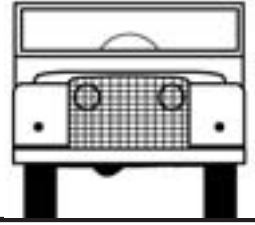


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Is that a gun in your hand or  
are you just happy to see me?



*Find out inside why this man is so happy. (see page 8-9 for article)*



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OVL R offers a monthly newsletter and a variety of activities throughout the year, from mechanical seminars and off-road rallies to social events and family oriented outings. Members receive discounts on parts from a number of North American suppliers. Off-road activities come in several categories. The light version, which is usually entertainment during a rally or at one of our family summer events, consists of a little "mud bogging" or tours along country lanes. The heavy stuff, which is usually several days across public lands navigating by compass, topographical maps and aerial photos, involves bridge building, river barging, and driving conditions ranging from cedar swamp to rocky hill winching.

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## Hey man, what's going on?

### OVLR Calendar of Events

#### Socials

Socials are held at the Prescott Hotel on Preston Street in Ottawa the third Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m.

#### Executive Meeting

Executive meetings are held on the first Monday of the month. Please call Christine Rose for location. (613) 823-3150

#### October 16, 2004

18th Annual Frame Oiler at Kanata Collision, 5862 Hazeldean Road in Stittsville, crack of 9:00 a.m. doughnuts and coffee. \$25.00 Repairing to lunch at a local pub if interest warrants. (see page 8)

#### October 23, 2004

Flower Power Rally  
9:00 a.m. at Broadway Restaurant in Stittsville.

#### Friday, December 3, 2004

Christmas Party will be held on December 3rd at the Hungarian Community Centre, 43 Capital Drive, Nepean K2G 0E7

# Two Lips in the Dark? No, Tulips on the Chart, Silly.

by Kevin Newell

On Saturday, October 23, OVLR will be sponsoring a day long event of family fun and Land Rovering. This event is based on following directions on chart and performing tasks to amass points and complete a day's driving.

This day you will need; a fun and adventurous spirit, a first aid kit, a sense of humour, a fire extinguisher, a compass (a GPS unit *may* help more than a compass), at least a stock Land Rover (no modifications are needed, though good tread depth on the tires always helps), some food for lunch, if you wish, and some water to drink. The event will end at an establishment to disseminate prizes, eat, drink and tell stories after the day is done.

A moment ago I mentioned a chart. No, not the periodic table, no not a treasure map, well maybe! This particular chart is known as a tulip chart. So what's a tulip chart, you ask? And why does a Land Rover enthusiast care about a chart of flowers that come from the nether regions of northern Europe? I can't answer these questions for you. Suffice to say that it is all very hush, hush, wink, wink stuff and Tinker Tailor, Soldier Spy, John LeCarré kind of business, The Brits won't talk about it ... Okay! Okay! That's not true. Well the stuff about the Brits is ... but for the rest here goes ....


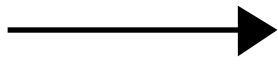
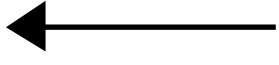
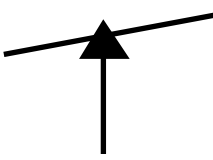



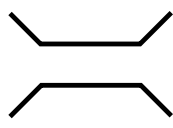
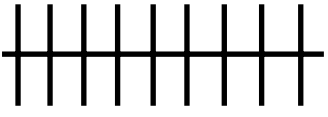
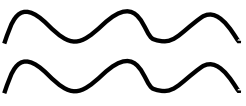
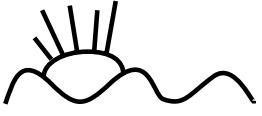
A Tulip Chart is used to identify traveled road surface conditions and a direction that you need to travel. The chart is divided into sections (in our case 12 squares). The squares are typically numbered so you can follow which comes next. Ours will always start in the top left and follow to bottom left. Then top of the middle row to the bottom of the middle row and finally top of the right row to the bottom. You will then have to go to the next

