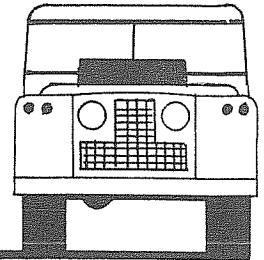


OTTAWA VALLEY LAND ROVERS



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G' day eh.

FROM THE EDITOR....The Maple Syrup Rally was just great under sunny skies at Vern And Linda Fairhead's farm near Shawville, Quebec. The lunch was delicious and enjoyed by members and guests while chatting about their Land Rovers.

Following lunch, our trusty auctioneer Al Pilgrim (Bates), sold all sorts of good stuff to a crowd of willing bidders. We managed to flog off some of the club's fine garments (put a smile on Treasurer Tom Mayor) and a number of items from Rovers North Limited.

After the auction, Vern led a Land Rover tour down an old railway right-of-way and through some good mud; then back to the farm. Those who became mired in the mud shall remain nameless for the moment.

There is a number of people to thank for this event; Vern and Linda Fairhead for the use of their farm and the Maple Syrup; Rovers North for their gifts; Al Pilgrim, Prez. Yves Fortin and Louise, and Vice-Prez. Harry Bligh for preparation and serving of a fine meal. Special mention to Bates for spending two weekends at the Fraiheads, collecting Maple Syrup and smashing Vern's cot to smithereens.

NORTH AMERICAN DEFENDER 90.... Great expectations abound, about the arrival of Land Rover Defender 90 vehicles before the end of summer. The Editor of the Prairie Rover (Winnipeg) writes of a conversation he had with Alan Mansessy of Land Rover Canada on the Defender 90. The Vehicle will be "Rag Top" with a special roll bar and various North American features similar to the picture in our March Newsletter. The Defender 90 will be equipped with a 3.9 litre V-8 and sell in the \$30 000 to \$40 000 range. The appointment of an Ottawa Land Rover Dealer seems eminent.

Any chance of **ALAN MANESSY** showing up at the **TENTH ANNIVERSARY BIRTHDAY PARTY** with a **NEW DEFENDER 90** ????. The first pint is on us Alan..

OTTAWA VALLEY LAND ROVERS...wishes to extend its deepest sympathy to Club Secretary Fred Barrett on the death of his Father. We look forward to seeing you at the next Executive Meeting Fred.

THE MAY EXECUTIVE MEETING.... Here is the stuff that went on at the Executive Meeting. The Club is flush at the moment with the receipts from the Maple Syrup Rally safely in the bank.

Club Trailer... The trailer is ready to have the gas stoves installed, a tail board is in the process of being acquired and Roy Bailey has volunteered to spray a coat of (Land Rover Green) paint on the trailer. So expect to see a snazzy looking trailer at the Birthday Party. Thanks to the work of many people, especially McD, the trailer is operational and near completion.

Insurance, Incorporation etc...The Club has number of assets, the trailer being one of them. The value of our assets exceeds \$6500.00 Mike McD will be consulting a solicitor (no charge) about insurance and incorporation of the Club.

Tenth Anniversary Album...Prez. Yves, Editor David and Godfather Mike will meet to finalize the Album.

Birthday Party...The date of the Birthday Party has been moved to the 19 and 20 of June.

Kangaroo Sweat Shirts...Vice-Prez. Harry modelled a shirt for the executive (you should stick to repairing Land Rovers Harry). Good quality with the Club's Anniversary Logo. Harry is negotiating the price of twelve shirts.

THE NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING is scheduled for **26 MAY 1993, 7:30 pm** at **The ROYAL OAK PUB, MEWS PLAZA, MARCH ROAD**, (just north of the traffic light at Teron\Richardson Road); **KANATA**, (613) 591-3895. Come out and join the Executive for supper and a pint.

CLUB EVENTS....

