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June 9/92

FIRST THE HEADLINES: Give dad "a gift to remember" this Father's Day--take him to the Ninth Annual OVLRL Birthday Party and Land Rover roundup. Get ready for the Trans-Canada/Alaska Tour that's coming our way, the Atlantic British and Rovers North rallies beckon and Det. Sgt. Robin Craig of The Yard is on the case of the sleazy slimeball from Solihull.

Now the details. The Land Rover convoy to the birthday bash leaves Shoppers City West Saturday, June 20. Members should start arriving about 8:30am if they need to gas up before parking near the beer store for the 9am departure. If you miss the parade, take along the excellent map on the back page. Lunch is your responsibility after you set up camp and events should start happening around 1pm.

Saturday is mud/bog day and a chance to test out your new tires in some real grunge. We'll have some alternative entertainment for the faint of heart or those who just don't see the joy of spending hours dragging several tones of aluminum and steel through the sweltering muck while little creatures dine on your city fat.

There's lotsa room for "spectatoring" at both events so be sure to bring your lawn chairs. This year, we're staying close to home so we won't be late for Chef Harry's haute cuisine that should start tumbling off the barbecue about 5pm. We'll have time for a refreshing dip in the pond before hunkering down to the traditional roast beef dinner with all the fixins. After a suitable respite to adjust the dentures, belch appreciatively and enjoy a little Remy Martin and a good panatella, it'll be time to sit around the old campfire and trade lies with our friends from the Toronto Area Rover Club. We can enjoy a fashion show with "Daphne" Lowe, maybe discuss suggestions for our own club and generally bore each other to tears so we won't want to see each other until next year's party. Then we'll drift off to dreamland to the sounds of nightbirds, ribbits and the incessant hum of mosquitos.

Your on your own for Sunday's breakfast before we launch into the traditional Land Rover games that can be counted upon for great pix and stories for next winter's Christmas party. Lunch is "Hotdogs for a buck" with a return engagement by Chef Harry. Then it's time for presentation of prizes to those members and guests who excelled at being completely silly or actually won something during the weekend's events.

Closing ceremonies will wrap things up at 3p.m. so the dads among us can get home to receive the kudos they so richly deserve for belonging to such a wonderful family-oriented organization in the first place. (Confidential note to dads: I'll expect your "appreciation" for the above--no cheques please--in a brown paper bag in the back of my "86"--ed.)

OVLRL supplies the Saturday evening banquet and hotdogs for lunch Sunday. Cost is as last year, \$12 for adults, \$6 for kids under 10. Bring your own liquid refreshments, eating utensils, suntan and bug juice, tents and cooking facilities for lunch Saturday and breakfast Sunday. If you can't make it for the entire weekend, come for a little bit...BUT COME...You'll love it.

The Trans-Canada/Alaska Tour (T-CAT) is scheduled to leave Halifax July 1 bound for Anchorage, Alaska. Organizer Ron Mowry says he's got several overseas participants signed up and he expects the 50-Land Rover caravan will be at full strength at starting time.

The group is scheduled to roll into Ottawa Friday, July 10 and OVLRL is committed to providing communications and emergency repair assistance where needed during their overnight stay. VP Yves Fortin is co-ordinating our efforts, and earlier this year, provided the group with a package recommending accommodation and activities during their short visit. Yves managed to reserve space at the Lebreton Campground, within sight of Parliament Hill, for just \$1.20 a person. Regular price is \$6.50. He's also arranged for a full breakfast Saturday morning at the Navy Association Mess where we held last year's Christmas party. ~~The group will leave for Picton after breakfast where they'll rendezvous with the Toronto Area Rover Club at Richard Copple's. Sunday, TARC will escort the caravan to Manitoulin Island and wave goodbye as they disappear into the mosquito clouds enroute to Manitoba.~~

OVLRL members are invited to be on hand to welcome the travellers Friday at Lebreton Campground, share a hearty navy breakfast Saturday and drive to Picton for a little overnight camping. More details next newsletter. PS--Yves is looking for volunteers to help out and maybe act as tour guides Friday evening. Prez Jason is overseeing facilities for emergency mechanical repairs and Dave Meadows is taking care of communications. Robin Craig will act as media spokesman in case some bright-eyed reporter mistakes the presence of 50-plus Land Rovers near Parliament Hill as some sort of invasion farce...eh, force.