page. The bold lines within the sections (squares) are a graphical representation of the road ahead. The arrow tells you where (the direction) you need to go to get to where we want you to be. All traveling will be done within the confines of the beautiful City of Ottawa. You will be asked to perform certain tasks, nothing too hard, to get more points. For most tasks you will need a compass and a pen or pencil. If you have a GPS unit, it will most definitely come in handy (especially if you know how to use it)! At times you will be asked to get out of your Land Rover and use the compass or do something.

All legs of the day's driving have been timed and measured for speed and distance. You are expected to obey all rules of the road and posted speed limits. When you are driving on a green lane or an off-road trail all other vehicles have the right of way. This is a competition after all so you may want to get things done with a modicum of haste! However, simply by finishing first will not assure you a win. Tasks will have to be completed to get the real points and finishing ahead of someone else will only get you a single point more. Finishing first helps, but it is not the only thing and driving fast won't help. In short it is a race, but it's not about driving fast!

Included here, is what a Tulip Chart looks like and what the directional arrows look like. So far we have several club members already booked so please let Terry King know as soon as possible so we may plan accordingly. October 23 is our date. The rally starts at the Broadway Grill in Stittsville at 09:00 AM. Terry can be reached at [tking@sympatico.ca](mailto:tking@sympatico.ca). Come on out and enjoy a great day of driving and find out just how good your Land Rover really is!

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<p>1</p>  <p>Directional arrow, in this case <b>straight ahead</b></p>	<p>5</p>  <p>Directional arrow, in this case <b>go or turn right</b></p>	<p>9</p>  <p>Directional arrow, in this case <b>go or turn left</b></p>
<p>2</p>  <p>Directional arrow at a <b>cross road</b>. (<i>Any permutation is possible</i>).</p>	<p>6</p>  <p><b>Solid line means "black top" tarmac or paved road.</b></p>	<p>10</p>  <p><b>Broken line means "green lane" gravel or loose surface, any off road condition.</b></p>
<p>3</p>  <p><b>Transition from hard surface to loose surface or off road conditions.</b></p>	<p>7</p>  <p><b>Bridge</b>, it may be small, large, wooden or paved. It may or may not have water beneath it.</p>	<p>11</p>  <p>Train tracks</p>
<p>4</p>  <p>Water</p>	<p>8</p>  <p>Marsh/Swamp</p>	<p>12</p> <p><b>POINTS</b></p> <p>You need to stop and you may have to <b>get out of your vehicle and perform a task to gain points.</b></p>



# Blast from the Past

*submitted by Ray Pearmain (gleaned from the almighty Web)*

What a great blast from the past! I haven't thought about "fender skirts" in years. When I was a kid, I considered it such a funny term. Made me think of a car in a dress. When my Dad got angry that our 1937 Austin would not start, I thought he was a cross dresser. But my confidence was restored when he bought a 1939 Packard, as it had a "straight eight". As an ex WWII staff car in England, I wondered which General took advantage of its back seat in this huge "passion wagon".

Thinking about "fender skirts" started me thinking about other words that quietly disappear from our language with hardly a notice. Like "curb feelers" and "steering knobs." Since I'd been thinking of cars, my mind naturally went that direction first. Any kids will probably have to find some elderly person over 50 to explain some of these terms to you.

Remember "Continental kits?" They were rear bumper extenders and spare tire covers that were supposed to make any car as cool as a Lincoln Continental.

When did we quit calling them "emergency brakes?" At some point, "parking brake" became the proper term. But I miss the hint of drama that went with "emergency brake."

I'm sad, too, that almost all the old folks are gone who would call the accelerator the "foot feed."

Didn't you ever wait at the street for your daddy to come home, so you could ride the "running board" up to the house?

