



OTTAWA VALLEY LAND ROVERS

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Dave Smithers and Mike McDermott are back from their journey to the west coast and bring news of much activity involving Land Rovers. Ron Low, who lives in Saanich on Vancouver Island surrounded by a whole family of Land Rovers, graciously hosted a gathering of some of his gang and the boys from the east. Harold Huggins and John Parsons, now living in White Rock, B.C., rounded out the familiar faces.

Dave and Mike showed some slides taken during the past year and spent an enjoyable evening exchanging news and views of things Land Rover. They took slides of Leyland creatures lurking around Ron's rural properties. You'll see 'em at the Christmas party.

Ron's home is the focal point of Island Rovers' activities and OVLRL and the Island Rovers will be exchanging info on a regular basis from now on. One thing that hit the boys from the land of snow and salt ... even the frame of a battered Series I-107 was in better condition than many Series III's we've seen back home.

The west coast has been called God's country ... it is at least Land Rover heaven.

Meanwhile ... over in White Rock ... we have word that Harold gathered about 20 Land Rover lovers together a couple of weeks ago and laid down some plans ... could we expect another chapter soon?

Merry Christmas ... If you missed it last year, you're already a year behind the good times. The Ottawa chapter Christmas party is slated for Wednesday, December 12 at Leone's restaurant, 412 Preston St. Things get underway in the upstairs dining room at 7:30 pm with dinner at 8:00. After the feast we've laid on a little entertainment ... don't worry, we won't bore you with the Land Rover movie again ... this is all new stuff ... a slide show of the year's activities, another 'secret' slide show (sort of a personality profile of some of the club members ... snicker) ... and a little live entertainment ... if you can call it 'live' considering some of the people performing.

Menu includes pasta or chicken ... you can choose from several pasta dishes or go with the Christmas chicken, 'taters and veg. Included is an appetizer, half litre of white or red wine and a special Land Rover dessert ... all for \$12.50 each ... that's a mere buck over last year's price ... boy what a deal!

Bring your mom, dad, sister, brother, wife or girlfriend (or both if you can get away with it).

OVLRL meeting was held in the Mykonos Greek restaurant November 5 and the big news is Neil Brewer's OVLRL letterhead and crest design. We're getting a few prices on production and we should see it available early in the new year. The crest design is suitable for shoulder patches and decals.

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The exec was joined over the dinner meeting by eight OVLRL members and instructed to request an immediate meeting with ALROC to discuss the problems surrounding Transfer Box's publishing schedule and complaints with the national organization in general.

ALROC responded quickly and a meeting was held November 15. OVLRL sec-tres Al Pilgrim will give a full report at the December OVLRL meeting.

OVLRL meets the first Monday of each month. Everyone is welcome to join us over a little food and Land Rover business. Each month it's a different restaurant, so call McD to reserve a spot at the table.

We've finalized arrangements for the first club welding class. Bob Hussey has been doing the work on this one and it'll be presented in two parts. On Wednesday, December 5, a representative from Canox Ltd. will explain the finer points of safety, technique and equipment in a two-hour get-together in the National News Building, 2655 Lancaster Rd. It gets underway at 8:00 pm sharp. Please don't be late.

The following Saturday, December 8, a professional welder and former instructor will show us the finer points of welding with arc and gas. That runs from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Woodlawn home of Bob Hussey (directions given at the instructional meeting).

Class size for the practical segment is limited by equipment and we'll stage a second class if there's any overflow. The Canox lecture will only be staged once, however, and we urge all who plan to take the practical class to attend the Canox lecture.

Price is \$15 per OVLRL member and includes the Canox meeting and the welding class, all gas, rod and other equipment and a lunch on welding day. It's first come, first served and we'll collect your money and fit you into the practical class at the Canox meeting.

A 15 percent discount on Land Rover parts from ABP has been worked out for OVLRL members. Beginning immediately, club members will receive the discount on all parts they order with the exception of whole engines, transmissions, some body parts, overdrives and bumpers. Cliff and Bobby Cochran have been sent a list of OVLRL members so all you have to do is order your parts in the usual manner and tell them you're a club member. (If you're not yet a member, get your dues in soonest and we'll put your name on the list.)

A reminder to get those questionnaires and part list in to Andy Graham. We're planning next year's events and we need to know some of the things you'd like to do. Also, there are several rebuild projects underway and people need parts ... there may be money lying around the dark corners of your basement in the form of LR parts you're never going to use.

Gossip, rumour, tall tales, fact, fiction, bare-faced lies

- Al Pilgrim still cleaning things while his 107-rebuild is beginning to rust and peel.

- McD finally installed the defroster system ... the one he forgot in his '86 rebuild last summer.

- Welcome to new ALROC and OVLRL member David Johnson, wife Elizabeth and family. They recently purchased a Series III 109 wagon from former ALROC member Michel Boucher. The vehicle, one of a very few in Canada, was first seen at the Tweed rally several years ago. It's a biggie with the Salisbury axle, HD suspension and overdrive.

That's all ... there ain't no more room. Mike 224-8300 Jerry 731-5098 Al 731-6616