

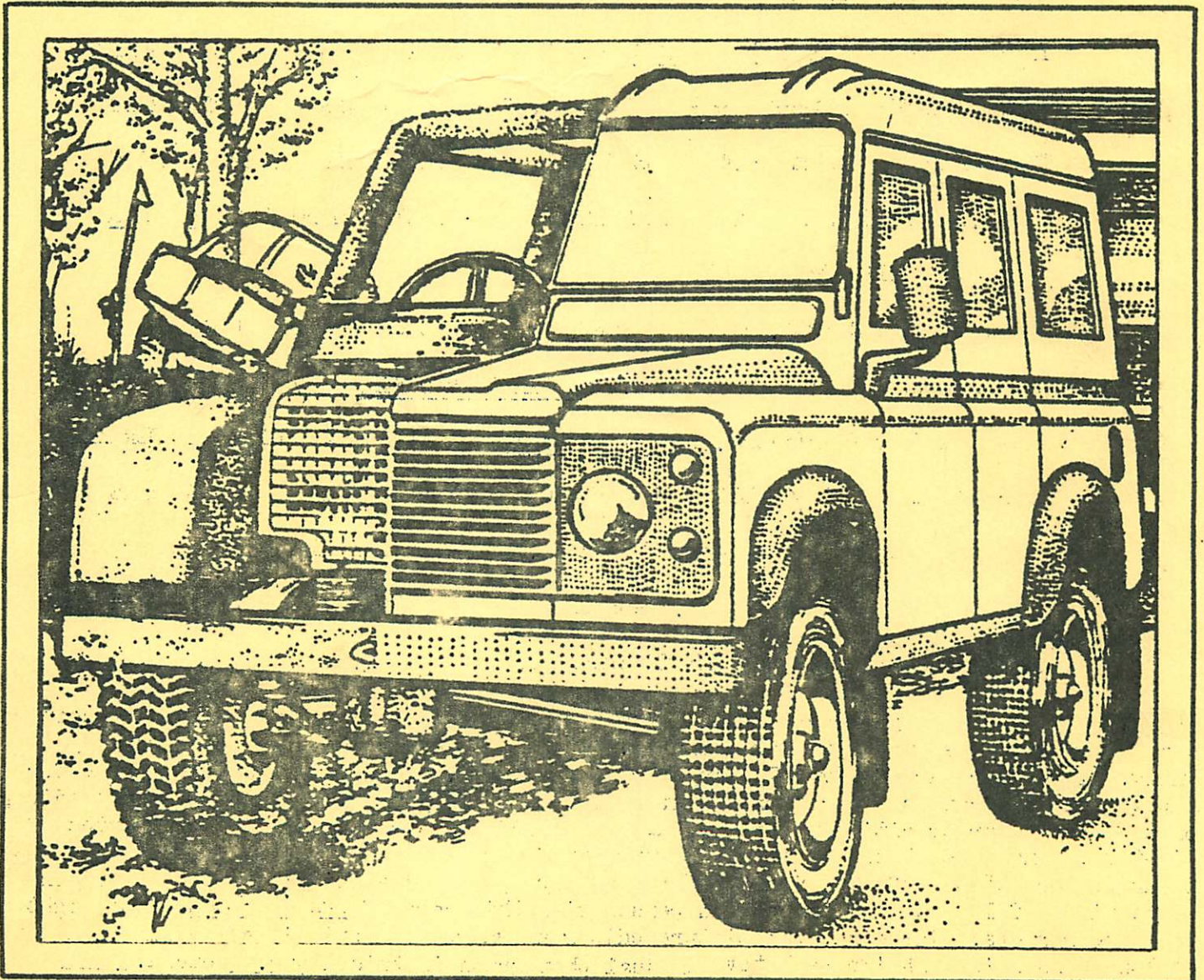
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ALROC . . .

