ. This left us no option but to go around the water. On rejoining the trail we had a steep uphill climb. As I was still in the back of the convoy I missed seeing the first trucks climb the hill. By the time I got to see the hill a Disco was having trouble getting up over the rocks. We found a drive around to get to the top of the hill which required some technical driving. Unfortunately we put a small dent in the bottom of the doors on the first Disco when he came down a rock without enough ground clearance, the other two Discos were able to safely drive the bypass by taking a slightly different line (approx. 6 inches to left). Looking at the choice between brute forcing my way up the hill or a series of tight turns around some large rocks I opted for the brute force approach. I put Fergie into second low and stepped on it. Up she goes with enough momentum to climb the rocks past the part that was giving the Disco troubles, with about 50 feet to go the only thing between us and the crest is a sharp left. Did I mention that Fergie`s a 109 series truck with military springs, needless to say I couldn`t make the sharp left, I stalled Fergie. After waiting for shaking to stop (I was like a James Bond martini - shaken not stirred) I was able to shunt Fergie around and crest the hill. It was a short easy drive from the top of the hill

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Guy Fawkes *(continued from page 8)*

out to the highway. The convoy headed back to Dominic`s where people started preparing dinners and setting up the club trailer.

The sun started dropping and so did the temperature. The evening proved to be cool and clear, a perfect night for a small fire to warm ourselves with, however as this was a Guy Fawkes event Dominic and Robin Craig had other ideas. While most people were off roading, Robin had prepared an effigy of Guy for us to burn. The burn pile was assisted with a bit



Robin Craig prepares the fireworks and bonfire for the Guy Fawkes Weekend.



of suitable combustion aid and the fire was lit. While everybody was standing close to the fire (15 to 20 feet away) to warm up Robin set off some fireworks much to the delight of all in attendance (and the neighbours displeasure... that is a different story for some other time). Stories were told and friendships made and re-kindled. Around 12:30 or so I ran out of steam and headed off to bed.



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The next morning the embers of the fire were still going, coffee was made and people slowly started getting up. About 5 or so trucks headed out to play again and most people headed home. All in all I have to say it was a very good weekend, And I hope Dominic will do it again next year.

Dave Pell



While it wasn't sung this year I've included the words from the traditional rhyme for reference for next year (rhyme taken from Wikipedia)

*Remember, remember the Fifth of November,
The Gunpowder Treason and Plot,
I know of no reason
Why Gunpowder Treason
Should ever be forgot.
Guy Fawkes, Guy Fawkes, t'was his intent
To blow up King and Parli'ment.
Three-score barrels of powder below
To prove old England's overthrow;
By God's providence he was catch'd
With a dark lantern and burning match.
Holloa boys, holloa boys, let the bells ring.
Holloa boys, holloa boys, God save the King!*

Christmas Party 2007

It's the Sunday morning after the OVL Christmas party, a good snowstorm is raging outside, the house is quite, and a fire is going in the woodstove, coffee is on the stove. Life is good. It's the perfect time to sit down and write.

The Christmas party was held as in past years at the Hungarian Community Centre, it was a week later than usual, because JL and I were late getting it organized. We were still able to get 27 people out. When Gabrielle and I arrived, Robin was enjoying the pre-party quiet and a beer, he had that "O, god did I get the date wrong" look on his face which quickly disappeared as we came in. It was quickly replaced by the "O god what the h&!! is on JL's head ? look" when JL appeared shortly after we did. It appears JL's Brutus is on the road, as Friday Dec 14 was one of the coldest nights so far this year, but from JL's blue hue it appears that Brutus' heater leaves something to be desired. (With all the non-land rover parts on Brutus one would wonder why the heater doesn't work properly)

The rest of the group quickly drifted in. It's always interesting to see people in their finest and definitely not their land rover in the mud up to your ankles clothing. The pre-dinner time was spent catching up with friends we haven't seen in a while as well as meeting the spouses.

JL was able to set up two Feelie-Mealie's; an extreme one with 12 items, and an easy one with 11 items. Murray Jackson, who was unable to attend, generously provided a crossword puzzle for the women while the guys spent time rummaging around in the feelie-mealie boxes.

After dinner while JL was tabulating the crossword and the feelie-mealie results, Gabrielle Pell (now the merchandizing coordinator) presented some samples of merchandizing material we're looking at bringing in for the upcoming year.

The ladies crossword was won by Quan and Debbie who each received a beautiful makeup case generously donated by my employer and some OVL note pads. Fred Barrett won the extreme feelie mealie with a score of 5/12, followed by Peter McGough with 4 ½ out of 12.

Both Fred and Peter were given a small (very small) toolbox, and a multipoint screwdriver, also donated by my employer. The easy one was won by myself with 9/11 (what was impressive about this score is JL was able to decipher my handwriting and spelling). Bruce Ricker came in second with 8/10; both Bruce and myself were given a small tool box each. While the results were being presented someone in the crowd pointed out that the small tool boxes look suspiciously like the makeup cases.

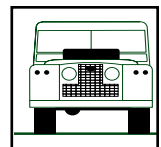
The topic of the AGM came up and while we don't have a date yet, JL did take the opportunity to mention his un-election campaign. JL stated that we (the executive) would like to see more bodies helping out next year and that JL would like not to be Re-elected as president, to which point JL stated that if re-elected president he will take the drastic step of making the Birthday party dry.... No alcohol, none, nada zip. There was quite a cry from the crowd of "Mike for President, Mike for President"....which resulted in Mike McDermott putting on his coat and running screaming "NOOOOO" from the hall.

*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Keep the Rubber side down,
See you all in the New Year
Dave Pell*

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