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You could design the next NCRC T-Shirt!
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Club Decals

Additional club decals are currently available for \$4 each. The decals are approximately 2 inches by 4 inches and bear the club logo as it appears on the newsletter cover. To obtain additional decals please forward a letter with a mailing address, number of decals desired and a check for the appropriate sum to the club address.

Newsletter Back Issues

Newsletter back issues may be obtained on an as available basis for \$2 each. The \$2 includes postage.

Membership Application

A membership application form is located on the rear page of each newsletter. Please feel free to copy this form for anyone you may know who is interested in joining the Northern California Rover Club.

Next NCRC Meeting

The next NCRC regular NCRC meeting will be held at the Saratoga Library on Wednesday, February 16, 2001. There will be an interim meeting at the Annual NCRC Christmas Party, December 1st, however, we doubt that much serious business will be transacted! We do expect there to be much fun, so don't miss it!

Meeting Minutes

The October NCRC meeting was held at F.W. Spencer Inc. in Brisbane. The meeting was held from 7pm until 9pm.

The initial item for discussion was the status and future of the NCRC newsletter. Historically, the newsletter has been published on a bimonthly basis. With the content for the newsletter provided by the members in the form of pictures and articles. However, lately there has been a severe shortage of content and so there has not been a newsletter in three months.

Several suggestions have been made to facilitate the timely production of the newsletter:

- change the period of the newsletter from bi-monthly to quarterly.
- have a monthly calendar that is mailed on the first of every month which would contain all the relevant events and meeting information.
- encourage submission of all types of content for the newsletter. This would include the obvious trip reports and technical content but also Rover lifestyle material and Pictorial essays such as is seen in this issue (see the Fall Colors Trip Report).

There was a bit of discussion around this issue with suggestions for various articles for the newsletter. This proposal was agreed to and will be implemented

immediately.

The next item for discussion was the inclusion of a ballot in the next newsletter for the proposed change of the Member at Large to the Public Affairs officer. Bruce Bonar will write up a description of this office to be included in this newsletter (see page 5).

The discussion then turned to the need for more T-shirts and the desire for a new T-Shirt design. It was decided to place a request for new T-shirt designs in this newsletter. Please look at the article on Page 6 for more information. Please note that all T-shirt design submissions must be emailed to Jeff Rogers <president@norcalrover.org> or mailed to

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no later than December 31, 2000.

Additional newsletter changes were the request for the inclusion of the new URL/domain name into the cover and a request to print at least 20 extra copies for Jeremy to send to new members.

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Cover: Doug Shipman in Blue heads up Chicken rock on the Dusey Ershim trail. Anonymous sources claim that this rover is actually named the Lockless Monsterhmmmmm?

Photo by Bruce Bonar.

The discussion then moved to the discussion of the new domain name. The following domain names were considered:

- + nocalrover[.com|.org]
- + northerncaliforniaroverclub[.com|.org]
- + landroving.org
- + rovercalifornia.[com|org]
- + californiarovers.[com|org]

After a brief discussion a vote was taken and the unanimous winner (10 out of 10 votes) was:

- + nocalrover[.com|.org]

Jeff indicated that he had identified two members who will develop and maintain the site: Jason and Petra. Jason and Petra are professional web developers in addition to certified rover-holics. The site will be hosted by Ben Smith.

A discussion ensued as to what the content of the site will be and who will provide the content. It was decided that Jeff is ultimately responsible for the content. A suggestion was made to place newsletter copies on the website. Some concern was voiced that access to current and recent issues should be restricted to current members, but that a couple of example newsletters could be made generally available. This was generally agreed to.

The club calendar was then reviewed.

