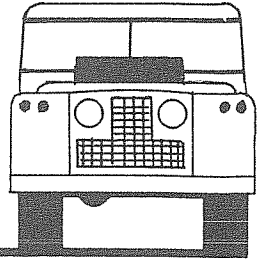


OTTAWA VALLEY LAND ROVERS



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November 1988

G*Day eh !

As of the last event, O.V.L.R has given a new meaning to the phrase 'needle in a haystack'. Around 30 people in 7 Land Rovers spent 1 1/2 hours scouring the Fairheads' sugarbush on Sunday, October 16th until the Charrons spotted Vern's '74 88" in a 'remote area'.

The day began with a roundup of six vehicles at the Westgate shopping centre at 9.00 and after picking up Bruce Ricker in Dunrobin, the convoy headed for open water (well the Queyon ferry). Evidently, according to Mr Ricker, safeties, insurance and licenses are optional on Rovers in Quebec ! Upon arrival at the Fairheads, 10 Kgs of pasta was loaded into Linda's oven whilst the crowds mingled. Lunch was served at 1.00 with ample helpings of pasta with meat sauce a la Julie Brewer accompanied by salad and french bread.

Hunt the Rover got underway at 1.30 with some very vague instructions from Al Pilgrim. Vern's trails were in excellent shape, giving only a modicum of difficulty to even the poorer tires. The President was even chauffeured around by his wife who could not understand why he gets stuck so often !

Yet another gorgeous day spent at the Fairhead farm, culminating in the fishing derby which saw honours going to our younger members. Many thanks once again to Linda and Vernon Fairhead for their hospitality, to Julie for all the cooking, Harry for the coffee and Al for putting the event together.

The previous weekend saw O.V.L.R (mainly Mike McDermott) being host to the notorious Kevin Burton (you know, "O mither war fucked" fame) with his friend Deb from Newfoundland. The couple were treated to an O.V.L.R. supper and slide show and a day in the LaRose forest, complete with a fender bender and a siezed engine - don't say we never do anything for our 'out of town' members !

The Friday night slide show was entertaining to say the least and should provide some resources for the Christmas party. Saturday in the LaRose was not quite so funny as the Pres had an arguement with a log after rather hurriedly forcing his way through a 'known passage', and David Johnson managed to 'suck' sand and water into his oilpan whilst crossing a deceptively deep creek. The result of David's misfortune was a set of main and rod bearings that were virtually non existant and a major engine rebuild. The Pres was not quite so unfortunate, and found a new application for his 'Superwinch' - pulling out bodywork !

Kevin and Deb left on the Monday thinking that perhaps they were'nt so crazy after all !

For all you odd-ball Rover fans, here's a machine for sale that should be of interest:
1982 series 3 109" 4 cyl diesel chassis cab (1 ton), ordered by a potash mining company - company goes bankrupt, leaving crated vehicle at docks in England for 3 years. (Interesting so far eh !)
Bought for \$12,000 in 1985 and shipped to Canada, body from 1966 2A 5 door transferred to frame of series 3 with new seats, Bearmach overdrive and hubs. This vehicle has been on the road for 3 years with a total of 12,000 Km, and has been oil sprayed every year. The owner is looking for offers around \$11,000. If you are interested, call Mike Williams at 902-852-4544 or write to him at P.O. Box 5302, Armdale Post Office, Halifax, N.S. B3L 4S7.

Richard Copple writes to us from his new location in Picton, where he now houses his 'fleet' of Rovers. Richard runs a business called 'Long Run Imports Inc', specializing in european car parts, and has accumulated an inventory of Rover parts that he hopes to give us more details on.

Richard's new location looks like a good excuse for an outing when the weather warms up next year !

Next event is the 'OILER', scheduled for Saturday, November 5th. It will be held at the home of Mr and Mrs Hart in Dunrobin and gets underway at 9 am sharp. As in previous years, the club will be providing the equipment and food along with a supply of 'TEXACO FLOATCOAT', a high quality oil coating produced specifically for this application. Heavy duty ramps will be on hand, but participants are expected to bring hand tools, protective clothing and clean-up 'stuff'.

The oiler has always been a well attended event, making it a good fund raiser for the club. Cost per vehicle is \$25.00 with lunch provided for the occupants. We operate on a first come first oiled basis, so plan to be there early as we have a limited supply of oil.

To get to the Hart's place, take the Kanata exit from the Queensway and head North on the March Rd. After approximately 5 miles, turn right on the Dunrobin Rd at the traffic lights. After 1/2 mile you will see 'HARWOOD LANE' on your right, turn right and look for the O.V.L.R. sign 50 yards along on the right. See you there.

FRAME OILER, SAT, NOV 5th, 9.00 AM

A gentleman that we met at Rovers North, Clive "MR LANDROVER" Macdonald-Smith, has got to be one of 'THE' authorities on Rovers. Clive is a rather well built Yorkshireman who takes great pride in BL's finest. Operating from Kirkbymoorside in N. Yorkshire, Clive is a very active Land Rover specialist who has expressed interest in doing business with the 'colonies'. We find it ironic that whilst we scramble around seeking out those hard to find Rover goodies, the Brits are throwing them in the garbage looking for 'Jeep' parts ! Feel free to contact Clive - a very knowledgable man.

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**FOR INFO ON CURRENT OVL R EVENTS
CALL THE HOT LINE - 731-6616**