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# **Over and Over**



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2015 Ottawa Valley Land Rovers Birthday Party



June 26th-28th, 2015 - reserve the dates now!



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#### **General Information**

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.

OVLR 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. Offroad 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.

Membership: Canadians joining throughout the year pay \$50 CDN per year, Americans and others pay \$50 US per year (discounts available if you receive the newsletter by email). Membership is valid for one year.

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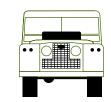
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# OVLR Newsletter

The OVLR newsletter is published twelve times per year for club members. The editor welcomes submissions of text and photographs for publication.

Submissions: Articles and photographs may be submitted to the Editors, Terry King (terrycking@ rogers.com) or Dixon Kenner (dkenner@gmail. com) or via post to the club address. Please include photographer's name, captions, identifications of people and vehicles, and a return address if you want the photos back. For the best reproduction of photos, use the highest resolution possible. Do not include photos in the text files.

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#### Tentatively – March 24, 2015

AGM – Cheshire Cat, Kanata (postponed – stay tuned)

#### March 16, 2015

251st Monthly Social Prescott Hotel (Beach & Preston Streets in Ottawa)

#### April 20, 2015

252nd Monthly Social Prescott Hotel (Beach & Preston Streets in Ottawa)

#### June 26-28, 2015

2015 Birthday Party - more information to come.

### 2015 Birthday Party

The date for the 2015 Birthday Party is June 26th-28th.

The location will be in and around Silver Lake, so it is safe to book at the Silver Lake campsite if that is your preference.

The Exec are working on contingency plans in the event that the usual main site is unavailable. The situation will be a lot clearer by next newsletter with a final vote at the AGM on March 10.



### New Members Wanted!

Invite your Land Rover obsessed friends to join OVLR!

See page 2 for subscription details.

## Other Friendly & Neighbouring Clubs' Events

#### July 10-12 2015

Vermont Overland-Rover 2015 Lilly Brook Farm, Rockingham, Vermont (GPS: 43 13 45.6, -72 29 55.9) Club Affiliation: Vermont Overland Web: http://www.vermontoverland.com/volr/

#### July 27- 31 2015

National Rally Colorado Grand Junction Colorado Club Affiliation: Solihull Society Web: http://landrovernationalrally.org/land-rovernational-rally-2015/

#### September 12-20 2015

British Invasion Stowe Vermont Club Affiliation: Independent event (non club sponsored) Web: http://britishinvasion.com

#### October 1-4, 2015

Mid Atlantic Rally (MAR) 100 Hoges Orchard Ln, Pembroke, VA 24136 (37°18'50.8"N 80°35'07.8"W) Club Affiliation: Rover Owners Association of Virginia ROAV Web: http://www.roav.org/#!mar-2015/c1jqm

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

## Non-OVLR trivia

For the forward thinking there is a federal election coming soon. Make sure you get the largest lawn sign you can. Which party is immaterial. They are excellent to put down under the Rover to slide about on and stay a little cleaner. Several OVLR members have discovered the use of political lawn signs. From keeping clean under the Rover, to marking RoverPolo boundaries and goals, they are useful.



# **President's Message**

#### Hi folks

Welcome to the February newsletter, and as we're a little behind its 1st March – So Happy Saint David's Day, especially to our



readers in Wales, where the daffodils are in bloom – but of course not here in the Ottawa Valley: Spring is at least another month away here on the Eastern Ontario Ice Shelf, at Ice Station Equus.

Despite the cold weather and a fairly hectic work schedule over the last month, I turned up the heat in the garage and have managed to maintain steady progress on 31 HF 77: I received another "care package" from 3Brothers with all the essentials to (hopefully) complete the mechanical and electrical work.

So in went a new fuel tank, sender unit and fuel pick up pipe, to replace the split / broken items item I wrote about last month, and I have a new Ducellier distributor and assorted switches on the shelf, ready to fit.



