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G'day eh.

**McD GOES ON ELEVEN MONTH SABBATICAL.....** Mike is going to have a brief respite from his formal duties with OVLV. Rumour has it, that Mike and Kelsey are going on holiday this winter. Mike's travel agent (BATES) is looking for a nice warm spot for Mike and Kelsey to watch the world from. The problem is, Bates is missing. He was last reported in the southern U.S. Mike is sure he will hear from Bates soon. Mike has promised Bates he will not remove the shifting spanner from his NEW radiator until he hears from him.

Mike's news letter duties will be split between David Meadows, General Editor and Robin Craig, Technical Editor. To think it will take two to replace you Mike, must make you feel an inch or two taller.

**THANKS MIKE** for the many hours you have spent on behalf of OVLV.

**SOME THOUGHTS FROM THE EDITOR.....**Although some may disagree, I for one, am convinced that Land Rover automotive engineers must have started with Meccano Sets. The two technologies are certainly similar. In both cases, you start with a large bag of nuts and bolts complete with a zillion different washers, keeps etc., then stuff them in suitable holes in bits of steel, iron and aluminum. With any luck you will end up with the worlds most versatile vehicle. The vehicle generates so much interest that clubs such OLVV come into existence.

**CANADIAN RANGE ROVER SALES.....**Land Rover Canada reports brisk sales of Range Rovers in Canada. The short wheelbase Country at \$59 000 and extended wheelbase model at \$64 000 are in demand. Alan Manessy, General Manager of Land Rover Canada is quoted as saying "We can't supply demand at the moment," Cheer up chaps, until now you thought the hard part was finding the money.

**OVLV BIRTHDAY PARTY....**This year is Birthday Party Number 10. The event is scheduled for the 11,12 and 13<sup>th</sup> of June. Mark your calendar now for a weekend of good fellowship, fun, food, and Land Roving. Vice-President Harry has given Bates the responsibility of camp security. Bates assures us any marauding bears will be shot on site.

**A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT....**The way I view the club is... a medium through which local Land Rover owners can help each other. (From the CONSTITUTION – THE OBJECTIVES of the club shall be: to promote, support and protect the interests of Land Rovers and their owners in the Ottawa Valley.) I see members grabbing the phone list and call other members simply asking for help lifting and fitting a transmission, picking up an engine... The worst (or almost worst) that can be answered is NO. Don't feel shy asking: the guy/gal may need your help the following weekend!

One striking fact about our group is how heterogeneous—or eclectic, I should say—it is. People of all backgrounds love Land Rovers and this is true in our club inasmuch as it is all over the world. This means that all of us have something to offer. Please don't think that you can't help the rest of us because you have no mechanical knowledge or little skills. Nothing can be further from the truth! Anybody can help bolt-in a seat box and floor boards or bleed brakes. Some jobs will be more than two times faster with one helper (imagine more than one!). The point is that it is much more fun to do while sharing a brew and a good chat. And the same is true for the help you can provide to your executive. YOU may be the expert word processor we need, the pre-event phone caller we always look for, a bush-survival expert that can give us a session, an expert on plants, rocks, beer... Your contribution is important so that executive members don't run out of gas... The more everyone does, the less each one has to do. With this in mind, the newsletter crew will be calling a couple of (different) members each month, soliciting 60 to 90 minutes of their time after which we traditionally have a bite and a b... (BYOB).

**In 1993, OVLR members should see a whole bunch of activities offered to them...** A series of technical sessions are in the planning and more frequent off-road events are being considered. Moreover, the club's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary will be celebrated this summer: BIG BASH! (probably the weekend of June 11,12 AND 13). We, the executive crew, will attempt to let you know well in advance about the date of each event in order to keep you from outside engagements. By the way, the Christmas party will be held on Friday December 3<sup>rd</sup>—with a real cook behind it—at the same location.

**Members, this club is yours!** To stay together and grow, this club will always need new ideas. Please do not hesitate to write to us, call a member of the executive with your suggestions, or, even better, come to the exec. meeting—the first Wednesday each month, 7:00 pm—and share your views. (For members interested in a ride, don't be shy to call other members that can pick you up on their way.) Don't forget that we are working for you and that, in order to do a good job, we need to know what you would like done.

