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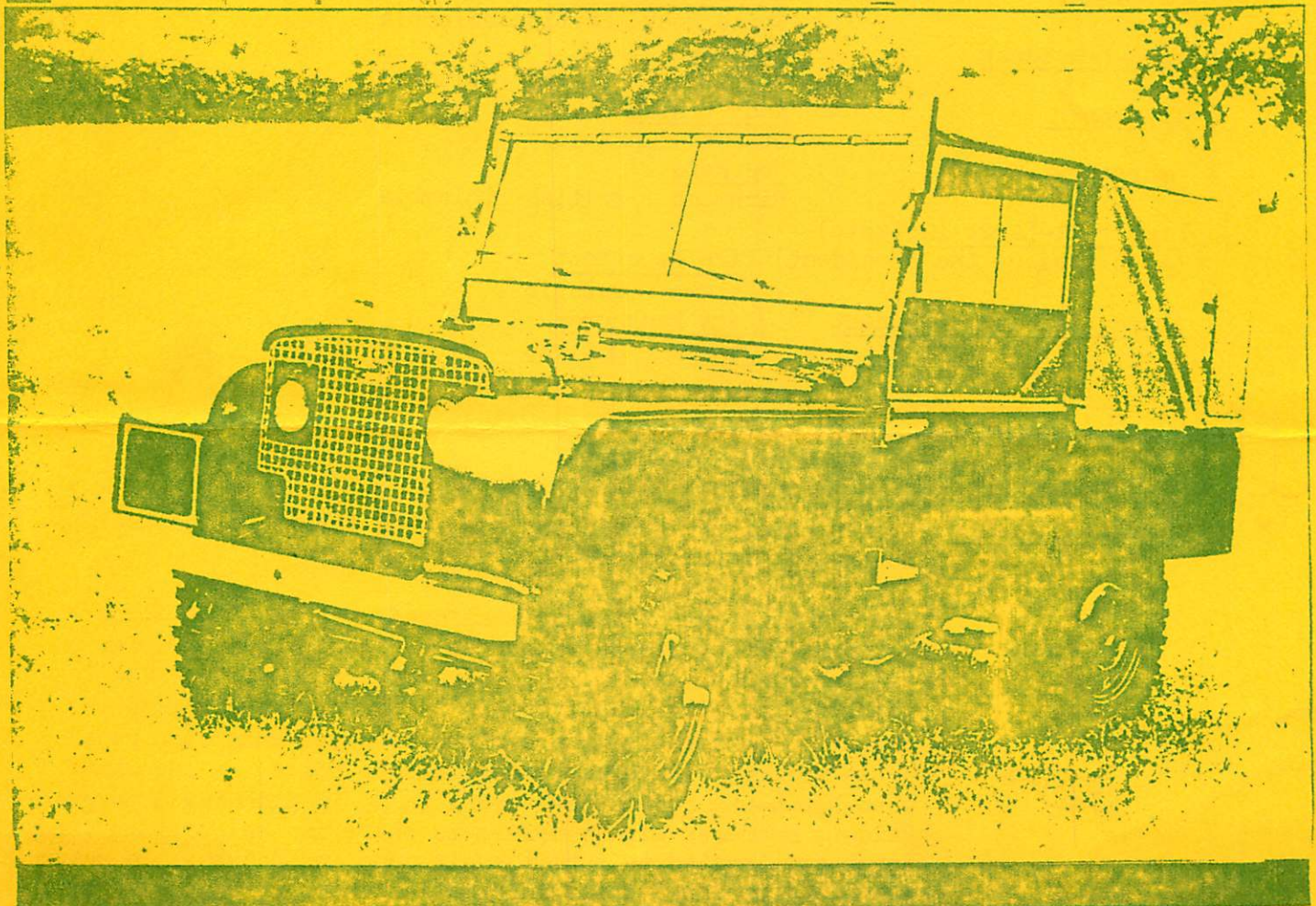


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AN 81" LAND ROVER



They don't make them like that anymore. Pity, wot?