The June meeting found us with \$2,200 in the coffers but Treasurer Tom expected a run on the bank with bills from the kitchen trailer project and outlay for new club T-shirts and hats still to come in. Trailer co-ordinator McD reported completion of food lockers, work surfaces and storage areas and hopes to get the trailer into working condition to test at the birthday party.

Secretary Harry reported the order for 50 T-shirts and matching caps should be ready by party time. The white shirts with green lettering will feature the OVLRL and T-CAT logos.

There was lotsa other stuff but it was pretty boring and if you wanna hear about it you gotta come to the meetings. Call VP Yves (613) 237-9719 for date and location of the next one.

The Atlantic British Rally in Mechanicville, NY is slated for July 10-12, unfortunately clashing with the T-CAT convoy through Ottawa. The Rovers North Rally in Vermont is scheduled for the weekend of Aug. 1-2.

GENERAL SERVICE

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by Robin Craig 613 738 7880

First up this month, more bad news.....

***** W A R N I N G *****

To anyone who is offered for sale OR knows where this vehicle is:-

1983/4 Land Rover 110, 2 door, right hand drive, V8, light blue with a white hard top. Last seen in the Vancouver / Calgary / Washington State area

This vehicle or one matching this description was bought from John Craddock in England and shipped to Canada towards the end of last year by a person using a total of three different credit cards to pay for it. At the time the cards were authorized by the banks. In mid May '92 John Craddock was informed by the various credit card companies that they were reversing the charge card debits. In effect this vehicle has been obtained by deception.

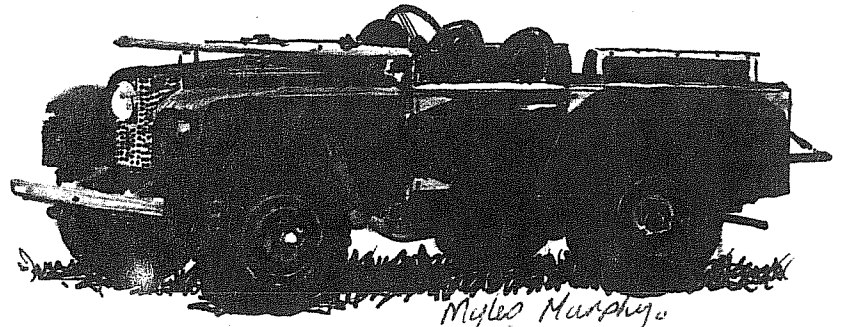
I can not say exactly what the legal position of this vehicle is as it is an international matter but I would strongly advise anyone coming into contact with this vehicle or its owner to be very careful.

IF YOU SIGHT THIS VEHICLE PLEASE CALL THE ABOVE NUMBER COLLECT ASAP

Dale Desprey and I will be organizing some devilish events to test person and machine alike at this years Birthday party on the 20 / 21 of this month. Bring your sense of humour and your brain if so equipped! A Land Rover is not required for any of these events but will get you extra points, lots of them.

Mentioning Dale, thanks go to him for the Land Rover experience on behalf of my wife and her friend Karen. Dale was visiting for a bar-b-q the other weekend when the ladies decided that they really would like to have a go at this "vehicle". Personally I was dumbstruck as I'm sure any of you are who know my wife and her lack of love for our aluminum friend will be.

Without hesitating Dale passed over the keys to his "truck" (as he calls it, but we know better) to my wife at 1130 pm on a Saturday night. A glance over the instruments and we were off down Walkley Rd. The ladies thought Montreal would be a good idea but I persuaded them otherwise, helped on a bit by the advancing rain shower and lack of hard or soft top on the "truck"!



Back at home, my wife let it be known that although the vehicle had the

subtlety of a flying brick she would drive one if I should ever buy one that runs! Needless to say you could have knocked me down with a feather!

For Karen this is an especially useful experience as she is going to Kenya again in July and last time she was there, was not allowed to drive a Land Rover, something about her lack of experience. I am presently putting together an official looking Land Rover experience letter for her to take on her travels this time!

For those of you who like Land Rover books James Taylor is coming out with a new title on civilian Land Rovers real soon, the price and availability have yet to be decided but it will be a glossy book so I expect it will command a few bucks. Also in the pipeline is another book focussing on my favorite subject, the military variety of Land Rovers. This time James will have help from OVL member BOB MORRISON.