**YVES FORTIN, PRESIDENT, OTTAWA VALLEY LAND ROVERS**

**GENERAL SERVICE** by **ROBIN CRAIG**....It certainly pays to get out and about. The other weekend I was in Russell so I arranged to call in on OVL member Tony Fowler and family. Last year while in Scotland he had the chance to sit in a Cuthbertson tracked 109" Series 2. This track system was designed to fit onto the vehicle to give it improved cross country performance. All wheels are removed and replaced with drive cogs which power individual tracks at each corner of the vehicle. The whole vehicle is supported on a subframe. The steering system is unchanged as the tracks are only under each wheel. Wanting to share this with us, Tony took photographs of it from all different angles including the running gear underneath. Lastly, he used slide film rather than prints, which those of us who collect pictures appreciate. I'll try to put a picture in next months issue.

If you have not seen the Fowler family NADA 109" station wagon around that is 'cos it has been sent south of the border into Vermont where Tony keeps a cottage. A very smart blue 88" station wagon has replaced it in the driveway. Hope to see it out and about this year.

Gerry Dowell was looking into buying a 109" Dormobile in Quebec somewhere, if it is good enough he plans to put it back on the road complete. Michelle Bertrand one of our newer (hence more enthusiastic) members also in Quebec at school in Montreal. He linked up with member Denis Chartier who got rid of both his Land Rovers a couple of years ago and has now replaced them with a pair of Range Rovers. He says, that his '87 Range Rover is more reliable and comfortable than his Land Rovers were. He says, that his wife approves of them more as well.

Michelle Bertrand suffered the indignity of having the family Suburban stolen whilst in Montreal the other week. It was found a few hours later with some damage to the interior. If you'd been in the 109 they would never have taken it Michelle!

Not one to waste his time, Michelle spends his spare time combing the Quebec countryside looking for Land Rovers. His hard work paid off the other week when he found a Series 3, 88" Station Wagon in use at a local car garage. It has not been butchered or had lots of ugly bits added. It looks completely original and has been kept indoors every night. It has only 7,000 miles on it which appear to be absolutely genuine! The owner of the garage has no intentions of selling so please leave him alone folks.

Michelle and I are doing some research into the numbers of remaining Rovers around in Eastern Ontario and Western Quebec. If you get a call please try to help if you can with the few details that we need. Thank you all in advance.

There has been precious little happening elsewhere on the military scene lately. Hence the emphasis on local stuff....**ROBIN**

**CLUB EVENTS....** The Executive have been busy planning a minimum of one club outing for each month.

**MARCH....** Engine swap at Dixon Kenner's place is scheduled for the second weekend in March. Why not come out and learn from Ted Rose and Jason Dowell how to properly swap an engine!!!! Dixon is located near Aylmer P.Q. More details in the next news letter.

**APRIL....** Maple Syrup Rally. V-P, Chef Harry will prepare a feast to remember. Bring the family. We understand Harry has enrolled Bates in a six week sausage cooking course. More details later.

**MAY....** Sounds like a good time for an engine tune-up. Our two trusty mechanics, Ted and Jason will conduct an engine tuning session. Bring yourself, your Land Rover and some old cloths. Just think how good you will feel when the constable gives you a ticket for speeding in 25 MPH zone. We guarantee a better running vehicle and lots of grease under your finger nails. An OFF-ROAD event is also planned for May. More details later.

#### **NEWS...FOR SALE...NEW MEMBERS**

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL....** If you have a friend who is wondering what happened to his OVLN NEWS LETTER, and you have yours, ask him if he remembers sending in his measly fee of fifteen dollars. Remember your fifteen is used exclusively for this magnificent NEWS LETTER. NO PAY....NO READ!!!!!!

**FOR SALE....** 1974 SIII 88" STATION WAGON, rebuilt engine, solid frame. Call or write, David Bateman, 4324 Beaconsfield Avenue, Montreal, PQ, H4A 2H6. Tel. (514) 481-3152.

