



OTTAWA VALLEY LAND ROVERS

No. 2

Giddy eh

February 15, 1985

The first annual meeting of the Ottawa Valley Land Rovers on January 30 brought to a close eight months of activities that saw membership double, a record number of events in the Ottawa area and the foundations set for an even busier year in 1985.

We published a newsletter every month -- original plan was every two months -- held 14 events and collectively saw 170 people and 70 Land Rovers since the club was formed last June.

OVLRL had 42 members on the books by the end of January and collected more than \$2,000 to fund its activities. We ended the year with over \$500 in the bank. (See treasurer's report on page 3.)

Highlights of 1984 included the arrangement of a 15 percent discount at ABP for members, purchase of a growing list of club tools and the addition of frame oilings to the semi-annual tuneups. We sponsored our first educational seminar -- a welding course on basic gas and electric techniques -- held two outdoor feasts, a three-day bush trip, a pavement rally and several one-day, off-road get-togethers. In addition, members were involved in several rebuilds, derelict strippings and mercy missions to stranded LR owners.

Aims for 1985 include a club-sponsored rebuild program, bulk overseas purchases and expanded membership.

The annual elections saw Secretary-treasurer Al Pilgrim resign to take over the new task of Events Coordinator. With activities running close to two a month, the job demands full-time attention.

David Johnson was elected Secretary-treasurer and last report had him still in shock trying to understand Pilgrim's bookkeeping. (Actually, the only reason Pilgrim was made Events Coordinator was so we can keep track of him until we get the books figured out.) In truth, Al was railroaded into the job last June when we were getting things started and, considering he has to take his shoes off to count over 10, he did a pretty good job keeping track of club funds. Our thanks for his patience and fortitude for lasting as long as he did.

Mike McDermott was acclaimed President and Jerry Dowell was re-elected Vice-President for another term.

OVLRL's first annual meeting was held after only eight months since the club's inception in order to get operations on a January-to-January basis. Minutes of the meeting and a more detailed breakdown of the Treasurer's report are available from the executive.

OVLRL meets the first Monday of every month for some business, fine chow and a few laughs. For reservations, call the exec.

Slide night. February 27

A "bring-your-own" slide night is set for Wednesday, February 27, 7:30 at the home of Walter Saveland, 19 Front Street, Hull (see map on last page). The club supplies the projector, screen and nibblies. You bring your own slides and libation. We're looking for slides most of us haven't seen yet. Already scheduled is a detailed look at McDermott's one-year rebuild and Ron Tysick modelling his collection of Frederick's of Hollywood lingerie. We'll have a couple of draws for LR goodies and some chuckles to ward off the February blahs. Don't miss it.

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The monthly OVLIR meeting found us stuffing ourselves in a lowertown Italian restaurant. (With all these meetings, a guy's got to keep his strength up, eh.)

New Treasurer Dave Johnson officially got things started by officially forgetting the official treasurer's books -- Pilgrim's legacy lives on!

Then it was down to business and a reluctant decision to make April 1 the deadline for 1985 dues. Your \$5 annual fee pays for the monthly newsletter and last year, late payers meant we had to use other funds to underwrite newsletter costs.

In the club tool department, we're buying a heavy-duty extension cord with connections to fit the socket for clothes dryers. That way, members can borrow arc welding equipment for use on summer rebuilds.

As mentioned at the annual meeting, OVLIR hopes to begin a program to help members rebuild their Land Rovers. To that end, Bob Hussey has volunteered to do a little study to see what's required and how practical our plan would be. To date he's determined there is 250 feet of weld bead on a 109. Thanks, Bob.

Andy Graham has assumed responsibility for printing the club letterhead. He promises we'll have it for the March newsletter. The design is by Neil Brewer and it'll be green on yellow. Looks great.

We're already laying plans for the first anniversary bash on June 22. Keep the date open.

GOSSIP ... RUMOUR ... TALL TALES ... NEWS ... FEATURES ... GREETINGS ... STUFF LIKE THAT

* Welcome to new members Wilf Preston of Buckingham, Peter Whitworth of Manotick and Chris McDermott of Ottawa.

* Mark Hill is selling the famous "Hollywood 88". The Series III needs extensive frame work but the body and interior are in good shape. Mark's returning to the hallowed halls of education and needs the bucks. He's asking \$2,000. Call him at 839-3408.

* Al Pilgrim waiting for his Series I fenders to arrive from Ron Low's LR heaven on Vancouver Island. Speaking of Al, his 107 just got its custom fuel tank mounted and work has started on the rear box.

* McDermott waiting for his official Series I canvas top to arrive from merry olde England.

* Neil Brewer having so much trouble with his American trash he can't lift a finger on his ground-up 109 rebuild.

* Jerry Dowell experimenting with power brake kits.

* His Holiness John Paul II recently seen running around Venezuela in his official "Popemobile" .. a Land Rover.

* The Red Chinese are talking about a joint venture with BL to produce Land Rovers in China. The Chinese, say BL, think the LR is "the leading four-wheel drive vehicle in the world". Almost one billion Chinese can't be wrong.

* Transfer Box editor, Walt Saveland, extends an invitation to all to take a shot at being famous. If you've got something to write .. or an interesting LR picture .. lay it on him.

