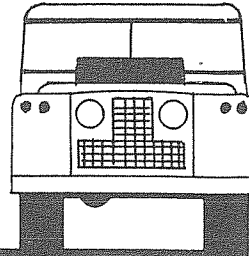


OTTAWA VALLEY LAND ROVERS



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G'day eh !

For once, the weather was favourable to O.V.L.R., allowing 50 bodies and 12 Rovers to attend the Maple Syrup Rally held April 10th. Our sincere thanks go out to Linda and Vernon Fairhead for their generous hospitality.

Things got underway at 9 am with a gathering at the Westgate Shopping Centre in Ottawa, then off in convoy to the 'city of laughter' (Shawville) - well you have to have a sense of humour to live there ! Brunch got underway around noon, and after a splendid feast of sausages, bacon, maple beans, Linda's special recipe pancakes and of course the original Fairhead syrup, the enthusiasts were ready for some real fun.

Eight Rovers were entered in the Rally, staggered at 5 minute intervals, the object of the game being to follow the course picking up numbered tags from trees as you passed them. Things were going just fine until the familiar 'coughing' sound of a 2 1/4 on less than 4 cylinders was heard in the distance. It seems that Tom Mayor's 109" had rejected its coil and was looking for a transplant. All this took place in a mudhole where some onlookers uttered comments like "It's a good excuse for saying your not stuck".

A new track was 'cut' around Tom to allow the remaining vehicles to pass, unfortunately time was wasted and the scoring system upset. The course consisted of roughly 2 1/4 miles of sugarbush with 3 or 4 'interesting 'soft' spots (commonly known as mud holes) which exposed yet another feature lacking in the Land Rover ---- Power steering !

First prize winner was Fred Joyce, second Neil Brewer and third was Jerry Dowell. With the prize giving over, a quick tear down and pack up was accomplished, everyone setting off home at around 4.30.

Many thanks again to the Fairheads, thanks to Lyne and Harry for cooking and setting up, thanks to Al for organising the Rally (nobody ever did find that #8 marker !), thanks to Bob, Robin, Stephan and Al for winching and finally to all the people who turned out - thank you for your support, it was a great day.

The next event is of course the garage sale on Saturday, May 14th. Some of you may have got the impression that this is a sale of Rover parts - wrong ! This event is to raise funds by means of selling all those family heirlooms that members are storing away -- anything BUT Rover parts.

We shall be calling all local members within the next 2 weeks and would appreciate donations (no pure junk - please!). The sale will be held at the Brewer residence, 1775 Rue Des Arbres, Orleans (see map on back of calender) from 9 am to mid afternoon (as long as we have stuff left).

It will also feature hot dogs, lemonade and an ongoing O.V.L.R. slide show !, so I would urge members to drop by for a 'tube steak', perouse the merchandise and see pictures of the Maple Syrup Rally and many other events not hitherto exposed. (Rain date will be Sunday, May 15th)

CALL NEIL FOR PICK UP SERVICE

Rovers North have now announced the date for their Rally -

AUGUST 27/28 1988, WESTFORD, VERMONT

We estimate a good turnout for this event and anyone interested should call Neil (830 1458) to reserve a spot. Last year we had 6 Rovers from O.V.L.R amid a total showing of 86 vehicles - quite the spectacle.

June 11th & 12th is the birthday party at the Cole farm, Smith Falls. This year we intend to change things a little to allow for more events, like how fast we can strip down the Cole's series 3 88" ! (the following weekend is frame restoration day). The traditional roast pig will be replaced with something a little faster to prepare, and some fun and games will replace standing around a hot sweaty piglet all afternoon.

The membership list is now settled, having lost a handful of people but gaining some new blood. An up to date list will be issued with the next newsletter.

Andre Lalonde should be calling you to inquire about requirements for the bulk purchase. From these requests, Andre will be submitting a list for quotation by our major suppliers.

Next executive meeting will be Tuesday, May 3rd at the Mandarin Court on Baseline at 7.00 pm.

NEWS, VIEWS AND GOSSIP

Stephan Bergeron is looking for a 2 1/4 engine to replace his piece of cracked cast iron.

Al Pilgrim has come into some money and is buying trinkets like Warn hubs Webber carbs. Soon he hopes to have brakes that work BEFORE the third full travel of the pedal.

Evidently Mark Pankhurst's 88" lightweight is now on the road.

Rumours about the ex-military 101's belonging to the Scuse family say that one is still roadworthy and active.

Fred Barrett has bought a 3/88" for parts and will probably have things for sale.

Robin Craig is sponsoring a trophy for the best Land Rover model in the I.P.M.S. competition in June. Call Robin at 738 7880 for details.

Mike McDermott has installed a separate winch on his trailer so that he can offer the first Rover 'crane service'.

GARAGE SALE ITEMS PLEASE

COME AND VISIT ON MAY 14th