



# OTTAWA VALLEY LAND ROVERS



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*2017 OVLR Maple syrup rally - feeding the evaporator - this is how it's done*

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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.

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.

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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## OVL R Newsletter

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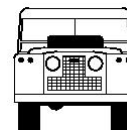
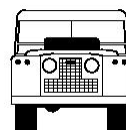
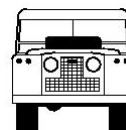
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# 2017 OVLN Newsletter Scramblings (or ramblings)

Gentle reader,

You will have noticed in the February and March newsletters a change over in the editor for this long lived journal of the comings and goings of this club. After one hundred and eleven issues (1), Terry King has decided that it was time for new blood to come to the fore and take over the reins of the newsletter for a while. To that end, a call was put out and he received the enthusiastic application from a "Saif Jafri" of Toronto. Unfortunately, after transferring advice, guidance, files, et cetera, the new editor went silent and vanished in early February.

Terry, having taken on the duties of Club Secretary duly informed the Executive that something was amiss and a different course of action was required. A Hail Mary pass so to speak... Unfortunately, timing being everything, at the 275th Social at the Prescott I walked in at the right time to get hit by the pass and was anointed "Temporary Editor", until the Executive finds someone who can take on this role for a year. At this time I would like to thank Mr's Ricker, Ficner, Gaby, Finlayson, and others for the arm twisting and will only note that this will cost you some day (2)

That said, and given the realities of work, a host of other distractions, the original idea behind the proposal for the executive in December was to be Newsletters with editorial content on a quarterly basis. In the interim, issues focusing on supporting information for Club events, For Sale, A President's Report (3), and similar things, would be produced. The Editor was to be a third person, but this proposal died when Mr. Jafri appeared with bells on to take on the role.

Given the sudden change in direction (4), all that can be promised is a monthly newsletter targeted at events, the President's scribblings, and For Sale. As with Terry, this newsletter reflects the membership and we will publish all that we receive. As in the past, we may publish what we didn't receive from members.

The balance in this issue you will find event information for the Maple Syrup Rally, the Annual Tune-Up,

and the beginnings of information on the Birthday Party.

Finally, Terry King, OVLN's Secretary, has a fine newsletter machine available to support any aspiring individual who would like to be editor of this fine journal, which is easily the longest running Land Rover newsletter in the hemisphere. He is also looking for someone with the gift of gab to take on the role of advertising/begging/sponsorship for the newsletter and Club events. In the meantime, I would like to note that the Ted Rose Sighting Society still meets at regular intervals and discusses our elusive former President over a couple of Guinness.

Regards

Notes:

1. For the record as I might as well use these stats after figuring them out for Terry:

1984-92 - Mike McDermott - 73 issues for 396 pages  
1987-88 - Neil Brewer - 19 issues for 39 pages  
1993 - Dave Meadows - 11 issues for 54 pages  
1994-2001, other - Dixon Kenner - 95 issues for 1,906 pages  
2002-05 - Shannon Lee Manion & Alastair Sinclair - 46 issues for 556 pages  
2012-2013 - Dixon Kenner & Ben Smith - 18 issues for 448 pages  
2005-2017 - Terry King - 111 issues for 890 pages

2. Ok, William can be exempted this time, considering I had just done the same thing to him for the AGM. And last year too... however, being Returning Officer is supposed to invalidate me.

3. Writing a monthly article does count vis-a-vis #2.

4. The executive has engaged a career bureaucrat to over see this publication. This kind of person has the ability to take a simple statement and turn it into paragraphs of incomprehensible prose, complete with footnotes, just because. You would have thought they would have learned by now!





*Francois Juheau,  
Peter McGough and Vern*



*Feasters*



*The Feast*



*Even the Queen approves!*



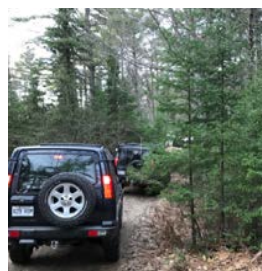
*Heading out!*



*Mid route pause*



*The forest is closing in...*





Watching white water rafters



Ottawa River rapids



Yeah, that's a tree!

# OVALR Maple Syrup Rally 2017



The magic hut


La pièce de résistance




Where the goodness comes out!




# The Annual Tune Up<sup>1</sup>

 Saturday May 13th, with a rain date of the 20th, will see the occasionally OVLR Tune-Up.

Traditionally the Tune Up was an opportunity for mechanically challenged, yet enthusiastic members shake the cobwebs out of their mighty steed's carburetors, drive over to either MiniMan, later the Land Rover dealership, to learn about some of the basic maintenance and tuning of your Land-Rover. In years passed, members learned first hand (read, an expert stood beside them and directed them as the vehicle owner did the work) how to tune the engine, adjust the brakes, and do other routine functions. However, times have changed and there are slightly more modern vehicles in the club which do not take well to some of the maintenance routines that the older Series vehicles can suffer.

This year, given the break in this event for the past year or so, it is possible that there are more than a couple of owners who are enthusiastic to learn more about their vehicles, but really do not know where to start, or what they can actually be doing. Expert members will be on hand to show you how to tune up your Land-Rover and provide help in tuning your Land-Rover or at the very least explaining what pro-active measures you should be taking for its long term health and longevity. The level of assistance and guidance will vary greatly between vehicles. While the owner of a "Series" vehicle can learn about timing, setting  dwell, how to adjust the tappets and a host of other things, the owner of a much more recent Land Rover will be following a very different course of action.