Rick Larson updated the group on the status of the Moab 2001 trip. The dates are May 21-25 in Moab, Utah. The trip will be lead by Dan Mick who is an experienced Moab guide. More information can be found at Dan's website (<http://www.moab.net/jeeptour/>). The first 2-3 days will be spent in a backcountry offroading and camping trip that will be suitable for all vehicles with options for drivers interested in more extreme trails. The last two days will be spent using the town of Moab as a base camp. There will be opportunities for drivers of all levels from novice to extreme to play. There is also ample opportunity for cycling and hiking in the three national parks that are a 15 minute drive from town. There will be an NCRC designated campground identified and there are ample motels for those who do not want to camp. Please visit the Moab, Utah site for more information about this amazing place <<http://www.moab-utah.com/>>.

Also discussed were the details and dates for Trail Maintenance in the Mendocino National Forest. These days usually occur in the spring after the rains. Jeff will update the group as requests from the Mendo Rangers come in.

A suggestion was made to have a novice trip. It was

noted that Jeremy had been discussing such an event with the folks at LR Marin. The proposed event would be co-hosted with LR Marin. There would be experts from LR providing instruction on vehicle recovery and 4WD techniques. More on this later as the details emerge.

A general discussion occurred regarding the number of trips at various levels. A comment was made about the number of more challenging trips this past year. It was agreed that there should be a greater distribution of trips with regards to difficulty.

To encourage more members to suggest and lead trips, Jeff agreed to put a trip hosting package on the website. This package would outline the club rules for leading trips, spotting basics etc. Bruce volunteered to put together a Radio Etiquette primer for the website also.

The place and time for club meetings was discussed. It was proposed to have a regular time and place for club meetings. A request was made for the meetings to be on a night other than Friday since it made travel to the meetings difficult for some people. A suggestion was made that the meeting places rotate around the bay, this was agreed. A decision was made to have the meetings take place the last Wednesday evening of every other month at a rotating location Mid-peninsula, South Bay, SF, Mid East Bay. The only odd locations would be the NCRC Holiday Party in December and the Joe Lucas Mendo event in April. This was agreed to with the absolute locations to be determined. It was agreed that the next meeting will be in the Saratoga Library on Wednesday February 16 2001. Additional sites will be discussed there.

The final discussion of the evening regarded the plans for the conversion of the Club to legal nonprofit status. This is felt to be advantageous because it limits the legal liability of the club. The process is ongoing and should be completed by the end of the quarter. The filing papers will be prepared by an attorney and the entire process is estimated to cost \$1200-\$1500. The club will need a board of directors with some members not in the club. It was proposed that we contact the officers of other rover clubs and representatives from local LR dealers.

The final issue of the night involved a proposal to meet for beers at the California Street Brewpub in Burlingame. No dissents were noted.

Public Affairs Officer

There has been a proposal to change the Member at Large to a Public Affairs Officer. What follows is the description of the office as seen by Bruce Bonar the current occupant of that office.

Public Affairs Officer

The NCRC has decided to change the Member at Large officer position to Public Affairs Officer. The role of the PAO is twofold, both aspects are related to the public policy issues that affect the Land Rover enthusiasts.

The club membership needs to be informed about public policies that may affect their enjoyment of their vehicles. The PAO will attempt to keep the membership aware of proposed and enacted legislation, executive orders, and government agency policy, rules, and regulations that may impact vehicle registration, off-highway use and access, taxes, etc. I will attempt to convey this information in a non-partisan, even handed manner. Input from members is appreciated. If there is an issue that you feel needs to be brought to the club's attention please forward that information to me either at my e-mail address below, to the NCRC P.O. Box, or give me a call. An informed and active membership is the most effective way of protecting our opportunities to use and enjoy our Rovers.

The PAO will also attempt to inform those outside the NCRC of our interests and will be an activist providing information and demonstrating to others that we feel strongly about certain issues and want our voice represented in the discussion of policy that may affect our specific interests. This will primarily be with government agencies and representatives but may also include other public relations activities to represent the NCRC and our activities in a way that promotes a positive image of Land Rover enthusiasts. Members will be requested on occasion to attend user meetings and other forums in their local area to represent the use of resources in a manner that is consistent with the NCRC goals.

