



April 5

With OP Frank gone and nothing to take its place yet, there's no one making any noises about organizing the annual Spring Mudder Trip.

Some of you may have heard us talking recently about a bunch of guys who, like us, feel the urge each spring to emerge themselves up to the doors in Mud, slush, water, beer and good food under the forest skies. These guys, again like us and our Land Rovers, have an unnatural attraction to their vintage army trucks, are heading into the Calabogie bush and they've invited us to join them in a little self abuse.

We're getting together to discuss our joint assault on the serenity of bush and bird on Tuesday, April 17 in the Orleans branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, 1445 Youville Dr, Orleans (824-9603). Be there by 7:30p.

Those of us who joined Op Frank for the May 24th Calabogie trip last year remember with pain the hords of black flies that accompanied us. To try and avoid that, this trip is being held a few weeks earlier. We'll leave Friday, May 4 and return to town Sunday, May 6. You'll need Friday off work as we'll probably get underway around 10 am.

Unlike last year's trip, which was designed to give pavement virgins a taste of the bush without abusing their precious LRs, this trip is not for the faint of heart. Actually, we don't care about your heart..it's your Land Rover that better be in good shape.

It would be a shame to leave it in the muck because all the wheel studs fell out (Right, Walter?) or die of embarrassment when the cheap, Canadian Tire bolts snap and the winch pulls off (Eh, Jerry?).

To help determine the old dear's condition, Mike's garage will be open for business Saturday, April 21 from 8 am to 6 pm. We'll lend a hand if you want to do a little work. Book space with Mike or Al at the April 17 meeting.

It's everyone for himself this trip. You buy your own food, booze, cook your own meals. A list of shared equipment we'll need will be put together at the meeting.

WINTER CAMPING

Due to a lack of "real men", the winter camping trip will be held in July. bunch of puffballs.

Even if you're not interested in the mudder--or can't get the time off from your particular slave-driver---come to the April 17 meeting and meet some new léonies. They look a lot like you.

Mike 224-8300

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