Here's a phrase I heard all the time in my youth but never anymore - "store-bought." Of course, just about everything is store-bought these days. But once it was bragging material to have a store-bought dress or a store-bought bag of candy."

Coast to coast" is a phrase that once held all sorts of excitement and now means almost nothing. Now we take the term "worldwide" for granted. This floors me.

On a smaller scale, "wall-to-wall" was once a magical term in our homes. In the '50s, everyone covered his or her hardwood floors with, wow, wall-to-wall carpeting! Today, everyone replaces their wall-to-wall carpeting with hardwood floors. Go figure.

When's the last time you heard the quaint phrase "in a family way?" It's hard to imagine that the word "pregnant" was once considered a little too graphic, a little too clinical for use in polite company. So we had all that talk about stork visits and "being in a family way" or simply "expecting."

Apparently "brassiere" is a word no longer in usage. I said it the other day and my daughter cracked up. I guess it's just "bra" now. "Unmentionables" probably wouldn't be understood at all.

It's hard to recall that this word was once said in a whisper - "divorce." And no one is called a "divorcee" anymore. Certainly not a "gay divorcee." Come to think of it, confirmed bachelors" and "career girls" are long gone, too.

I always loved going to the "picture show," but I considered "movie" an affectation.

Most of these words go back to the '50s, but here's a pure '60s word I came across the other day - "rat fink." Ooh, what a nasty put-down!

Here's a word I miss - "percolator." That was just a fun word to say. And what was it replaced with? "Coffeemaker." How dull. Mr. Coffee, I blame you for this.

I miss those made-up marketing words that were meant to sound so modern and now sound so retro. Words like "DynaFlow" and "ElectraLuxe." Introducing the 1963 Admiral TV, now with "SpectraVision!"

Food for thought - Was there a telethon that wiped out lumbago? Nobody complains of that anymore. Maybe that's what castor oil cured, because I never hear mothers threatening their kids with castor oil anymore.

Some words aren't gone, but are definitely on the endangered list. The one that grieves me

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## Blast from the Past *(continued from page 6)*

most - "supper." Now everybody says "dinner."  
Save a great word. Invite someone to supper.  
Discuss fender skirts.

Someone forwarded this to me, and I thought  
some of us of a "certain age" would remember  
most of these.



*Ray Pearmain and a, wait a minute, that's a RR not a LR. You can't fool us!*

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# Detroit International Auto Show

*photo credit Wayne Ellwood*



*Giving them Jeep guys a run  
for their money!*



*And who says that women  
are the weaker sex?*

# The Oiler, the Better

by Terry King

Photos by Shannon Lee Mannion

The annual chance to cover over the underside and other metal bits on your Land Rover, as well as yourself, on a first\_come first served basis, with the finest quality goo. In some years not only is the water repelling abilities of this goo tested on metal, but sometimes on yourself should there be a downpour happening. (like the last two years).

We will have a compressor, ramps, oil, and all of the paraphernalia on hand. You should clean your Land Rover prior to coming, with enough lead time for it to dry out.



good idea. There will be a sacrificial pair of overalls there, but they could be pretty gucky by the time you get them. You are responsible for oiling your own vehicle, unless, of course, you can bribe someone else to do it for you.

## Accommodations & Food

You don't need accommodations obviously, though food is always something near and dear to our hearts.

Coffee and doughnuts will be available with the possibility of lunch at a nearby pub should numbers warrant.

## Reservations/RSVP:

None required

## When:

Saturday, October 16th. 9 am is the official starting time, though people are known to get there earlier.

We expect to wrap up by 1:00 depending on demand.

## What:

Bring, or wear clothes that you do not mind getting a bit oily. In fact, depending on your skill, they could get very oily, so overalls might be a





## The Oiler, the Better (continued from page 6)

### Cost:

\$25.00 a vehicle. This all inclusive price gets your Land Rover (or Citation or whatever piece of scrap metal Shannon manages to drag to the yard) up on a set of ramps, a spray gun in your hand, and an interested audience to see how well you manage. From there, how well you do is up to you.