I hope to encourage open and full discussion of positions on issues that affect the membership so I can best represent the opinions of the majority of the members.

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NCRC CLUB EVENTS

Dec 1 00 Holiday Party
7:30pm Pyramid Alehouse, Berkeley. Good food. Great People. Reserve this date! More information to follow. Contact Jeff Rogers for details.

Feb 16 Meeting
7:30pm @ the Saratoga Community Library. Contact Jeff Rogers for more information and agenda.

TBD Mud Run
Willits to Fort Brag on Sherwood Road. Due to uncertain weather, this event cannot be scheduled at this time. It will be organized approximately 1-2 weeks in advance. Watch the Mendo list for more information or contact Jeff Rogers.

TBD Trail Maintenance
Club members volunteer their time and energy to assist the U.S. Forest Service with trail maintenance in the Mendocino National Forest. Help preserve the environment and our right to travel off-road. Due to short notice by the USFS, these events are typically scheduled a week in advance. Watch the Mendo list for more information or contact Jeremy Bartlett. Suitable for all vehicles.

May 21-25, 2001 MOAB, Utah.
Rick Larson has made arrangements with Dan Mick (<http://www.moab.net/jeeptour/>) a famous backcountry guide from Moab to lead the NCRC on a don't miss trip to the ULTIMATE 4x4 playground. The first 3 nights Dan will lead the group on a camping tour of areas near Moab you'll never see on your own. We will then return to stay in Moab, either camping or in motels at your option, to take day trips for the next two days. There will be a fee for this trip to pay for guide services. If you've never been to Moab you can't imagine how great it is. If you don't want to run hard 4+ trails take a day trip to Arches NP, Canyonlands, or other slick rock destinations. Bring the mountain bike and enjoy some world class single tracks or graded roads. There is something for everyone. Please visit the Moab, Utah site for more information about this amazing place <http://www.moab-utah.com/>.

Participation in NCRC events is open to all members, their guests, and prospective members. Everyone is required to sign a liability waiver and all vehicles must pass a basic tech inspection.

NON CLUB EVENTS

April 28,29, & 30

Joe Lucas Mendo Not-a-Rally

The largest gathering of Land Rovers in Northern California. Don't miss it, no one else does. Usually a big pot luck Saturday night. Contact Joe Lucas for details.

Pair-O-Dice Lost-Not-A-Ralley

July 21-23, 2001

Bob & Sue Bernard lead LR's into the High Lakes south of Lassen. Don't miss the pot luck Saturday night.

Bob & Sue Bernard, bobnsueb@saber.net

May 29 to June 2, 2001

Adventure Team Challenge by the Flatland Rover Society (Kansas)

A weeklong event designed to test driving, navigation and endurance skills of teams from Land Rover clubs in North America. Clubs will select their own two-vehicle teams to send to the event. Each truck having a driver and navigator competing. Each team will be responsible for their own camping equipment and provisions. There will be an entry fee of 200 dollars per team. All vehicles must carry their own insurance and be street legal. Registration will be limited to 15 teams (30 vehicles) so if you want to attend this event, sign up early. More detailed information will come with registration. If you have any questions please contact

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October 20 through October 24, 2000. Moab, Utah
Camp Rover West presented by Bill Burke's 4-Wheeling America!

Limited to 150 vehicles. Friday afternoon/evening - sign-in and BBQ 2 days of workshop intensives (Sat./Sun.) Sunday evening - Recognition Dinner/Raffle 3 days of guided trail rides (Sun./Mon./Tues.) Sample of seminars: GPS/Navigation, Field Maintenance, Hand-gun Safety, Field Welding, Vehicle Recovery, Being Prepared/What to Carry, Packing Wheel Bearings to name a few. Cost for entire event (including BBQ, Sunday dinner, Camel Trophy slide show, 2 t-shirts, seminars & guided trail rides): \$280. per vehicle - 2 people. Additional adults in vehicle \$50./each. Children 15 and under, \$25./each. Pre-registration by mail only. Registration at the desk will be permitted, but most trails and seminars will probably be filled well before the event starts. Registration packets will be available March 1, 2000. Email bill@bb4wa.com with your mailing address to receive one.
www.bb4wa.com

Calendar items should be sent to Jeff Rogers at least 2 months before the event. <president@norcalrover.org>



Trail maintenance last year in the Mendocino National forest. Photo by Alexander Cooper.

