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G'day eh:

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT...As many of you know, a special committee has been formed to study the possibility of incorporating *OVL*R. The purpose of this exploration is to determine the advantages and disadvantages of incorporation as a non-profit corporation. The main reason for incorporation is protection against liability claims against *OVL*R'S officers and members. Forming a non-profit corporation is an option that could be considered to protect individual members and their possessions from liability claims, in case of an accident during, or related to club activities. The possibility of a lawsuit exists.

Under incorporation *OVL*R's assets would be held by *OVL*R rather than individuals.

It has to be understood that *OVL*R has an excellent safety record. Precautions are always taken to ensure that members are made aware of potential dangers and what to do in case of an accident. The label, *club of four-wheel drive enthusiasts* may sound like a risky group to outsiders. As the vehicle itself, our club membership is rather peculiar. In the history of the club, no major accident has occurred. Moreover, people in this club generally act in a responsible manner (perhaps because the average age of our club members is certainly higher than for the typical four-wheeling club). The last thing I want is to sound alarming! When we think about the future, we must reduce the risk of accident to individuals to the absolute minimum. We have learned a lot about safety over the past ten years. If we use our experience and commitment to safety, the risk of accidental injury is very low.

Incorporation would involve higher membership rates and a lot of work for special fund raisers, therefore less time and money to have fun. In addition, this could cause a membership loss, hence less folks to share the bill with. After the club becomes incorporated, then we can think about insuring our ourselves against liability and loss. Our assets are valued at \$8000-10000 (Of course the trailer is already insured.) According to the lawyers we met with on July 21th, the cost of incorporation would probably range in the \$1400-\$1500 bracket with taxes. This sum could be greatly reduced if we did most of the work ourselves. **Members with legal and/or accounting skills are welcomed!** Annual bookkeeping fees could probably be kept under \$200 including taxes and the cost of insurance would be around \$400 *per annum*.

In short, either we keep some money aside and wait a few years, or we incorporate sooner and spend the bucks. Something to think about... But, believe me, there is no reason to panic.

P.S. Great thanks to the members who gave up an evening to meet with the lawyers.

Yves Fortin.....(613)237-9719

31 JULY OFF-ROAD EVENT... Saturday arrived with glorious weather and the chance for OVLR members to participate in some light off-roading at 'Doc' Dolan's spread in Almonte. Despite the long holiday weekend, five Land Rovers arrived, keen to get the cobwebs off their favourite aluminum friend. Rather than the traditional start, namely a drive straight to the 'canal' and rock face, Doc led the party on an alternate route straight to a poplar tree forest. Trees everywhere, with no trail in sight. No matter, forging ahead, Doc, followed by the remaining Land Rovers created a trail. Trees three-four inches in diameter fell and we happily used them to clean the Land Rover undersides caked with mud from the last off-road event as the Land Rovers passed over them.

Following this new approach to the trail, off to the rock face was the cry. Progress was temporarily slowed by George Kearney who made it eight feet into the canal before doing the traditional water death, requiring help getting winched back out. While George tried an alternate path, early 1970's non-LUCAS wires replaced, Dixon Kenner flailed against the rock face before admitting that the 109 needed a winch assist to get past the obstacle. Once up, the remaining vehicles were offered the opportunity to be winched out, only Ted Rose turned down the offer, and then proceeding to get up and over the rock face without assistance.

Proceeding to the beaver dam, a lack of rainfall could be seen to have the effect of lowering the water level and enabled all of the Land Rovers to tackle that, and the next water obstacle, without a problem. Even Rob Ferguson's three cylinder pick-up found it could handle the trail in its current state.

The challenge being diminished, the adventure seeking crew returned to Doc's for a little of the traditional beer, and questioning of Ted on how he has managed to not get stuck, thus far, in any off-road event this year, while everyone else has managed to do so at one point or another.

Dixon Kenner.....(613) 723-6718

THE AUGUST EXECUTIVE MEETING...The Executive made final arrangements for the 14 August breakfast. A motion was presented and carried to make it an objective of OVLR to become incorporated. The motion also set up a Committee chaired by David Meadows to present a report to the Executive. Treasurer Tom Mayor is away on holiday, so no financial report this month.

NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING... The Cheshire Cat, 2193 Richardson Side Road, (at Carp Road). Take 417 West to Carp Road, North on Carp Road to Richardson Side Road (near concrete plant). Wednesday, 1 September, 7:00 pm. All Members and guests are welcome.

CLUB EVENTS

AUGUST...OVLR breakfast at Victoria Island (Christmas Party location), 14 August, 9:00 am, \$3.00/Adult, \$1.50 for children. Come and enjoy a bacon and egg breakfast prepared on OVLR's smart new trailer.. Bring the family. We will have information on the British Invasion in Stowe Vermont. Forget about Rotten Ronnies and join your Land Rover friends for Saturday breakfast.

OCTOBER...Frame Oiler, 23 October 8:00 am. Mark this date on your calender. Look for some changes this year to speed up the process.

NEWS... EVENTS... ETC

BATES wins award for "Sally" at Atlantic British Rally. Our esteemed friend Bates was awarded a prize for the most unusual Land Rover. The judges were impressed with the stamina "Sally" displayed while surviving several beatings with sticks and rocks at the hands of Bates. Congratulations Bates !!!!

AN UPDATE ON THE INTERNET... To date five OVLRL members have taken the plunge, and begun to partake in the Land-Rover mailing-list on the InterNet. The mailing-list is a form of electronic mail, connecting Land Rover enthusiasts from Australia, Canada, Great Britain, and the United States. Access to this mailing list is available through the use of a computer, any modem, and communications programme. With these three items (the software is available for free from Dixon Kenner), your only requirement is to dial the Bulletin Board (613-723-6115), type NEW at the LOGIN: prompt and follow the instructions. For further information contact Dixon Kenner (w. 951-3232, or h. 723-6718). For those with InterNet access, you can receive the mailing-list by sending a request to be added to land-rover-owner-request@stratus.com

WELCOME TO THE ROVER RAG.... A new Land Rover publication is now in print from the fishing village (Vancouver). The Rover Rag is directed at Land Rover owners in British Columbia and Washington and edited by Catherine Ebert. Congratulations, OVLRL is pleased to exchange Newsletters with The Rover Rag.

BRITISH INVASION... Stowe Vermont, 17, 18 and 19 September. A number of OVLRL members plan to attend and enjoy a superb weekend. OVLRL has put together a pamphlet about the club for distribution in Stowe. You can get all the details at the 14 August, OVLRL breakfast. Hotel rooms are in short supply, so reserve now, or you may have to sleep with Bates.

PRESENTATION TO "DOC" DOLAN... Doctor Mike Dolan, the owner of the property OVLRL uses for the birthday party and off-road events was presented with an OVLRL golf shirt and letter of appreciation for the use of his land. The club has Mikes permission to erect an out-house on his land. Thanks "Doc".

DEFENDER "90"... Lawrence Park Motors is a new Land Rover dealer in Toronto. Lawrence Park expects to have the "90" available, 1 November priced in the "low thirties"; if you can not wait, they can fix you up with a Defender 110 or Range Rover in the mean time.

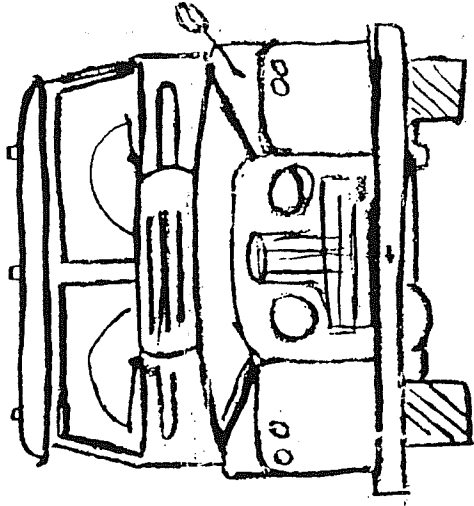
BRITISH CAR DARTS TOURNAMENT... The Ottawa Valley Triumph Club invites OVLRL to enter a team in their darts tournament, 22 August 2:00pm at the Kings Stag Pub. Any one interested in entering a team, contact Clive Law, 55 Abington Drive Nepean, K2H 7M5.

CHEERS from the EDITOR.....David Meadows (613) 599-8746

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