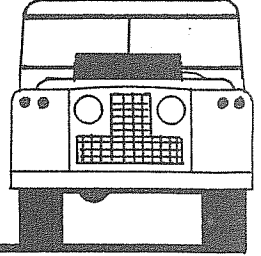


# OTTAWA VALLEY LAND ROVERS



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Ah April. That time of year when hibernating Land Rovers start creeping out of garages, awoken from snowbanks, or the "year-rounders" head for the unsalting showers to wash away winter's abuse. All over this land the "RRRRR - RRRRR" of a tired Lucas starter can be heard pleading for just one more turnover.

OVLRL is gearing up too. The welding class on the 21st and the tune-up on the 27th in preparation for the May mudder announce the increase of activities that will soon fill our summer. Plans are in the making for the May 17-18 barbeque and garage sale, the June 22 club birthday party, the Dominion Day Huggins rally and more.

But first .... some news.

## HELLO MARLENE

A two-LR contingent of Pres McD and Al Pilgrim, Jerry Dowell, Treas David Johnson, family and friend John de Veth recently trekked to Ompah for a rendezvous with ALROC member Marlene Manning from Utterson in the Muskoka region who was visiting friends and wanted to meet some of the Ottawa club. After lunch in the Trout Lake Hotel, Marlene fired up her II-A 88 and joined us for a little romp up the almost-thawed railbed road from Ompah to Flower Station which will form part of the May mudder route. After several miles we hit some deep stuff, the ice buckled under Johnson's overweight 109 and our northbound trip was stopped. After a little winching we turned around and headed home, vowing to return in triumph in May.

It was Marlene's first trip into the boonies but she enjoyed the outing so much she's threatening to join us for the fall trip. Hope we see her then.

## CLUB DIRECTORY

Attached to this newsletter you'll find your first OVLRL club directory. Our thanks to Andrew Finlayson and David Johnson for their work. Any errors should be brought to the attention of Treas Johnson immediately. This is the list ABP uses to see who's eligible for its 15% discount. It's also sent to other Land Rover clubs and individuals so it's important that Land Rover specifics and addresses are correct.

## GARAGE SALE

OVLRL got its financial start last year with a garage sale when members generously contributed goodies which were sold with the profits going to club coffers.

It worked so well we're gonna try it again this year ... and like last year, we'll bribe you. We'll have a barbeque the evening of Friday, May 17 at the home of Pres McDermott, 1016 Normandy Crescent. You can bring your donations and we can price and tag them while we fill up and gab. Next day, bright and early, we'll open for business, unload all your junk and make a few bucks for the club.

So how about peering into a few of those dark places around the house for things you'll probably never use. If you can't deliver, let the exec know in advance and we'll pick up the stuff.

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TUNE-UP APRIL 27

### CONGRATS ISLAND ROVERS

The Island Rovers have become the second official ALROC chapter. The Vancouver Island club was granted chapter status April 9. The 28-LR club is headed by Pres Steve Bradshaw, VP is Terry Duncan and Secretary is none other than ALROC VP Ron Low. OVLR extends a warm welcome to the Island Rovers. The two clubs will exchange newsletters and pictures of events on a regular basis.

### APRIL OVLR MEETING

It was Italian fare for eight at the April 1 club meeting when Treas Johnson announced a bank balance for the month of \$454.06 with 40 members paid. DUES: April 1 marked the deadline for 1985 dues for current members and reluctantly we had to drop three members from club rolls. The three are no longer eligible for club discounts, activities or the newsletter. The decision to drop them from the club was not an easy one. However, on a motion from the floor, it was pointed out that the \$5 annual fee was due at the January 30 annual meeting. Members had been reminded and warned of the cutoff in two subsequent newsletters and had received a personal phone call one week before the deadline. INITIATION FEE: In related business, the club voted to instigate a one-time initiation fee for new members in an effort to keep the newsletter paying for itself without a sharp increase in dues. We have been hit with a hefty increase in newsletter production costs and expect another hike when the post office raises its rates. The \$10 initiation fee, in addition to the annual \$5 dues, applies to anyone not listed as a member April 1, 1985. PARTS POOL: Club plans for a central listing of LR parts held by members have been shelved for the time being. The plan was to provide a single source of who had what parts for sale or loan whereby members would have an alternative to paying big bucks for new parts or buying from strangers when the piece they needed was lying in a fellow member's basement. Key to the plan was members sending a list of their parts to the club. However, after six months of effort, insufficient information was collected from members to make the project worthwhile. CLUB PARTS: Still dealing with parts, all bits and pieces owned by the club will be sold for 15% of the latest ABP price or OVLR acquisition cost plus 15%. The payment policy also applies to items loaned for experiment or emergencies with the money being refunded upon return of the item to club stocks. The move was needed to avoid misunderstandings regarding payment and to help keep track of stocks.

OVLR meets the first Monday of each month for some lunch, libation and laughter. We also get a little club business done. So why not join us. Call the exec for reservations.

### GOSSIP, RUMOUR, FACT, FICTION, NEWS, VIEWS AND PLAIN LIES

- John Bennet sailing the South Atlantic as crew on a tall ship.
- Al Pilgrim received a letter from Pat Banyas of US navy in Key West. Al met Pat, who drives a 58 II 88 RHD, while on vacation in the sun.
- Jordie Bowen's II-A 88 treated to brake and electrical service by Jason and McD before heading back to Queens.
- Audry and Fred Cole expected back from England holiday soon and Dave Smithers and Olga set to leave in early May.
- McD and Dave Smithers off to Moncton and St. John's in late April to investigate the LR situation on the east coast.

That's all for now.

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