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Doc "Watson, Tom Tollefson, Lyne Leduc and Harry Bligh could be the only OVLRL members heading for the Mechanicville rally this weekend, if the response to our request for names is any indication. We had hoped to give rally organizers a little warning of what to expect. In case you are going but were just to shy to tell us, please take lotsa pictures so the rest of us can see what fun you had.

Forty-nine Land Rover lovers celebrated OVLRL's fifth anniversary at the Smiths Falls farm of Audrey and Fred Cole. With 16 Land Rovers trundling around the pasture, getting stuck in a boghole or going through the hoops of one of Al's games, it didn't take long for members to work up an appetite. Chefs extraordinaire Lyne and Harry took care of that with a 39-pound leg of beef, fresh salmon and all the fixins'. Hot coffee and the traditional Land Rover cake rounded things off.

A roaring campfire soon followed and, as darkness fell, we capped off the day with a fireworks display. While most members headed home, some of the hardier--and mosquito-proof--types, bedded down for the night. Sunday, it was an early breakfast, cleanup and final farewells to friends from far away.

Special thanks go to our hosts Fred and Audrey, supercooks Lyne and Harry, Stephan and his capstan winch for turning the barbecue after Harry's lawnmower-rotisserie-thingamajig erupted in silence, fish mongers Walter and Louise, cakebaker Kelsey, games organizer Al and marshals Gord, Robin, Joan, Vern and George. Also to the Dowell bros. for supplying the inner tubes (you had to be there), Freddie the firewood-gatherer and Rose for not peeing on the passenger seat when McD's 86 reached 45 degrees during a bounce through the bog.

Congrats to winners of this year's Land Rover Games. Greg Charron and Joanne Tollefson took first place, Murray Jackson and Bruce Ricker came second and Tom Tollefson and VP Walt placed third. The winning drivers shared \$50 in merchandise from Atlantic British Parts in Waterloo. The navigators--who did most of the work--got the driver's thanks.

Good news from the treasurer. Lyne reports that for the first time in our short little life, the interest on our account exceeded bank charges. As of the July exec meeting, OVLRL has \$1,344.17 in the vault, the result of increased membership, good return on money-makers like the annual garage sale and careful spending. The birthday party, for example, cost \$409 but, due to careful costing, actually made \$12 in keeping with the exec's commitment to making events pay for themselves.

Also discussed was the November frame oiling, the Christmas party and an auction of LR parts still in the club's inventory. Next meeting is 7 p.m., Thursday, Aug 3 at the Coffee Lodge Resturant, Lancaster road.

For the modeller among us, President Robin reports two new items on the market. Dinky Toys will soon be releasing a 43rd scale Series 1 Land Rover. Matchbox Co. has a 90in towing a trailer and speedboat. Both will soon be available through the Hobby Centre or Hobby House Ltd in Ottawa.

And here's a plug for a fellow club. The Roverlanders of B.C. publish a nice little mag OVLRL members might like to see. Editor Rhonda Wood puts it out quarterly as part of the club's membership fee. While much of the coverage naturally pertains to things B.C., there are articles of interest to all Land Rover owners. The spring edition, for example, contains articles on which 4X4 is best, an environmental piece, a story and photos of a 109's trek from Vancouver to Inuvik, NWT, a look at a new Land Rover recovery vehicle and a regular column called "From the Hubs Up" that deals with mechanical problems and how to fix them. Membership is \$12 annually. Write to Rhonda Wood, 108, 615 St. Georges Ave., North Vancouver, B.C., V7L 3H4.

Neil Brewer and family are just back from Merry Olde and Neil is all gushy about the quality and price of used LR's there. He looked at a six-wheel-drive Ranger Rover outfitted as a fire tender for 4,000 pounds. He also embarrassed himself by dribbling all over a 109 fire tender outfitted with lotsa extras for 3,500 pounds. All were in near-perfect condition, he whined. If he could just find a way to drive one to Orleans. We suggested he contact the Battling Burtons of the Newfoundlandrovers. They're always driving theirs into the sea.

The club "good deed" rebuild of Jocelyn Mainville's 88 is nearing completion--finally. McD and Al have wrapped up the welding on the frame and repairing the footwells. Jocelyn is undercoating the beast and it should be back on the road this weekend. Earlier, Neil tackled the electrics and Jason whipped the engine back into shape. Jocelyn had been the victim of a Montreal garage who charged her four figures after butchering the Series 2-A beyond belief.

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*-George Charron recently learned what a snapping halfshaft sounds like. Bob Wood fixed him up with one.

*-The Dowell's Series-1/86 is on the road at last. The ground-up rebuild was officially complete when the little dear passed its mechanical fitness exam last week. Now the boys just have Jason's Series-3/88 and Gerry's 2-A/109 waiting for their talents.

*-Yves Fortin is about to start the rebuild of his 88. Most of the work is being done at McD's. He's scheduled for frame, body and electrical work--for starters.

*-Is it the summer doldrums or is there just no news out there? Let's hear from you folks. What are you doing this summer? How's your LR? Got an embarrassing story about another member? We'll run anything.

Well, That's all folks.

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