MAY.... ENGINE TUNE-UP is scheduled for **SATURDAY, 8 MAY 9:00 am** at **MINIMAN MOTORS** located in West Carlton Industrial Park. Ted Rose and Jason Dowell will show you how to tune your Land Rover and provide help in tuning your Land Rover. Bring along your hand tools and be ready to get your hands dirty. Tune-Up parts are available from **MINIMAN** at the site. **MINIMAN** is in the process of setting up a Land Rover parts inventory and ordering system. Mike McD and the Editor will tune radio aeriels for you CB or amateur radio mobile equipment. Bring along surplus spare parts you want to sell, trade or give away. **DIRECTIONS to MINIMAN: QUEENSWAY to CARP ROAD** (West of Kanata); **SOUTH** (left) on **CARP ROAD** to **WESTBROOK** (at Petro-Canada Station) **WEST** (right) onto **WESTBROOK** to **WALGREEN**, **SOUTH** (Left) onto **WALLGREEN**. **MINIMAN** is located at **104 WALGREEN ROAD**, (613) 836-4283. Lunch is planned at the **CHESHIRE CAT PUBLIC HOUSE** north of the Queensway on Carp Road. Call Prez. Yves Fortin and let him know you are coming (613) 237-9719

JUNE....TENTH ANNIVERSARY BIRTHDAY PARTY take note the date has been changed to **19 and 20, JUNE**. This date seems to work out better for a number of people planning to attend. The Executive is busy planning the event of the decade. **OVL** endorses the **TREAD LIGHTLY**, on **PUBLIC** and **PRIVATE LAND** policy, and asks that you drive **ONLY WHERE** the **CLUB PERMITS** at the **BIRTHDAY PARTY SITE**.

NEWS....FOR SALE...ETC.

A SAD NOTE... We have it on good authority that ROVERS NORTH LIMITED will not be hosting their rally this year. The VISA and MASTERCARD groups in Canada will wonder what happened.

NEWS FROM... K A M Differentials Limited about their high ratio differentials. Differentials are available in two ratios for Land Rovers. Inquiries to K A M Differentials Limited, Clock Barn House, Hambledon Road, Godalming, Surrey, England GU8 4AY. Tel. 011-44-0483- 419779, Fax. 011-44-0483-417558.

KANGAROO SWEAT SHIRTS... OVL R has ordered twelve shirts, fall weight, oatmeal grey, with the OVL R Tenth Anniversary Logo. Ideal for use at the Birthday Party. We may be able to reduce the price somewhat from \$40.00 if demand is sufficient. To order call, Yves Fortin (613) 237-9719. Anyone interested in an OVL R golf Shirt?

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TORONTO ROVER CLUB EVENT... At the farm of Richard Copple, Picton, Ontario, 24 May 1993. For details call OVL R Prez. Yves Fortin (613) 237-9719.

WELCOME BACK....To Kathleen Murphy and Ross Rowat.

