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G' day eh.

**FROM THE EDITOR....** My 1968 Series IIA is getting a little tatty. The seats are original, which is quite obvious, in fact, most of the vehicle is original down to the Lucas sealed beam headlamps that serve mostly as a warning to oncoming motorists. The vehicle has been in service for twenty-five years (eighteen with me) and been a pleasure to own, maintain and drive. When I think of it, when was the last time you saw a twenty-five year old vehicle of any kind tooling down the road. Land Rovers are the worlds most versatile vehicle and one of the most durable, but they do not last forever. Many people, such as me, are faced with a number of options, spend a bundle and restore, just repair, or drive it until it dies. The option of buying a new Land Rover does not exist at the moment, but would be welcome.

Lets hope Land Rover Canada brings the Land Rover 90 Defender into Canada. The type without speed stipes, loud stereo radios, magnesium wheels, plush carpets and V-8 engines designed to propel the R.M.S. Queen Mary. We would appreciate heaters, possibly a galvanized frame, plain pressed steel wheels (16" please), a galvanized bulkhead, a 2½ petrol or turbo diesel engine, at a cost of less than two loaded YJ Jeeps. Land Rover has been focusing on the high priced end of the market to date. How about something for the folks who pay taxes, sleep with their wives, and have the occasional pint.

**VOLUNTEERS....**The club always needs people to do things. If you have a burning desire to help, why not give President Yves Fortin a call, (613) 237-9719, you could help some poor Sod get his Land Rover running, or you could help at a club event. We currently have openings for the Frame Oiler this fall. Where else could you be covered with smelly, dirty, sticky oil up to your ying-yang, and enjoy yourself.

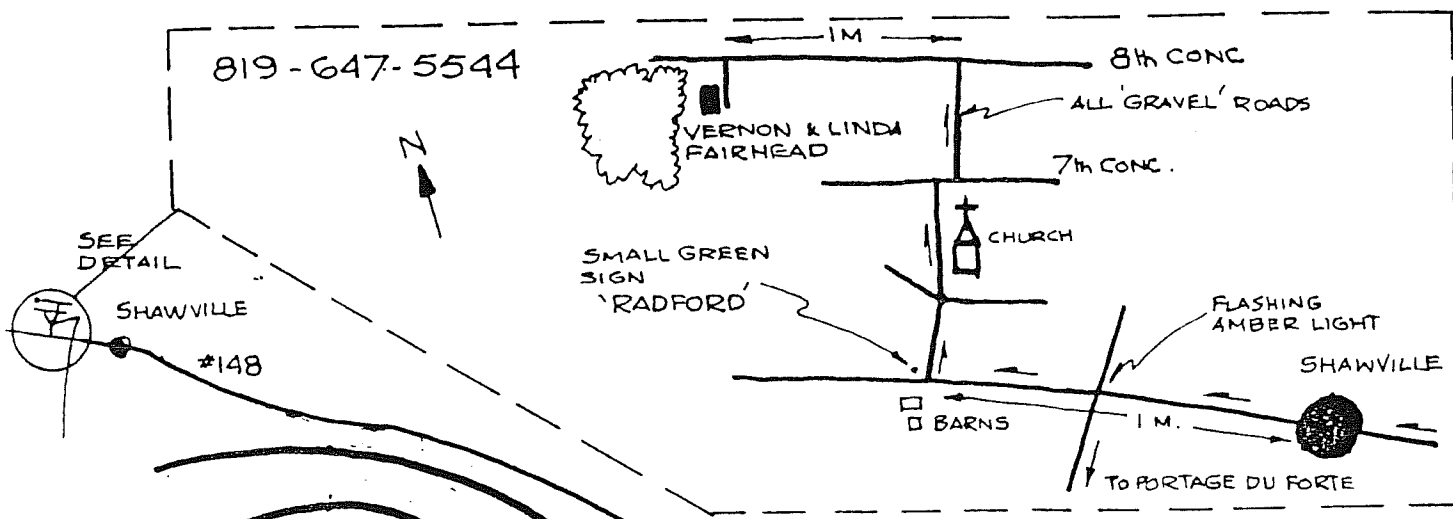
**OVLAR ANNIVERSARY BOOK....**This First Epistle on OVLAR is now being written by Mike MCD. I suppose that makes Mike an epistler when you come to think of it. This should be a good story complete with pictures. Mike is having difficulty in remembering the facts so he is making up what he can not remember. The book will feature a centre fold of Bates, naked, armed with a portable radio, chasing after a bear in the early morning. The book covers the first ten years of OVLAR and will be available for a pittance, save your pennies and buy a book. We need the money.