I recently received a pack of photos from a modelling colleague in Belgium. Included were some pictures of a Minerva (a series 1 style vehicle produced under licence in Belgium) and some very smart 109 and 110's of the Belgium army bomb squad. Lastly some series 3 swb 88's, when I turned the pictures over they were all marked with the date and description of each vehicle, what caught my eye was the caption's for the 88's, it said "Land Rover 4 X 2 ". Yes you read that correctly. Two wheel drive Land Rovers! Anyone who is familiar with the history of Land Rover will know about the Royal Air Force in the UK having two wheel drive series 1's. But series 3's!

After checking with my Belgian friend he confirmed that there are quite a few 88's that are only 4 X 2 and that they were part of an economy drive by the Belgian armed forces. As is usual in matters like this I got on the blower to our friend Bob Morrison to talk this over. I was surprised to find out that he was not aware of these. Although he was under the impression that some ser 3 88's with the same drive train are floating about in the UK. More news when we get it. Remember where you read it first!!!

Also on the subject of pictures I have unearthed a gentleman who took alot of Pictures in 1979 in Vancouver harbour. This was one of the loading and unloading's of vehicles for BATUS. He did capture some Land Rovers on film so I'll make a listing of military licence plate numbers in the next newsletter.

So until next time, that's it for me..... Robin Craig

The 4th Annual 'Down East' Land-Rover Rally (Mid-coast Maine)

June 27th & 28th 1992

Saturday, Meet at Camden Hills State park 10 a.m.

Choice of activities or see you 10 a.m. Sunday for the big day at THE OWL'S HEAD TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM, Route 73, Owl's Head, (Rockland) Maine.

Just park with the others and have a great day. Free access to museum and airshow for Rover owners: Special parking area: Buy, Sell, Swap, Trade. New and used parts: Vehicle sales: Clubs: Specialist Company's: Plus more Rovers than you have ever seen before:

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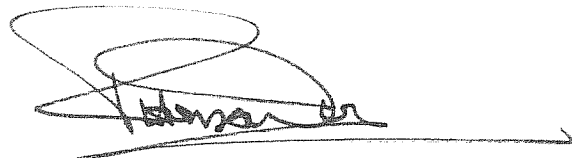
Gentlemen;

I have had the opportunity to talk with most of you about what is/is not happening with OILEAK. Unfortunately 1991/1992 does not seem to have been the best of times to float a new concern like this one.

With the "economic downturn" and all, funds are just not there to keep the publication going in its original conception. Added to this, just keeping my job this past year has been pretty darn tricky; moving from user status to technical support has played merry hell with my free time and my ability to cope with any more pressure in the way of workload, deadlines and the almighty Learning Curve. Dying in a pile, I believe they call it. So I have had to retrench and concentrate my energies for the time being into keeping the proverbial roof and food within arm's reach.

I think the OILEAK exercise is a good one, especially as it helped to rattle new members loose from the trees and introduced a couple of new groups. I'd like to thank everyone involved - all the clubs, parts suppliers, etc., with special thanks to Mike McDermott, Alex Heath, Andre Maier, Richard Scoffom and Ray Wood for their contributions and generous support. While I cannot spend the time I wanted to putting the publication together, I will continue to direct all inquiries regarding memberships to the clubs, and will be sending out an "open letter" to each club as information comes available to me, in case by some freak of circumstance no one else heard. Editors of each club can incorporate whatever they deem worthy into their own publications. As for the Register's future, there are a few "one-off" devious ideas in the works which we will be detailing in proposal form to the clubs en masse when they get to a more concrete stage, all of them rather fun and useful. And affordable!