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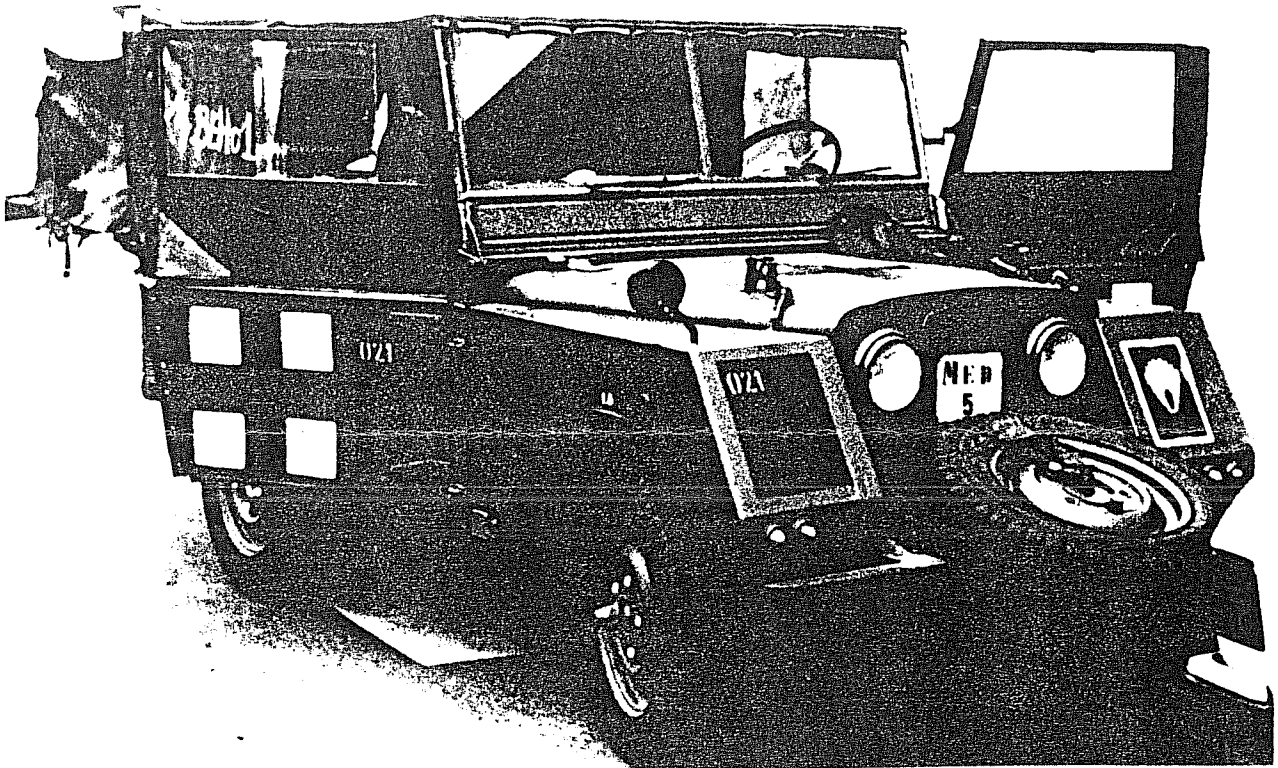
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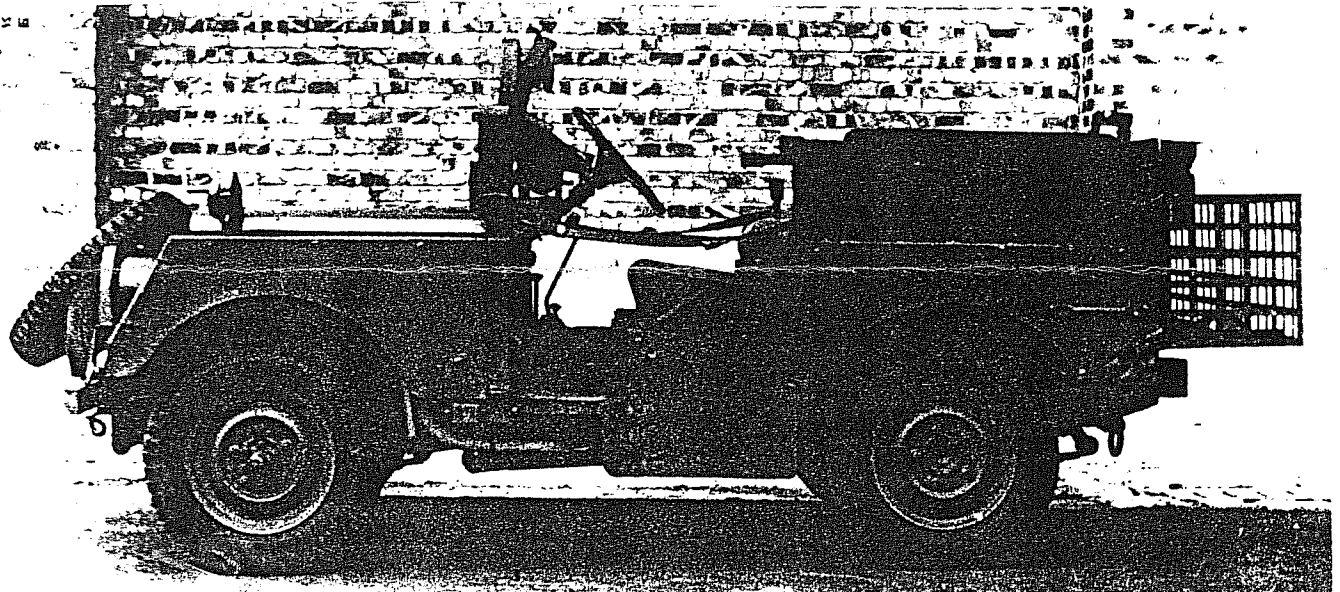
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A PAIR OF BELGIAN MINERVA MILITARY LAND ROVERS



