



OTTAWA VALLEY LAND ROVERS

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Giddy eh

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As you read this and watch the thermometer drop outside, Dave Smithers and Mike McDermott are basking in the laid-back lifestyle of the balmy Pacific coast, quaffing a few drams of Ginter Ale and tooling around Vancouver Island in rust-free Land Rovers. It's all business of course (thanks to federal government travel) but, since they were in the neighbourhood anyway, they thought they'd drop in to see Harold Huggins and the Island Rovers. The hosts have laid on a party with movies, slides and tall tales. We'll have a full report next newsletter.

Rain, cold, mud ... it was the stuff of which Land Rover lovers are made. And 22 of them found their way out to Mostly British Sunday for the first OVLR frame oiling. Nine Land Rovers took the first step to a longer life as Al and Dave blasted high-pressure oil over and inside their aging frames. Several LRs got tune-ups and we all helped in the disappearance of two bottles of a little something in the coffee to fight the chill. (It's called OLVRdrive ... get it?) Ahem .. anyway, the club fattened its coffers a little with the sale of some EP-90 gear oil, distributor caps and two clutches. Judging from the turnout, the frame oiling looks like it's gonna be a regular event.

Dummies, dummies, dummies ... that's what those of us who attended Peter Parson's garage sale October 6 are calling those who didn't. Peter has the largest selection of new and used parts in the city - been hoarding them for years he has. But the deals were super. Al Pilgrim walked away with a Series I windshield, brake and clutch assemblies, packages of new Lucas connectors and a stainless steel muffler for \$25. Dave Smithers got a brand new external sunvisor, Andy Graham bought some half shafts, Bob Hussey took some seats, drive shaft, hand crank and air cleaner hose. Peter had a 30-foot table loaded with goodies and he made enough bucks to whet his interest for another sale next spring - says he'll bring out the good china then.

OVLR is expanding its supply of "loaner" tools for club members. Besides the 2-inch spindle nut socket and steering relay tool, we recently purchased a set of Whitworth sockets for those bothersome Series I and II bolts. We still have a supply of EP 90 gear oil for \$6 per four-litre jug (regular price is \$8.60). We have four-cylinder distributor caps and 9½-inch clutch plates. The clutches sell for \$38 (regular about \$65). Call McD for discount stuff and tool loans.

OVLR exec is working on a discount scheme with a Land Rover part supplier that would see members receive a discount on any part they order through the club. Hope to have more details for you in the next newsletter.

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Enclosed with this issue is a survey and parts pool sheet. We're trying to make the club as useful to members as possible. To do that we need to know what exactly it is that you want, where your interests lie. Please take the time to fill out the questionnaire and return it as soon as possible. We use that kind of information to make plans for next year. The parts pool list is the first step in compiling a comprehensive list of who's got what in the club. Too much time and money is spent looking and buying pieces from commercial houses when a fellow member has just what you need rusting away in his basement. Land Rovers belong on the road - not gathering dust behind the workbench. Make a tour of the garage, fill in the list and send it to Andy. Do it now. The next piece you find may be the one I need.

OVLRL meeting for October showed a bank balance of \$733.37 after paying for some bookkeeping supplies, newsletter stamps and the club spindle socket. Neil Brewer is designing a club logo and we should have something to show you next newsletter. We're working on a club directory (so get your membership dues in) and a date for the Christmas party. The exec decided to continue sending the newsletter to non-paying members for the time being but to exclude them from other club benefits - like discount prices on oil and parts and the loan of club tools.

Ottawa Valley Land Rovers meets the first Monday of each month. Everyone is welcome to join us over some grub and your favorite liquid. Call McD for more details and to reserve a spot.

In the gossip department

Jason Dowell exchanged the box on his Series III-88 for one he picked up from John Smiley and Brother Jerome finished his 109's brakes and cooling system repairs.

Mark Hill has installed an electric fan in his "Hollywood 88".

Dave Smithers is back on the road with his 109 pickup with a rebuilt rear cross member, reskinned frame and coil spring helpers.