As for the more modern Land Rover owner, read Plushie... Well for the most part many of them don't do their own servicing anyway but there are a few adventurous types who do (Terry King, our valued editor being an ideal example). Terry mentioned that he would be happy to lend them his ear for advice etc. Sady, is getting to the point where there is less and less you can do yourself anyway .

 For those who might not make it, and feel the legendary Land Rover reputation precludes regular maintenance<sup>2</sup> Plushie owners should know how to:


- a) Check if not change the serpentine belt and tensioner. Not too difficult but a real puzzle getting it back on without a diagram. Terry has done a DI several times but not the DII.
- b) Oil & filter are messy but doable, there is no way on a DI or DII to not splash oil off the steering arm where it is. (Masters of this task who feel over confident should try for the black standard and see if they can change a canister filter off of a Series without getting drenched in oil)
- c) Another common problem on any model with a centre diff-lock is it sticking due to lack of use or lack of grease. The process could be explained as it is not too hard to do. Kevin Newell, can do it in his sleep, Terry can do it but may have trouble explaining it. Taking the interior apart is the tricky bit. Not losing the nylon spacers from the shifter is a must!




- d) Brakes are not that difficult and could be explained using parts that may be on hand for a DI. Or, depending who is there, possibly someone could disassemble one a bit and reassemble.
- e) Changing a headlight might be worth knowing.
- f) Finding the inlets and greasing the drivetrain comes to mind as well.
- g) Changing the diff oil is tiresome but not technical.

 Unfortunately, the diagnostic computer that has been to some of the recent events will not be there this year.


Lunch: As well if the club wants to provide the food we could use our BBQ for say sausages or hamburgers etc. for an easy lunch. And I suppose people could bring their own adult beverages.


 And of course good dogs are always welcome and parking/vehicles should stay on the gravel only as the ground will still be mushy then (especially this year) .

 So, bring along your hand tools and be ready to get your hands dirty!


<sup>1</sup> First cited in 1983, this event, though not without an unblemished annual record, the annual Tune-Up is actually older than OVLR itself, having existed with "Operation Frank", the precursor to OVLR under the umbrella of the Association of Land-Rover Owners of Canada.

<sup>2</sup> To be fair, Land Rovers are getting a lot better of late. Anecdotal hearsay from the United States says that the new LR3 and 4 vehicles require little more than routine maintenance, unlike the earlier Discover 1's and 2's, P38's and others.

 This is a morning event only starting at approximately nine AM. The session, or opportunity should wrap up by one PM, where exhausted members will repair to, a yet unidentified location as the Cheshire Cat on March Road had a small fire earlier this year. The post tune-up discussion will centre on who put on the best performance, and potentially set themselves up as an early entry into the annual "Gasket Under Glass" competition

 The Tune up will be happening at Shore Street Automotive at: 2321 Shore Street in Ottawa. Shore Street is a short street that branches east off of St. Laurent Boulevard between Belfast (to the south) and Tremblay Road (to the north). Across the turn to Short Street are the OC Transpo garages at the corner of Belfast and St. Laurent. You can also reach Short street by going east from St. Laurent on Belfast and taking your first left (Triole Street) The subsequent left is Short Street. Another close landmark is the Red Lobster. It is across the street from Shore Street Automotive.



Cost: There is no cost for this event, however you are expected to bring your own tools, and spare parts if necessary. 



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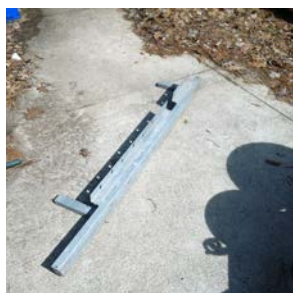
# Rovers & Parts for Sale

**FREE ad space to members**  
**Send information and/or photo to the editors**  
**Ads run for one month--please notify the editors each month to extend**

## Parts For Sale

For Sale from Ted Mathews (matthewsted@aol.com)

- Brand new, still in package 40 amp Defender alternator, offers considered.
- Brand new, still in package Disco 1, V-8 viscous fan clutch, offers considered.
- GALVANIZED ROCK SLIDERS - Minor weld required on one leg, Offers considered.
- THE MAKINGS OF A SNORKEL KIT - Never used, comprising 3 parts as shown, Offers considered.



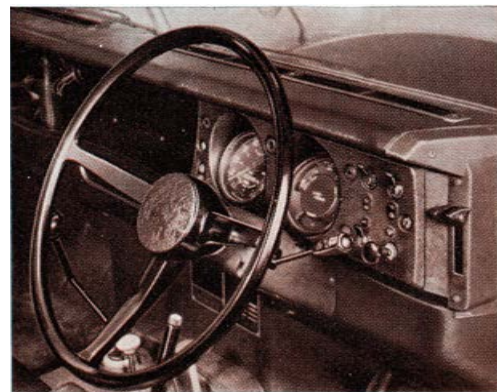
## 1960 Land Rover Series 2 For Sale

For sale from <http://tinyurl.com/n3lnrp5>

1957 Land-Rover. \$4,000 USD. near Mattawamkeag, New Hampshire.

- 2.25 liter petrol
- 67,571 original miles

All original, needs little work, runs and drives, very nice project, last registered and inspected in 2013.







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