I have been itching to start adding some colour to the truck for a while – especially as I have not painted an entire vehicle before. So, after consulted our Special Correspondent: Affaires Militaire (Robin C) on appropriate markings and choice of paint commensurate with its early service life at BATUS, I settled on – and don't laugh – crylon extra matt olive green from a well-known large Canadian tire retailer.... and it's a really good match: I understand Roy Parsons



used this on this 109 – which looks great. So I've been working through a whole stack of cans of etch primer, primer filler, and finally the olive green. The results to date are on FB, and some are included here. I love the patina on the truck, especially the lumps, bumps and scrapes.

The next task will be matching an appropriate sand colour: Which is the challenge for this month. Robin advised that BATUS tended to use a lot of locally sourced paint and materials, and these did not always comply with NATO or MoD specifications, so I have a little latitude to work in.



So – I'm still on track (I think) to have the two trucks serviceable and ready for the 2015 season, and the first outing for the 109 will be the Maple Syrupe Rallye, followed by the Ontario Regiment's Aquino 2015 at

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#### President's Message (continued from page 4)

the end of May, but there is still a lot to do...

Thanks to Kevin N for hosting a small but productive exec meeting, that covered a number of topics, most of which focused on planning for the 2015 event schedule - I think that this is going to be one of our better years, with all the usual staples and one or two new items.

We also want to get a number of our favourite suppliers more involved this year too: one example being Napier Outdoors www.napieroutdoors.com, retailers of a broad range of outdoor and camping equipment: They have confirmed that they will provide us with 2 of their Sportz 84000 SUV tents that we can include in the Birthday Party auction or raffle off at the Christmas party: We in turn will display the tent at and the All British Car Day. Peter from 3 Brothers has also advised that he plans to attend the BP, and will bring some goodies...

Elsewhere in the NL you'll find lots of interesting stuff: And the AGM is coming up: Hopefully we'll have



a good turn-out. Thanks once again to all who have contributed material to the NL, and to Terry King for putting it all together.

That's all for now

Best regards Andrew

## **OVLR Annual General Meeting**

The AGM has been postponed to, tentatively, March 24th at the Cheshire Cat in Carp *(stay tuned)*. The AGM will include the officer elections, reports from all current officers, and conduct any other business necessary for the club.

As usual, the following elected executive positions are open for nomination:

**President:** Responsible for the overall operation of the club.

**Events Co-ordinator:** As Events can be a large and onerous load, the Events Co-ordinator position organizes the overall Events proper, not the off-road portions. This person is responsible for the overall co-ordination and running of large "family oriented" events such as the Maple Syrup Rally, the Birthday Party, and the Christmas Party. Plus any other events that the Executive chooses to hold throughout the year.

**Off-road Co-ordinator:** Responsible for all greenlaning, off-road events and RTV Trials that the club will undertake.

**Executive Member at large:** A position that would allow for members to learn the ropes, assist the other Executive in undertaking their tasks. If you're thinking you wanted to help the club and was thinking about getting onto the executive all is not lost. This is your opportunity to help with the future direction of the club.

If you have a couple of free hours a month, and want to help run the club, contact the executive and let your intentions be known.

If you are interested in running, or would like to nominate someone for a position on the executive, drop and email to our resident Returning Officer Dixon Kenner at dkenner@gmail.com

# All Day Guided Medium Off-road Drive

# New all day guided medium off road drive for the 2015 Birthday Party

#### BY K.NEWELL

For 2015 a brand new all day off road trail ride will be organized for the OVLR Birthday party. This will take place all day Friday June 26th. The trail will be a medium off road drive and most Land Rovers (yes even plushies) will be able to participate. This trail will be in the Madawaska Highlands and is great for the whole family and promises to be a must attend part of the event. Bringing your own lunch, hydration and the usual off road supplies will be required for each participant.

It is recommended that all terrain tires be equipped along with front and rear recovery points. The absolute minimum requirement will be solid front and rear recovery points and any vehicle deemed not suitable will be asked to remain at the main venue.

