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G'Day eh.

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HEADLINES: Maple Syrup Rally is a sun-soaked winner, First Aid/CPR courses ready to go, gearing up for our garage sale, Robin's Ramblings from Solihull, Land Rover tales, a birthday date and LRO in Alberta..

NOW THE DETAILS: Brown, winterburned fields with green grass pushing through. Barefoot kids. Heat waves dancing over aluminum. Mucky, oozy, gooey mud, First butterflies of the year. Lotsa laughter. Meadow muffins. Really loud silence. Sweet-smelling wood smoke rising from the cook shack. Great french toast, sausages, beans and just-made maple syrup.

That all adds up to the best MAPLE SYRUP RALLY ever at Vern and Linda Fairhead's farm near Shawville. Bates and Jerry Dowell had spent the previous weekend hanging 500 pails. On rally day, Special guests Charlie Haigh and Steve Fast of Rovers North arrived in a V8/110 to join 48 other members and friends. Master Chef Harry Bligh and sidekick Lyne Leduc produced a major feed after scaring the hungry a little by being last into the parking lot. Harry's comment on been a little late: "Infernal equinox". (Guess who forgot Daylight Saving Time?) Bates, always concerned about regular feeding, was on the verge of panic and was collecting money for a dash to town to round up 100 hotdogs when "The Provider" arrived. It was "eat till you waddle" and, true to his word, Harry had ensured there was lots. While many members arrived singularly, six Land Rovers convoyed from Ottawa. Only action along the way related to the climbing temperature. Fred Barrett's 88 water temp gauge suddenly sprang to life, forcing Freddy to the shoulder. A quick check however, revealed the problem was just a loose wire. Moments later, we were stopped again as VP Yves Fortin decided the 20 degree plus meant he could finally remove his winter rad muff...before it exploded. All came home tired, sticky and loaded with fresh maple syrup. It was a great day. Thx to Vern and Linda.

We're looking for VOLUNTEERS to help with this year's GARAGE SALE. Two non-members who are moving in the near future have donated lotsa stuff. In addition, we're asking members to look through attics, basements and, naturally, garages, for things to donate to the club. We'll also take consignments for a percentage. These fund raisers pay for everything we buy except the newsletter, which is covered by your dues. The weekend of April 20-21 is "get ready" period. We pick up donations, price and tag things and make posters. On sale day, Saturday, April 27, we lay things out and put signs up. We need sellers, a cashier, someone to prepare lunch for the crew and, when it's over, people to collect signs, clean up and dispose of what's left. If you can donate something (not Land Rover parts) or spare a few hours either weekend, please call Pres. Jason at 731-5098.

The April meeting found us with \$1,628 in the bank. Treasurer Tom pointed out a healthy bank account is a must this year because of plans for our mobile kitchen. The first stage, a complete utility trailer by mid-summer, has a budget of \$900.

In other matters, OVL R will be seven years old this summer and our official BIRTHDAY PARTY is planned for the weekend of June 22-23 at Mike Dolan's country home. We'll have full details next newsletter but expect two days of good food, Land Rover games, swimming, off-roading, technical seminars, campfires, tenting, lotsa laughs and visits from our friends in the Toronto Area Rover Club and the US.

We're planning a little journey to Norwood May 18-19 weekend to visit Dave Davey and sidekick Nancy, co-founders of the CANADIAN SERIES ONE CLUB. The organization, dedicated to the preservation of BL's first born, acts as a clearing house for buyers and sellers of Series I's and their bits. The current newsletter also contains mail from Series 1 enthusiasts, original spec sheets and advertisements from the days when the little car was new. If you're getting the newsletter now for free, it's your last copy. Dave and Nancy say "Deficit financing is not just Mulroney's problem". Annual dues in CAN SOC is \$10. Write to: RR 2, Norwood, Ont., K0L 2V0. (705) 639-2518. (Special note to Alan Lee who's looking for info on S-1/1959 wagon.)

Ex-president-cum-mountain-goat Neil Brewer gave editor McD a thorough tour of the BC ROCKIES around Agassiz and Chilliwack several weeks ago, including a peek at some of the equipment Neil has gotten his hands on as a volunteer with the local Search and Rescue. Neil's trusty 88 is now fitted with a "realman" winch, an 8,000-pound Warn which replaced his original unit, the butt of endless jokes at the Christmas party.

