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G'Day eh.

Guess what British vehicle is four wheel drive king of the year--in the US no less? The 1989 Range Rover beat out nine others in combined on and off road competition to take first prize as Four Wheeler magazine's car of the year. The February report said "The Range Rover dominated this year's field. Its best overall finish in every performance section made the Range Rover an indubitable choice." The magazine tested American and Japanese sports/utility vehicles. In closing it said of the Range Rover "Sure it's expensive. But haven't you heard? You get what you pay for." Kinda makes you wish Land Rover was back on these shores. Then we'd really blow their fender flares off.

There's still room at Jason Dowell's Show and Tell for those brave members interested in learning all there is to know about wheels up restoration. Jason has been working on the rebuild of his Series 111-88 for more than a month and has the bills and skinned knuckles to prove it. The frame is finished, running gear and suspension on and the engine and gearbox went in last weekend. Saturday, March 18 Jason will explain the tricks and how to avoid the problems associated with a complete rebuild. Whether you're contemplating a similar job or just want to change a broken motor mount, you're bound to learn something. Things get underway at 1 p.m. with a slide show, coffee and donuts. Then you get to poke at the real thing. There's a \$2 fee to pay for the munchies. If you're interested, call Prez Robin and take along the attached map.

And circle Sunday, April 2 for the second annual maple syrup-athon at Vern Fairhead's farm near Shawville, Que. We'll be leaving Westgate Shopping Centre at 9 a.m. sharp, getting to Vern's in time for a tour of the sugar shack before digging into a hearty lunch of Linda's home made pancakes, bacon, maple beans and hot coffee. It's a chance to get the whole family out for a little fresh air and fun and a great way to welcome spring. We're working on some afternoon activities to keep people busy. One thing... please leave Fido at home. We don't want the livestock facing off. It's six bucks for adults, \$3 for short people under 12 and anyone under five rides for free. See map in case you miss the 9a.m. departure.

Remember the "Roverlander surprise" from last month's newsletter? Well, you're going to have to wait another month to find out what it is. All editor Rhonda Wood would say about the delay was "'&%ç#@\* post office"

And we have some good news/bad news about this summer's get-together with our US buddies. Rovers North has decided to take a breather this year and pass on its now-famous Land Rover rally. Here's hoping we can convince them to have one next year. In the meantime, maybe we'll get to see Andrea, Mark, Lanny and the gang at Mechanicville, NY where Atlantic British Limited is staging its rally. Dick Taylor and Steve Springer haven't nailed down the exact date yet but rumour has it we should keep the weekends of July 8 and 15 free. More on that later.

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The exec meeting March 8 got the bad news that 10 members had been dropped from the roles for failing to pay their 1989 dues. The annual fees are dedicated to the newsletter to ensure it always comes out, regardless of other budetary problems. The message to holdouts from Treasurer Lyne was simple: If you don't pay, you don't play.

In other business VP Walter offered his acreage in Quebec for a little off-road fun later this year. The property is many acres populated with three lakes, woods and lotsa mud. Look for a little sojourn as we get close to black fly season. Where's the fun if there's no challenge eh?

And the exec is pondering the problem of how to plan for expensive events like the June birthday party. Advancing \$150 for a whole pig to roast then having only half the promised 'big eaters' show up means the club has to eat the loss...besides all the extra pork. We could be looking at advance ticket sales, says the exec. More later.

Unleaded fuel..a new life or a slow death for your trusty old Land Rover. We've been collecting information and opinion from LR's headquarters in England, environ-Canada, professional mechanics and experienced owners. Next issue we'll wrap it all together and let you know what's going on and what you can do about it.

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- Bob Hussey has a six cylinder Chevy engine attached to a Land Rover gearbox adaptor for sale. The 145 horsepower straight six comes complete with carb, alternator, starter, fuel pump and motor mounts. Bob's looked inside and pronounced it OK. It was originally intended for his 109 wagon until a Montreal galvanizer squashed the frame. Make him an offer. 832-2095
- Roger Gunthorp's dog Holyhock is a contender for this year's Lugnut of the Year award. Seems he ate a \$5 rebate check from the club.
- ALROC President Harold Huggins reports from White Rock, BC, that he received some 60 responses to his press and radio campaign to ferret out hidden Land Rovers throughout that near-perfect land. Harold is putting together a Land Rover register of BC Land Rovers. Any new OVLR members who might not be familiar with our national organization should write to ALROC, 185-1450 Johnston Rd., White Rock BC, V4B 5E9.
- Editor Mike is heading west on business in early April and plans to 'bend an elbow' with Harold and friends as Roverlanders and Island Rovers. Mike also reports he still has that Series 1, semi-floating long axle for sale. The part belongs to Rovers North and will be returning there in the spring unless someone wants it here. They're very rare and, if you're a true purist, the \$210 (US) price tag is still cheap compared to what you'll pay next year.
- Another reminder that Andre Lalonde is waiting for your wish list for our proposed bulk purchase. We're looking for frames, soft tops, dash bulkheads and the like. He also needs your list of favorite local suppliers. Call him at 1-819-986-8401
- And speaking of favorite suppliers, Vally Hardware, that purveyor of stainless steel nuts and bolts and odd British sizes, has moved to new digs. Bosslady Dot, the twin Peters and the rest can be found at 65 Bently St, Unit 2, off Merivale Road.
- Club Secretary Harry is looking for the gasoline engine from a lawn mower. It has something to do with either turning the club barbecue or some kind of sexual aid. He also wants the headlight panels for a Series 111.
- Al Pilgrim has no brakes on Sally, his 107. That's not news, but it too is reality.
- And what are you putting away for the club garage sale May 2? We'll be in touch.

That's all for now.

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