The drive will start Friday morning from the main venue and depart for the Madawaska Highlands. We will proceed north along the old Kingston and Pembroke (K &P) railway trail past Lavant Station on to Lavant where we will drive the trail through forests and rock cuts eventually ascending Lavant Mountain near Dixon Lake (mere coincidence and nothing to do with you know who). There will be beautiful vistas, water crossings, rock crawling, forested trails, some mud and possibly recovery as well winching is also likely.

We will return to the main venue site around dinner time and enjoy supper and a camp fire with stories of the day's adventure. Saturday activities will be what you have come to expect with self navigated trail runs you can choose from the downloaded digital maps you will be sent (using the OVLR digital map requires the app PDF Maps to be installed to your smart phone, iPad or tablet device). See more how to instructions later in this newsletter.

Description of a medium off road drive: A medium trail is as a formed trail or rugged trail. This can no longer be called a lane or a track. It is generally visible as a trail but not clearly defined the way a lane or a track is. There may not always be evidence of the trail but often there are visible tire marks but generally it



is not a noticeable road. There may be loose surfaces present, with tight clearances. The trail may be narrow and require backing to allow other vehicles to pass. There is a smaller margin for error, and the possibility of body damage is present.

- 1. Functioning four wheel drive is a must as well; low range gearing is going to be required.
- 2. Front and rear solid recovery points affixed to the vehicle are required.
- 3. Especially with newer drivers a spotter may be required on the most challenging portions to prevent body damage.
- 4. Vehicle recovery or winching is probable.
- 5. High obstacle clearance, short approach and departure angles are preferred such as on a Defender or a modified Discovery.
- 6. Steep gradients and traverse angles are definitely present, larger rocks are typically embedded in the trail (up to 10 inches or larger).
- 7. Some loose trail surfaces and crossing shallow water up to the top of your tires is possible.
- 8. Sand and dry washes may challenge available traction requiring lower air pressure on some vehicles.
- 9. Rutted, crossed axle terrain is probable, with loose, steep climbs being required.
- 10. Rock crawling is likely with larger loose rocks up to 10" in diameter. Some even larger rocks may be present, possibly requiring a spotter to negotiate.

# Ottawa Valley Land Rovers — February 2015

# **Photo Caption Contest**

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

This month's photo was submitted by Ted Matthews.

Captions should submitted to: terrycking@rogers.com

People are encouraged to submit photos for the coming months.

## January Caption Contest Results

ENTRIES FOR JANUARY (JUDGED BY ROBIN CRAIG)

### The Winner

K.Newell: All right lads this is our last rock... Godzilla can't make it to Solihull or we've all had it!

# Honourable Mentions (in the order we received them)

Deborah S.: "a little to the left"

Dixon: "The (Austin) Gypsy is nearly in range..."

Sean M: "3 degrees down, to the left 6 degrees and hold hold hold....."

### Linda Scott:

- 1. "Highlanders... say no more..." (That one is for Kevin.)
- 2. It's all about using the right bait.
- 3. How many men does it take to back up a Land Rover?
- 4. She's a big one lads...tighten up on the slack.

Andrew F.: "The Worlds Most Versatile Slingshot Vehicle"

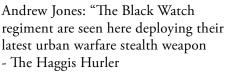
D. Pell:

- 1. a little further back boys. We need the haggis to clear the wall.
- 2. Royal Mail experimenting with new method for delivery of fragile packages

Kenneth Fear-Firman: "Quick lads fire, before Jock realizes his sporran is missing".







Mike McD: Budget cutbacks in Britain's military has forced a return to a more antiquated means of artillery

Thanks for playing everyone! TK

## Landrover Air Bag

SUBMITTED BY ANDREW F.