Land Rover with canopy extension to turn the vehicle into a temporary ambulance.



Armoured Land Rover for use by Para Commandos....
Photo Credit: Belgian Tank Museum, collection of Robin Craig

GENERAL SERVICEby Robin Craig

Armoured Land Rovers are becoming the hottest item these days in trouble spots around the world. The British 4 Armoured Division Signal Regiment has just taken delivery of a Courtaulds armoured Land Rover Defender 110. Externally the vehicle is instantly recognisable by the spare tire mounted upright in front of the radiator. Also the tires are not the usual Michelin XCL's, but a highway tread tire most likely with a run flat capability.

Reports out of Britain indicate a new armoured Land Rover Defender fitted with Chobbam armour is currently being tested in Northern Ireland. The Chobbam armour is of the spaced type.

Sri Lankan President Ranasinghe Premadasa was assassinated by a suicide bomber as he walked through a May Day parade in Colombo, the capital of Sri Lanka. Ironically, he was killed only feet away from his discreetly armoured Range Rover. From the television news coverage you could see the Presidents Range Rover covered in debris from the blast, a closer look at the vehicle revealed all the windows to be intact. The wheels and tires were not standard, but the type fitted to the Defender or Series 3.

Anyone who wants to collect memorabilia on the 110 Defenders sold in the States and Canada for the '93 model year should pick up a copy of the Road & Track Buyers Guide for Sport-Utility Pickups & Vans. Priced at \$5.95, it has two pages covering the Defender and another two on the Range Rover. The Defender article manages to use just about all the cliches we have come to expect with reviews of Land Rover products; here are a few for your amusement. "Stylish as a camp stove", "the front bumper looks ready to push a stalled rhino out of the slow lane", "trailer pulling is more likely than land speed record attempts" and finally, "The 110's appearance is rough and ready as a Teddy Roosevelt camp out".

While a lot of time has been spent talking about the Land Rover SOV in service with the US Rangers, it appears that the British SAS are developing their new own vehicle. It is a "gunship" type vehicle capable of carrying at least one heavy weapon on a ring mount and a number of other weapons depending on the particular requirement, as such, it would probably carry three or four crew members. The vehicles would be used as fire support for lesser armed patrol type vehicles. The SAS experimental vehicle is used to set parameters and design criteria for a new vehicle. This is how the Pink Panther was developed in the late sixties. SAS prefer to experiment themselves, and then find a manufacturer to production build a vehicle to their specification.

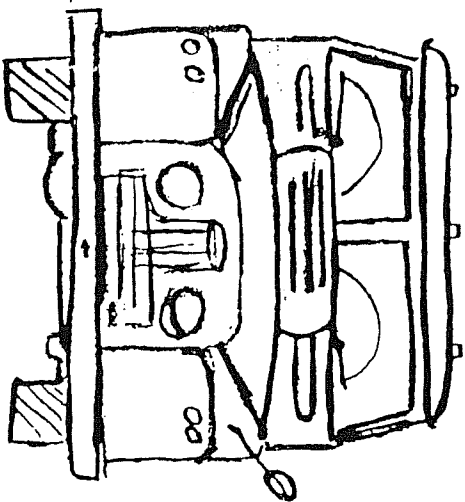
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Cheers, David Meadows.....(613) 599-8746

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