With rock-strewn logging roads winding 1,000 meters above Harrison Hot Springs to play on, the challenges of the Gatineau Hills have long been forgotten. While there's not yet an official Land Rover club in the area, Neil has discovered several enthusiasts who share his penchant for getting in over his head. Plans to see ALROC guru Harold Huggings and touch base with Ron Low on the Island fell through for lack of time. We'll have pix of Neil at play soon.

Sad news came from Toronto the other day when we learned of the passing of former OVL R member Ron Rosaasen. Ron moved to the Toronto area last year after a short stay in Ottawa. He was originally from the Prairies. Our sympathy is with his family and friends.

NEWS...RUMOURS...FOR SALE...HAPPENINGS...WANTED...OTHER STUFF...LIES

*-Welcome new member Bob Morrison, military writer for LRO magazine. (And apologies for calling him "John" last newsletter.

*-Welcome also to Errol Hasein of North York and Trinidad. Errol followed us into the Westgate parking lot on Maple Syrup day to ask about parts for his 109.

*-And also to Dave (the loon) Lowe of the Toronto club In a note to OVL R Sec Harry Bligh in a Toronto hospital recently, Dave apoligizes for not visiting and says: "I was going into hospital myself and didn't have time. The sex change operation worked out well. Yours, Daphne."

*-Former Ottawa members David and Elizabeth Johnson spotted in their 88 on Vancouver's Marine Drive as McD headed for the airport and home in March.

*-Back issues of Land Rover Owner magazine are available for loan to members at Editor McD's.

*-Richard Wegner is looking for a PTO winch. He has for sale a brand new rear folding step with all mounting hardware for \$50. (819) 647-3467.

*-Peter Whitworth is looking for an overdrive to go with his recent purchase of ex-member John Smiley's 68/109. (613) 692-2270

*-Congrats to former Prez Robin Craig who drew credits in the April LRO for his contribution to a piece on the British Army Training Area Suffield (BATUS) in Alberta.

*-Speaking of Robin, he resigned as co-ordinator of the 1992 Cross Canada Land Rover tour. If you're interested, call Pres Jason at 731-5098

*-Cliff Cochran of ABP in Waterloo, Que., has two 109 military frames from Suffield. Both are in good condition with no rust. Asking \$700 each. (514) 539-2669.

*-Osaka Mendes has decided to keep his 88 so stop phoning for his parts.

*-The Association of Rover Clubs headquartered in England has a new Overseas Liaison Officer responsible for "Link", its official publication. He is David Jenden and has been put on the OVL R mailing list.

*-We're looking for a new location for our Christmas party. While it's still eight months away, the good places go fast. We need suggestions for restaurants, legion halls, church basements-- imagination is the limit. Call Pres. Jason.

*-Tom Tollefson of the TORONTO AREA ROVER CLUB has come forth with the Spring edition of the club's newsletter. Tom apologizes for the lack of mail since last Spring but cites a shortage of help and his busy schedule as "President/Events co-ordinator/Editor/Writer plus trying to earn a living. Sounds familiar Tom.

Some of the club's highlights this year include attending the car parts flea market at Ancaster April 21, Vintage Car weekend at Mosport June 28-30 and British Car Days in Oakville Sept 15. And of course we'll get together for the OVL R Birthday in June 22-23, the ABP rally July 12-14 and Picton sometime in August. For more details on the TARC events, call Tom at (416) 755-6064

That's all folks.

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Also in this edition: FIRST AID and CPR, the JOURNIES of POLLYANNA and ROBIN'S RAMBLINGS with Rover.

Special thanks to Vincent Hammersley and the folks at Land Rover News for the article on Pollyanna.

ROBIN'S NEWS FROM SOLIHUL AND BEYOND

From the "did you know file". The chassis for the Land Rover Defender 90" is no longer made by Land Rover. That is correct. This job has now been contracted out to GKN at their plant in Telford Shropshire. The move is being seen as the start of a much larger move to have a larger percentage of all Land Rover vehicle components made by outside contractors.