### Activities:

Spray the underside of your Land Rover with lots of goop. Help the next person do the same with a doughnut in your hand. Gossip with the Bob Wood Sighting Society about the latest Bob Wood Sighting.

Always the possibility of a social afterwards at the Cheshire Cat or the Swan at Carp.

### Getting There:

Roy's Shop: Kanata Collision is located at 5862 Hazeldean Road, just east of Stittsville. To get there, take the Queensway/417 west to Terry Fox. Head south on Terry Fox to Hazeldean Road. Turn right (West). Approximately a mile and a half later and you are there. Kanata Collision is on the left. Kanata Collision is located just east of "Old Stittsville". Refer to the OVL R website for a map.

*Cheers*

*Internet:*

<http://www.ovlr.org/OVLR.events.tuneup.html>



# Oil's Well

*In keeping with oil as our theme this month, Kevin Willey submits this timely article he discovered on the Land Rover Owner list (leaf spring).*

On Fri, 10 Sep 2004, Mitch Stockdale posted an excellent article by WILLIAM JEANES, original published date was 8/23/04: The British motor industry of the last century achieved a reputation for building cars that leaked oil. In looking back through my archives, I found an article on this



topic which I had posted to this list on 12/15/01. It is repeated below for those with an imperfect memory: There was a firm in the People's Republic of Boulder (ten square miles, completely surrounded by reality) which built a device called the Lucas Box. This microprocessor controlled marvel could be wired into the electrical system of any new German or Japanese sports car causing random and intermittent electrical malfunctions just like a Real English Sports Car. The difference was that it could be turned off if you really had to get to work on time. There is no reason this product could not be adapted to M Type Benzes, X5s, Pathfinders, Cruisers, etc., to simulate the feel of a Fine British Off-road Car. Simulation is better than the real thing. Please refer to my previous treatise on genuine imitation wire wheel covers. The price would need to be quadrupled, but the offer could be sweetened by the addition of several Territory Markers. Territory Markers are the roundish black vinyl pieces that can be left under your German or Japanese sports car or imitation Fine British Off-road Car to simulate the signature oil spots left by oil leaks. These are still very popular as they are easy to remove when the neighbors complain. Please note that I do not have any affiliations with any of the above firms and that my description does not constitute an endorsement.

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## Trophy Watch, or Watch That Ends the Night, or what would the Christmas Party be without Trophies.

*Thoughts on missing trophies by Shannon*

A Funny Thing Happened, uh, to, our Trophies or Whatever Happened to Baby, uh, you know, that Tow Ball Trophy and that other one, the Eating Raoul, uh, Pheasant, no, no, it was Gasket Under Glass? That was it. And were there others?

If you happen to know or you happen to even have one of the Club Trophies, would you mind contacting one of the executive members, Chris, Terry, Dave, Jean-Leon or even the lowly

newsletter editor, Shannon, and let us know your intent on returning said trophy to the fold.

I can truthfully say that I do not have any of the Land Rover Club trophies in my possession. This does not explain why I had the Alfa Romeo Club trophy for Participation or Most Valuable Player, as I like to call it, tucked away in the bottom of my closet. Maybe I'd better check again for any trophies, OVLR or not, I might have missed.

Why not check your closets; you never know what you will find.

# A Laugh a Day Keeps the Doctor at Bay

*Submitted by Kevin Willey as discovered on UK-LRO*

A body engineer from Land Rover goes on an exchange visit to Toyota in Japan and watches the engineers developing the latest Land Cruiser body shell. He notices that on the workbench they have a cat in a small cage and he asks what it's for. The Japanese engineer tells him when they have finished a Land Cruiser they lock a cat in it and go home. If the cat is dead when they return in the morning they know the shutlines on the doors are up to their high standards. The LR guy likes this idea and when he gets back to Solihull he takes a cat to work and locks it in a Defender and goes home for the night. When he returns in the morning the cat is gone.

