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*J-L surveys his RTV course*

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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.

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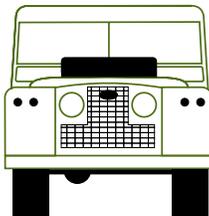
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## Hey man, what's going on?

### OVLRL 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 Peter McGough for location. email [mcgou@msn.com](mailto:mcgou@msn.com)

#### **Notices:**

July 17 All British Car Day (ABCD), Britannia Beach Park – Lakeside Gardens, Ottawa, ON. [www.britishcarday.ca](http://www.britishcarday.ca) or 613-596-5692 or [info@britishcarday.ca](mailto:info@britishcarday.ca)

Aug. 15 Boots n' Bonnet British Car Show, Kingston



On a sad note, in this 40th anniversary year of the Range Rover, Spen King (the designer of the Range Rover and many other Rover products) died at the age of 85 last week after succumbing to injuries from a bicycle accident the week before.

It is a sad passing as so many of us enjoy the clarity of his thought and the brilliance of his engineering.

# President's Message

BY PETER MCGOUGH

**W**ell, I had a great time this month. How about you? A group of hardy souls, I think someone called us the “old farts club,” went to Ernie’s land to clear and mark trails prior to the Birthday Party. It had been relatively dry in the early part of the Month and some of the more challenging mud holes were relatively dry. We didn’t have to do much clearing but did cut a new trail with a rock ledge climb as part of the medium/heavy circuit at the end of the main trail. I was gratified to see Frank at the Birthday Party. I thought that I might have put him off off-roading all together as he was my passenger when I made my traditional cowabunga style ascent of the main hill. My excuse remains that I don’t use aggressive off road tyres and under those circumstance momentum is your friend. I know that excuse is wearing a bit thin but I’m sticking to it for the moment!

I was so pleased to see all who attended the Birthday Party with folk from pretty much all the areas the club draws from (Eric came from Qatar!) and with a great selection of Rovers including a special 109 Forward Control, but no Series 1’s. This might be the impetus for me to get one of mine on the road. I think the best shot of the week-end was when I was spouting on about a bug fogger that I had but hadn’t



*President Peter McGough*

assembled and JL stated with much sincerity “really... you have something that you haven’t assembled?” Ouch, but well deserved. The latest orphaned machine to show up at “Peter’s Salvage” is a 1950’s? Lincoln SAE 300 Welders with a Chrysler flat head six engine... To the tune of “there was an old lady who swallowed a fly” substitute build garage, buy backhoe, fix backhoe, buy welder, fix welder....

Back to the Birthday Party. Yet again the Deacons had cleared their site and welcomed the assembled Rover masses and we owe a big thank you to them for continuing to allow us to use this special site. A big thank you also to the entire executive; Dave, Gabe, BS, Frank for all their hard work and to JL for



the Challenging (to me) RTV. Dave as usual had the BP organized to a “T” and with a great meal to boot. Gabe had a wonderful selection of merchandise which was very successful at lightening the McGough wallet. I really like the new red lapel pins which, at \$5 are really reasonable. I think all enjoyed BS’s trails with perhaps the exception of Charlie Speedie who fell afoul of Bolton Creek’s mud hole, now to be called “Caliper Creek”, as it ate one of his calipers in exactly the same place that it ate one of Terry’s last year (ed. note – small consolation). I hope he made it back to Oshawa mostly on the road. Ain’t ABS wonderful. Charlie’s son, Charlie, was also a great sport throughout the weekend. Frank did an excellent job with the loot for the auction which was a wonderful success; ably managed again by Ben

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## President's Message *(continued from page 4)*

Smith and JL with Peter Gaby as the redoubtable bid spotter. I think we only resold the same item a few times and there seemed to be some spirited after auction dealing to either offload hasty purchases or obtain treasures missed. I missed out on some large spotlight covers as I seem to have run over, again, one of my Bosch covers. The BP was a great relaxed event and we received only compliments for the organization and facilities.



