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RIP Al "Bates" Pilgrim



Al Pilgrim relaxes aboard the engine deck of his beloved "Sally" during a break in the action at a club outing. The 1957/1107- inch pickup was a rare Series 1 model produced for only two years. (article on page 4)



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General Information

Ottawa Valley Land Rovers is the oldest and largest Land Rover club in Canada and the second oldest in North America. Membership is open to all Land Rover enthusiasts. Executive meetings are held on the first Monday of every month. Social meetings are held on the third Monday of every month, generally at the Prescott Hotel on Preston Street.

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 raging from cedar swamp to rocky hill winching.

Membership: Canadians joining throughout the year pay \$50 CDN per year, Americans and others pay \$50 US per year (discounts available if you receive the newsletter by email). Membership is valid for one year.

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February 20, 2017

AGM and 274th Monthly Social
Location to be decided.

March 20, 2017

275th Monthly Social
Prescott Hotel (Beach & Preston Streets in Ottawa)

OVL R Facebook Page

The OVL R Facebook page will be regularly updated with goings on and club membership stuff. We will post the upcoming events and other important things when we can. Please drop by and “like” our OVL R community. Our intent is that it gets to share stories, trips and musings on all things Land Rover. If are having trouble repairing your Landy or sourcing a special part, drop a note and perhaps someone in the club can help you out

It is located at: <http://tinyurl.com/hdu9np8>

Notice for Roaming Rally

SUBMITTED BY: CLIVE SHEPHERD

A whole week for trucks!

Roaming Rally 2017 – location Eastern Ontario

Dates have been set for the 2017 Roaming Rally. We're quite excited about the new format for 2017... more details to come before the end of the year. Registration will begin in January. We've been asked by a few folks for the dates so vacation time can be booked.

Bikes May 25-28

Trucks May 27 - June 3rd

see *Gravel Travel* at www.graveltravel.ca

The Maine Winter Romp

Website: <http://www.winterromp.me>

February 17—20, 2017

The Maine Winter Romp is an informal annual gathering of Land Rover owners and enthusiasts hosted by Bruce Fowler. Set in and around Benton, Maine over Presidents' Weekend, the Maine Winter Romp provides a non-competitive opportunity to test your Rover and driving skills in conditions that can be extreme.

The event has grown into one of the larger winter gatherings of Land-Rovers in the Northeast—maybe even the country. The event is generally non-damaging (though of course accidents can happen) and is open to drivers of all skill levels. (Novices will find supportive coaches in our midst—just ask.) There is no charge for the event itself, but the group does meet and eat at various local establishments during the event. Winter Romp is not affiliated with any Land-Rover Club, but clubs are invited to participate.

Looking forward to the 2017 Maple Syrup Rally

Date sometime in March/April

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RIP Al "Bates" Pilgrim

AUTHOR: MIKE MCDERMOTT

I lost a good friend the other day. We all did.

Alan Pilgrim died in hospital just before Christmas from a bad heart and a recurrence of cancer. The older folk in OVLRL called him Al but most of us will remember him by his nickname "Mr. Bates", famous for his auctioneering skills (selling the same item several times) and as the club's first chef cooking for large crowds from our new kitchen trailer.

Al was a founding member of the Association of Land Rover Owners of Canada and OVLRL. He was the inspiration for our famed Lugnut award and creator of games like Feelie Meelie. He served on the executive, was host at many Christmas banquets and was often the first to arrive and last to leave to make sure they went as planned.

He made regular appearances in early newsletters for his self-inflicted misadventures with "Sally" his 57/107 pickup. A rare bird indeed, she was pulled from a farmer's field and lovingly rebuilt by Al and friends. He cut his restoration teeth on that 107 and went on to help rebuild many vehicles over the years. A bull worker, he could be counted on to do the grunt work and excelled at tearing apart trashed Land Rovers for useful bits. Sometimes, however, it seemed he and things mechanical never really got along. When that happened, it was hilarious.

Like the time he tried to mix a gallon of paint using a bent coat hanger and a 2,500 rpm drill press. Bloooy.

Or taping the "on" button of a high-speed grinder because his thumb was getting tired. When he put it down, it screamed out the laneway and across the road like the monster in "Alien", the cable waving behind like a tail. No witnessing child slept that night.

Coming down a hill in a line of Rovers near Calabogie one summer's day, the 107 suddenly began bucking like a rodeo bronco. Seems "someone" neglected to tighten the nuts on the front joint of the rear propshaft and it dug into the pavement. Al claimed thieves stole the nuts overnight.

Or making a sharp right turn with heavy-lugged 750/16 tires and the door open. Series vehicles have"

lift off" doors and they do that quickly when caught in the lug of a spinning tire.

And his challenges didn't end with Land Rovers or tools. While fishing one day, he neglected to secure the reel to the rod and watched in amazement as it fell into the lake at the first strike, only to leap out a second later when the line jammed. With the fish swimming madly away, the reel smashed into the line guides and pulled each rod section apart, one after the other.

It was all over in a flash leaving Al holding the short rod stub and gaping at the fading wake that swallowed his gear.

He kept us in stitches and, while others might feel they were the butt of jokes, Al did not. He was a natural showman, loved an audience and came alive when "on stage", oblivious to hoots and hollers that might shove a lesser man off his patter.