STRIPPED OF FORMAL LANGUAGE THE Association of Land Rover Owners Canada IS A DEVICE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE THREATENED SPECIES Land Rover IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD. TRUE, WE 'SPEAK CANADIAN' AS WE MUST, BUT IF OUR ENDEAVOURS RUB-OFF ON THOSE IN OTHER COUNTRIES, THEN, SO MUCH THE BETTER AND SO MUCH RICHER WILL BE OUR POTENTIAL TO SERVE AND SHARE FORGETFUL OF BOUNDARIES..

THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT ALROC HAS HAD A SALUTARY INFLUENCE AND EFFECT ON THE STATUS OF Land Rover IN THIS COUNTRY AND TO SOME EXTENT ABROAD, TO INDIVIDUAL OWNERS & BUSINESS INTERESTS, BOTH. WE HAVE LETTERS GALORE ATTESTING TO THIS AND OUR ADVERTIZERS SEEM NOT DISPLEASED WITH TRANSFER BOX. SO WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

SPRLADING THE GOSPEL, THE GOOD WORD. JESUS HAD ONLY TWLVE DISCIPLES, AND LOOK WHAT THEY ACCOMPLISHED! Martin Luther King said 'I HAVE A DREAM', WHAT FOLLOWED IS HISTORY. Einar Holboel, A LOWLY POSTAL CLERK IN DENMARK SOME 75 YEARS AGO, CONCEIVED THE IDEA OF SELLING AN ADDED STAMP TO RAISE FUNDS TO FIGHT TUBERCULOSIS. IT WORKED. SUCCESSFULLY ACROSS THE WORLD AS THE CHRISTMAS SEAL CAMPAIGN. EACH OF THESE INDIVIDUALS RELIED TO GREAT EXTENT ON SCRIBES OF THE TIME TO SPREAD THE GOOD WORD.

ALROC could do with any number of disciples across Canada to take advantage of no-cost space in newspapers and radio particularly. This is easier accomplished than you may think. All editors are forever looking for 'good copy'. Radio in Canada is notable for support to good causes and community interests. Recently in B.C. a letter to the editor of one of the larger cities was picked up by the CBC which resulted in five-minutes of air-time. One never knows just where your stuff might end up! Why not give this some thought, you out there? The media is/are easy people to deal with; a few words on the phone first followed by your call in person with this copy of TRANSFER BOX just might get some results. There's not a picture editor anywhere who wouldn't get a rise out of Marlene Manning's LR 'Porta Potty' unusual photograph in this issue. Betcha.

COVER

We dub this 'LAND ROVER SHEDS ITS ORIGINAL SKIN'. The art-work is an extraction from an advertisement^{of} the Company A W D C in the UK which appeared in the magazine OVERLANDERS, published in Britain, to whom we express thanks. Vice-President Ron Low contributed it.



PRESIDENT'S

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It is with much satisfaction that, based on the response from the field to our last issue of T-BOX, I can report we obviously have a mandate to 'press on steady as she goes', in the full knowledge we're performing a useful service still to a growing number of LR owners across the land. More we cannot ask.

As I write (30 September) we've received sixty-four pieces of mail each with funds, 3 with amounts greater than was solicited, 3 in US funds, inviting us to 'keep the change' and yet another from West Germany (dare we hold our breath for one from East Germany?). Two members opined our annual membership fee is too low, that we could in all conscience in consideration for 'value received', up the rate. Well, now! I pass along these sentiments to our good friends and predecessors in Ottawa to whom must go full credit for a good job well done for lo, these many years. Say not the struggle nought availeth!

In the matter of dues please know our readers' sentiments are appreciated and do not go unheeded. Suffice to say ALROC is in the black at this period and that 'economize' is now a buzzword around here & ever shall be. Of course if it becomes necessary we shall be taking a hard look at the suggestions in question. Further in that direction, we shall continue to produce T-BOX by the Gestetner method. In our next issue we'll have some figures for you from the Gestetner people here who are to cost this issue to prove their point, i.e. that ink-&-stencil makes for the most economical of all duplicating methods. We've never doubted that statement. We know that to send this issue to any run-of-the-mill printshop in these parts would cost us something in the neighbourhood of \$250.00. Par example, to produce the N.Z. fire-truck, the light-weight at Medicine Hat, and the 'bottom line' photos alone, using our paper-stock for the job for a mere 1200-sheet run and we get a bill for something like \$65.00. Add the cost of postage and envelopes (envelopes are mandatory because of the high-speed cancelling-machine system) and ALROC could be nothing more than an acronym which some full-moon fool was hoping to organize!