Range Rover of North America has introduced a cheaper version of the Range Rover very soon. Called the Range Rover Hunter it will be the County SE version with a number of items removed. They include; CD player, cover for the cargo space, antisway bars, ABS, the leather seat with electric controls and finally that silly looking front air dam. In the US that will lower the cost of the vehicle by about USD \$10,000 to USD \$36,000. According to a reliable source we can expect to see this vehicle in Canada aswell as the two markets are being treated the same.

Another informed source tells me of a fleet of nearly thirty Discos are currently on test in the southern US in preparation for a launch there in mid '92 early '93. As we have seen with the introduction of Range Rover Canada can not be far behind. Does anybody care to deny or confirm this for me please?

Issue # 8 of Land Rover News carried a full page explanation by Mike Gould of Product Planning on the reasoning behind the decision to go with that awful Defender name. I wish he could have been with me a couple of weeks ago when I was trying to explain to a visitor from Kenya what it was all about! His first comment when I explained it all to him was, "I think everyone back home will still call it a Land Rover, Defender seems too aggressive. And anyway what was wrong with the old name?"

Bob Morrison (LRO mag and DVLR member) has put together a collection of full colour pictures and informative text in a superb book called LAND ROVERS IN THE GULF. The price is 7.99 pounds plus 2.50 pounds for postage. It available by sending a money order in pounds sterling to the LRO BOOKSHOP, NETHERFIELD HOUSE, CHEDGRAVE, NORFOLK NR14 6NQ or by calling them on 011 44 508 28068 and giving your credit card details or by fax on 011 44 508 28068. It is a great book and we can only hope that LRO will have the sense to release a book of Bob's other pictures aswell as I know he has many more than he can print each month. Ta very much for the copy Bob!

On the move again is the subject of the two 101 forward controls owned by Simon Skuse. A gentleman from BC called wanting to know more about them. I would predict that an offer will be made on the these vehicles and sadly we may see them go from the valley. On the upside is that if they are sold and go elsewhere rest assured that they will be put back to their original condition. Also on the same subject things are moving again to obtain the test records from LETE. I was assured by a senior staffer at Solihull that I should be able to get a copy. More news when we hear it.

That's all for this month, thanks go to my army of informed contacts and snitches. Apologies to McD and you all for not getting my column out last month. And remember where you read about it first..... ROBIN

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First Aid - Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)

The following is a menu of eight different options offered to our members. Under the form of "packages" each member should be able to find a bundle to his/her liking. To register the option chosen, call v.p. Yves a.s.a.p. at 237-9719 (don't be shy to leave a message on the devil's machine). The dates will be determined upon convenience of each group of members but we would like to be done with all that jazz before the summer. The prices may be lower depending on the size of each group.

A CPR

heart saver (basic course) (4 hours)

\$35/person

min. 4 / max. 8 people

includes:

theory
adult rescue breathing
adult choking
adult CPR

B CPR

heart saver + (4-6 hours)

\$40/person

min. 4 / max. 8 people

includes:

theory
adult rescue breathing
adult choking
plus one other sequence from
another CPR course (e.g. child
CPR)

C CPR

infant/child (6 hours)

\$40/person

min. 4 / max. 8 people

includes:

theory and prevention
infant/child rescue breathing
infant/child choking
infant/child CPR

D CPR

basic rescuer (8-12 hours)

\$50/person

min. 4 / max. 8 people

includes:

theory
infant/child/adult rescue breathing
infant/child/adult choking
infant/child/adult CPR
child - two rescuers
adult - two rescuers

E FIRST AID

emergency (6 hours)

\$40/person

min. 6 / max. 15 people

includes:

initial assessment

airway

breathing

circulation (not CPR)

shock

emergency medical service

poisons/allergies

secondary assessment

practical + theoretical exam

F FIRST AID

standard (15 hours)

\$50/person

min. 8 / max. 15 people

includes:

initial assessment

airway

breathing

circulation (not CPR)

shock

emergency medical service

poisons/allergies

secondary assessment

head and spinal injuries

bone and joint injuries

wounds

injuries due to heat and cold

injuries to eyes, ears and nose

medical conditions

moving and transportation

first aid kit, value of first aid,

legalities of first aid

practical + theoretical exam

G COMBINATION

FIRST AID/CPR

**emergency first aid + heart saver
(8 hours)**

\$60/person

min. 5 / max. 8 people

H COMBINATION

FIRST AID/CPR

**emergency or standard/ can be
done with heart saver or heart
saver + or infant or child or basic
rescuer. (16-17hours)**

\$70/person

min. 5 / max. 8 people

If there are plenty of 41 year old Series I Land Rovers still going strong, there can't be many which can better the record of KYH 628 recently returned from a round the world trip in almost as good condition as when it set out.

