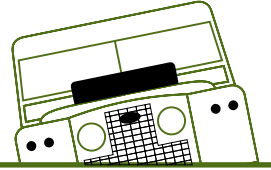


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General Information

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OVLRL offers a monthly newsletter and a variety of activities throughout the year, from mechanical seminars and off-road rallies to social events and family oriented outings. Members receive discounts on parts from a number of North American suppliers. Off-road activities come in several categories. The light version, which is usually entertainment during a rally or at one of our family summer events, consists of a little "mud bogging" or tours along country lanes. The heavy stuff, which is usually several days across public lands navigating by compass, topographical maps and aerial photos, involves bridge building, river barging, and driving conditions ranging from cedar swamp to rocky hill winching.

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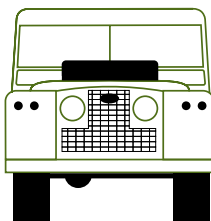
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Hey man, what's going on?

OVL R Calendar of Events

Socials:

Socials are held at the Prescott Hotel on Preston St., Ottawa, the third Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m.

Executive Meeting:

Executive meetings are held on the first Monday of the month. Please contact Peter McGough for location. email mcgou@msn.com

Notices:

Muddy Oval – Stowe, VT– June 6th-8th, 2008 — visit <http://www.muddyoval.com/events/stowe.htm>

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Brits in the Park – Sunday July 13, 2008 — Lindsay Ontario All British made vehicles and motorcycles welcome. Entry fee is \$10. Victoria British Car Club website: www.glenhunter.ca/vbcc

President's Message

BY PETER MCGOUGH

What a change in the weather since my last message and the Maple Syrup Rally signaled that it was time to take the old Range Rover out of storage and dust it off. So on Saturday the container was opened and after pumping up the front left and boosting the battery she started up easily and I rolled her out.

Unfortunately, the Bristol at the front of the container had after-boiled when I put them away for the winter and spilt some antifreeze. The resultant moisture trapped in the container had not been kind! If anyone has any good ideas for winter storage please let me know. A lot of my cars are from dry climates and as Rob from Miniman used to say, they have "pent-up rust" in the Ottawa environment.

It was however time for a new battery. I have started to use Optima spiral-cell batteries pretty exclusively and now they have two types of terminal arrangements that work well in the Range Rover, as I have a twin battery set-up, I could use one in the starting battery position.

Sunday morning bright and early and of course the tire I had pumped up was completely flat! The spare wasn't in great shape and so I decided to use the spare from the Discovery. I have the same tires on both. However, the sharp eyed among you will



President Peter McGough —

CREDIT: G. PELL

have noticed the differences in wheels and while they fit on the RR hub, they do need the use of the Discovery shrouded nuts. I only had the three of these nuts from the carrier on the Discovery but it worked for Renault for years! This is just a very long-winded way of protecting me from the writings of a certain Events Coordinator who noticed that the President was "two nuts" short when I eventually arrived at the MSR. Can't get a thing past these Eagle eyed scrutineers!

We had a great time at the MSR with perfect weather. Verne drove the Discovery and it was this that we used for the green lane run after all had finished their delicious brunch. Thanks to all who helped and in particular to Vern and Linda for letting us use their great place and for Peter Gaby who towed the trailer up the night before and spent most of the previous evening preparing the fruit salad. Due to the strange weather we have been having Vern's syrup harvest was much reduced but was able to satisfy the needs of our group. It's really great stuff and I highly recommend it to any of our members who haven't tasted it.

We had an opportunity to purchase some of the merchandise that will be available for the Birthday Party and I can attest to the great quality. Gabe Pell has done a great job and the stuff can now be pre-ordered on the two-page registration form for the Birthday Party. I hope all celebrated the 60th Anniversary of Land Rover as we will be doing over the weekend. This was as close as we could get to the 30th April date when the "Land Rover 80" was introduced to the public in 1948.

Peter
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New Members Wanted!

Invite your Land Rover obsessed friends to join OVLRL!

See page 2 for subscription details.