**THE APRIL EXECUTIVE MEETING...** A good time was had by the executive and guests. Incidental to the good fun, OVLAR's business was conducted. The Tenth Anniversary Book details were resolved (Mike and Yves do everything). The Club's policy on Club assets for rent or loan was discussed. The first advertisement was received from Octopus Precision

Products, West Vancouver and appears on page 6. Treasurer Tom Mayor reports the club is still solvent. Look for good deals on club hats etcetera at the Maple Syrup Rally. **NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING, WEDNESDAY, 28 APRIL 1993** (a week earlier than usual), 7:30 PM at **BELAMYS RESTAURANT, 150 ROBERTSON ROAD, NEPEAN, (613) 596-6281**. Come join us for supper and a pint.

## CLUB EVENTS

**APRIL....MAPLE SYRUP RALLY** is scheduled for Sunday, 18 April at Vern Fairhead's farm near Shawville, Quebec. Chef Harry and his able assistant cook Bates, are ready to put on a feast you will not forget. The menu: French Toast, Sausages, Beans a la Harry, lots of Maple Syrup and coffee. The price is \$7.50 for adults and \$4.00 for children under age 6. Directions; find your way to Shawville and follow the map to Vern's farm. If you arrive at the West Gate Shopping Centre located at Merivale Road and Carling Avenue before 9:00 AM, you can travel in the good company of OVLR members to Vern's farm. Lunch is served at 12:30 PM followed by a Club parts auction. If you get lost, call Vern at -



**MAY....ENGINE TUNE-UP** is scheduled for **SATURDAY, 8 MAY, 9:00 AM** at **MINIMAN MOTORS** located in the **WEST CARLTON INDUSTRIAL PARK**.

Ted Rose is organizing the session and available to help. Tune-up parts are available from **MINIMAN** at the site. **MINIMAN** is in the process of setting up a Land Rover parts inventory and ordering system. Do not let the weather stop you, we will have access to the garage. As an added bonus, Mike MCD, with your trusty Editor will tune radio aerials for your CB or amateur mobile equipment. When properly tuned, you should be able to talk farther than you can see. Bring any spare parts you may have and flog them off on a friend. Here is how to get to **MINIMAN**. Take the **QUEENSWAY WEST** to **CARP ROAD** (past Kanata), **SOUTH** (left) onto **CARP ROAD** to the **PETRO-CANADA**, then **RIGHT** onto **WESTBROOK** and **LEFT** onto **WALLGREEN**. If you get lost call (613) 836-4283. Why not have a pint and lunch after at the **CHESHIRE CAT PUBLIC HOUSE**, north of the Queensway on Carp Road.

**JUNE.....TENTH ANNIVERSARY BIRTHDAY PARTY....11, 12, 13 JUNE**  
Things are shaping up for party of the decade!! V-P Harry is busy recruiting bears, while Bates is taking shooting lessons, or has there been a truce declared. We plan to have lots of good stuff including, Off Road Land Rover events in the mud. More later.

