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G'day eh:

June, 89

Happy fifth anniversary to us. That's the occasion that'll bring us together at the Smiths Falls farm of Audry and Fred Cole Saturday, June 17. OVLR will be five years old and to help celebrate, more than 40 members and their clan are expected to take part in the gathering. Things get underway at noon and Al "still not the events co-ordinator" Pilgrim has a melange of dastardly games to challenge your wits and Land Rover skills. First, second and third place get gift certificates from Atlantic British Parts Ltd. and everyone gets to lean against the cooler and hurl encouragement and/or abuse at the competitors. Depending on field conditions, we might even get a little light "mudflinger" going.

While all this is happening, club secretary-cum-cook Harry Bligh will fire up his lawnmower-cum-rotisserie and a gigantus hip of beef will spin slowly (we hope) towards perfection and a 5 p.m. supper.

Treasurer Lyne, while ensuring Harry's bits don't get caught in the gears and end up an hors d'oeuvre, will also oversee the dispensation of corn, buns, cole slaw and mounds of potatoes--both baked and in salad. For the non-meateater, we have a fish or two and anyone interested in this fare should contact Lyne soon as they arrive and reserve a fin. Grande Finale is our traditional Land Rover cake.

After a shameless awards ceremony honoring the afternoon's efforts--and maybe some fireworks--we'll settle in for a little crooning around the old campfire. The Coles welcome anyone who wants a little overnight camping but remember to bring something for breakfast.

OVLR provides everything you'll need to enjoy the games, dinner and the campfire--including the porta-potty. Price is \$10 for those 12 and older, \$5 for shorties five to 11 and anyone younger than that is free. Bring your own deck chair, insect repellent and favorite libation. No pets please, Harry is all we can handle.(see map attached)

At the June 2 monthly meeting, Treasurer Lyne reported a bank balance of \$1,217, due in part to our garage sale that brought in \$327. Special thanks for their donations go to Prez Robin, VP Walter, Vern Fairhead, editor McD, Neil Brewer, Dave Johnson and their ladies, Jocelyn Mainville, Yves Fortin and three nice people who aren't even members but donated lots of stuff. Walter and Al get extra kudos for their sales job, Harry for his canvas that kept the rain away and Kelsey McD for her muffins and coffee.

In other news, the exec has shelved any bulk purchase right now for lack of response. Prez Robin reported on the six-wheel-drive Land Rover that made its appearance at the Armex 89 exhibition and could become part of the Canadian Armed Forces.(See attached) VP Walter is embarking on a project to contact environmental groups to see if there might be some role OVLR can play in the Ottawa area.

Next meeting: July 6, Melting Pot, Carling Ave

Got your vacation plans cleared for the July 14-16 run to Mechanicville, NY? We're planning to leave convoy-style (so there's friendly help if the old dear barfs out) at 10 a.m. Friday, July 14. We'll roll down the west side of Lake Champlain to the home of Atlantic British Ltd., hosts of this year's Land Rover gala. There's free camping on the company grounds so, after a hearty breakfast, we'll be ready when the party begins at 9 a.m. Saturday with a round of technical presentations. At 11 a.m. it's vehicle judging and awards before lunch and an afternoon off-road rally. Organizers Dick Taylor and Steve Springer will keep the parts shop open all day before barbecuing a mess of chicken for supper.

Sunday morning we'll say our goodbys and wend our way back home. If you've ever joined us on these lengthy excursions, you know that getting there--and back--is half the adventure. Experience means we bring a full complement of spares, tools and--most importantly--the towbar. Attendance at the rally and campground is free. Tickets for the chicken barbecue are available on site. If you're not into camping, there's an abundance of motels in Saratoga Springs, 15 minutes from the rally grounds.

We'll have more details on the journey next newsletter but start making plans now. And remember, just because your Land Rover isn't up for it doesn't mean you can't come along and navigate. Imagine the sight of more than a hundred Land Rovers from all over Canada and the US. Maybe it's just what you need to get started on that oft-postponed rebuild job.

GOSSIP....SALES....NEWS....LIES....WANTED....RUMOUR....HOT TIPS....

*-Sharon Cregier, OVL R member in PEI, sends a clipping from the London Observer about Land Rover recalling 2,500 military Mark 11s after they developed breather and piston problems. Sharon also wonders why Midas Muffler and Brake can't get Land Rover brake shoes to offer on their lifetime warranty. Answer: They can. But why should they when they're trying to sell their own stuff?. Better plan Sharon, is to get the proper shoes from our regular mail order suppliers and install them yourself..or have your friendly garage do it.

