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*Patrick F's Disco after a successful run on the heavy offroad.  
(more photos on pages 5 and 12)*

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Ottawa Valley Land Rovers is the oldest and largest Land Rover club in Canada and the second oldest in North America. 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 raging from cedar swamp to rocky hill winching.

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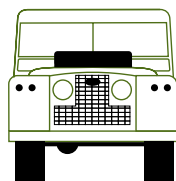
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# Upcoming Events

JUNE 20-22, 2014

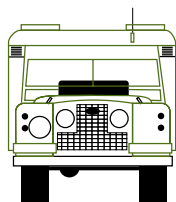
31st Birthday Party  
near Maberly, ON

July 21th, 2014

243th Monthly Social  
Prescott Hotel (Beach & Preston Streets in Ottawa)

August 8-10, 2014

OVLRL Montreal Off-Road Event – Chertsey, QC



## Other Friendly & Neighbouring Clubs' Events

ABCD – All British Car Day

July 19th, Britannia Beach, Ottawa

Blacker Than Night Rally

Aug 2-4, Readington, New Jersey

International Rover Polo Tournament

Aug, TBD, Pakenham, On.- OVLRL

M.O.R.E. Labour Day Weekend Rally

The maritime LR club, usually in Nova Scotia

British Car Day

Sept TBD, Bronte Creek, On.

Annual Roav Mid-atlantic Rally

Oct TBD, Virginia, USA – a traditional big event

Cedar Hill Classic

Oct TBD, Pakenham, On .- OVLRL

409th Guy Fawkes Rally

approx Nov 5, Cooperstown, N.Y

*Note: Other Clubs' events usually require registration or one year membership purchase.*

## Blacker Than Night 2014 aka XIII

It is now June and that means that August is around the corner. It is time to send out the notice for the lucky 13th gathering of Land-Rover enthusiasts for the Blacker Than Night Rally at Christina and my place in NJ for the usual suspects.

It is the weekend of August 2-3. As always people are welcome to come early and to stay late. Or to come for just a few hours. I am taking Friday the 1st off.

As usual we will have:

- Meals provided on site, excepting Sunday where we go out to the Oldwick General Store for breakfast
- 2 or 3 stage RTV on Saturday afternoon
- RoverPolo game on Sunday after breakfast
- Wrenching on various Rover projects
- Beer and other beverages are available
- Pitch a tent or crash on the floor somewhere

Only 7 weeks away!

As usual please let us know if you are planning on coming or not (and when) so that we can plan food appropriately.

BEN SMITH

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## OVLRL Montreal Off-Road Event

OVLRL Montreal is holding its 6th annual birthday off-road on August 8-10. The event will be at the new off-road park in Chertsey Quebec.

Camping is available with a toilet facility but no water except for a lake. It's a beautiful setting and the off-road is beautiful. We usually have around 10 trucks from our club but this year with this new off-road park we have more room to receive people and we welcome as many people as we can accommodate.

The park charges 20\$ a day and you bring your own food; there will be a BBQ at your disposal. A campfire will be held Friday and Saturday night and off-roading will be all day Saturday and possibly Friday for a night run.

For information and RSVP contact me at patrick.  
findlay1@videotron.ca

PATRICK F.

# President's Message

Hi folks

Welcome to the June newsletter.

Our focus this month is on reporting the highlights and special moments of the 31st Birthday Party, and acknowledging the effort and dedication of those who made it a great success. I would like to extend my personal thanks to the following people who really did an outstanding job: Dave P, Kevin N, Frank A, and Terry K for designing and executing a practical event schedule that once again added something new with the GPS mapped trails but did nothing to detract from the winning formula of tried and tested core activities (off-roading, and catered supper).

Unfortunately I could not attend this year due to a previously arranged family commitment that took us to North Bay for the weekend. But based on the many and various accounts that I've listened to this week – it was a great success and attendance was up on last year too.

Once again our thanks go to the Deakin family, who were splendid hosts. When I dropped the club trailer (Albatross) off on Thursday evening the site was looking fantastic: And I understand that approximately half of the 77 attendees camped at the event site too, which as was the case last year, helped to make it a more lively occasion.

Additional thanks are required to acknowledge Chef Gaby and his posse, for excellent on site catering – as Peter said – nobody got poisoned so the event was a winner...

