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G'Day eh !

Christmas comes round again and the old Rover takes third place after shopping and keeping warm. Talking of keeping warm, Don Watson of Wingham, Ontario may have the right vehicle. Don is looking for any information on the background of a 1958 series 1 that he recently purchased. It has one-piece doors, what appears to be factory installed insulation and trim, a large capacity heater with an air intake in the front wing just ahead of the grill panel and the addition of the digits '08' at the end of the standard serial number. If anyone has any info for Don (Clive, how about some help on this one ?), please call him at 519-357-2148 or write to RR #2, Wingham, Ont. NOG 2W0.

November 5th saw O.V.L.R. out in the fresh air again, oiling frames for the Winter. In all, 9 vehicles participated making it a good fund raiser for the club. Once again the weather co-operated, giving us chance to apply some life-saving Floatcoat to some antique pieces of steel. Many thanks to the Harts for the use of their property.

The November Executive meeting included a proposal to raise membership dues from \$10.00 to \$12.00. This was accepted with a slight modification, which was that if dues are paid before the end of January, that member will receive a free anniversary decal with their membership. Renewal forms are included with this newsletter, so take advantage of the free decal and send your \$12.00 in as soon as possible.

MEMBERSHIP DUES \$12.00

FREE DECAL IF PAID BEFORE JAN 31st

On to the Christmas Party ! In true O.V.L.R. tradition, several 'fun' games were available for participants to try their skill; Al Pilgrim's Rover roulette proved 'novel', attracting the high rollers; Al's Rover 'Crossword' appealed to only the more intellectual members; the Pres's 'feely meely' stumped all but the hardy Rover fans. The Rovers North Tombola was a big hit, with a total of 33 (count them !) prizes carrying the theme of 'original parts'.

Bruce Ricker won the feely meely, but graciously donated the prize for auction which ended up in Fred Barrett's lap with a price tag of \$18.00. Way to go Bruce ! Many Thanks to Robin Craig for donating the prize of a military 109" pick-up (in model kit form of course !)

Ah yes, the awards ! This years honour of 'Lug Nut' went to John Wooton of Shawville, Quebec. Readers may recall the story of John testing his brakes last Winter, when he slipped into a ditch whilst turning around - got stuck, and had to walk home. Seems harmless ? - the problem was that John had gone out less jacket in sub-zero temperatures and had a long walk back home.

So, in all good humour the 'Lug Nut' trophy was awarded with the appropriate foot-note:

JOHN WOOTON - COOL OFF-ROADER

A new award was up for grabs this year, the O.V.L.R. 'Silver Ball' trophy for the Rover that has been towed the most. Now most of you would automatically think of Al's 107", but this year "SALLY" has been a good girl and only broke things that don't need towing - in fact she had to be carried ! But seriously, a touch of inspiration came over the Pres when he remembered that one member's 109" pickup had done nothing else this year except get towed from one place to another - then back again ! So the first winner of the 'Silver Ball' trophy is Andy Graham. Special thanks to Don Watson for the Trophy - I fixed it first Don !

ANDY GRAHAM - 'SILVER BALL' 1988

18 door prizes were awarded courtesy of Atlantic British Ltd (U.S.A.) which consisted of T-shirts, sweat shirts and hats. The evening was rounded off with some words from the Pres modelled around some appropriate slides taken during the year, leaving one particular member doubtfull about the use of plastic pants at next year's oiler !

Another fun night, with around 30 participants made even more enjoyable by the generosity of Rovers North and Atlantic British (U.S.A.). A video tape (V.H.S.) is available (on loan) which features the 1988 Rovers North Rally and highlights of the O.V.L.R. Christmas party - call Neil at 613-830-1458 to reserve (please return it as quickly as possible).

The annual general meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 10th, 1989, at 7.00 pm at the National News offices on Lancaster Rd in Ottawa. All local members are urged to attend. If you have not already done so, please return your ballot to the letterhead address by the 31st of December, members may also vote in person at the A.G.M.

NEWS, VIEWS & GOSSIP

- * Mark Pankhurst has sold his Lightweight and trailer locally - O.V.L.R. hopes to entice the new owner into the club.
- * Bob Wood has a rather large trailer of Rover bits (ex Suffield) arriving shortly. Contents include lightweights, Salisbury axles and many other goodies. Call Bob at 613-225-2100 for more info.
- * Tom Mayor SHOULD be out of Whelan's by now -----
- * Yves Fortin using the the old Quebec tradition of piling hot bricks around his feet until he gets his heater fixed.

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