* McD and Dave Smithers off to Halifax on business on February 18. They head west in March and both trips will involve some "Land Rover scouting".

* Rumours abound that the club will stage another garage sale this spring. Last one raised more than \$200 and helped keep dues down. Start looking around the basement for things (not Land Rover things) that you'll never use. We'd like you to donate them to the club but, if they're too valuable to give away, we'll sell them for you for a small piece of the action.

1984 Financial report

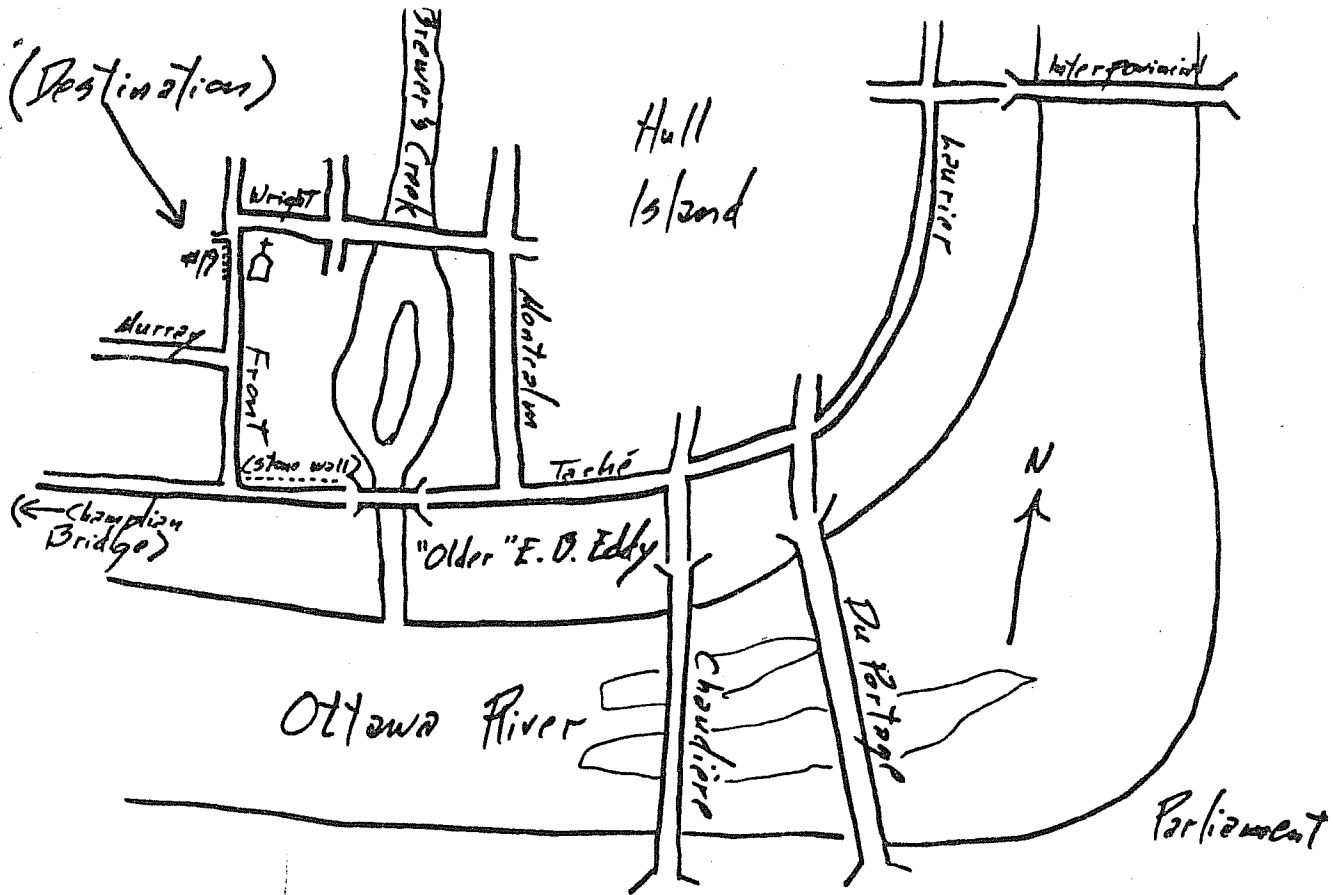
Revenue	\$2121.00	Expenses	\$1678.42
Memberships	165.00		
Bank interest	3.06		
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Total income	\$2289.06	Total expenses	\$1678.42

Club assets

Clutch alignment tool	\$ 10.31
EP-90 gear oil	80.10
Hub nut socket	24.98
Oil filters	32.50
Whitworth sockets	23.70
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Total assets	\$171.59
Bank balance as of Jan 30/85	<u>\$531.29</u>

This report was prepared by 1984 Secretary-Treasurer Al Pilgrim. Full details are available to members on demand.

Follow the map below to slide night at Walter Saveland's on Wednesday, February 27, 7:30. He lives in a huge mansion at 19 Front Street in Hull. No kiddin'. If you get lost, Walt's phone number is 770-4993.



That's all for now folks.

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