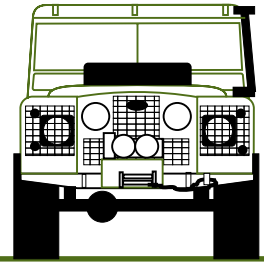


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# 28th Annual OVL R Birthday Party



*Charlie's 88, light off road (see pages 5-9 for article and more photos)*



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### General Information

Ottawa Valley Land Rovers is the oldest and largest Land Rover club in Canada. Membership is open to all Land Rover enthusiasts. Executive meetings are held on the first Monday of every month. Social meetings are held on the third Monday of every month, generally at the Prescott Hotel on Preston Street.

OVL R 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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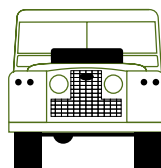
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## Hey man, what's going on?

### OVL R Calendar of Events

#### **Socials:**

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

#### **Executive Meeting:**

Executive meetings are held on the first Monday of the month. Please contact Bruce Ricker for location – email: [b.p.ricker@rogers.com](mailto:b.p.ricker@rogers.com)

#### **Notices:**

- July 16 All British Car Day (ABCD), Britannia Beach Park – Lakeside Gardens, Ottawa, ON. All British Vehicles (Cars and Motorcycles are welcome) Featured vehicle is the Jaguar E-Type. [www.britishcarday.ca](http://www.britishcarday.ca) or [info@britishcarday.ca](mailto:info@britishcarday.ca)
- July 17 Cumberland Heritage Village Museum, 3rd Annual Car Show, 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Held at 2940 Old Montreal Road, Cumberland. Contact Patricia Lamarche at 613-833-3059 x 232 or [patricia.lamarche@ottawa.ca](mailto:patricia.lamarche@ottawa.ca)
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- Oct. 1 Second Annual Cedar Hill Classic – final details to come

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# Sponsors for 28th Birthday Party

**T**he club relies on sponsors to help defray the cost of running the Birthday party as well as helping defray the ongoing costs of maintaining OVLR as a federally chartered organisation. This year the following companies donate various items to the club:

## Major Sponsors:

### **Rover Park Boys (Mark Nault)**

Series parts, Cubby box, Defender Watches, Starter handles

### **Atlantic British (Eric Riston)**

Gift Certificates — Some used as prizes for RTV

### **Rovers North**

Gift Certificates — Some used as prizes for RTV, Stickers

## Minor Sponsors

### **LRM**

Subscription for 1 year

### **Overland Journal**

Magazines

### **High Lift**

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## Individual Donations

Len Cater — disco 2 used parts

Kevin Newell — paramedic bits and series 3 differential

Dave Pell — pelican boxes

Bruce Fowler — Auto parts hats

Andrew Finlayson — OEM rocker thing, Polish kit

Debra Sevigny — knife set

Patrick Findlay — watch he won in auction

Princess Auto — tarp

Parts Source Merivale Road — carpenter's set

This year, the solicitation for donations and sponsors was undertaken by Brian Scott, who did an excellent job hunting down items and looking for interesting things for the club to Auction or use as prizes.

# 28th Annual OVL R Birthday Party

ARTICLE AND PHOTOS BY BENJAMIN A. SMITH

The 28th OVL R Birthday Party has now come and gone. The faithful loaded up their Land Rovers and set forth for Silver Lake. Weather forecasts for 90% chance of rain did not intimidate them. Nor heat of the sun. Nor the expected legion of mosquitoes and deer flies that are common this time of year. Because it was the appointed hour of the appointed weekend to gather on the grass at the Deacon's farm.

Ahead lay the challenges of the Light off-road, the Bolton Creek water crossing and mud pit, Ernie's land and the dreaded OVL R Heavy Off-road.

Some arrived on Thursday and many on Friday. A few had mechanical issues and had to switch to non-Land Rovers (Roy Parsons, Ben Smith) or decided to come in non-LRs. I will say on my behalf that discovering that the transfer box intermediate shaft standing 1" proud of the box plus finding metal shavings in the oil the night before leaving did not bode well for a 1200 km trip, so I took an available ride. Some had more adversity than others. Dixon had spent all week preparing the venerated (and undermaintained) BGB for his annual attempt to drive the 100 km to the BP site. Attentive readers will remember that the BGB was unable to leave his laneway for the 2010 BP. And more recently there were reported issues with the BGB getting to and back from the ABC Day at Oxford Mills. Even more attentive readers will know that by "Dixon" we mean others working and Dixon watching. It seems that at the Social on Monday while Dixon was happily consuming a pint, the Ted Rose Sighting Society reported activity at Kirkwood Manor. Ted phoned Dixon stating that he was looking at the BGB and had cracked the bonnet. Dixon immediately fled for home. Bruce Ricker and J-L also soon put in appearances. In the end the BGB was sporting a new distributor, new carb, new spark plug leads, new fan belt and rebuilt C40 generator. New? Dixon? Yes.