Bruce Ricker recently acquired a 62" 88 for parts. He's interested in selling some bits. If you need some, call him at 728-9081.

Transfer Box's Walt Saveland is looking for writers/reporters to fill the next edition. Call him at 770-4993 and be famous.

Neil Brewer exhausted and frustrated after yet another fruitless assault on Leyland's secrets to unlocking the grip between his 109 wagon frame and steering damper.

Michel Boucher, former ALROC member, rejoining after a stint in France, is selling his Series III-109 wagon. It's got over-drive, safari top, free-wheeling hubs and - he swears it's true - no rust on the frame. Call him in Montreal at 1-514-365-3229. OVLRL is trying to arrange a showing here in the near future.)

McD was joined recently by the faithful to help spread 19 tons of gravel around a storage area outside his garage. The space will be used for elite LR parts stored free of the critical eye of neighbours (and wife). Late at night, Al Pilgrim can be heard behind the tall fence cleaning things and giggling uncontrollably.

Special thanks this issue to oil sprayers Al and David, to Sharon who collected the money and Jason who watched over the tune-up, to Jay and Brad at John Pritchard's Mostly British and to Bob Wood and Shirley DesBiens for designing the enclosed questionnaire.

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QUESTIONNAIRE

The purpose of this questionnaire is to collect your ideas on what the Ottawa Valley Land Rovers should be doing. This past summer has been busy with events ranging from lobster galas to three-day mud-slogging expeditions.

We've bought some tools, made some bulk purchases of gear oil at discount prices and soon we'll have our fall tune-up and frame oiling. The club rescue team made several "house calls", we gathered a wreck for parts and peddled some bits to members.

But we need to know if we're on the right track. Is this what you want in the club? After all, it's your money.

Please take the time to complete the questions below. It helps us plan activities and spend your money on things you want to do.

1-Why do you belong to the Ottawa Valley Land Rovers? _____

2-Do you own a Land Rover? _____

3-Would it pass a DOT mechanical inspection certificate (be brutally honest now)? _____

4-If not, what are its major problems? _____

5-On a scale of 1 to 5 (5 being the highest) list your interest in.....

A-Club social events (like the lobster party) _____

B-Pavement rallies (Like the Harold Huggings meet) _____

C-One day, pavement, country road trips à la caravan _____

D-Challenging overnight, off-road excursions _____

E-Mechanical help, tune ups and frame oilings _____

F-"Educational" seminars like last year's winter camping/survival instruction or our upcoming welding class _____

G-Spending of club funds for specialized tools, bulk purchase of parts and engine and gear oil for club members _____

6-Do you use your Land Rover year round? _____

7-Do you do most of your own maintenance/repair work or have it done commercially? _____

8-OVLR newsletters are produced once a month. Is that sufficient notification time for you to attend events? _____

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9-If not, what would be a sufficient lead time? _____

10-Are you satisfied with the frequency and content of the newsletter? _____

11-Do you have any suggestions for improving it? _____

The space below is for your general opinions and suggestions on the way the club has been operating since its inception in May. Please feel free to criticize, praise or suggest how we might improve the operation or expand our activities into areas we have not yet tried.

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PARTS POOL

Ottawa valley Land Rovers is compiling a parts pool, a list of all the new and used parts we've all had gathering dust around the basement and garage for years.

The idea is to establish a central listing of all the bits and pieces we've got so when a member goes looking for something he's got a little chance of finding help before emptying his wallet on a new part and waiting until he's going grey to get it.

It's also handy in an emergency like when you break a halfshaft on a Saturday afternoon and need the LR for work Monday. Mail order houses can get you an axle within several days but wouldn't it be nice to get one immediately--then give the replacement to the donor when it arrives.

Or maybe you want to update the brakes on your aging Series 2 to a Series 3 power system...if only you had a unit to look at to help in the planning stages before you laid out big bucks.

There are lots of benefits...but it has to start here. Please list as many parts you can think of..regardless of whether you're interested in selling them.

NAME _____

PARTS: (include Series/year info where applicable)

--use overside if needed

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