London Maple Syrup Run

PHOTOS AND ARTICLE BY JESSICA AND ALAN
CARTHEW, LONDON, ONTARIO

March 29th turned out to be a glorious spring day, by Canadian standards anyway. I believe it was still below freezing but the sky was cloudless and blue and the sun was wonderfully bright. Various Landrovers turned up at the Waltzing Weasel as planned – to my untrained eye there was an orange one, a silver one and a dark one. Al, the other half of this family, will enlighten me as to the necessary details. (Al says “they were Discoveries, I’m a bit embarrassed I don’t know what type because I’m a Series man myself.”) The children started running around the vehicles in ever increasing circles while we introduced ourselves to each other. The drive up was uneventful; it was lovely to see the Landrovers in convoy. Sadly, this time we were in our Toyota van, but next time we’ll be in our SIII or the FC109. Two other families (in a 110 and a lovely 88) met us at



McCully’s Hill farm and the Landrovers all parked up together in a line facing out. It was quite a sight. Once released, the children continued their running and the grownups continued their chatting until the words “pancake breakfast” were mentioned, then we all trooped in for pancakes, sausages and beans. There was quiet for some moments.

Breakfast was followed by a tractor wagon ride up to the distilling shed where we were shown the boiling tanks and tasted the fresh syrup. Then there was a short walk up to the petting zoo where the children did some more running up and down looking at the animals. The highlight of the visit was the horse drawn wagon ride through the trees – several of our group tried to persuade the driver to let us drive the Landrovers around a bit (the answer was no) and he was most knowledgeable about the running of the sap. Best of all, he liked Landrovers!



All in all, it was a lovely morning out. No that much Landrovering although there was obviously a lot of talking going on. It was a great opportunity to meet with other local members. As a wife, and being new to this group, I enjoyed meeting the other lady members and the children didn’t stop running. My two slept all the way home.

Happy 60th Birthday

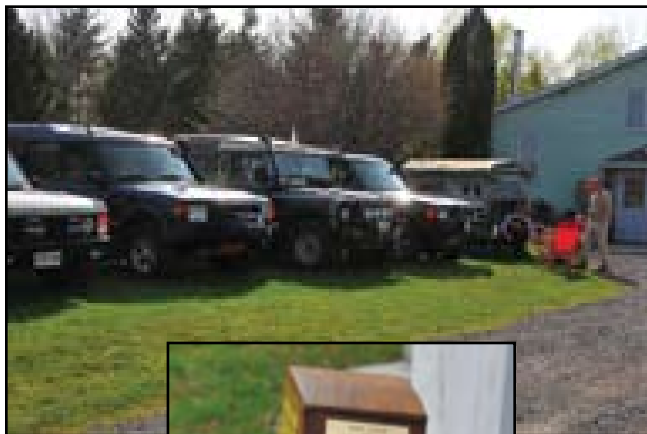
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PHOTOS BY D. KENNER

Dunrobin, ON—April 27th 2008

Most of you would have to ask your parents (grandparents ?) what the weather was like that spring day 60 years when the first Land Rover was unveiled in Amsterdam, but some of us, I mean some of you, might have been lined up at the dealership to get one of the first ones off the line <G>. Be that as it may, there was a gathering of enthusiasts at Peter & Verne McGough's place to commemorate the 60th year of production of Land Rovers. Roy Parsons and Andrew and Delia were there when I arrived.

Peter had his Rangie with the club trailer and his Disco out front when Kevin Newell, myself and Brian Scott added our vehicles to the lineup. Kevin's Series brought the number of Series out front up to one, and the two Discos swelled the ranks of Land Rovers to five. Andrew and Delia were there and while they had hoped to get the Series out for the day, it apparently longed for another day of hibernation (see last month's cover).



Peter M. asked which of us wanted to try crossing the ditch, and I would have, too, except I had worn the wrong shoes to the party.

Andrew Jones soon arrived, followed by Peter Gaby in his Holland & Holland Rangie, and despite my efforts to direct him across the stream, he drew up next to the others on the grass.

Rob Ferguson arrived in his Disco which brought the count to seven. Rob reported that Ted and Christine would be appearing later, with one or more Land Rovers to add to the line.