Land Rovers are like women: They leak when you don't want them to, moan on long journey's, embarrass you in front of friends and peers, and consume more money than you ever expected once you've commit yourself to one.

Did you hear about the man whose Land Rover didn't leak oil? The factory took it back and worked on it until it did.

Did you hear the one about the guy that peeked into a Land Rover and asked the owner "How can you tell one switch from another at night? They all look the same. He replied, "It doesn't matter which one you use, nothing happens !"

You know, somebody actually complimented me on my driving today. They left a little note on the windscreen. It said, 'Parking Fine'. So that was nice.

## **Lucas**

The Lucas motto: "Get home before dark."

Lucas - "Inventor" of the first intermittent wiper.

Lucas - Inventor of the self-dimming headlamp.

Land Rover three position headlight switch - Dim, Flicker and Off.

The Original Anti-Theft Device - Lucas Electrics.

"I have had a Lucas pacemaker for years and have never had any trou..."

If Lucas made guns, wars would not start...

Q: Why do the British drink warm beer?

A: Because Lucas makes their refrigerators...

## **How to know when you're a Land Rover owner:**

If you go to get the Sunday paper and come back on Monday without it.

If you use a hose to clean the inside and the outside.

When the best route from point A to point B is through the mud.

When a scratch or a dent is a beauty mark.

You roll your Rover over and look for it's thingy.

Your mom and sister can't get in without help.

You judge every hill you see by how much fun it would be to climb.

You search for trails in an USAF helicopter.

You puke when you see a Geo Tracker.

You get custom pin-striping from trail brush.

If it takes more than six hours to get doughnuts.

When you pull into the unplowed parking spots on snowy days.

When you take your friends wheeling and they say "What trail - I don't see a trail!"

Your friends won't ride with you 'cause they don't want to wind up in the desert in the middle of the night.

When your boss's secretary calls to "recommend" that you wash your Rover.

When you finally wash the mud off, everyone thinks you bought a new Rover.

You carry emergency supplies and clothing because you never know where you will end up.

When your Nerf bars battle rocks and win.

When it rains and you don't care that your top and doors are off.

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## A Laugh A Day *(continued from page 11)*

When you drive around to look at Christmas lights topless.

When you change your plugs in the parking lot at work on a break.

If your "Parts Dept." is on blocks behind your house.

When you take your Mom wheeling and she has to help you flip the Rover back onto its wheels again.

You use an ice-scraper on the INSIDE of the windshield.

You get more heat from holes in the floorboards than through the heater vents.

Every page of your repair manual has fingerprints.

Passengers scream "DON'T ROLL IT!" when you take them wheeling.

You spend more time under your Rover than under your significant other.

Winter comes and you can't remember where you left the roof.

You spend more on car washes than on insurance.

Even worse the car wash won't let you in.

You complain about everything but smile when you fix everything yourself.

When you think Mud Brown should be a factory paint color.

When you feel sorry for someone in a \$60,000 Toyota Land Cruiser.

When you have all your credit card numbers memorized.

When you slam the door and part of your Rover crumbles to the ground.

If you get asked to pick up your co-workers in a snow storm and get paid for it.

Your wife/girlfriend refuses to get in it.

You are the only one on the street who doesn't plow their driveway.

You try to run the plow trucks off the road when it snows.

You have a high-water mark INSIDE the Rover.

The first word out of your two-year old's mouth isn't Mommy or Daddy, it's Rover!!!

## Seen in the Passing Lane-Bumper Snickers

Stop Laughing, put the camera away and get a tow rope!

If my wife was this dirty, I'd have stayed at home!

The car in front of you is NOT A BLOODY JEEP!!!  
To Infinity & Beyond 1948-2004.