## **NEWS....NEW MEMBERS....FOR SALE....ETC...ETC**

**THANKS** - to Ted Rose for his fine article on engine tuning. Join Ted at MINIMAN, 8 May, 9:00 AM and apply your new found knowledge..... **THANKS** - to SCANDINAVIAN AUTO SERVICE, 470 BRONSON at GLADSTONE, near the QUEENSWAY for the use of their engine crane at Dixon Kenner's engine swap, and to the OVLRL members who helped Dixon

**COMMON PARTS** - Ted Rose is assembling a list of common parts such as bearings, U-Joints, etc that are available from automotive suppliers. The list will show the Land Rover part and the equivalent. Call Ted (613) 256-1598 with any information you have on substitute parts. The list will be published in the NEWSLETTER.

**LOOK FOR** - an article about Body Work (Land Rovers only) by Jerry Dowell and Roy Bailey, to be followed by a workshop session.

**WELCOME** - to new member Kurt Schmidt, Kurt is the proud new owner of a Series III 88".

**FOR SALE** - 1973 Series III, 88"; rebuilt engine, good frame, mechanically in good condition, \$3500.00. Call Michel Bertrand (514) 527-6269 / (613) 521-5671.....

**FOR SALE** - 1974 Series III 88"; rebuilt engine, solid frame, overdrive, well maintained, 150 000 miles, \$4500.00/offers. Call David Bateman (514) 481-3152.

**FOR SALE** - 1974 Series III, 88"; rebuilt engine, capstan winch, overdrive, \$8000.00/offers. Call Yvon Cote (514) 725-4144.

**TOUR OF ENGLAND....**There is about twenty people interested at the moment; scheduled for September 1994; will include a tour of Land Rover Limited, Lode Lane Works: contact Roy Bailey at (613) 523-5740 or write to Roy at, 1074 Wiseman Crescent, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1Z 8J4.

**TRANS-CANADA ALASKA TOUR VIDEO** - available from Jeff Guyer, RR 3, Box 488 Bedford PA. USA 15522, \$20.00 US

**KANGAROO SWEAT SHIRTS** - Good quality, with club Tenth Anniversary Logo, \$40.00. Contact Yves Fortin, (613) 237-9719

**MERCEDES BENZ....** Announced a new all-wheel drive Sport Utility Vehicle to be built in the USA. The new Benz is designed to compete with the Ford Explorer and Jeep Station Wagons. Price is expected to be between 20 and 30 thousand dollars. Is this a G-Wagen with a face lift?..... How about a Land Rover Discovery instead!!!

**GENERAL SERVICE .....by Robin Craig**

Land Rovers here, Land Rovers there, Land Rovers everywhere. Following on from last month, Land Rover North America have made it clear that the NADA 90 (my name, not theirs) I told you about last month is not going to be a one time deal. After their successful re-launch into the North American market with the Range Rover and the Defender 110, I get the feeling that we will be seeing a lot more of Lode Lane's vehicles on these shores. I would like to take this opportunity to give LRNA full credit for attempting to break even further into a very tough and competitive market.

Quite a while ago, when I first told you about the 110 coming, I said that the Discovery would not be far behind. Sources within the motor industry have confirmed this, by reporting that scouting teams have been talking to existing car dealers who might want to take on a The Land Rover product line. These potential dealers will support all three vehicles. At present no one really wants to talk too much about this as one would expect. North of the border, here in Canada, the possible dealers are those who already handle high value prestige type vehicles that can adapt to the Land Rover image.

Recently in Ottawa we saw a military exhibition called Peacekeeping '93 come to town. There were only two military wheeled vehicles shown this year. The LSVW, being made by Western Star in BC, has been sold to Canada. The other was Mercedes Benz (MB) with a long box version of their very popular G Wagen. This vehicle is seen by some as a possible replacement for our ageing ILTIS. I would not be surprised to see Land Rover offer the 90 as a contender for this role in the future. This bid would of course be helped to no end if a network of Land Rover dealers is established. The availability of spares is something DND looks at very carefully when evaluating new vehicles.