*All work together*

But when Dixon set out for Silver Lake he found that the BGB was down on power with a maximum speed of but 50 kph. He did arrive... eventually. On site the BGB's carb was investigated by Dave Bobeck. The telling sign came when the spark plug leads were tested. Pulling #2 and #3 saw no change in the engine RPM. Swapping in good leads did not help. Hence the guess that the BGB blew another head gasket. Dixon claimed innocence. And that he had JB welded the block 15 years ago and only one head gasket had blown since then (and it became an award, right?). But in all those 15 years, how many km has the BGB driven? Less than 5000? Time will tell if this head gasket is blown better than the last one.

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## Birthday Party (continued from page 5)



110 (light off road)

Yes the rain came. Most of it was Thursday night. Other than that there were showers here and there. Rain was more of a nuisance than anything else.

All in all 27 Land Rovers showed up: 9 Series, 4 Defenders, 9 Range Rovers (Classic, P38 and L322), and 5 Discos (Series 1, 2 and LR3). Also Francois' Unimog and Len's Toyota. Plus other non-LRs that did not attempt the trails.

The Bolton Creek trail was reported to have some challenges. A few weeks previous the creek was at least waist deep and a downed tree was reported to be blocking the trail. Plus there was always the mud pit and muddy bypasses to the mud pit. A team was dispatched on Friday to open the trail. The creek was discovered to be only a foot deep—much lower than even previous years. The tree was quickly dispatched with hand saws. And the mud pit? The one that slashed two tires on the Rose family Disco 1 two years running? The one that sucked up Jeff Berg's Silver Surfer and plugged the rad? The mud pit that sucked in Dave Bobeck's locked

D90 and lead to his cover photo after the recovery??? That pit? It had been filled in with a few loads of dirt and is a non event. The bypasses were still available for those that wanted to play. On the OVLRL scale, Bolton Creek was a green lane. Even the BGB drove it on two cylinders without any issues.

One good piece of news concerns local land access. About 6 years ago the land between the Deacon's property and the railroad grade was sold, reportedly to a group in Toronto. The new owners did not grant permission for OVLRL to cross their land. About 3 years ago the land was sold again, but this time to a local from Sharbot Lake. The new land owner has been friendly to Deacons and the Deacons had been

working with him on granting access. He came by on Friday night, spoke with the Deacons and the club. And access was granted!

With the newly obtained access, OVLRL teams headed out directly for the Light Off Road instead of taking the paved road to Maberly and then another

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Niall Forbes in the RTV with Bruce Fowler.

## Birthday Party *(continued from page 6)*

to find the railroad grade. The Light Off-Road has seen less traffic in the recent past than in prior years, but was easily findable. There are still mud holes in all of the usual places. Fewer trucks meant that the mud holes were all still passable. A tree blocking the trail was soon removed with a chainsaw and helping hands. The beavers built their dam a bit lower this year so the end of the trail was dry. We can always hope for next year.

Saturday afternoon saw the traditional RTV course. This year the trail was on the bedrock and steep section between the BP site and the entrance road. A few people tried their hand at the course. Spectators tried to cajole Dixon into taking the BGB around. He declined, but he did drive Bruce Fowler's Range Rover Classic. So, after I did a competition lap with Dave Bobeck's D90, I fired up the BGB and took her for a trip around the course. Surprisingly the BGB did reasonably well—even doing better than a few other vehicles. Two places a lack of traction brought the BGB to a halt and required more wellie to pass. I will say that



*Swinging wide on the RTV*

the BGB bites. Climbing a ledge, the steering wheel spun unexpectedly and quickly. Yes I got the dreaded series thumb. It's been more than a decade since I've been last wrapped across the thumb by the Series steering wheel. Ouch. Once I completed my run the RTV central tallied the scores and said that there was a tie and they needed a run off. Both Dave Bobeck and I scored the same driving his D90. Now they needed a tie breaker. Dave knew where that railroad was going. I had already driven the BGB on the RTV for score... Yes, the BGB drove the course twice... on two cylinders... and had the malicious spot of honor of breaking the tie. I'll leave it to the RTV staff to announce the results.

