



# OTTAWA VALLEY LAND ROVERS



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*Winter Romp 2017 - and a good time was had by all! (Photo of Ben Smith)*

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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.

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 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  
OVLRL/Land Rover HAM:  
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## Online

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

## OVLRL Forums

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

## Newsletter Archive

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## OVLRL Newsletter

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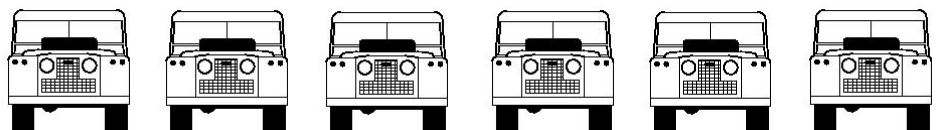
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# 2017 Maple Syrup Rally

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-six years, members of OVLRL 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 actual sap run.



## Activities:

- 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 Saturday, we are looking for a convoy leader. Contact Terry King or Peter Gaby.

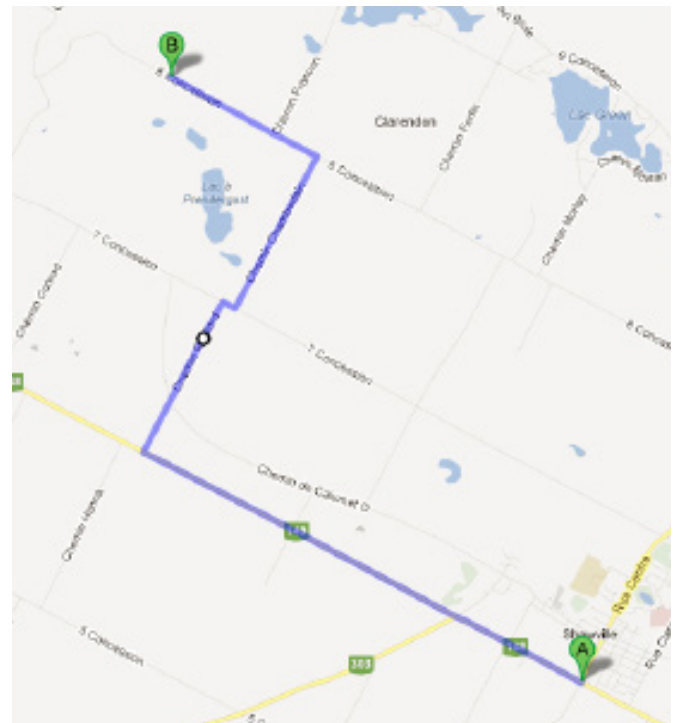


## Details:

- The cost of the rally is \$5 dollars per person with children under three free.
- RSVP to Peter Gaby ([gaby@rogers.com](mailto:gaby@rogers.com)).
- For winter camping please contact Vernon at either [antiquebikeguy@yahoo.ca](mailto:antiquebikeguy@yahoo.ca) or (819) 647-5544
- Per insurance requirements driving off-road trails requires you OVLRL membership and a valid driver's licence.

## Directions:

- Cross the Champlain Bridge (Island Drive) over the Ottawa River
- Go straight to the second set of lights where the road ends at a "T" and make a left
- Follow the upper road (Highway #148) 6.6 km to Aylmer to a set of lights at the park
- Make a right and continue on Highway 148
- Follow Highway 148 out of Aylmer
- Continue 63km to Shawville
- 1.4 km out of town is a flashing light (Highway 303)
- 3.5 km after the flashing light make a right. Look for a side road on the right marked with a small green sign "Radford". There are 2 barns on the left.
- Go straight 1.7 km until the road ends
- Turn right, go 140 meters and then make an immediate left
- Go 1.7 km and take the first left at the next concession road
- Vernon's farm is 1.7 km down the road on the left



## Maps:

Shawville (and Vernon's farm) appear on the very leftmost portion of the Canadian Topographical Map 31-F/9. For some of the trails map sheet 31-F/10 is handy.

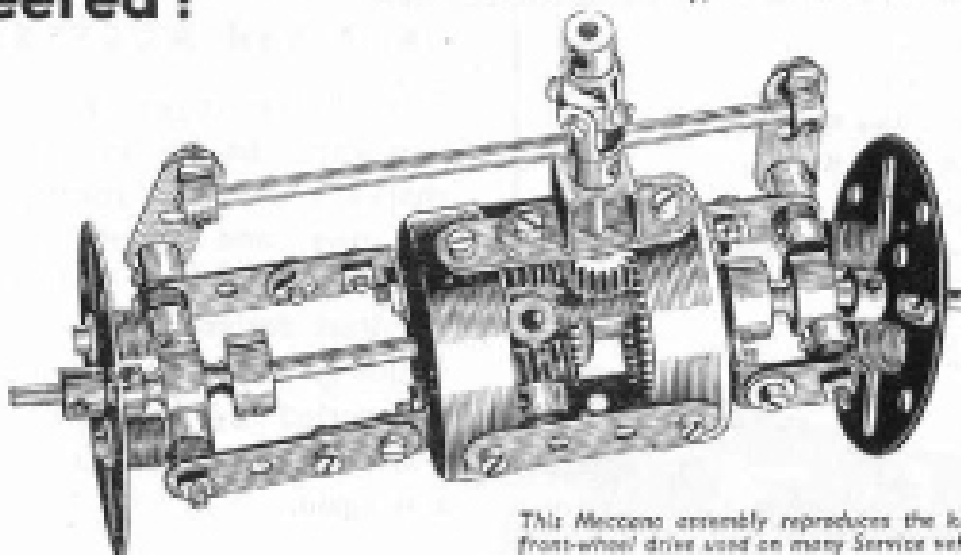
(Photos 2002 Maple Syrup Rally)



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