Design the Next NCRC T-Shirt!!!



YOU could be the ONE! That would be the designer of the next NCRC Tshirt!!! We have just about run out of T shirts...by Isat count we had 1 (one). So its time to take a look at the old design and have a new one for the new millennium! The design can be anything that you think would look good on your back (or front). Submissions can be either electronic or hard copy. Electronic submissions should be in illustrator, dxf or pdf formats and can be emailed to emailed to Jeff Rogers <president@norcalrover.org>. Hard copy submissions can be US mailed to

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Look! We ve Changed our format!

by Leslie Dow and Ben Mitchell

In order to serve you better, we have made a few changes here around the NCRC newsletter. Maybe we should start saying NCRC publications and not just newsletter because we now have a whole lot more!

-The new newsletter will be a quarterly publication that will focus on not only trip reports and great technical tips also on life with your rover. We d like to hear any and all comments about your rover and why you love it! We will be having more Photo essays like the ones that you see in this issue. We d like to encourage you to submit anything at all that you would like to share from beer brewing recipes to poems; from photo essays to crayon drawings! The sky is the limit! In the next couple of issues we will try to have many different types of features for you, about you and by you. Please submit any and all ideas or newsletter items to: <newsletter@norcalrover.org>

-We now have a monthly calendar! You will be seeing each month a flyer from the NCRC that contains the updated calendar. Now you will always be up to date with respect to the events and meetings of the NCRC.

-Be sure to check out the great new NCRC website!
www.norcalrover.org

There you will find the latest calendar and the most up to date information about club events and happenings. You will also find out how you can lead an NCRC trip, spot a vehicle over a challenging obstacle or use proper radio etiquette in a convoy. Be sure to check back often because this is just the beginning of a great web resource for you and your rover!



Trip Report

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NCRC Fall Colors 2000

Text by Jeff Rogers

Photos by Petra Esterle, Scott Rachfal and Gary Rogers



This year the NCRC Fall Colors toured the Western Nevada ghost towns of Pine Grove and Rockland. We saw some incredible scenery and learned a little Gold Rush history.

One highlight was a hike into the Rockland Mine. A small group of us walked approximately 450 yards into the main shaft and saw many side tunnels and abandoned mining gear. We found vertical shafts so deep that our lights couldn't illuminate the bottoms. We tossed a rock down one and could hear it fall against the sides of the shaft for almost thirty seconds we never did hear it hit the bottom- the sound just faded away.

1) Bzzzzzzzz... 2) On the way to Rockland 3) Bill and Bonnie ruttan making their way toward Pine Grove 4) The Rockland Mine 5) Inside the Wilson mine near Pine Grove 6) Hmmmm...we think this thing crushed the excavated [ore] and passed it to a sluice box where the gold would be separated out.

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7) Jason Pipes negotiates a side slop on the way to Pine Grove. 8) A flower. 9) On our way over the Sonora Pass 10) The group: Gary Rogers, Bill and Bonnie Ruttan, Cassey McMullen, Richard Rachfal, Petra Esterle, Jason Pipes, and Scott Rachfal. 11) Casey McMullen climbs out of the Rockland mine site. 12) One of the few remaining structures in Pine Grove. 13) The Candy Shack at Pine Grove. 14) Casey making his way to Pine Grove.