Land Rover 0-60 in Three Weeks!

A Land Rover is for LIFE - not just for Christmas.

Keep Your distance - you never know what will fall off.

Warning: This Vehicle Bites!

Please remember - YOU ARE MY CRUMPLE ZONE

I may be driving a tin bucket - but which scrap yard will yours be in when it's the same age?!

Cats have nine lives, but this Land Rover has 750's!!

If you can read this please flip me over!

WARNING: This Landrover may contain NUTS!

Don't wash me - just plant Potatoes!

This Vehicle has more leaks than the Titanic

## How do you know you drive a Land Rover

When you occasionally find rust flakes in your ears.

If you keep these strange Imperial-thread bolts in your pocket in case the dashboard falls off.

When you dream of burned Lucas electrics when your wife smokes a cigarette in bed.

If 10 lbs of prime top soil fall on the tarmac when you smack your door shut.

When even Russians don't believe your truck is only 20 years old.

When there are more tools in the truck than in your house.

When the GPS in your vehicle has the main purpose to replace the speedo and odometer.

You can't decide whether to park on a hill in case your starter fails or on the flat in case your handbrake fails.

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# Softening the Iron Grip of the Club Elders and Founders

(Without Any Casualties)

by Del Albright, Blue Ribbon Ambassador and Daniel R. Stra, Founder, JonFund 4X4 Club

*Del and Dan offer us some food for thought. With our club annual general meeting upcoming at the beginning of the new year, why not give some thought to becoming more involved in your club. Why not run for a seat on the executive? You get to meet and interact with other members in a more intense way than by simply meeting them for an afternoon of off-roading from time-to-time. Get involved in the planning of events and relish the feeling of a job done well. Del and Dan ask, what for some clubs, might be a rhetorical questions, and for others, might mean the difference between longevity or dissolution:*

*“Is your club/group held in the clutches of time by its club elders? Do you wish that you had more input, or that the club/group would change to keep up with the crises our sports face? As a club elder, are you worried that letting go of things will cause the club to spiral downward or that if you let go of the power no one will step up and continue your good work?” Here are his recommendations. He writes:*

Either situation can be remedied. Many groups have problems related to a lack of distribution of the workload and responsibilities. There are those who do a lot (and are getting tired) and those who want to do more but aren't being given things to do. Both situations lead to burn-out and membership decline.

For club elders it is important to realize that you cannot achieve every club goal without help. Maybe if you are the leader of a very small group it is possible, but when we begin talking about dozens or hundreds of people, trying to do it all on your own is more harmful to the group than good. You, as well as the group will suffer. This is not to say that all club elders and founders have an iron grip that needs softening. On the contrary, they are the historical resource and solid foundation of many clubs. But if you find

yourself in this situation, we'd like to offer some ideas to help. There are some solutions to the iron grip, from both sides; those caught in the grip; and those causing the squeeze.

Let's first talk about it from the perspective of being the elders or founders causing the squeeze. Look for ways to allow others to handle responsibilities. Try to become a manager of the human assets of your organization. Rather than give your volunteers step by step instructions about how to do something, teach them the objectives of their role, make yourself available to them and then stand back and watch how much they can impress you with their abilities. Learn to express objectives and expectations that others can achieve for you, or for the common good. Be free with praise and encouragement. Ask yourself why you hang on so tight, and what you need to do to let go a bit. Learn to pass on the great wealth of information and experiences you have by letting others achieve the shared goals of your group. Learn to take pride in what the group achieves as a whole.

For example, let's assume that someone in your group wants to handle membership, and you've been doing it for some time. You could demonstrate how you've done it but what about after that? After that you would be wise to explain to that person the overreaching concepts that you use when doing it yourself. From there you could discuss how it all fits into the clubs big picture and then talk about where you would like to see it membership recruiting/retention go. Then give them leeway to make improvements and adjustments.

