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# **Work in Progress**

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My Land Rover Defender restoration project has come a long way in the last two and a half years.

Here's where I was at a year and a half ago, and today as I get ready to put it into slow work mode (winter). Hopefully it's done in the spring.



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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.

## Radio Frequencies

VHF 146.520
CB channel 1
FRS channel 1 sub 5
SW 14.160 MHz
OVLR/Land Rover HAM:
14.160Mhz @ 01:00GMT Tuesdays

#### Online

http://www.ovlr.ca https://www.facebook.com/ groups/1477333665898918/ Land Rover FAQ: http://www.lrfaq.org

#### **OVLR Forums**

http://www.ovlr.ca/phpBB2/index.php

#### **Newsletter Archive**

http://www.ovlr.ca/nl/OVLR.nl.freq.html

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#### **OVLR Newsletter**

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

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272nd Monthly Social Prescott Hotel (Beach & Preston Streets in Ottawa) January 16, 2017

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### **OVLR Facebook Page**

The OVLR Facebook page will be regularly updated with goings on and club membership stuff. We will post the upcoming events and other important things when we can. Please drop by and "like" our OVLR community. Our intent is that it gets to share stories, trips and musings on all things Land Rover. If are having trouble repairing your Landy or sourcing a special part, drop a note and perhaps someone in the club can help you out

It is located at: http://tinyurl.com/hdu9np8

## Spotted in Montreal

PHOTO BY WAIL AAZARI



## **Potential Group Buy**



## Wright Offroad Mat Systems

BRAINCHILD OF WILL FICNER

I am planning on getting myself a Wright Off-road mat system for my Defender. These are incredibly burly at roughly 1/2" thick these mat systems are designed to both insulate and cut noise in your Land Rover. The MOD specified these in their Tithonus life extension Defender Rebuilds.

These systems are not cheap by any stretch of the imagination, but they do eliminate the need for carpets or other water holding fabrics. A full front system for a Defender is 350 pounds plus shipping at normal price.

I spoke with the company owner Drew and he is open to a group buy that would likely get us a bit of a discount and save substantially on shipping if they all went to the same address.

Wright makes products for Series 2, 2a, 3, most Defenders and a few other products.

http://www.wrightoffroad.com/

If you're seriously interested in any of their products drop me a line will@wilboro.com and we'll see if we can get this going.

# **OVLR Montreal offroad**

PHOTOS BY NAJI M.



# D90 Overheating problem resolved

PHOTO CREDIT TO: A. CHAPPELL

For the past year my D90 300tdi had been struggling a little with running a bit hot at 80kph and above, and also didn't really like any speed over 90kph. Usually after about 20 minutes of driving the gauge would creep up between half and three quarters near the red line and stay there. Sometimes it would drop back a bit if I slowed down to trail speed.

Because I had to top up the tank occasionally I suspected a coolant leak, but couldn't find a drip, and neither was there white smoke in the exhaust, and the oil wasn't off colour or milky.

So I tried various things including flushing the cooling system, changing the water/coolant pump, then the thermostat but it kept getting progressively a little worse.

Finally on the morning of the CHC I didn't get 10 minutes down the road before I had to turn around and crawl home with one eye on the gauge. It was a needle width from the red the whole way.

I mulled it over and decided it had to be the head gasket after chatting with Adam Chappell. Sure enough when I drove onto the flatbed it was puffing white smoke, more than I had seen up until then.

Adam took the head off and sent a few snaps (photos 1 & 2) showing the leakage. It is not easy to see in the photos, and wasn't even that bad according to him, but we went ahead with cleaning up the head, machining the valves and replacing the intake and exhaust sleeves, something that was new to me.

With the nicely appointed head back on, photo 3, he ran it up for a pressure test and checked for leaks. Everything looked good so he finished all the connections and test drove it. It was able to maintain 110kmh with no issues. I have since driven it around town and on the highway and am pleased to report that it accelerates better than ever, has a higher top end and the temperature sits below halfway at this time year.

It would appear that this problem is fixed just in time for winter storage :)

CHEERS,

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# Rovers & Parts For Sale

#### FOR SALE

Good home wanted for Pull Pal, used only once worked great where there were no trees for winching. Can be delivered to Ottawa area between Christmas and New Years, otherwise available in Toronto. Makes a great surprise gift under the tree.

matthewsted@aol.com

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#### WANTED

I am looking for an engine and a gearbox, S2A or S3 in particular.

Cheers, Robin Craig – robinonhowe@gmail.com

#### FOR SALE

A gentleman in Mississauga Ontario is selling his fleet of Land-Rovers. His dreams of restoration has met a need to downsize.