# **Replacing the Dead Speedo Cable**

ARTICLE AND PHOTO BY OVLR SPY

Our dear Alastair, hard at work, replacing the dead speedo cable in his Series III 88". After a number of years of languishing, things are looking up to a return to Rovering for him. Note the enthusiasm being displayed. Those white spots on the wall behind him are the pointy bit of nails coming through, that are so cold that they have collected moisture from the air and frozen it into ever growing frostcicles. Luckily for Alastair, the speedo cable is held in by three flat head bolts, rather than the 2BA ones for the Series IIA and earlier. Granted, when fishing the cable behind and over the gearbox, a cracking noise and bit of light show was noted, adding another item to be looked at when warmer weather arrives. When is a Rover ever truly finished and perfect!



Alastair Sinclair at work.



SUBMITTED BY ROY P.

photo courtesy of "the great british pasty & pie co." Website

Just heard an interview on CBC radio with club member Matt Grant. He's the guy from Arnprior who recently started "The Great British Pasty & Pie Co.". http://gbpastyandpie.ca

Apparently he's off next week to the UK to participate in the Cornish Pasty World Championship.

Best of luck to Matt!

# **MSR Reminder**

# (photos show the conditions in 2001 MSR)

That time of year is nearly upon us, when the snow begins to recede up here and the landscape begins to resemble something other than tundra. For the past twenty-seven years, members of OVLR have been celebrating the coming of Spring with a gathering at Vernon Fairhead's sugarbush in Shawville, Quebec during the maple sap run. The event offers people an excuse to get their Land Rover out from under a snow bank and blow out the cobwebs.

The actual date for the MSR is a Sunday, but it varies due to the sap run, this year it is tentatively scheduled for April 12th. Keep your eyes on the web site for updates.

Activities:

- Saturday night Winter camping for the hearty
- Gathering sap from the sugar bush and stoking fires under evaporators
- Brunch of french toast, sausage and baked beans with fresh maple syrup
- Driving snowy trails and lanes
- Maple syrup for sale (while supplies last)

Members are also welcome to come up on Saturday and help with sap gathering and maple syrup production.

A convoy of vehicles leaving from the Westgate Shopping Centre at 8:30 am. (Corner of Carling Avenue and Merivale). If you know your way and are coming up on the Sunday, we are looking for a convoy leader.







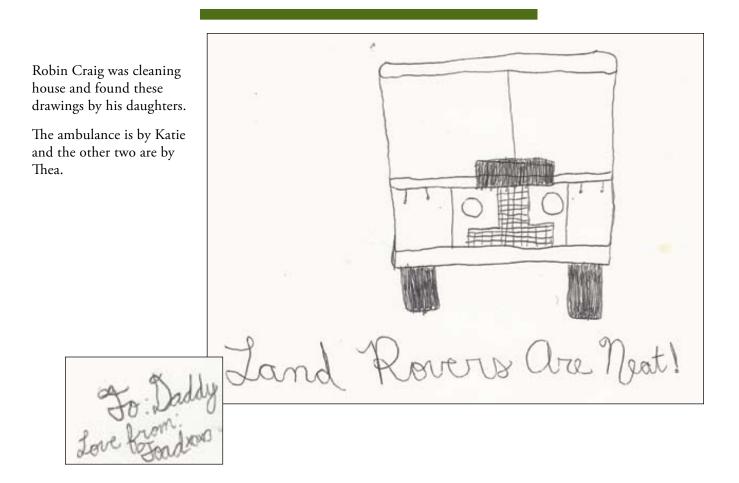
The cost of the rally is \$5 dollars per person with children under three free.

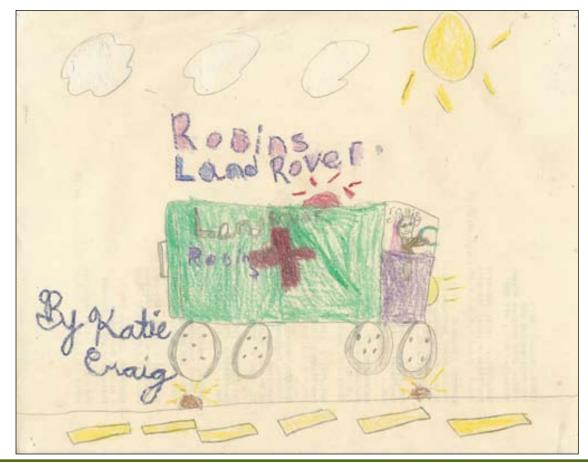
RSVP to Peter Gaby — gaby@rogers.com

Alternate Contact: Terry King

For winter camping please contact Vernon at (819) 647-5544

Per insurance requirements driving off-road trails requires your OVLR membership and a valid driver's licence.





