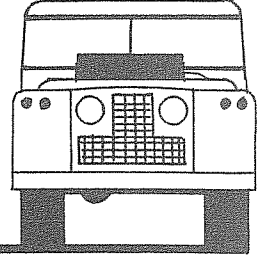


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Rumours abound of the first snowflake sighting and it won't be long before OVLR divides into two camps for winter's assault the puffballs who hide their loved ones away for fear of a little road salt and the REALMEN who put winter in its place and Lucas to the challenge of sub-zero starts.

While OVLR members are a hardy lot, they're not overtly nuts so, as winter winds howl outside, the Ottawa chapter moves indoors mostly.

Next event is Wednesday, November 20 when we get together at Walt Saveland's new house at 149 Mayburry to make our first bulk parts order. We have catalogues and price lists from several suppliers, so bring your wish list and chequebook. As discussed at the October 30 meeting, you lay most of your money down in advance, we'll get several bids on the total package, then you pay the balance when the stuff arrives. Several inquiries by the club have indicated savings of more than 50 percent on some parts. So come to Walt's at 7 p.m. Liquid donations accepted.

Then it's into the bush November 23-24 for one last time before the snow turns things over to the snowmobilers. A dozen of the more silly types raised hands for an overnighter into the Calabogie Hills. (We'll see how many actually show up after the vision sinks in of chipping the frost off their shorts in the morning.) It's an unstructured trip so members are on their own. Only plan is to leave Shoppers' City West beer store at 9 a.m. sharp Saturday. The rest is up to participants. Al Pilgrim is coordinating. His home number is 731-6616.

The Christmas party is slated for Wednesday, December 11 at Leone's Restaurant at 412 Preston Street. You can park in the lot just east of the restaurant on Beech Street or in the Preston Bowling Lanes shopping centre near the Queensway. Things get underway with cocktails at 6 p.m. and dinner around 7 p.m. We've worked out a choice between traditional chicken dinner or Leone's famous lasagna. Both come with all the trimmings and a special Land Rover dessert. (Al Pilgrim has been fired as "dessert man" after last year's debacle in which he turned \$35 into a cake shaped somewhere between a Chevy van and a rickshaw with a taste to match.) We'll have entertainment, prizes, the magical mystery feel box, a slide show of the year's events and, of course, the choosing of the 1985 winner of the coveted "Lugnut of the Year" award for behaviour above and beyond the normal limits of stupidity and silliness. We'll also have special Christmas prices on club parts and our OVLR T-shirts will make their debut.

Price for this extravaganza is \$12.50 each, payable at the door. In an effort to keep costs as low as possible and in deference to those members who don't partake of the grape we haven't included wine in the price of this year's ticket. However, the restaurant has knocked a buck off the regular \$13.50 price for a litre of the house red or white for the occasion. A cash bar will see to the rest of our liquid needs. The phone committee will be calling a week before the party and we're looking for firm commitments to attend. The restaurant needs to know how much to thin the soup or something.

The annual meeting and election will usher in the new year when we get together on Wednesday, January 8 in the National News Building at 2655 Lancaster Road. We'll probably begin our "seminars" then so watch for details to follow.

The October 30 general meeting saw a good turnout including two new members and cleared up some nuisance issues for the executive. The 23 members attending gave unanimous approval to the current practice of holding monthly meetings at local eateries. A suggestion had been made that members might be discouraged from attending because of the cost involved. However, it was pointed out that the meetings were always held in relatively cheap restaurants and, while most of those attending had a meal, members who did not wish to eat could come and have coffee and join in with the others for the business discussions. The main advantage of the restaurant meetings is that it provides the club with a place to get together for free. Renting halls can be expensive.

Also approved was the recent move to charge members for parts borrowed from club stock, the money being returned when the parts are replaced. The step was taken after the club lost some items. The new practice has resulted in parts being replaced promptly so that they're available when other members need them.

We also discussed the prices charged by OVL R for club parts. The club has been charging 15 percent of current ABP prices for used spares donated by members or purchased by OVL R. In some cases, however, those prices have been unrealistically low. Rear half shafts, for example, sell for about \$10. The exec is working on a new price scale.

The meeting also struck a committee to study the question of liability. A recent meeting with a lawyer pointed out weaknesses in our structure that could make the club officers liable in the event someone was injured during a club event. We'll have more details next newsletter.

GOSSIP....NEWS....BANTER....RUMOUR....CONGRATULATIONS....TUT TUTS....ET AL

- *Welcome to new members Tony Fowler from Orleans and Andre Lalonde from Buckingham.
- *Cudos to Neil Brewer for his work on the club spotter cards. They're sized to fit your wallet so you can carry them all the time as you watch for a strange LR windshield. We'll send more in a while.
- *Prez McD and Davy Smithers are in Nfld dining on moose steaks and screech, compliments of OVL R member Kevin Burton and his LR buddies. Full details and pix at the Xmas party.
- *Included is an up-to-date members' phone list. If you picked one up at the October 30 meeting, toss it and use this one. If your number is incorrect, call Treasurer Johnson asap.
- *Project coordinator Bob Hussey and pro welder Dave Dolan have been working on the towbar and it should be ready any day now.

That's all for now....

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OVL R meets the first Monday of the month for some laughs and business. Call the exec for location.