In the matter of receipts for funds received: it doesn't look as if we're going to have time enough to get these back with this mailing if, as we are committed, we're to match 'Autumn' number with the first blush of the reds & golds of the leaves (while they're still on the trees that is). Sorry about that; look for your receipt in the next issue. We could not condone the cost of mailing these separately, unless requested. In the same vein, membership card is an item receiving our attention. Again it is a matter of getting the most for our money.

The concept of Members-at-Large representing all regions of Canada grows more attractive to me as I grow less so. ALROC being national in scope, the idea is philosophically sound it seems to me. I feel it would do much to plump-out our structure and in the emotional sense, I'm sure it would enhance the feelings of all members toward the unique community of interest that we, together, continue to build. We are encouraged by a member in Edmonton who indicates his interest to serve as such for Alberta. We in-

E. Frank

for your continuing support

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vite further enquiries from members who would like to make a contribution to our efforts in this way. Let me assure any person interested that the responsibility is not all that arduous or demanding. At the moment we do have one specific task related to 'search and find' potential LR owners in each province and territory, a very simple operation for which we are affording oodles of time, with the pace being set by the member. Other than that, the role of M-a-L is more a kind of stand-by agent with her or his antennae swaying and dipping in the breezes for any sort of LR noises. The larger the community, the greater the buzz there'd be to pick-up, of course.

IN MY JUDGEMENT without any doubt Rover Landers of British Columbia produced with their Newsletter #6, perhaps the best-looking and readable journal of its kind ever published in this country. The wizardry seems to be the work of one Rhonda Wood and her skills with an Apple Macintosh 512k and a Laser printer. (I know a Macintosh apple when I see it, otherwise this is all a foreign language to me). Anyhow, T-BOX salutes the B.C. group for a superb job. Let's have more of same.

IN MY JUDGEMENT notwithstanding what was stated to the contrary in last T-BOX ref to Ron Reid's and my being turfed out of office of Rover-Landers of British Columbia, I have, after being present at their September last General Meeting, come to the conclusion that anything said in that regard would be superfluous.

IT WAS THE HUGGINS' PLEASURE . . . to be visited upon by Mr and Mrs Ken Hilliard of Yakima, Washington en route to Expo 86. Say not that T-BOX doesn't get around! It was through the publication that the Hilliard's first wrote us enquiring about accommodation in these parts in connexion with the World's Fair. Ken runs Land-Rover Enterprises at 2104 Jerome Avenue, Yakima, Washington. WE WERE DIS-APPOINTED that Mike McDermott of Ottawa Valley Land Rovers could do no more than call us from the Vancouver Airport during his recent business trip west. As usual Mike was full of good cheer and enthusiasm about ALROC and its programme.

Now I recognize this issue of T-Box carries less-than-usual in the way of helpful hands-on information you've come to expect. One reason for this is accidental, the other intentional. Just now we're low on the shop stuff unless we were to lift copy from other sources, which we're averse to doing without prior consent. The intentional reason is we've taken the opportunity to open a window on ourselves as it were, to better acquaint you the member, with those who labour in the LR vineyards & to point up some of our limitations in time, motion & talents in producing even so simple & plain a little publication as this surely is. But, out there in vacuum-land are some 350 men & women who evidently believe in and trust us, to whom we feel acutely responsible. Additionally, there are advertizers, Canada Post & all that implies, a print-shop to deal with now and then, bills to collect, address files, banking & accounting, ad inf. In short, there is a lot of to-ing & fro-ing on the surface of the earth to be busy with and, as we progress & increase our number we find ourselves in the position of Alice: running ever faster to stay just where we are!