The only slight disappointment was that Deborah did not show up in the BGB on Sunday to totally shame Dixon for arriving in the Subaru on Friday Night. Whose side is she on anyway? As mentioned, the events of the week-end proceeded smoothly with the usual mix of off-roading and fettling. This year I was one of the recipients of Land-Aid from Dave Bobeck. Seeing a major oil leak under the Range Rover on Friday morning I thought I had slit or damaged in some way my oil filter. I resigned myself to no off roading and waiting until Friday night for Verne to bring out a new filter and wrench. While I was looking for the best way to catch the oil Dave and Bruce Fowler cast their eye over the proceedings and Dave immediately spotted that I had a leak from the centre of the oil pressure light switch. Bruce immediately piped up "Oh! I had that happen a few weeks ago and thought it was the oil filter." So I was in good company. Dave proceeded to find a blanking plug in his emergency spares and get me back on (off) the road. Many thanks. The twist off event was a great success and Dave's 109 was of course last but this may not be apparent when Dave gives his write up of the results, which is why, in only the spirit of fairness and transparency (I am a Public Servant,) that I mention it now!



The new route for the RTV was a great success. The Deacons had stated that they were clearing the area between the site and their cottage. This allowed for JL to do some judicious pruning and create a truly challenging, for me at least, event. I got well and truly beached on a slippery log and had to use the winch, with the loss of points, to extract myself.

Next time, engage brain as well as low range. I did however witness some truly excellent and thoughtful driving (there's an idea, Duh) which demonstrated that the course could be navigated by a variety of vehicles and congratulations are due to Al Carthew for his clear round. Thanks are also due to Bruce Ricker for sponsoring the event.

Thanks for all who helped set up and pull down the facilities.

Cheers, Tread Lightly,

*Peter  
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# 2010 Birthday Party Photos



*Series at Bolton Creek mudhole*  
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*Jim Crawford in his white Disco*  
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*Ben Smith on the trail*  
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*Maggie takes a breather*  
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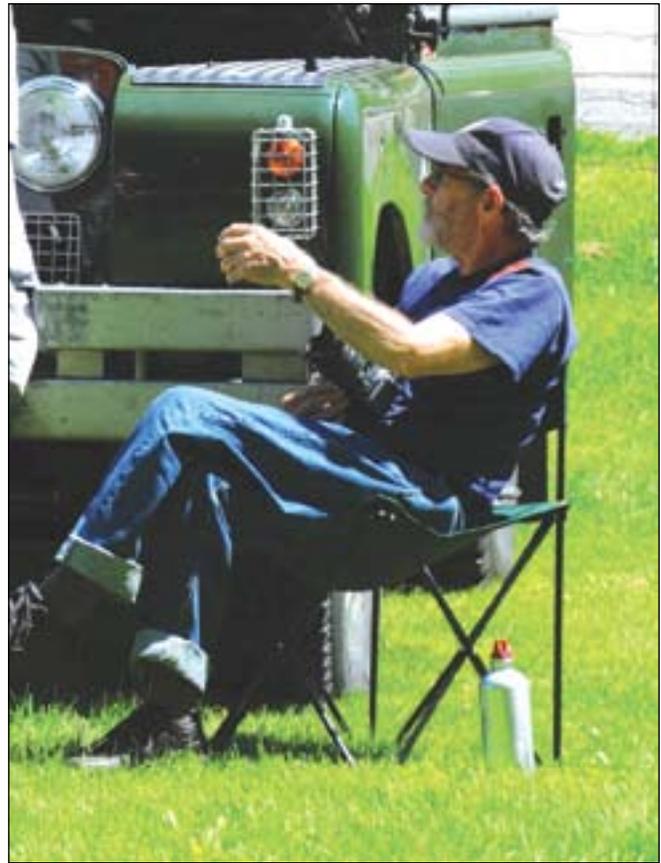


*Gar's 110 midway through*  
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# Passing of a Land Rover Friend

**I**t is with sadness that we announce the passing of long time member Gordon Bernius. Gordon was a founding member of both the Association of Land Rover Owners of Canada (ALROC) and Ottawa Valley Land Rovers.

Gordon did what many of us dream of — he travelled to many countries of the world with his Land Rover. Always a pleasant fellow to chat with at the many Land Rover and classic car events he attended over the years, Gordon was a friend to many and he will be missed.



## Classifieds

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1989 hard top; checker plate wing tops; 300 tdi with r380 gearbox; new ebrake shoes and seal; split doors; new rear door; lockable side storage box; heated seats; mud td5 dash; new springs; new shocks; poly bushes; new steering box; new injection pump; bfg all terrains. This is a solid Land Rover.

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