Sunday brought the usual action and all too soon it was time for the drive south for me and to other compass points for the others. It was a great Birthday Party. The only down side was that a number of usual attendees were missing (and you know who you are). It is time to start planning (and plotting) for the 29th OVL R Birthday Party! See you next year!



*Rino and the rebuilt 2 door Range Rover*

# More Photos from the BP

PHOTOS BY D. KENNER



*BGB wading through Bolton Creek*  
PHOTO BY BEN SMITH



*Ben auctioning a hand-crank.*



*Some people are just TOO prepared - look an oven*



*Dave B. running the RTV in Dixon's BGB (Pleasure or Pain?)*



*Francois in the Unimog on the RTV.*

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Photos from the BP (continued from page 8)



*Lenny gets a makeover ( or why you should go to the Tune-Up)*



*On Dodd's Lake trail (Light-Offroad)*



*Part of the reason we go to Silver Lake*

# 2011 RTV Scores

Name ( <i>Driver &amp; Navigator</i> )	Vehicle	Canes	Shunts	Total
1 Joe	Black Disco 1	12	10	22
2 Niall Forbes & Bruce Fowler	RR Classic	12	4	16
3 Ben Smith & Dave Bobeck	90	2	4	6
4 Patrick Finlay	Disco (Bigfoot)	20	8	28 ( <i>highest scorer</i> )
5 Eric Radcliffe	110	10	7	17
6 Dixon Kenner & Rino Granito	RR Classic	8	6	14
7 Dave Bobeck & Ben Smith	90	2	4	6
8 Len Cater	Toyota	14	8	22
9 Francois Juneau & Bruce Ricker	Unimog	<i>two (2) trees, several canes, doesn't need to shunt, it just crashes forward</i>		

## Tie Breaker

Ben	BGB	4	8	12
Dave	BGB	6	10	16

## Notes

- Two points per cane, one point per shunt (reverse).
- Course was laid out by Peter McGough and Bruce Ricker using Sedgwick as the base vehicle (no indication on whether or not Sedgwick did this cleanly! Clifford probably could of!)
- This was the first RTV in a very long time, probably since the BP moved to Silver Lake, where there was not an 80" participating, or an 88".
- Francois Juneau & Bruce Ricker tried the course in the Unimog. Score was not kept, but not only did the Unimog flatten several canes, but it flattened a pair of trees, nearly taking out a third. Bruce was heard to be muttering "I want one of those, I want one of those" as a mantra for several minutes following completion of the course. Rumour was that Francois had a better score than Patrick Findlay...
- It is highly entertaining that Dixon Kenner received 14 points in a Range Rover classic, and Ben Smith received 14 points in the BGB.
- The tie breaker vehicle, a 109 station wagon, was running on only two cylinders of the normal four. This is considered normal operational procedure with Dixon. Whether this implies that Dixon's BGB has had a 2.25l Rover engine converted into a Cadillac-like NorthStar engine with variable cylinder control is highly doubtful.
- Many fascinated spectators to the RTV.

## Aside

- Snow markers with the reflective tops were an excellent idea. More should be used next year in the upper part of the RTV course, the canes vanished into the tall grass.
- If a simple course was laid out earlier, possibly with some tape, a campaign could be mounted to increase the number of victims. Something simple in the middle of the field with canes for people to try out. Once they try it, they might wish to try something more challenging.
- Like with other clubs, we should look at specifically asking suppliers if they would like to sponsor the RTV. Whomever says *yes* first, and anties up a couple of prizes for first, second, third, and last, or *best performance*, gets their name in *lights*. Although the gift certificates given out were from ABP (I think), it was not the ABP RTV. Like with the rest of the soliciting, this should be proposed to suppliers in the December time frame when they are starting to make their plans for the upcoming year. Once a sponsor is identified, the BP propaganda can be tuned to say the *2012 OVL* - *Your Name Here RTV*.

# Classifieds

## STAINLESS CATALYTIC CONVERTER

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Len – lnp00@live.ca

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Getting Ready for the Birthday Party... with a little assistance!

When getting ready for the Birthday Party, Ben was changing tires. He wrote: "I took a tire off and rolled it out of the way. When I turned around to put the new tire on, my daughter Anne had picked up the one of the lugnuts and was attempting to put it back on the wheel stud."

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