The car belongs to author Barbara Toy, a remarkable 82 year old, who is a veteran of countless lone expeditions all over the Middle East, Africa and India - although not all driving Pollyanna as she named the vehicle when she bought it, gleaming new from Henley's showroom in Piccadilly in 1949.

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Fool On Wheels

That first trip spawned other desert journeys and the first of her books, *A Fool On Wheels*. Seven other books followed, each recounting episodes from her wanderings.

But for Land Rover enthusiasts there is possibly greater romance about how her most recent trip came about.

In the sixties, after several desert journeys and a round the world trip to Australia, Pollyanna was exchanged for a new Land Rover at Solihull. Barbara recalls: "It was snowing when I got there and they were going to leave poor old Pollyanna out in the open all night. I said I wasn't going until Pollyanna got a roof over her head - so they had to remove a directors car. I drove away in my brand new Land Rover, crying like a baby."

Pollyanna Rediscovered

Despite her obvious affection for the car, Pollyanna's whereabouts were unknown to Barbara until only two years ago when, on the death of the then owner, his executors got in touch with Barbara and asked if she would like to buy Pollyanna back. An inspection visit was arranged and after only a little tickle on the SU fuel pump,

Pollyanna sprang back to life.

After all those years, the engine, a genuine Land Rover factory replacement, sounded sweet, the body was in excellent condition as was the chassis and even the bumper was straight.

Following such a good report, it was inevitable that Barbara should buy the vehicle. She enlisted the help of specialist mechanics to tidy up the few items that needed attention - rust on the steering box mounting, new points, fuel pump, re-wiring and an overhaul for the brakes - and Pollyanna was ready for the MOT.

Retraced Steps

In June of last year, Barbara set out to retrace her round the world trip of 33 years ago, in Pollyanna - the very same vehicle. To an old hand like her, Europe was plain sailing, but on arrival in the Middle East was warned not to go further.

So Barbara turned round and drove back to Greece where, with the charm that must have opened countless doors in the past, persuaded the captain of a container ship to take her and Pollyanna to Australia.

Pollyanna was crated on deck

and Barbara appeared on the crew list as "Assistant to Land Rover".

After arrival at Fremantle, a seven day drive across the arid and lonely Nullabor Plain brought the pair to Sydney where the Land Rover was shipped to Los Angeles while Barbara followed by air.

Her most vivid reaction to today's America is how roads that she remembered as virtual tracks have been turned into "Gigantic Freeways". In fact outside a small town in Arizona, on her journey across the country, she was flagged down by a policeman for driving too slowly. She says her normal speed is 50 mph but she's never in a hurry. "It unnerves people if you're in a hurry", she says.

Another disconcerting discovery is that there is no leaded petrol on sale in Texas, which made it impossible to take Pollyanna any further than Houston, which became the end of the journey apart from the ship back home.

Now Pollyanna has been finally put out to grass but Barbara says that the vehicle may go to a technical college for aspiring engineers to practice on. Some model!



Barbara Toy with Pollyanna after the trip.

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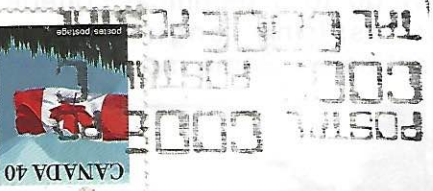
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Following such a quest it was inevitable that Barbara should buy the vehicle. She entered the lot of a specialist in the field of vintage cars, looking for a Land Rover. She found a 1948 Series I Land Rover which she bought for \$1,000. The car was in excellent condition and she was ready for the road.

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