**FOR SALE....** SNOW BLOWER Contact V-P, Harry Bligh, RR 6, Smith Falls Ont. K7A 4S7 Tel. (613) 284-0228. Harry claims the snow blower is in perfect condition because it has only been used in the summer.

**BULK PARTS PURCHASE....** If you are interested, contact Rob Ferguson at (613) 831-3894 before the 15 February 1993.

**NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING....** Wednesday, 3 March 1993, at the Papagus, 281 Kent Street. Tel. (613) 233-3626. The meeting is now on the first Wednesday rather than the First Tuesday of each month. All members and guests are welcome.

**HATS AND OTHER STUFF FOR SALE...** Why don't you get on the phone and buy some of this quality merchandise. We will be forever grateful if you call Tom Mayor at (613) 256-5585 and make him an offer he can't refuse.

#### **NEW MEMBERS....**

Don Miller, of Regina is a new associate member. Don has a 1955 Series I in the process of restoration.

Rob Ferguson, of Kanata is a new member. Rob has Series IIA, 88" he is trying to bend back into shape.

Land Rover Canada Inc. is a new associate member. When can I order my new Defender 90 TDI or should I plan on a Discovery ???

**"DOWNEAST LANDROVER RALLY...."**

I have been to Owls Head and toured the museum. There is a fine collection of automobiles and aircraft well displayed. The Land Rover part sounds like fun. Any takers for the expedition?

MID-COAST MAINE - JUNE 26TH, 27TH, 1993

**"DOWNEAST" V**

**INTERNATIONAL LANDROVER RALLY**

LANDROVER • RANGEROVER • DEFENDER • DISCOVERY • ROVER CARS

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**CANADA • UNITED STATES • EUROPE**

SATURDAY

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BREAKFAST 7-9 A.M. SEARSMONT, ME      EVENING BBQ AT BEACH

SUNDAY

**AIRSHOW AT OWLS HEAD TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM**

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**INFORMATION ON "DOWNEAST" AND LOCAL ACCOMODATION CONTACT:**  
**MYLES J. MURPHY, RR2, BOX 84, LINCOLNVILLE, MAINE 04849, U.S.A.**

**"AROUND THE NEW WORLD IN 80 DAYS" EXPEDITION DEPARTS O.H.T.M. AT 4:00 P.M.**

**TOUR OF ENGLAND.....**Roy Bailie is in the early stages of organizing a Land Rover group tour of England in 1994. The tour is open to all people who are interested in Land Rovers. The plan is to fly as a group from Canada and then embark on a tour, hitting the Land Rover high spots. The possibility of a visit to the Land Rover Works and the Land Rover Owner weekend show exists. There is going to be free time available to do as you like. All we need to get started is a show of interest from Land Rover types by sending the attached information slip to Roy Bailie. This has to be a pay now fly later arrangement. You will be expected to make monthly payments that are refundable up to the cut off date.

CUT HERE AND SEND TO ROY BAILIE

Name \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Post Code/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Tel. No. \_\_\_\_\_

How many People \_\_\_\_\_

Send to Roy Bailie  
1074 Wiseman Crescent  
Ottawa, Ontario  
Canada. K1Z 8J4

Telephone (613) 523-5740

FROM THE ROVER REGISTER OF ALBERTA....OFF-ROAD DRIVING TIPS

1. When winching or towing hang a heavy item like a coat or blanket over the chain, rope or cable. That way if it breaks, it is more likely to hit the ground sooner, rather than coming back through your windshield or radiator. It is easier to get the coat cleaned than rebuilding your rad (or face for that matter).

2. When driving through the woods watch out for the dreaded suicidal trees. These trees were unheard of until the early part of this century, but have claimed many victims since then. They jump out in your way, never out of your way.

3. When driving on steep angles or side slopes make sure that anything you are hauling can not move around in the vehicle. A sudden transfer of weight can make the difference of traversing the hill and turning over. Keep the wife or girlfriend buckled in, or better yet have her hang out on the high side for counterweight. (NOTE: if you do this make sure she doesn't bang her head on a marker stick, as this will cost valuable penalty points!).

CHEERS, DAVID, (613) 599-8746