"IT'S OPEN SEASON ON LAND ROVER THE WORLD OVER, SHOOT THEM WHEREVER YOU SEE THEM," said the Old Man to the Younger Man. Later in the year (it was A.D. 1985) the Younger Man was standing in the Streets of the Great City of Christ Church on the Island of New Zealand watching a Civic Parade go by, when this Land Rover circa 1950, came into View trailing a Fire*ump. The Young Man shot the LR as he was adjured to. He was, and is, WILF GILES of the Great City of Richmond, situate on the Island of Lulu, British Columbia, Canada. Sincere thanks to Mr Giles for his co-operation.



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vice-president's page

As noted elsewhere in these pages our membership campaign has all the earmarks of being successful beyond our expectations; especially gratifying is the generous spirit^{that} comes with the action. I am, therefore, urging the President to press on and to include the exercise of challenging lapsed members to renew. It has become apparent there are new owners of LR sporting the ALROC crest. Our efforts in contacting the owners of these vehicles has helped advance the cause of our organization. Too, it is heartening to learn that former owners are known to have passed-on information re ALROC with the title of keys.

I recently met an owner who at one time had two LRs and was in process of selling-off a 109. However, after talking with us for a bit he decided to repair and drive rather than sell. This may point up a general feeling that we are alone & isolated as owners when, as you and I know only too well, service, parts and highly developed know-how abound.. To get this plain truth across to Land Rover owners and would-be owners wherever they may be, is one of ALROC's central reasons for being. It is sad that any number of Land Rover service & supply centres had to abandon the LR arm of their enterprise. Fortunately for us as witness advertizers in these pages, there is a fair number of commercial operators still in North America to meet most if not all needs. There also appears to be any number of individuals working out of their house or garage who are known to have parts and service to sell for the benefit of owners such as we. Throughout the years I've been plagued with the question 'True, but where are they?'

I am therefore addressing the question right here and now to invite all readers of TransferBox to send us the name and address and any other pertinent information of persons they know who fit this description, themselves included of course. It is my view that a net-work of this kind in Canada could make LR travel more care-free (they could be dubbed Land Rover Valium Stop) and perhaps at a saving. If nothing more, I'm sure it would help to nourish and strengthen this Association in its goals. I am sure that in the larger centres across the country, such a directory would do much to bring ALROC members together, to their mutual benefit. Please let us hear from you soon in this matter. Address your envelope: ALROC, Unit 185, 1450 Johnston Road, White Rock, British Columbia, Canada, V4B 5E9. (EDITOR'S NOTE: Doubtless, Ron Low's proposal has merit & deserves to be floated. However, discretion should be used. It should not be assumed, I feel, that everyone wants to see his or her name made public in this way. Much will depend on how well you, the sender-in-er of the information knows the individual personally; in any case consult with the individual apprising him/her of the intent and form. Letting them read this page would take care of it, I'd think).

ALROC DIRECTORY

"OK. Get on with it" was how our CEO left the matter when it was decided to produce, within the life-time of this Executive, a Directory of ALROC Members & Their Land Rovers. The responsibility for this major opus rests with Secretary Ron Reid and myself. The 'crack of dawn 1987' is the deadline set to get the copy into the printers. That may seem a fair wayoff to some but in the face of the realities, factors like the extent of this land-mass Canada, a postal service which, if your memory goes back far enough, you'll know ain't what it used to be (have you seen the American-style 'baseball' cap that Canada Post sells, emblazoned with the words "The World's Greatest Postal Service"? Recalls to mind some words by one Wm Shakespeare "Methinks the lady doth protest too much" eh?). Added to this is the time-consuming detail entailed in factoring a device of the kind if it is to prove useful and dependable.