We have scheduled our next Exec meeting for Monday evening (7th July), at the Cheshire Cat, where we'll go over the event in detail to figure out what we should do more or less of next year to build an even better Birthday Party for 2015.

Although I wasn't able to get to the BP, I have been able to get some more work done on the 101, and attended a couple of really good Military Vehicle events over the last month or so.



The most exciting was Aquino 2014: Held on the grounds of Oshawa airport, and organized by the Ontario Regiment. I was invited by our Special Correspondent – Affaires Militaire (Robin Craig) to join the team staging a reenactment of Gulf War One – Operation Granby: Having been given the “honorary” rank of

Corporal of Horse... apparently due to my expertise in shoveling horsesh\*t... thank you Robin, I was given custody of a



very nice LR 90 with Sankey trailer for the day. The display centered on a group of Alvis CVRTs that saw action in Op Granby and were reunited with their original crews: It was a real privilege to meet and chat with the guys from the 16th / 5th Lancers who were there for real.

The Op Granby display was put together by Mr. Al Duffy: The CVRTs form part of his collection and I'm extremely grateful to him and Robin for providing the opportunity to participate and help.



Meanwhile back at the ranch, that nice Mr. FedEx delivered a kit from RPI Engineering that included a weber 500 4-barrel carb, Offenhauser manifold and all the fittings and instructions required to fit them on the 101. So that's the project for the Canada Day weekend. I'm still hoping to be rumbling

around the locale in the 101 this summer. It's going to be awesome.

BEST REGARDS  
ANDREW

# 2014 OLVR Birthday Party Photos

PHOTO CREDIT (THIS PAGE): ANDREW WATKINS



*109 at rest.*



*Eric's 109 while still clean.*



*Naji ready to navigate.*



*Lining up for an offroad*



*Waiting for Godot.*

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# Photo Caption Contest



Members are encouraged to submit photos and our readers will suggest captions!

This month's photo was submitted by Robin Craig, and he will judge the winner(s).

Captions should be submitted to:  
terrycking@rogers.com

People are encouraged to submit photos for the coming months.



## May Caption Contest Results

PHOTO AND JUDGING BY ROBIN CRAIG

This Month's Winner as declared by Judge Robin:

"The Three Amigos and d'Artagnan" - *T.King*

Thrown out for mentioning Toyota (hah) : " Robin said go get the reliable Landy – I'm confused! They're all Land Rover's, the only reliable Landy I know of is a Land Cruiser..." - *A. Jones*



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# Spring Tune-up

ARTICLE AND PHOTOS BY T. KING

A dozen of us showed up on a Saturday morning in May to either partake of the caffeine and doughnuts or else skip several chores at home. Andrew F. had graciously offered his garage for this event as in the past. As expected, there was very light work to be done, but planning was discussed on several projects, as far as I understand.

Delia took her Mom off to an arboretum or greenhouse to watch the plants grow for the day because they were sure of seeing positive movement in the near future.

Coffee and milling about filled in the first hour, then swatting mosquitoes took over as a pass time.

It was very nice to see Murray and Fred arrive as it has been a while since I have seen them. Good to catch up with them a bit.



*Longtime members Murray, Bruce and Fred lend a hand (or an arm) on the Series rebuild, as AF pulls a Houdini behind Bruce.*

Once Gilles and Peggy arrived with their Disco, we examined the winch because the freewheeling lever was seized, but 15 minutes of sunstroke and removing/replacing one bolt did not fix it. Bummer.

Bruce then tackled the backup lights on Clifford because they showed a constant state of reversal... however, despite some great efforts, they remained stubborn until the offending switch was given a respite... switch is now on order no doubt.



*Alastair's Series rests in the shade at AF's, out of the reach of pesky elms and oaks*



*Interior of the Series that was a barn find/garage sleep, now for sale, see ad run by Andrew F.*

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**Spring Tune-up** *(continued from page 7)*



*Host AF and Kevin discuss the fact that Stan's original 2.25 petrol engine is now installed in Dustin's 109 (will be seen near Cheshire Cat Pub)*



*View of Stan's transplanted petrol engine as noted in previous photo.*

While several of us TRSS (Ted Rose Sighting Society) types hoped with great anticipation that the legend would arrive, it became clear that with his imminent move would keep him busy loading the string of 18 wheelers with spare parts, etc that were being shunted to their new home. I suspect it is not a 1 room apartment.