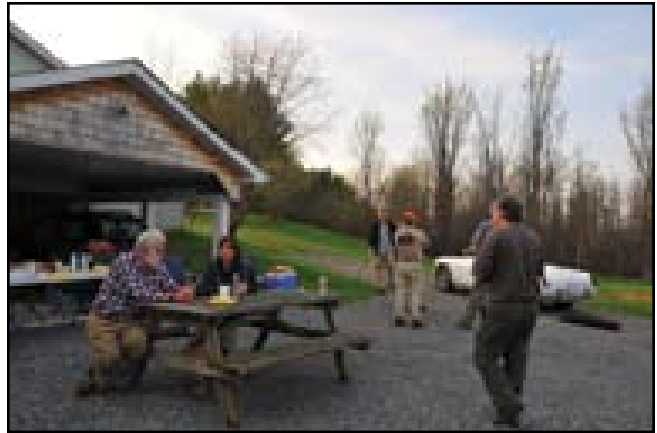
Dixon and Kelly arrived a little later. Verne was just putting out her renowned melted Brie appetizers and Kevin was sharing his trail rations of gourmet cheese and salamis so we were able to stave off the pangs of hunger that generally set in after an hour of pontification (from the latin for bridge building).

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for Landrover

Peter M. had brought out a few first editions of legendary Land Rover trips, one by the Orr family of Western Canada in the fifties, and the other was 'First Overland', a trip in Sep. 1955 from London-Singapore. The remastered film footage and commentary DVD of the second is available from www.teefit.co.uk if you are interested.

I had to leave shortly after that, but there was more food later, including the clever Land Rover Birthday Cake, which I presume was as tasty as it was artistic, as you can see. You can also see in Dixon's photos that Christine indeed (and Ted?) did arrive, but as that was after I don't have the final count of Land Rovers in attendance. Ted was probably fixing a gearbox or something so he didn't figure in the photos. I hope I didn't miss anyone else, and I do want to thank the McGough's for their hospitality for the great get together.



Unattributed trivia:

Why was the Series participation limited? Well, Andrew Finlayson's 80" made it partway before a fuel pump diaphragm let loose. Ted Rose's 88" is suffering a seized clutch. Those modern composites have bits of metal in them now-a-days that welds them to fly wheels. In an example of club solidarity, and from that dreaded affliction Nigel's Disease, Alastair Sinclair's 88" is down with the same problem. Dixon's BGB is missing a functional electrical system rendering the vehicle one that Sir Lucas could identify with, or "Gentlemen do not drive about after dark". We note Peter seems to have found a way into his vehicle after earlier challenges not found on vehicles displaying a finer patina. We note JL's "hybrid" was not present despite lengthy claims to its good health!

Shawville Maple Syrup Run

PHOTOS AND ARTICLE BY: D. KENNER

Despite (or because of) the nice weather there were about 40 people who showed up for the club's first event of the year.

Series vehicles included Fred B. with the 107, Dave Pell's 109, Andrew's series one, and Eric Ratcliff's diesel 110 (ex-Suffield).

Unlike past years when the MSR has seen blowing snow, freezing temperatures, rain or overcast skies, (ed: not to mention tire ripping ice), this year's edition saw beautiful, sunny weather, with temperatures into the low seventies. The feet of snow that had been on the ground from a near record season's snowfall was gone from the fields, just a patchwork in the woods.



The Sugarshack ...
PHOTOS BY D. KENNER



The details on the Maple syrup: 250ml (glass) - \$8; 500ml (mason jar) - \$11; 1ltr - \$15; 2ltr - \$28. There were no gallon jugs this year. With the rapid Spring melt there was only one run of sap. The temperature quickly rose after winter and we lacked the oscillating above and below freezing temperatures that makes the sap really run. The lack of frost in the ground also contributed to the shortening of the season. Vernon's



The vehicle lineup ...
CREDIT RICHARD WEGNER

harvest this year was thirty gallons as opposed to sixty last year, and that is down from the year before. Those that made it to the MSR cleaned Vern out of every container larger than 500ml.