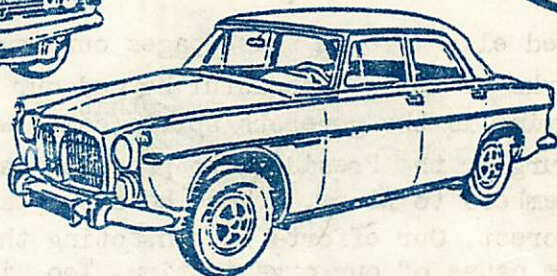
Here I would remind you and you and you and you that you each have a very important duty to perform if the Directory is to be worth the effort; this has to do with the blue form enclosed with this mailing. Please complete the blue form at your earliest convenience and return forthwith! (If you have more than one LR please list it, or them, on a separate sheet in the same order). SPECIAL NOTE... these instructions do not apply to those members who completed & returned the white form which accompanied their membership dues mailed since the last issue of Transfer Box. We have the required information and would thank you for your cooperation in these regards. However, it is noted not everyone who mailed in dues completed the reverse side of the white form. We hope to see blue forms from this group.

PUZZLED OVER THIS LONG, 14", ODD SHEET? It was this way: we ran a classified ad in a local weekly in search of surplus ink, paper & stencil for the Gestetner. Did we ever get a bargain! All of \$80.00 worth of stuff for less than a third of that figure. It's what Harvard Business School calls 'lean & mean' administration, wot?

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SELF-THERAPY at MEDICINE HAT

Surely the richest (taking into account Ron Low's menage on Vancouver Island) cornucopia of Land Rover to be seen anywhere in Canada today, has to be that link-fenced rectangle of Alberta prairie in Medicine Hat where, broken & crippled, lie some fifty of the buyers to pick them over like vultures. At the time of my visit in August, there were perhaps a majority of the lightweight 'portable' seen in the photo here. 88s, 109s, including 'air trans-Also heavy-proud-look-with their ugly the the The noth-be do to

duty utility trailers, Wg Bedfords (diesel) Wyvern crest, and three juggernaut service units purpose of which only British Army would know. 'LR Corral' at the time held of that stamp that could driven away. As an aside, you know what it is like be under the vault of heaven on a high-summer day on the Alberta prairie? If not, conjure up a picture of yourself under an inverted glass bowl of Wedgwood blue. Swivel on your heel 360 degrees and you just might begin to think the earth is flat after all! There are those with select tastes who are known to deride the Canadian prairie provinces, favouring as they do big trees and mountains, ships and fog-horns, lobsters, cod, iron and gold, mukluks and maple-sugar. I can, and do, live with that. But, I say, one's vision & gut-feel of this vast nation Canada cannot be complete without experiencing such a place as the Hat, and never moreso than at sunset in mid-summer. It was the hottest spot of all in Canada the days that naval-types Ray Roy: Steve Bradshaw and land-lubber I were there. Kipling's Tommy Atkins under the sun of Victoria's India, said 'it would make yer bloomin' eyelids crawl'. Fair enough. In Elizabeth the 2nd's Canada that day the heat was enough to make my feet & ankles swell to look like globs of un-cooked dough. . Grottesque, repulsive and, indeed, alarming. O well, we die of something, whether it be 'griping or gout'. While I, in shorts and Japanese bothel-creepers with nice distinction separated one piece of LR from another, one Clint, a senior hand at the Corral, was doing the same only more so, garbed in full working gear head-to-toe including work boots! He said he liked the Hat. "Never lived any place else. Did some farming for a piece. Like this better", he said. Each to his own.