After the work was done, we reconvened to the gazebo that Andrew had built, and he and some helpers proceeded to cook up a great pile of burgers for the famished workers.

Simon Skuse showed up (I am certain some of you know him as he has a few 101's), and regaled us with boating stories and misadventures of old while we had our lunch. Colourful would be a good description of Simon and the stories.

All in all a very pleasant day and recommended for future years. Thank you Andrew and Delia :)



*Dustin's 109 (Andrew through the glass).*

**New Members Wanted!**

***Invite your Land Rover obsessed friends to join OVLRL!***

*See page 2 for subscription details.*



# Rovers & Parts for Sale

## SERIES 1 LAND ROVER (1955)

Sir Archibald (Aka Archie)

Archie: Character and Tradition with a V8 engine.

The traditional Great White Hunter look on the outside, but a significantly and professionally modified Series 1 under the hood. What's Archie? A Series 1 truck that goes like stink.



The family loved Archie dearly, but it got tired of Archie's lack of speed and frequent need for gas, so George Whitcomb and his favorite mechanic embarked on a full modification:

- Engine replaced with 1962 215 cu. in. (3.5 liter metric) BOP V8. Buick heads, polished chambers C/R lowered slightly. This is of course the same aluminum block Buick 215 engine that Rover Motor Co. eventually used in Range Rovers for many years.
- Custom-fabricated adaptor/bell housing and motor mounts.
- Land Rover flywheel adapted to Buick crankshaft flange. Buick ring gear welded onto turned down Land Rover gear on Land Rover flywheel. Uses Land Rover clutch, Buick Delco starter.
- Steering box relocated to allow for a wider engine.
- Exhaust manifolds cut and welded to make use possible in Land Rover.
- Transmission and transfer case overhauled.
- Additional fuel tank fabricated and installed. Attaches to original tank: high, for venting between tanks, and low, for fuel transfer. Fills both tanks from original tank cap.
- Front leaf springs replaced with new units fabricated by local spring shop to be slightly softer to compensate for reduced engine weight. Original I-4 weighed between 600 and 700 lbs., replacement V-8 weighs about 350.
- Electrical system now 12 v. Negative Ground. Original charging system replaced with early (separate regulator) Delcotron alternator.



Archie will need a trailer but it is not a Series 1 that needs months and a fortune in restoration. It does need mechanical work, but it is not the kind of project car that comes with bulging boxes and buckets of parts and has been stored in a leaky barn.

- The body is in pretty decent shape, without dents or gashes; it definitely needs paint.
- The top. George looked for a brand-new, stock Series 1 top for years, finally found one.
- Archie has left-hand drive, rare in a Series 1 in the U.S.
- The inside definitely needs cosmetic attention (new seat cushions, paint, and dash clean-up) but not major work. It is whole. The grill is stored inside.
- Weathering not an issue: Archie was garaged, then housed in a dry-storage unit.
- No rust, of course: it's an aluminum body.
- The tires were new when first garaged, but naturally have suffered storage wear.

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## Rovers & Parts for Sale *(continued from page 9)*

### FOR SALE

Up for sale for a neighbor is this fairly unmolested 1973 Series 3 88" Land Rover. It runs and drives but will need a starter motor and likely some brake work too although there is pressure there! It does have an electric winch too and the interior is still quite good. It has the usual body corrosion on the box sides that the S3's got and still sports it's original 15" wheels too!

He is asking \$2900.00 Any questions? email me at: [andrewf@explornet.com](mailto:andrewf@explornet.com)

*June14*



### FOR SALE

Large Brownchurch roof rack for sale – fits D1 and D2s. I have a Disco 2 and bought it for a trip. Used it once... now gathering dust.. Anyone interested ? May be a good base for a roof tent... ?

See <http://www.roversnorth.com/ProductDesc.aspx?code=LD91NL&type=3&eq=&key=it> for pictures/info.

Asking \$600

Pete – [peter.wood@alcatel-lucent.com](mailto:peter.wood@alcatel-lucent.com)

*June14*

### BARN CLEAR OUT

I have assorted LR parts, mainly Series Three 88" Station wagon: Roof, body sides, doors, Bulkhead, seat-box. Short engine, axles.