Until next time -



Rhonda Wood

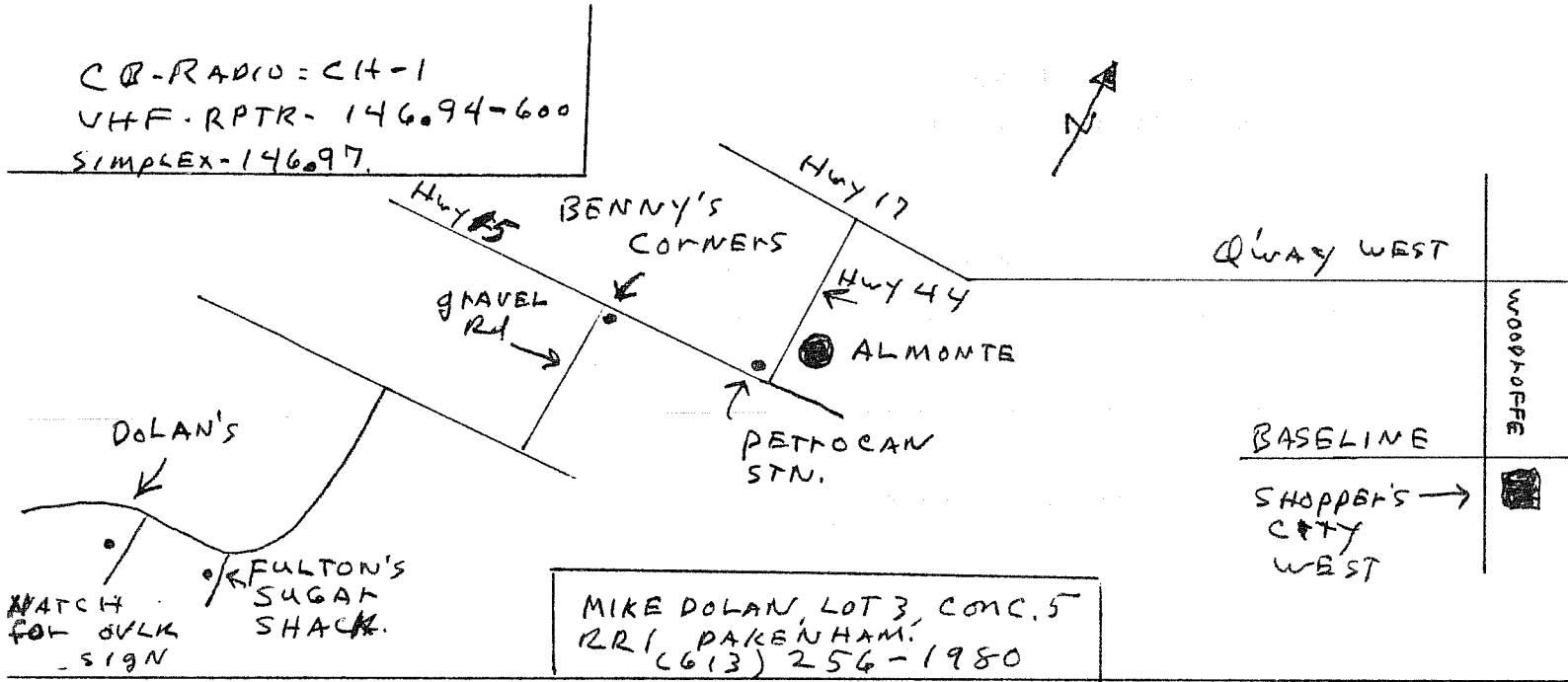
GOSSIP...NEWS...FOR SALE...OUTRIGHT LIES...WANTED...OTHER STUFF!!!

*-Lotsa stuff...no room. we'll save it for next month.

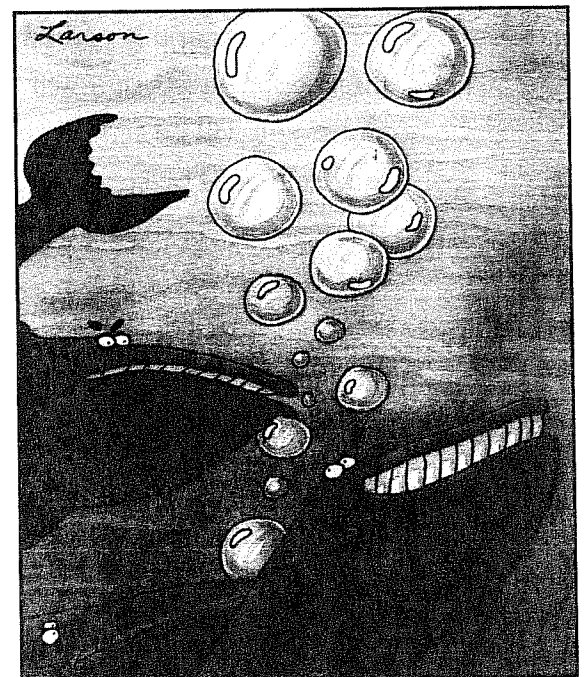
PS: If you're coming to the birthday party (see, just one "m") and you live long distance from Ottawa, it would be a big help if you called Yves to let him know. (The phone committee will call the locals) That way, you might get fed.

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A prehistoric member of the Burton family prior to emerging from the sea.



"Kevin! . . . Was that you?"