But like all of us, he had another side too. He was married twice, has two grown children and a grandson who lives on Vancouver Island. He didn't get to see them often and regretted that. In his later years he became kind of a loner and could be petulant, dark and didn't care much for the people or things around him – except his favorite western novels, hundreds of which he collected during his job as a salesman and manager for an Ottawa distributor.

He sold "Sally" several years ago and hasn't been around the club lately, except for last June when he volunteered to help clear a new offroad trail for our birthday events near Maberly. Members of the crew remarked on his strength and energy at 75.

Surprisingly, Al was unaware of his deteriorating condition at the time. It probably wouldn't have slowed him down anyway.

He was determined to live his life his own way. He was contrary and frustrating and sometimes he drove me crazy. I knew him 50 years and he was the best friend I ever had.

Al once said that if he could do things over, he'd be a fence rider on a prairie ranch a hundred years ago.

Perhaps he is.

OVL R Annual General Meeting

The AGM has been scheduled for February 20th, location to be determined (stay tuned). The AGM will include the officer elections, reports from all current officers, and conduct any other business necessary for the club.

As usual, the following elected executive positions are open for nomination:

President: Responsible for the overall operation of the club.

Events Co-ordinator: As Events can be a large and onerous load, the Events Co-ordinator position organizes the overall Events proper, not the offroad portions. This person is responsible for the overall co-ordination and running of large "family oriented" events such as the Maple Syrup Rally, the Birthday Party, and the Christmas Party. Plus any other events that the Executive chooses to hold throughout the year.

Offroad Co-ordinator: Responsible for all greenlaning, offroad events and RTV Trials that the club will undertake.

Executive Member at large: A position that would allow for members to learn the ropes, assist the other Executive in undertaking their tasks. If you're thinking you wanted to help the club this is your opportunity to help.

If you have a couple of free hours a month, and want to help run the club, contact the executive and let your intentions be known.

If you are interested in running, or would like to nominate someone for a position on the executive, drop an email to our resident Returning Officer Dixon Kenner at dkenner@gmail.com

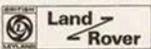


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Look back at the Birthday Party 2016

PHOTOS: ROBERT WOLLSCHLAGER



Ben Smith contemplating the right line on Dodd's Lake trail



Showing us how its done — with Bruce Fowler

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Photo Caption Contest

Members are encouraged to submit photos and our readers will suggest captions!

January Caption photo from the web.

Captions should submitted to: terrycking@rogers.com

Looking for photos for coming issues.



Remember
Annual General Meeting
February 20, 2017

December Caption Contest Results

Winner for ingenuity :)

AF: "mud mud glorious mud nothing quite like it for cooling the blood so follow me follow down to the hollow and there we will wallow in glorious mud"

Second place:

Keith Burgess: "Darn it, I knew I should have fitted the snorkel but I thought I'd need the winch..."



Runners Up:

KN: Driver: Holy crap I can't see and wipers aren't working... Passenger: don't stop, don't stop for the love of god don't stop!!!

Kim G: "Gulp!"

BF: F*(k the vents are open...

Naji Mhanna: Damn where are those Toyota guys when you need to sacrifice one of their trucks?

Ken Fear-Firman: They tell me mud is good for the complexion.

Sinclair, Alastair: Ah sh*t the septic is out again.

Tracy Sapera: "Knew I shoulda bought the snorkel!"

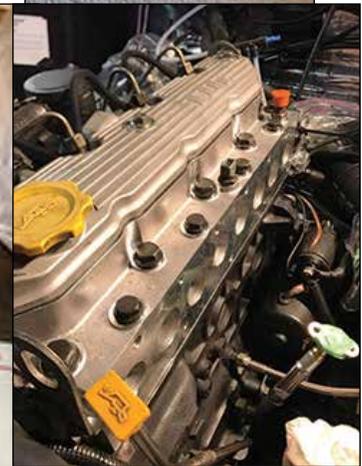
Editor: This should take those wrinkles out!

Thanks for playing everybody :)

Will's Progress on 110

PHOTOS: WILL FICNER

The Defender is back alive after some extensive work. Timing adjusted, new head, new vacuum pump, webasto plumbed in, new washer bottle, plus lots of other little jobs



Look back at the BP 2016 *(continued from page 6)*



Preparing the tow strap.



Waiting for a tug

Rovers & Parts for Sale

FOR SALE

1996 Defender 300tdi, LHD for sale, Long list of upgrades and no body rust.
 \$33,000 CDN (vehicle located in Texas)
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4 winter tires in good condition –P265/70R17; Ottawa area – these are for a family member
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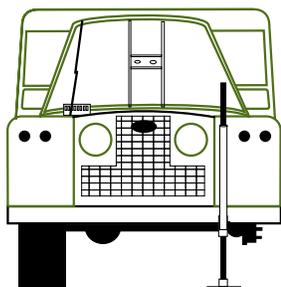
WANTED

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D2 4.6 Serp belt no ACE	25
D2 4.6 NGC ignition wires	90
D2 4.6 thermostat and housing	40
D2 Caliper pistons front qty 2	30
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D2 rear brake pads 2 pair	100
D2 trailer wiring kit	90
D1 rear mud flaps	35
D1 hood release	25

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