There are two Series IIA and five Series III available as a lot (seven vehicles in total). It comes with a further five spare engines and a lot of extra parts.

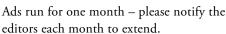
Two of the chassis are said to be OK, the other five are rotten. He notes that you can build a frame and just bolt everything on and that the value of them is skyrocketing. The vehicles are in Caledon. He will not sell one by one. Asking price is C\$9,000 for all seven. For further details, the advert and further



photos can be found in Ad ID 1171803564 in the Classic Cars in Mississauga / Peel Region of http://www.kijiji.ca  $_{\it Jul16}$ 

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FREE ad space to members. Send information and/or photos to the editor.





#### FOR SALE

1963 109 hardtop for sale. Marc Leblanc, Dieppe New Brunswick MarcJustin.Leblanc@tc.gc.ca or 506 851 5945 May15



#### FOR SALE

1950 80" – It is a 1967 NADA station Wagon. The 6 cylinder is dead. This is a disassembled project. The chassis has been replaced with a later Series III chassis.





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#### Rovers & Parts for Sale (continued from page 6)

FOR SALE

1976 Land Rover Military One-Tonne truck (101FC - GS)

One of a batch of 58 trucks supplied to the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg: Which maintains three infantry companies and one Support Company as part of NATO's Rapid reaction force. It was built to the General Service (GS) specification, but includes some Luxembourg specific features:

LHD 24V, painted internally and externally Matt Khaki LR275.

This truck is one of eight fitted with the R1B Nokken winch – which includes a winch brake (lever position in the cab adjacent to the driver's right leg). This allows loads to be held without having to turn the engine off, a common complaint with the Nokken winch.

Rear full length longitudinal bench seats for eight infantrymen.

Side lockers, accessible from outside the vehicle - between the wheel arches; document/map pocket inside the driver's door. Fuel pump external to tank – fitted as a field service item.

Uprated gross vehicle weight on the chassis plate (from 3143 KG to 3652 KG)

This truck had a VRN of 3746 and was fitted with a second roll over hoop at the rear, which was used as a mounting for three Radio antennas that allowed the vehicle to be used as a forward flight control vehicle. Radios carried included GRC-160, GRC-106A and a VRC240.

I have owned the truck for eight years during which time the following work has been done:

Engine: New valves, valve guides and seats recut, new cam, cam followers, intake manifold (Offenhauser), new carb (Edelbrock 4 barrel), new distributor with electronic ignition, timing gears and chain, high volume / pressure oil pump, water pump, fuel pump (external to tank Facet). Brakes: new master cylinder, plus all wheel cylinders, shoes, including transmission brake, most of the brake pipes (Automec), and all brake hoses, recon brake bias valve (above rear axle).

Clutch: master and slave cylinders, and hoses Other mechanical: All wheel bearings / seals replaced, new Rimmer Bros stainless sports exhaust (sounds lovely)









Electrical: Rebuilt starter motor, generator and generator control panel. Truck is 24v FFR but the engine ignition circuit had been hacked to 12v. So proper 24/12v converter fitted to do the job properly. Military (glowworm) headlamps replaced with halogen units Other: Fuel tank reconditioned and lined, radiator re-cored, new windshield glass, aluminium (Rocky Mountain) door tops. Truck re-prayed correct Luxembourg Army colours and unit markings (Fall 2015). New seats (Exmoor trim) Rebuilt the storage lockers. Bargrip tyres replaced with 'used but good' Michelin XZLs – including the spare

Canvas is in great condition

If interested, please contact Andrew Jones at either Andrew.jones3@ge.com or +1 613 617 3926.

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# New Members Wanted!

Invite your Land Rover obsessed friends to join OVLR!

See page 2 for subscription details.

## **Photo Caption Contest**

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

November photo found on the web.

Captions should submitted to: terrycking@rogers.com Looking for photos for coming issues.



SUBMITTED BY KEVIN NEWELL



## October Caption Contest Results

#### Winner!

Ken Fear-Firman: This what happens when a tree falls for a Landrover.



#### Runners up:

Gary Hasey: But it worked so well when they did it in "The Gods must be Crazy".

Clive S: "It's no more than a flesh wound, Tree! Is that the best you've got?! Come on, Tree! Show us what you're made of!"

#### Honourable mentions:

Bruce Ricker: Excedrin headache #88

Bruce D. Fowler: Ahh... No beer run tonight...

Newelland Scott: Oh, it'll buff out...

Thanks for playing everybody:)