... as you will quickly perceive, this issue of Transfer Box is unlike any we've published since the earliest days of ALROC's being -- a decade ago now. We've dubbed it our interim 'catchup' issue for good reason, the period of transition with the move of both administration and HQ from central Canada to the west coast. There's little if anything about Land Rover the vehicle but quite a lot of thought and philosophy of a sort about Canada's national LR owner organization. We ask you to bear with us as we look inward and do a little soul-searching at this time in our efforts to broaden, expand and improve ALROC's position and performance across the country. In the absence of true & accurate information about the financial health of the organization, we moved cautiously which accounts for the pre-electronic method of printing this issue -- no labour or shop costs, money we now have to pay the postage! We're about in the same boat in respect to memberships; chances are that certain names on our lists really belong in the 'inactive' classification due to lack of interest, dissatisfaction with the service maybe or whatever. We'd like to think our powers of persuasion with this issue of the publication are such as to convince such former members to renew their membership. Believe us. If dedication is the needed elixir vitae, we've already got it made! For your convenience you will find a membership form tucked in these pages.

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THE FOLLOWING SLATE OF OFFICERS WILL CONTROL THE DESTINIES OF ALROC FOR THIS FISCAL YEAR

- * President Harold C. Huggins
White Rock British Columbia
- * Vice-President Ron Low
Victoria British Columbia
- * Treasurer Andy Graham
Ottawa Ontario
- * Secretary Ron Reid
Richmond British Columbia
- Member-at-Large (Ontario)
(Appointed by the President) Mike McDermott
Ottawa Ontario
- Immediate Past President Mark Pankhurst
Ottawa Ontario

WANTED

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE from each of the Provinces, the Yukon Territory and the North-West Territories.



There is at present a very real need within the ALROC network for reporters, rappoteurs, reps, agents, spies call them what you will, to give us the benefit of the thinking, feeling & activity in the several regions of our mandate. Conversely there might be times when such reps could perform important intelligence roles on the what-when-how-&-why of matters vital to HQ in planning & programme. Paid-up members with a desire to share in celebrating Land Rover are invited to submit their name and address. In return we will furnish a brief information sheet to help give some direction to the job.
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sell buy swap LAND ROVER stuff
THROUGH TRANSFER BOX, A FREE SERVICE TO PAID-UP MEMBERS. we have readers coast-to-coast.

GREETINGS!

KNOW YE ALL MEN & WOMEN

BY THESE PRESENTS that

. . . the ALROC shop has undergone change of management and HQ location since the last issue of Transfer Box. As needs must in these instances it is perhaps as well to expect some differences in priorities, emphases & style overall, as witness the style of printing. We've reverted to the guy with a Gestetner in his basement as of old. Never mind. We don't apologize for this; better, much better words than these have first seen the light of day through this steam-age method! Lots of other 'agitprop' stuff too! With us at the moment it is a matter of economy and, because of the transition from Ottawa, not being absolutely certain of the financial picture of ALROC.

. . . right off however, we hasten to make clear that, in keeping with tradition, this publication will continue to be the life-blood & lynch-pin of our organization. We hope you get the message: we exist primarily to share common problems & their solution, to transfer experiences both good and bad & funny & tragic between members, all on the simple premise of sharing & being helpful one to the others. I recall something like this in the New Testament. If you own a Land Rover you can't escape having material for these pages.

. . . top priority shall be given to membership matters both in respect to number and regional representation. Let's say we're going Baroque for members! In particular we want to fill in the big gap between the foothills and head of the lakes, an almost complete void for ALROC. Could it be perhaps, because of the thinner spread of Anglos in the area compared to the rest of Canada? Do you, dear Reader, have any views on this point? We're open to all reasonable suggestions on how to make inroads in the prairie provinces. Please let us hear from you. And soon.

. . . we're blazing-strong for an ever closer, more active inter-change between this end and the Land Rover field generally. Never a simple task in this vast piece of real estate Canada of course, but our mandate makes it pretty clear where our responsibilities lie. We've got nothing much more to offer than slow & steady slog, faith in the cause and the mystifying multiplier factor in these matters to get the job done. We are sure that with this kind of determination together with your prayers accompanied with your cheque for \$7.50 membership dues or any free funds you may have to contribute, will soon result in an increase in numbers on the ALROC road to Damascus.