You should take pride in the fact that your “student” made things better and the club benefitted as a whole. Here is how these ideas might break down.

The way you do it now - “I like memberships to end at the same time each year to avoid

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## Softening the Iron Grip *(continued from page 13)*

always having to worry about renewals. No one joins for less than a year. I have tried to maintain a 75% retention rate.”

The concepts that you use – “I have always tried to use good customer service concepts when dealing with membership. If they have a question I get back with an answer within a day.”

The way it fits into the big picture – “Membership is crucial to the club. Retaining members is a top priority.”

Where you would like to see it go – “I also think we need more in the way of club raffles, events and incentives. I also think that we should do more member outreach.”

The leeway and expectations you provide – “Until you’re comfortable with the way things go I would like to keep things status quo. I am hopeful that this will be less than a month. After that I want you to begin looking for ways to do this better than I ever did it. If you have new ideas, let’s discuss them to see how they fit in the big picture of the club.”

This is a very basic example, but once you put it into practice you will find yourself having more confidence in what your “students” do. As soon as you trust their instincts you’ll be less worried about control and more optimistic about who will replace you one day.

If you want your work to endure then it should be your goal, as a club elder, to “develop” your replacements. There *are* people out there that *can* fill your shoes, and you should work hard to explain exactly what is involved in wearing those shoes in the first place.

What if you are caught in the iron grip? What can you do? Start by looking for ways to break through it. Show your interest in wanting to help without trying to take over. Start with little projects and work your way up. Keep in mind it’s the overall benefit to the club that we’re trying to achieve. When given a job, make sure you fully understand its expectations. Ask the job-giver questions until you “see” the job the way they see it. Keep asking questions until you know what’s expected, including time frames, reports, etc. Then if you find something that needs fixing or adjusting, include the job-giver in the process.

Very important, if you take on a job, be sure to get it done on time, the way it was presented to you, and within the expectations. Give credit to those who helped you get started. Show that you are part of the team trying to achieve something for the greater good of the club.

Finally, if you can’t break through the barrier, or if things aren’t changing to the good, then you have to step up and speak out! Address the issues openly with the group and express YOUR expectations of the group and how they’re not being achieved. If the group cannot be swayed to see a different future, then you may have a tough choice to make about staying. But at least you will have given it your best shot!

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## A Laugh A Day (continued from page 12)

You put your coat on as you get INTO your car. When you borrow your Mum's 1 litre Vauxhall Corsa it feels like a sports car.

If, whilst driving, you frequently turn down the volume of the stereo ... to check for new noises.

You stop at a petrol station to top up oil and to check the petrol level.

Police officers shake your hand when they issue you a speeding ticket.

People in VW camper vans follow you so they can watch someone else breakdown.

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## Great News from Steve Hoare, North American Editor of Land Rover Monthly

I thought I'd give you the heads-up that the Birthday Party feature in coming out in the "October" issue of LRM. The issue is at the printer and should hit these shores within a few weeks.

*Cheers, Steve*

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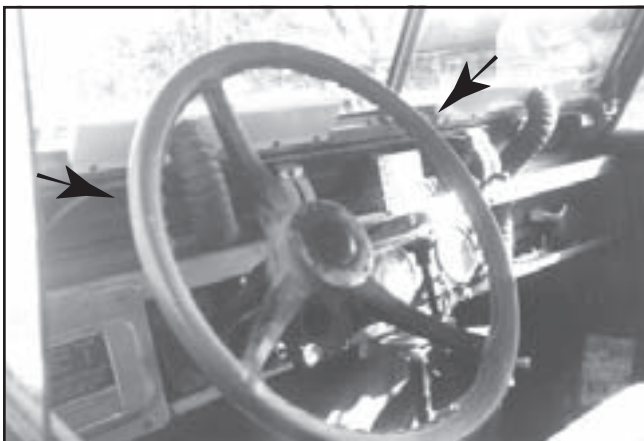
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