# Chips are never down for this AA Man

# Mechanic wins innovation award after fixing a Land Rover... with a POTATO

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A breakdown mechanic fixed a 50-year-old Land Rover with a potato.

AA patrolman Mario Papademetriou made the ingenious repair after being called out to a farm in Potters Bar, Hertfordshire.

Initially, he tried to fix the broken condenser on the 1960s vintage Land Rover using tin foil and silicone repair tape, but this failed.

Mr. Papademetriou, 59, from Chingford, Essex, said: 'As the vehicle was on a farm, there were a lot of vegetables

around, so I thought I'd try wiring up a potato with a couple of screws to act as a condenser.

AA patrolman Mario Papademetriou wired up a potato with a couple of screws to act as a condenser.

'Amazingly, it started instantly, so I followed the owner to the garage and he said the vehicle had never driven so well!'

The owner made the 12-mile journey to the garage



where the ignition system was properly repaired.

Mr. Papademetriou's ingenuity saw him win the AA's annual competition for most innovative roadside repair.

AA technical director, Donald MacSporran, said: 'AA patrols work on pretty much any vehicle on the road

and pride themselves on their ability to fix them.

'While they regularly go the extra mile with some very inventive repairs, we continue to invest in their training and equipment to maintain our leading fix rate.

'Although vegetables are best left on the dinner plate, Mario's use of a potato was definitely a chip above the others - an excellent example of thinking outside the box.'



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# Rovers & Parts for Sale

#### WANTED

I am looking for a Series 3 windshield wiper dash cover piece, and the steering column upper cover (the plastic one) as well as an alternator bracket for the same. Any questions please email Sean McGuire at oldguns@ rogers.com Jan2015

#### For Sale – Roof Rack from 110

It's a full size rock of half-inch galvanized steel. The sidewalls are about 8 inches tall. It has a ladder, hi lift Jack mounts, and an 8 foot roll down awning inside of an aluminum case. It also has a small low power solar panel and the back end of the rack is cut out to accommodate a fold out rooftop tent. I have the cut out key which can be reattached with hinges or welded back on. I'm asking \$1000 firm for everything. Pick up only,

located in Don Mills.

Rick Firth <rfirth@rogers.com>
Sept2014

LAND ROVER PARTS: SOME FOR SALE AND SOME ARE FREE

Clearing out Rover parts collected over the years and have no further use for. Series 3 / 2A / 2 Transmissions. The 2A is of a 6 cylinder with 6 cylinder bell housing. All have transfer cases. Used diffs from series L/R 2 Range Rover Diffs. 1 Complete Range Rover front axle assy. (with hubs @ diff) R/R Gas tank. A 2A L/R Gas tank. A 100 litre gas tank made to fit on the floor of Land Rover. At the time, diesel was hard to find so had tank made up. Home made Series tailgate. 2 1/4 lit L/R engine. Free for the taking. Needs rebuild. 1991 Range Rover electricals. (Free) 1 set of wheel chains fit 7/50 16" tires. 6 1991 R/R wheels with tires mounted. 4 L/R 16" rims 2 with tires from a 2A. 2 of a S1. no tires. 4 Land Rover Workshop Manuals. Book 1 & Book 2 for Series 2 & 2A 1 Parts book for the 2& 2A. One other 2/2A manual. 1 Range Rover Workshop Manual. Publication # WM US A01. This manual comes in a 4 ring binder. It's a big book, around 1 1/2 " thick. Assorted Land/Rover books. Would send a list if interested. Contact: Peter Thomson PH 519 9221536. Email: typan\_2@yahoo.com Oct2014