Cooking crew: Andrew Finlayson, Peter Gaby. Assisting: Delia Coates, Kelly Kilgour, Gordon Bernius. Trailer movement: Peter Gaby and Peter MCGough. Peter G. (in a Toyota as Donna left the lights on, and when the battery is run down, the door locks don't work with a key!). PG pre-cooked the sausage and made a huge pot of fruit salad (for those curious - 4 pineapples, a dozen apples, 15 grapefruits, and 30 oranges!). Thank you, Peter, for the immense amount of time and effort you spent in preparation. The bottom line: the usual yummy meal for the lucky attendees!



The food - yum! ...
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Preparing the food at the trailer...
CREDIT RICHARD WEGNER

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Shawville Maple Syrup Run (continued from page 8)



The vehicles and a trip down the trail ...

CREDIT D.KENNER



For the off-road there were five vehicles. The 109 and the 110, and three Disco's. There were no winches among the group so they took Bryson Hill road that stopped Harry many a year ago. Dave Pell lead with Vernon navigating. Partial snow coverage, though getting thin, still existed. Nobody got stuck, though some with three season tires were challenged! However, modern technology does make life easier!



And then the customary crawling under vehicles ...

CREDIT RICHARD WEGNER



And relaxing with good company.

CREDIT D. KENNER

LR Trivia: Oh, now that Peter Gaby is the proud owner of a Holland and Holland edition Range Rover, he decided to work out the cost of this special lifestyle. The original cost of an H&H Rover was 65,000 pounds, originally, in the UK (some \$80-90,000 in the USA). The cost of the Range Rover works out to \$2.58 per mile, plus petrol and maintenance for the warranties life!) The H&H shotgun is a cool \$200k.

To suitably outfit yourself for the 'L3,500 per person' shooting Saturday, takes an \$8,000 investment in jodpurs, sporting tweed with bits of leather.

Of course, some economies are possible, such as the \$375 socks (check out their website to see how you too can live the life of Riley!). And here we thought that Peter was looking into steam powering the blue Range Rover (which good sources tell us Alastair Sinclair is interested in! That affliction continues!)

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Problems:

Intermittent power window and seat operation; air
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it so much that I have purchased a later model Range
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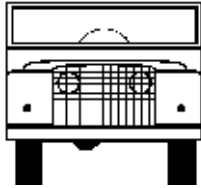
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Notices

Calling All OVLAR Awards

Yes, the time has come for all of the OVLAR awards to be sent home for updating, refurbishing and general maintenance. Please if you have or know the whereabouts of any of the following awards please let me know and we can arrange to have it be returned so that the proper updating and refitting can take place in this the 25th year of OVLAR. The awards are: The Lugnut Award, The Towball Award, Gasket Under Glass, The Silver Swivel Ball and The Golden Wench Award (any others that I have forgotten?) please let me know.

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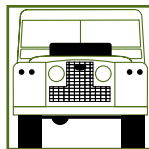
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Note of Interest

I just finished reading an interesting murder mystery novel. It is written by a local author, who just happens to be the wife of a local Landrover owner. The book is also located in the immediate area – between Ottawa and the Dumoine Valley.

The thing most authors are told is to write what you know. Well, I was reading along and in pops a Landrover Series III! I will put in a plug for a first time local novel writer - with a link to Landrover. Interesting read. We purchased it through Amazon.ca.

Title: Forever Dead
Author: Suzanne Kingsmill

LYNDA WEGNER



OVLAR 25th Birthday Party Silver Lake, Ontario June 20–22, 2008

The Ottawa Valley Land Rover Club Birthday Party will be held on the second last weekend in June this year. What better way to start your summer vacation than to attend one of the best rallies of the summer. It is a good idea to plan ahead, book your camping spot and pencil in your vacation at work!

For information on registration visit our web site at

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or refer to the registration form which you should have received either on paper or in an email.

Non-members arriving in their own Land Rover and wishing to drive in the RTV or off-road course must join the OVLAR club for insurance purposes.

Included in your registration is:

- Saturday night dinner
- Sunday continental breakfast
- Most important lots of fun off-roading, participating or spectating at the RTV and chatting it up around the campfire






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Vehicle lineup at the Landrover 60th Birthday Party!

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