*-VP Walter (770-4993) is trying to sell his "79" Olds and "82" RX7. If he does, he'll donate \$25 to club coffers

*-Stephan Bergeron is about to start a ground-up rebuild of his 2-A/88. Framework, electrical, body and brakes is all it takes.

*-Jason Dowell is still plugging away at his Series 3/88 rebuild. The military frame was a teensy bit narrower than the civilian model and that led to some alterations. He's planning on taking the newborn Series 1/86 to Mechanicville. We're betting it'll take home awards.

*-Editor McD fielded calls from troubled Land Rover owners in New York City, Florida and Maine recently. All were looking for vehicles or bits. Thanks to our friends at Rovers North for passing them along.

*-Secretary Harry (774-2395) is looking for a gas cap and filler tube assembly for Series 2-3

That's all for now.
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By president Robin Craig

Ottawa was privileged recently to see what could be the spearhead of the return of Land Rover to Canada. During Armex "89" at Lansdowne Park, Land Rover Australia exhibited its own Isuzu diesel-powered, heavy-duty 6X6 Land Rover. This vehicle has just been accepted into service down under after a lengthy development and test period.

The 6X6 is being jointly developed by Land Rover Australia and General Motors Diesel Division in response to the need for a 1-1/2 tonne payload cross-country vehicle to replace the Chevrolet presently in service. The whole operation is being overseen by Land Rover at Solihul.

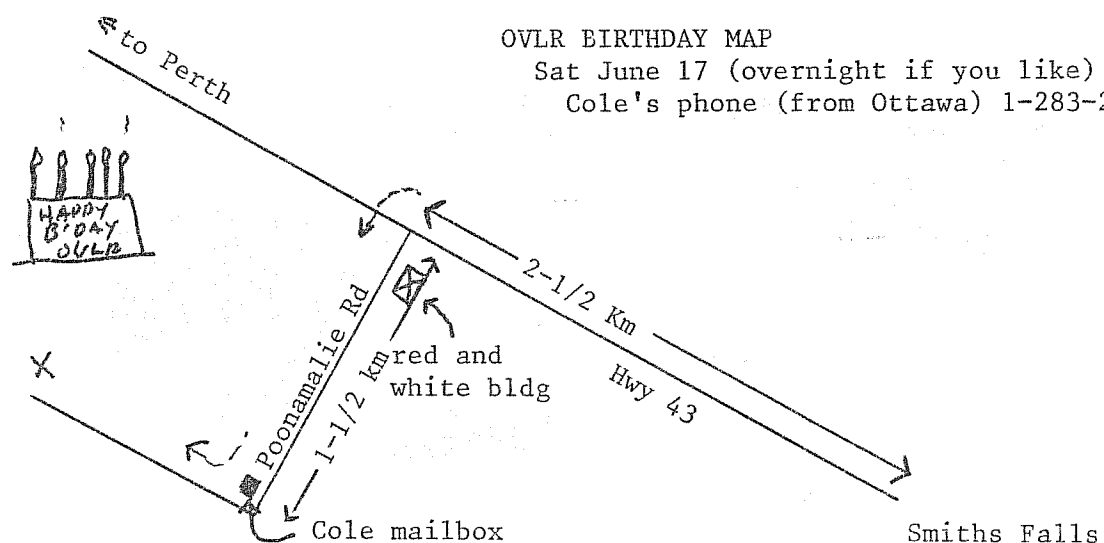
At presewnt, everthing is at a very early stage and I am informed by military sources that the whole project is linked to an effort by General Motors to sell the LAV 25 to Australia. As a result it is proposed that the Land Rover 6X6 would be produced in Australia minus engine and drive train and rear body. For the Canadian military market requirement it is intended to fit a GM 6.2 litre diesel engine and an automatic transmission. Upon arrival in Canada, the vehicle would be fitted with engine and drive train and rear body, be it fitted workshop, troop carrier or signal van.

Other specs for Canada include 9.00X16 tires in lieu of 7.50X16 and cold climate protection. Much has been stressed of the corrosion package to keep the 6X6 from rotting, something all Canadian owners are all too painfully aware.

As was said earlier in this article, all of this project is very tentative at present and I have been directed to contact Land Rover in Australia or the UK for further information.

As for the vehicle that was shown here, it is on its way to the UK to be used as a demonstration unit as it is right hand drive.

See over for pictures.



LAND ROVER 110

Heavy Duty 6 x 6