#### For $\ensuremath{\mathsf{S}}\xspace{\mathsf{Ale}}$

ARB Safari snorkel kit for Disco II (model SS395HF). Complete with all parts and cutting template. Never installed, new condition. Asking \$300 obo. Genuine LR OEM rail grabber (roof cross bars) for Disco II (2000-2003). Like new and comes in original nylon storage bag, part STC50175. ASKING \$220 obo. Genuine LR OEM roof cross bars for late model Range Rover (absolutely doesn't work for a LR3 :(. Like new in storage bag with 4 keys. Part VUB503330 . Asking \$200 obo.

Contact Liam at tlcox@pacificcoast.net or 613.831.7106 Jan2015

#### 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. Gathering dust. Do you know anyone who might be 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 - Tel: 416-436-2087 Sept2014

#### FOR SALE

Viscous fan clutch, brand new for 4.0 V8 ('98 Disco). Also, many and various '98 Disco parts from our beloved 'Big Blue' Ted Matthewa matthewated@aal.com

Ted Matthews matthewsted@aol.com *Feb2015* 

#### WANTED

109 station wagon chassis in good condition, for Series II A project.

Andrew Watkins email awatkinsottawa@sympatico.ca Feb2015

#### FOR SALE

I have a complete engine, transmission, transfer case for an early series truck. It's a 2.25 petrol and the engine was running fine when removed from the vehicle. Looking for \$200 or so.

Also have a short block from an early V8 which I got for a project that changed direction. Condition unknown. Email for details.

Rob Ferguson rgferg@gmail.com Aug2014

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### **Rovers & Parts for Sale** (continued from page 12)

#### For $\ensuremath{\mathsf{S}}\xspace{\mathsf{Ale}}$

'61 series II engine and trans. Have drive shafts (front and rear) as well as front and rear Diffs. Engine and trans are complete with header and carb. Also have a few misc steering parts and master cylinders; also have radiator no leaks. All parts are original.

Contact: Retcho, Joe (US) Joe.Retcho@ralphlauren.com Nov2014

#### FOR SALE

I have a restored 1987 Defender 90 2.5 diesel 5 speed RHD ex-MoD 83,000 miles fully restored in OD with many extras. I have close to \$20,000 into the vehicle and I am asking \$12,000.

Photos can be supplied, if there is any interest. The vehicle is currently at the Ferret Club (Ontario Regiment Museum) in Oshawa. David Sewell

David.Sewell@europac.ca Aug2014

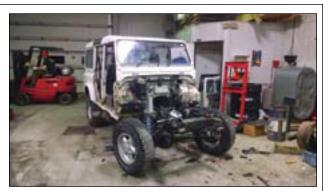


Photo and website for a new business "Diesel Rover" in Ottawa, sent in by a member. You are invited to visit their website at: www.dieselrover.ca

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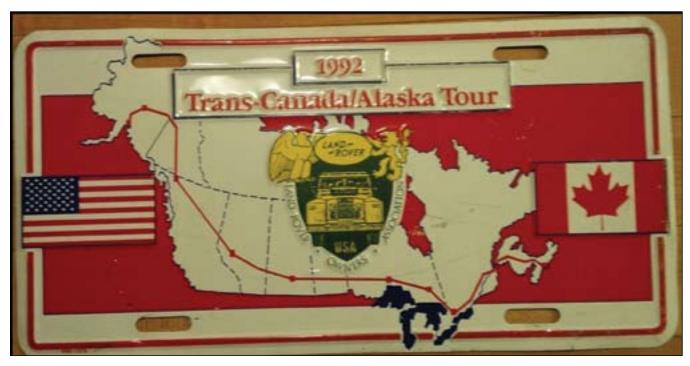
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### A Memory

SUBMITTED BY ROBIN CRAIG





Napier Outdoors has made a donation of two tents for the Auction...

the tents will be displayed at the All British Car Day and the Birthday Party.