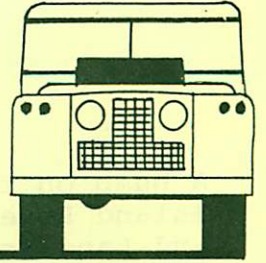


OTTAWA VALLEY LAND ROVERS



G'day eh.

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Well, it might not feel like it out there but summer is just around the next raincloud. That means it's time to take your trusty Land Rover for a ride. First up is the OVLRL birthday party Saturday, June 17 at the Smiths Falls farm of Audrey and Fred Cole. Past years have seen us roast a pig over an open pit, do a little mild off-roading and wander off to sleepyland under the stars warmed by a huge campfire.

July 14-16 will see us joining a hundred other Land Rovers for a weekend of fun, frolic and spares-swapping in Mechanicville, NY. Atlantic British Ltd. owners Steve Springer and Dick Taylor have big plans and OVLRL will probably get involved in running some activities. Our Vermont friends at Rovers North are taking a breather this summer after showing us all a good time for several years.

And Aug 11-13 promises a good time in Nova Scotia's Annapolis Valley when John and Jennifer Cranfield host their first rally since 1987. What a great excuse to visit the Maritimes. For more details. write them c/o RR 1, Kingston, NS. We'll have more details on these events next newsletter but for now, start making plans to join our little caravan.

(For more news on upcoming activities, catch the list we snaffled from the latest AB Ltd Roverlog.

If Canada Post is on the job, this missive should be in your hands before our garage sale opens for business early Saturday, May 13...so if you haven't donated something, you can still make it. It's the club's main money-maker and provides us with necessities like the porta-potty, towbar, specialized Land Rover tools and slide film so members who didn't make it to the big event can see what they missed. We're looking for old books, appliances, furniture...anything that will sell. For pickup call president Robin at 738-7880.

Editor McD has returned from visiting Land Rover buddies on the West Coast and reports things are "lookin' good". ALROC guru and president Harold Huggins is basking in the flood of responses to his call for a Land Rover registry (see attached). He and lady Elizabeth provided a little lunch, a jug of punch and a glorious view of Nirvana from the balcony of their house overlooking the Pacific Ocean.

A bump on the western horizon barely distinguishes the home of Island Rovers where McD mooched a second snack from ALROC VP and Land Rover collector Ron Low. Ron, who possess more Land Rovers than Carters has little liver pills, has a lovely little hideaway in Sooke on the south-west tip of Vancouver Island. A special treat was a close look at an Austin Gypsy. At first glance, it really looks like a Land Rover...but it ain't and when you see the pictures you'll understand why.

Rhonda Wood, creator, author and editor extraordinaire of the Roverlander magazine, met McD with two members of the Vancouver-based club in a downtown hotel. No Land Rovers but lotsa talk about them, clubs, parts and people. It was a good trip and will provide some great pix for the Christmas party.

Jocelyne Mainville poured big bucks into her ailing 11-A/88 but all she got was the shaft. She was looking for a friendly face after arriving in Vanier a short time back with a Land Rover suffering from a dragging clutch, butchered vacuum hoses, ill-timed engine, loose prop shafts and electrics that made Lucas look reliable....all compliments of a Montreal garage. OVLRL members McD and Neil Brewer spent a day tightening, adjusting, replacing, connecting and shaking their heads. Next week new brake shoes go on and the electrics get sorted out. But Jocelyne's not riding for free. She's joined up and donated a trailer load of furniture for the garage sale.

Don Watson, OVLRL representative in Wingham, Ont., recently attended the inaugural meeting of the Rover Club of Canada in Toronto. He reports the initial get-together drew "a couple of nice Rover 100 cars, a nicer three-litre, a gaggle of 3500s and four Land Rovers, my 1957 Series I up to a 1984-109 Wagon. The only Ranger Rover owner present was in his Land Rover." Don is handling liaison duties for the new organization and says a delegation will be attending the Mechanicville rally. President is Harold Snider, 584 Clements Ave., Toronto, M5N 1M6. We'll be exchanging newsletters and will keep you up to date on their activities.

NEWS...VIEWS...GOSSIP...TALL TALES...OUTRIGHT LIES...FOR SALES

*Welcome new members Alan J. Lee of Port Colborne, Ont., J.P. Locherer, Toronto, Asoka Mendis, Ottawa and Jocelyne Mainville, Vanier.

*Last call for an original Series-I, semi-floating, long rear axle. This rare part is being returned to Rovers North Ltd May 20. Call McD (224-8300)

*Need a used part? Call Fred Barrett (731-1294), Stephan Bergeron (776-3685) or Bob Wood (225-2100)

*Tired of hearing the same old names in the newsletter? Give us a call and tell us what's happening..to whom...and why.

That's all folks.

Editor Mike McD (224-8300)