Free to a good home. Just come and collect them. If interested call Andrew Jones at 613 617 3926 or email at [andrew.jones@explornet.ca](mailto:andrew.jones@explornet.ca)

*May14*

### WANTED

Am preparing to start rebuilding work on my NADA 109 station wagon. So if you have any of the following and are interested in selling them, please let me know: NADA 6 cylinder engine or engine parts – especially the exhaust manifold, 109 S/W rear side doors in good condition, front door bottoms, in good condition, Salisbury rear axle, or pair of military axles for SIIA or SIII.

Call Andrew Jones at 613 617 3926 or email at [andrew.jones@explornet.ca](mailto:andrew.jones@explornet.ca)

*May14*

### WANTED

Rear Jumpseat for Series truck

I need one more single jumpseat (actually only need the seat bottom with the folding leg) to fully equip my 1964 SWB Land Rover. Condition of the upholstery/padding is unimportant as I will be reupholstering it. Please check your shed/basement/junkpile and let me know if you have one and we'll work out a deal.

Geoff Burd tel. 613-256-4341/email: [gpmurd@gmail.com](mailto:gpmurd@gmail.com)

*Apr14*

### FOR SALE

1960 series II 2.25L Petrol engine, complete with alternator and starter, # 151029880 – \$ 200

1960 series II refurbished Serck Radiator Birmingham # 75652 – \$ 340

Chris – 819 570 1595, email [info@swisscrafter.com](mailto:info@swisscrafter.com)

*Mar14*



### FOR SALE

Disco alloy wheels (5), body and other parts available: [mrtedmatthews@gmail.com](mailto:mrtedmatthews@gmail.com)

*May14*

### FOR SALE

Series tropical roofed-cap with Alpine windows, with windowed sides and back, includes Series 3 windshield and new glass, new back hatch (no glass) and tailgate. Contact [mrtedmatthews@gmail.com](mailto:mrtedmatthews@gmail.com) for photos – looking for offers!

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## Rovers & Parts for Sale (continued from page 10)

### FOR SALE

1990 200 tdi defender 90. Right hand drive. Imported from England 7 years ago. Registered in Quebec. Engine rebuilt right down to the main bearing 4 years ago. Turbo rebuilt and transmission replaced 2 years ago. Clutch replaced last summer. Modified the exhaust system to one muffler. New last summer. Rust proofed every year since I brought it over. Driven one winter (I wouldn't recommend it unless you replace the heater). Block heater installed. Mud tires with lots of life left in them. The roof-rack needs a little modding to fit properly. There is some rust but nothing major. I did some body work on it over the winter. Waiting for the proper paint to touch it up. Some extra parts. An extra set of rims. Off-roaded but not heavily. A few dints and bumps here and there. Needs a little work. Brakes are still OK but need work soon. There is a slight shudder at certain speeds. When I grease up the universal joints it goes away but come back soon. I assume one of them needs replacing. Asking \$15,000  
Will Richards  
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### FOR SALE (CRAIGSLIST)

Custom radiator; Twin electric fans; Custom fan shroud; Chrome pulleys; 350 cubic inch; 350 horsepower 'crate' motor; Aluminum intake manifold; Edelbrock carburetor; Chrome air cleaner; Chrome valve covers; Custom linkage; Late model Land Rover power steering; Custom steering linkage; Dual reservoir power brake booster; Ron Francis wiring system; Original steering wheel; Custom black vinyl wrapped center console; Custom hidden ipod/CD stereo system; All new galvanized roof and door trim components; Custom black vinyl soft top; Four folding/ side facing black vinyl rear seats. For the full ad go to: <http://losangeles.craigslist.org/lac/cto/4526831275.html>

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### Tech Note

## EASControl for Land Rover - GAP Diagnostic

Just in case you have not seen this I thought you might want to check it out:

See link below. I've been looking at lift options for my LR3. A lot of folks use Johnson rods but better systems are out there. Adjustable rods and others but this seems most promising... and has other potential benefits such as smartphone access to vehicle diagnostics.

Also can be used on all later EAS LR's. I322 RR and later model sports.

<http://www.gap-diagnostic.com/products/eascontrol.html>

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*Kevin N's camping setup*



*Steve's 110 with onboard tent.*



*Yves Fortin's D90*