Alex Heath, one of our Albertan OVLRL members is starting out on a new venture. Recently laid off from his job as a mechanic at a large Ford dealership, Alex has decided to go into business on his own. He is starting Alien Auto and 4 by 4 Centre in Wainright. The "Alien" in the title apparently refers to his immigration status! All the best from us to you Alex.

Long standing OVLRL member Andy Graham is doing a tremendous job of helping to get this Newsletter out each month. His name does not appear anywhere but Dave and I wanted to extend our thanks for the hard work that Andy puts in copying and assembling the Newsletter.

A number of people have grouched about the closeness of our publishing date to some of the OVLRL events. The two that come to mind are Dixon Kenner's engine swap last month and the Maple Syrup Rally this month. Being partly responsible along with Dave for this journal I must say my part. Yes, we do sail somewhat close to the wind, but you have always been warned in the issue before about the event. Also we have to wait until after the executive meeting to finish the Newsletter and go to

print. The next two executive meetings have been moved ahead a week. This will certainly help alleviate problems with late delivery. Canada Post is something else to contend with.

In the coming months Land Rover Owner (LRO) magazine will be increasing the number of pages per issue to 204! This is being done to give more room for advertisers who are fighting for space in this very popular magazine. There is going to be a number of special supplements bound into the magazine. The first will be on Lightweight's and 101FC's. As these are military Land Rovers, the writer will be Bob Morrison, who else?! Expect to see a number of these supplements over the coming months.

Coincidentally Bob has just published his fourth book. This one, titled Ace Mobile Force (Land) deals with NATO's Multinational Deterrent Force. There are a number of good previously unpublished pictures of military Land Rovers belonging to a number of different nations included in the book. Congratulations Bob.

On the subject of books, you will find a Land Rover on the cover of British Nobleman and explorer Sir Ranulph Fiennes's new book.

Also out for our reading enjoyment is, DE LAND ROVER IN NEDERLANDSE MILITAIRE DIENST by R de Roos. In case the title did not tip you off, this book is in Dutch, and deals with Military Land Rovers in service with the Netherlands. The book is quite detailed on the variants specially supplied for Dutch use and the problems that ensued. The book may be released in English at a later date if there is sufficient demand. As I have not had sight of the book as yet, I can not make any further comments. For more info call me.

In Plastic Modeller from Australia comes a three part look at Australian 110's and the subsequent spin off variants. The first instalment looks at the links between Land Rover and the Australian forces since the mid 1950's. The article is informative and easy to follow. Should any of you want copies, I will be more than happy to send them, if you contact me.

Finally this month I regret that I have to end on a sad note. As you know Mike Mcdermott (McD) has taken this year off to give himself a break from the Club and the Newsletter. During this time, he and his wife Kelsey have been debating the future of their house and their own personal lives. McD has found that he quite easily survived a Canadian winter driving his warm Subaru, instead of the old Land Rover. Kelsey has also enjoyed the extra time Mike has been around the house, rather than under the hood of his Series 1. As a result McD has called it quits and is selling the Land Rover and all his Land Rover gear that he has acquired over the years.

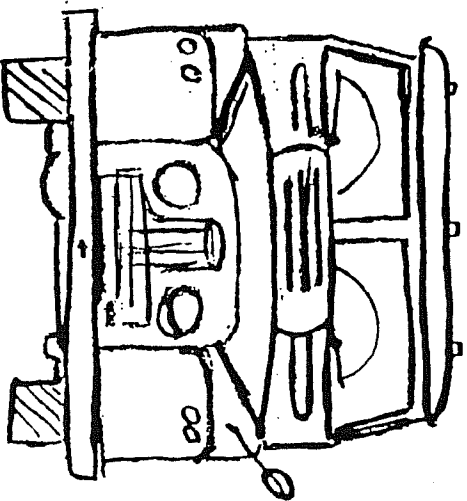
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