ROVERLANDERS de COLOMBIE BRITANNIQUE (aka "Lotus Land")

CORDIALLY INVITES ALL OWNERS OF LAND ROVERS AND THEIR FAMILIES & FRIENDS TO SHARE IN THE FUN & CHALLENGES OFFERED IN THE EVENTS, SOCIAL AND BUSINESS PROGRAMMES LISTED BELOW. THIS WESTERN CANADA GROUP HAS AN ENVIABLE RECORD OF PUTTING LAND ROVERS THROUGH THEIR PACES: - WINTER MONTHS IN PARTICULAR - IN BACK-ROAD COUNTRY SO BEAUTIFUL YOU'LL FEEL LIKE SMACKING SOMEBODY! This year marks the first Founder's Day Party as a continuation of last year's Halloween Event, which was hugely successful. It is intended to make Founder's Day an annual affair. Your support of the November 8 programme will do much to ensure this. We suggest you phone the contact person at your earliest convenience for details of a more exact kind than we can provide here. Include a candle or two in your survival kit in case the lights fail at the Armouries.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT / PLACE</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
28 October 1986	Squamish Area	John Parsons 536-5232
8 November " "	Founder's Day Party	René Bischof 733-0479
1930 hours	Armouries - 2025 West 11th Ave Vancouver; near RR tracks at Arbutus	Tom Hinkle 738-0118
23 November " "	North Shore or Mission area	John Parsons 536-5232
14 December " "	3rd Annual Vedder Mtn Snow Flake Chase	John Parsons 536-5232
11 January 1987	Belcarra Winter Picknick	TBA
6 February " "	<u>Annual General Meeting</u>	Rene Bischof
1930 Hours	<u>Election of Officers</u> 4930 Barker Crescent, Burnaby	733-0479

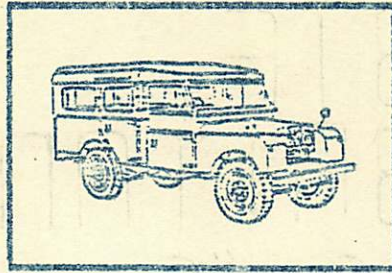
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It was to cry to see gauges/meters tapped in by something heavy. Like hammer. Axle check-
straps with no sign of wear, slashed as in throat. Windscreens//mirrors deliberately de-
stroyed and so on. The enormity of it all! One is told it has to do with protecting vested
interests elsewhere in the country. Surely there must be an intelligent way of arranging
these matters? However, reality dictates & the dollar rules. The stuff is there at Mr.
Douglas Bull's LR Corral in Medicine Hat. At least it was a while back. So, if you have
Meccano-set fever in your system, this could be your Mecca. We found Douglas Bull a first-
rate man to deal with. The number to call (toll-free) is 1-800-661-8092.

FOR THOSE WHO MAY NOT BE CLUED-IN : the materiel in the above story represents damaged and
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knowledge this is the first occasion the vehicles have been jobbed-out in this fashion.

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(Ed.)

WANTED

IMMEDIATELY IF NOT SOONER, a VOLUNTEER typist in the Greater Vancouver area to be responsible for addressing labels or envelopes required for TRANSFER BOX. That, and nothing more, would be asked. The volunteer would receive on a quarterly schedule, a neat and tidy set of index cards, the master file, from which to work, along with the labels/envelopes. Delivery & pick-up are not expected from the worker. Clean work and punctuality at your own pace. If interested, please call the President in White Rock, 536-5580. Any hour of the day 'til midnight.

AT LAST! - it is confirmed that Jack Webster, perhaps Canada's most controversial & colourful radio & television personality and a B.C. landmark, does indeed own a Land Rover. - It has only been a rumour to us over the years (to entice a yea or naye, we mailed a copy of T-Box to Mr Webster recently but got no response). Although 'The Foth' doesn't mention Jack W. by name, the 'friendly feuding' between the two is a fact of Western Living to allow of any doubt. Here is an excerpt of a recent column of Allan Fotheringham's syndicated column from major Canadian newspaper: "It is a well-known fact . . . one must at all costs avoid the island inhabited by a rich and celebrated broadcaster . . . for luring faint-hearted tourists who do not share his buccaneering soul. His strategy is to load them in a four-wheel-drive ehicle better suited to Kenya to bucket them on a hair-raising drive up a mountain-side . . . and generally emulating his own version of what a Scottish laird would do on his estate, the Land Rover the noisy equivalent of a grouse shoot." We'll be sending a copy of this issue to Jack Webster. We think he should become an ALROC member.

