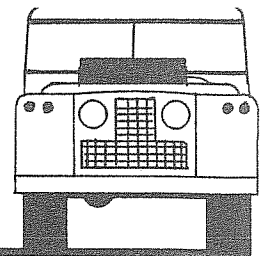


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July 15, 1985

Happy birthday to us!!

OVLRL celebrated its first year June 22 with a gala outing, some friendly competition, a lotta laughs and a mouth-watering barbecue of all-you-can-eat ribs.

Twenty-one people, members and their families, caravanned out Kemptville way to the farm of John and Gay den Admirant. On the way, they followed a skill-testing rally course authored by VP Jerry Dowell in honour of ALROC founder Harold Huggins.

After a tour of the farm, we boarded the Land Rovers for a trip down some local country lanes led by Treasurer David Johnson who had scouted the area several weeks earlier. A tourist's view of historic Burritt's Rapids preceded a stop at the canal locks and a dip in the still-chilly Rideau.

Then it was back to the farm and a game of "blind obstacle course driving". The rules were simple: the driver wears a blindfold and receives driving instruction over two-way radio from his partner standing on a hill. Sounds easy? It's not ... but it can be funny ... especially when your partner is a bit of a clown and directs you into the back forty instead of toward the finish line.

Then it was face down into a pile of barbecued ribs, salad and buns followed by a birthday cake and fresh strawberries with Kirsch.

Winners of the day's events were Maggie Johnson for the Huggins rally - she won a cookbook - Jason Dowell who won a free frame oiling for his prowess on the obstacle course (even though he ran into a fence post) - Rose Whitworth who took second place on the course but hasn't chosen between a distributor cap and a jug of gear oil (lucky woman eh?) and Malcolm Johnson who was the big winner in the raffle for a model Land Rover donated by John Pritchard.

Special thanks to Kelsey Anderson, Debbie Barrett, Rose Whitworth and Sharon Pilgrim for food preparation, Al Pilgrim and Dave Johnstone for cooking, Jerry Dowell for his rally, David Johnson for his country tour, cameramen Andrew Finlayson and Jason Dowell and the den Admirants for their farm.

A threatening thunderstorm cut short Prez McDermott's birthday speech (thank God for little miracles). He congratulates all for making the past year a success.

July meeting

This month's meeting took us to the Swiss Chalet for a "cheapy". Top of the agenda was the decision to go ahead with our own "calling cards", little wallet-size cards promoting OVLRL to be left on strange Land Rovers you might come across in your travels. Neil Brewer is putting together a design and we hope to have them out to members with the September newsletter.

The exec also took a look at plans for a universal towbar submitted by Peter Whitworth. The club asked Peter to come up with a design to fit all imaginable bumpers. Next to parts, a universal towbar is the item most requested by members.

The club's rebuild program continues. Al Pilgrim and Mike McD ventured to Michel Gagnon's recently to weld up new bulkhead outriggers on his 88. He still has to install his transmission. Rebuild project coordinator Bob Hussey reports two members waiting in the wings ... John Hart has steering and brake problems and Andy Graham needs some frame and electrical work. All we need now are volunteers to help with the work.

The exec has received a suggestion that this year's Labor Day trip be of the highway variety rather than the bush variety ... an overnigher to the States perhaps ... or up to the Toronto area to meet ALROC members there. If you've got any ideas, the exec would like to hear from you.

The club will hold a general meeting sometime in September and we'll send a package on the agenda with the next newsletter. The exec feels it needs some guidelines from the membership on such things as fund-raising, spending, business meetings and incorporating.

Gossip, news, dirt, goings-on, fact, fiction

- Mark Pankhurst is selling his LR "fleet". It's \$5000 for either the 61-2A-88 or his "little darlin'", a rare 57-88 Series I. Call him at 722-0081.
- Fred Barrett has a bunch of parts for sale after the recent purchase of Mark Hill's Hollywood 88. If you need a bit, give him a call at 731-9595.
- Treasurer David Johnson and family are aiming at setting an endurance record for people jammed into a tiny space while bumping along the Trans-Canada Highway. David and Ron Low struck a deal for Ron's Series III-88 while the Johnson's were visiting the west coast. At press time David, Elizabeth and the two young'uns should be bumping through northern Ontario. The 88 will balance off the laneway with his Series III-109.
- Al Pilgrim solved his mysterious air-cleaner problem. His rebuilt 107 wouldn't run with the air cleaner connected ... the Dowell brothers swapped the 2½ carb and distributor for another set and --- whoom ... it's a real neck snapper.
- Doc John Bennett's back from his around-the-world boat trip and looking to get his Series I brake problems on Bob Hussey's rebuild list.

OVLRL meets the first Monday of each month for a little laughter, libation and labor of the business kind. Each month is a different restaurant. Call the exec for reservations.

That's all for now.

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