. . . for the same reason as given above re the transition-communication hiatus, we're far from certain who are paid-up members and who are not. And, to wait for clarification from the Ottawa scene would rob of us time we can ill afford. So, and this is where we go Baroque, this issue goes to everyone on our mailing list, some of whom will no longer have their LR perhaps, others will have moved for sure, etc. Mad, you say? Hark ye! Each \$7.50 will pay postage for 22.058823 copies of T-BOX. We're gambling that our inspired words will give every-one such a buzz they'll run for their cheque books first and then add their way to the mail-box! Well, why not? We're all honourable men/women aren't we?

have we your

correct mailing address?

JOIN THE PARADE TO THE GREAT L-R

RALLYZOO

WHERE THERE WILL BE DISPLAYED FOR YOUR EDIFICATION & DELECTATION AN ASSORTMENT OF SAME-BUT-DIFFERENT BEASTS. (genus land-rover) IN ALL THEIR STRANGELY FASCINATING UN-ORTHODOX-WITHOUT-BENEFIT-OF-FEDERATION'S-SEAL-OF-APPROVAL. COURTEOUS TRAINED KEEPERS WILL BE ON HAND TO DESCRIBE AND ENLIGHTEN THOSE WHO MAY WISH TO LEARN OF THE ANTICS & PECULIAR BEHAVIOUR OF ANY OF THE BEASTS ON DISPLAY. IT IS GENERALLY CONSIDERED INCAUTIOUS TO ASK THE QUESTION "WHY DO YOU DRIVE ONE OF THESE THINGS?" OF ANY KEEPER.

where it's at:

TWEED

ONTARIO

when:

**AUGUST
2-4
1986**

THE QUIANT & CHARMING SMALL VILLAGE OF TWEED IS MORE OR LESS HALF-WAY BETWEEN OTTAWA & TORONTO. IT IS LOCATED ON PROVINCIAL HIGHWAY #37, north of Belleville on the Lake. THE RALLYZOO CAMP-SITE IS EXCELLENT, HIGH & DRY & CLEAN. A RIVER RUNS NEARBY. THE WRITER HAS SEEN CANOES ON THE RIVER IN PAST YEARS.

TWEED HAS ALL THE AMENITIES VITTLES/VICTUALS (your choice), BARBEQUE NEEDS, ETC. SPEAKING FROM EXPERIENCE OF TWEED, THIS IS A WEEK-END FOR ALL TO ENJOY, MEANING FAMILIES, TOO. THIS YEAR'S WEEKEND AT TWEED IS A JOINT PROGRAMME OF TORONTO & OTTAWA LR GROUPS. WE SERIOUSLY RECOMMEND THE EVENT FOR A PLACE ON YOUR 1986 SUMMER FUN LIST.

We quote from Ottawa Valley Land Rovers' Bulletin:

"Fees for the three-day get together, the first inter-club party since 1981, are \$10.00 a person (kids free) payable to Mike McDermott by July 1st." We suggest you don't let the date put you off. Mike McD

would like to hear from you any time in the matter, we're sure.

CALL MIKE at (613) 224-8300, Ottawa, Ontario. Deo and Via Rail willing, your President looks forward hopefully to seeing you there.

EAST meets WEST, on the 'phone:

Gordon Bernius, one of the original members of ALROC by virtue of his ex-United Nations blue 109 in Ottawa, found time to give us a call here in White Rock, B.C. during his recent vacation on an island off the lower mainland of B.C. Unfortunately Gordon was too short of time to do more than visit by phone. Much appreciated.



STOP PRESS NEWS: Huggins & Reid nixed from Roverlanders B.C. board of directors as provincial group screams 'conflict of interest' following ALROC elections. Read all about it in next number of Transfer Box.

WHY ALROC?

ASSOCIATION

LAND

ROVER

OWNERS

CANADA

TO ENSURE YANA

YOU

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Looking back over the past 10 years it is hard to imagine owning a Land Rover in Canada without back-up of some such self-help encyclopaedic organization à la ALROC. One question, in fact, why such a scheme did not surface sooner. Certainly it was not for want of example; witness the number of clubs dedicated to special breeds of vintage and sports cars, steam lorries and bath chairs throughout the world since the turn of the century.