ADD TO READERS' ADVERTS: WANTED, TO BUY -- a 109" Land Rover in running order. Replies to Mr Carl Stewart, 536-1428. This is in the general area of White Rock, B.C., south of Vancouver.

Transfer Box is the official organ of the Association of Land Rover Owners Canada; The Association's address is ALROC - unit 185, 1450 Johnston Road, White Rock, British Columbia, V4B 5E9.

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TORONTO members please note: Mr Tim Markow of 17A St Johns Road, Toronto, is having electrical trouble with his 1971 88" petrol job.. He writes . "Now I get absolutely no spark anywhere after checking everything out twice over. Can't figure it out (loose ground or worse -- Lucas electrics. I should know, I own a TR-6 & a Spitfire." Tim's phone number is (416) 762-4925.

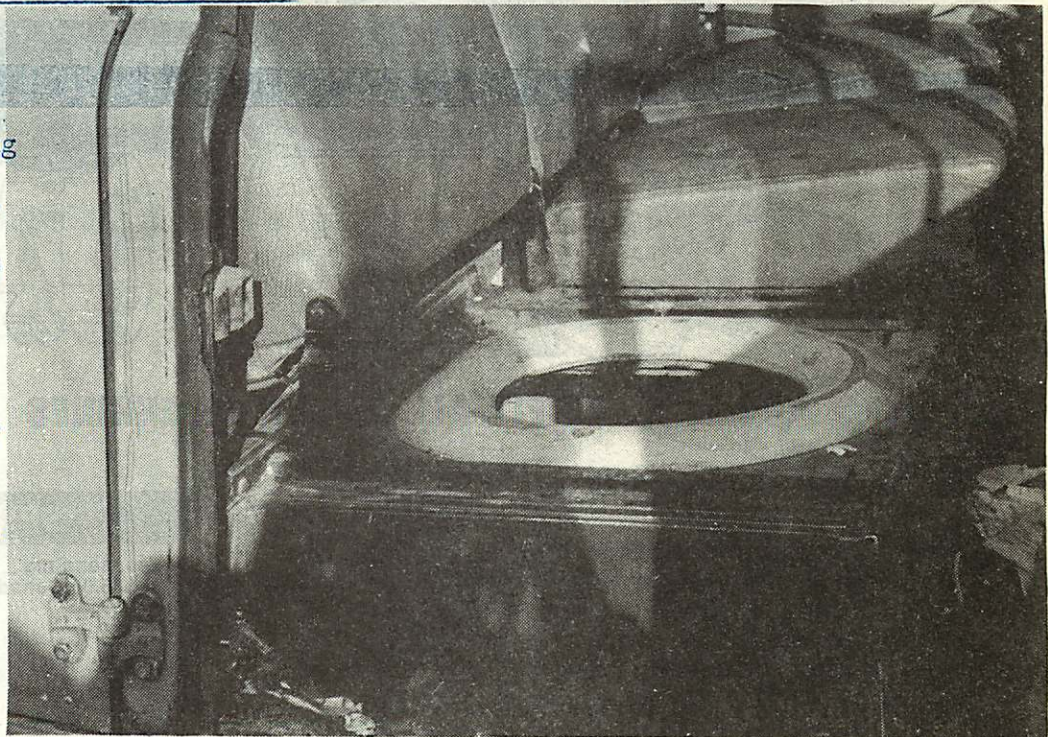
THE BOTTOM LINE



"LAND-ROVER PORTA-POTTY" ?

"Discovered this amusing extra in a series IIA 109. You can see clear through to the road. One could find oneself in hostile territory and be unable to leave one's vehicle."

Those are the words of MARLENE MANNING of Windermere, Ontario which accompanied this unique photo. Marlene gives high praise to Land Rover in her work as photographer, and is enthusiastic about ALROC.



T-BOX expresses sincere thanks to Marlene for this priceless contribution to its pages.