Speaking for ourselves, it was out of finger-nibbling anxiety generated by isolation and aloneness that gave birth, in Ottawa in the mid-70s, to ALROC, plus the numbing thought of someday perhaps having to entrust the 109-inch creature to one's friendly corner service station. Of such is history made!

Albeit the quality of the organization's performance has been grossly un-even at times with silences so loud one could be excused if he or she concluded wrongly (as some did) that ALROC had rolled over & breathed its last, there was never a time when it was in anything more than reversible rigor mortis.

In this regard your new executive is committed to, above all else, publishing not less than four issues of TRANSFER BOX between now & this time 1987. That means you will receive a Spring issue when the bulbs are pushing through, and a Summer issue when days are long and hot, ad inf. We cannot, however, promise the same quality of journal as was produced during the rein of Mark Pankhurst. Not right away that is. Recent issues of T-BOX were of the best produced anywhere in our opinion. For sure a hard act to follow.

We shall continue to hold to the central thesis of ALROC's founding, i.e. to perform a practical service to Land Rover owners anywhere here & abroad. We believe the owner-directed network functions best when it performs an information function; when it serves as a medium of exchange of ideas & experience and as a directory of where to turn for help and services, including the opportunity for business houses to advertize through ALROC publications.

We hope you will agree that ALROC translates neatly into proving YANA. We hope too, that all concerned will recognize our success depends on a lively symbiotic give-&-take.



WITH EVERY YEAR THAT PASSES
THE WORTH OF ALROC'S PURPOSE

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SUFFIELD SUFFUSES WESTERN SKIES WITH L/R HUES AT THE HAT

THIS IS THE MESSAGE WE GOT FROM PETER PARSONS OVER THE TELEPHONE FROM OTTAWA JUST AS WE WERE PUTTING THIS ISSUE TO BED. ORDINARILY WE GO FUNNY-IN-THE-HEAD & GET EXTRA-SYSTOLIC FLUTTERINGS WHEN PEOPLE DO THIS TO US, BUT IN THIS INSTANCE WE INTONED ONE HOLY COW! TWO HOLY SMOKES! & A TRIPLE WOW!

"For those interested in giving new life to their Land Rover Peter Parsons and Associates in Ottawa highly recommend contacting Mr Douglas Bull of Hat Salvage and Steel Ltd 1248 South Railway Street, P.O. Box 136, Medicine Hat, Alberta. T1A 7E8 Telephone (403) 527 3800. Hat Salvage has recently established what surely is the largest, if not the only, depot of re-cyclable military Land Rovers in Canada comprising in the order of fifty (50) 109s and lightweights! Speak of the devil: Strange co-incidences, etc. Just when we got through talking on that other page about the uncanny quiet of LR presence on the Canadian prairies. Guess we must be doing something right! Thank you Peter and your associates for doing the right thing by TRANSFER BOX. Do we hear mumbles about a pilgrimage to the Hat? Land Rover rules. OK? T-BOX rules. OK?

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LOCAL CLUB EVENTS

ISLAND ROVERS (the island inquestion is VANCOUVER ISLAND, CONSIDERED by some to be LOTUS-LAND in its PUREST form; the person to contact with ref to LAND ROVER is RON LOW, 2185 Newton Cross Road, Saanich -- this is a mere hopskipjump from the B.C. Ferry Landing. Ron's phone: 604 652 2696)

JULY, Canada Day run. 1st July; AUGUST, B.C. Day run. 9th August.
SEPTEMBER, Labour Day Camp. 30 Aug. - 1 Sept. Each of these events rendezvous at a spot known as SAM SIX MILE HOUSE. Check first with Ron Low.

ROVERLANDERS OF B.C. With the exception of the FLEA MARKET item, this group's planned events were anything but hard-edged unfortunately at time of reporting. Persons interested are advised to give Rene Bischof a call at phone 733 0479.

FLEA MARKET -- a fund-raiser for Roverlanders B.C. to be held at the popular established commercial flea-market site in CLOVERDALE, B.C.
SUNDAY 6 July, '86 Members are invited to contribute any form of article to help fund ROVERLANDERS B.C. Or, you may consign -for-sale on a percentage basis.

EVENTS TO BE ANNOUNCED: fishing trip in late August; salmon barbeque while still summer.