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Dusey Ershim

Text by Leslie Dow and Bruce Bonar

Photos by Bruce Bonar



Dusey Ershim is one of the most challenging trails in the Sierra. It has been likened to a more serious version of the Rubicon, not that the Rubicon is considered to be an easy trail. In July the NCRC sponsored a trip through the Dusey Ershim. It should also be noted that the Dusey Ershim is not a trail to be taken lightly! Every vehicle here that was outfitted for the most challenging of obstacles, yet blood (or 90 weight) was drawn...Just ask Jeff!. Here are some images from the trek.

(1) Bruce offers Jeremy and Samson some sage advice as he sits perched at the beginning of Chicken Rock on the Dusey Ershim Trail. (2) Jeremy tries a variation on your typical

rockcrawling on the edge of Courtright Reservoir. (3) Dusey-Ershim Trail, Spot leads the way down to Courtright Reservoir. (4) Bruce spots a 2-wheel drive Jeff Rogers down Thompson Hill on the Dusey-Ershim



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Trail. They are followed down by Stephanie in Spot and Doug Shipman in Blue . (5) Samson, Spot, Jeff, and Bubba at the Courtright Res. Dam prepare to hit the trail.

(6) The Dusey trail just before we hit pavement on the way out. The trucks are in order from the back: Spot, Craig Reece, Chris Culpo, Bubba, and Jeff Rogers.

(7) Didn't this use to be a straight trailing arm? Straightening Jeff's trailing arm on the Dusey.

(8) Bubba follows Chris down Thompson Hill on the Dusey Ershim.

(9) The meadow at the head of Courtright Res.

(10) Spot tugs Craig up the beginning of Chicken Rock while Doug Shipman heads back to his Rover.



Rover Events

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NCRC Ralley 2000

Photographs by Gerry Mugele

Text by Leslie Dow and Gerry Mugele

The Annual NCRC Ralley was held the weekend of the 4th and 5th of November in the Mendocino National Forest. For the uninitiated, a Rallye involves teams of drivers, navigators and vehicles performing various stunts and navigating obstacle courses. All as quickly as possible. Points are awarded for the successful completion of the events and the time to complete. The event was organized by Jeremy Bartlett. As usual a great time was had by all....

(1) Granny and Bennett Pool preparing for the event. (2) Jessica sporting snappy rover-wear. (3) Team Lewis:



Sean and Darrel with Granny and Scott...Is everybody ready? (4) Prez Jeff and Scot...Hey Jeff, Where's your rover? (See the Dusey Ershim Report!) (5) Petra and Jason...the new NCRC webmeisters! (5) Rob and Cynthia Kerner.



(7) Jeremy placing flags. (8) Jeremy tallying the first day's score...saaayy, is that the Famous NCRC SHAFT? (9) The dapper looking Peat and Elvis anxiously awaitng the days events. (10) A beautiful Mendo Morning. Now this is why we do all of this, isn t it?



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(11) Casey, Jennifer and Bill topping off for a second day? (12) Team Lewis figuring out those GPS coordinates. (13)

Morgan...what a smile! (14) Involved in a highly technical manoeuvre here....I think? (15) Hmmmm well, I think I'll let this one go except to say that this was spied on the back of one of this years winners!

(16) Jeremy finishing up the final counts...Who will win? Who will get the shirt? Lets hope there is no need for a recount!



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(17) A happy fourth place for Rob and Cynthia. (18) Granny takes third! (19) Team Mares looks pretty happy about second place...maybe they have not seen the t-shirt yet? (20) And the Winner is.....

Sean and Darrell! No second place T-shirt this year. Congratulations to the winners and to everyone that went!

The NCRC rallye happens each year at this time. don;t miss the next one, who knows you could win or gat that fabulous second place T-shirt!





Pod Safari

by John Hong

TimeToEat to effect repairs.

Okay Star Wars fans, this is a parody of the Pod Race scene from Episode I, The Phantom Menace. I'll warn you, the more you know about LandRovers, food and the film itself, the more sense some of the word play and foreign dialogue will make. Of course, sometimes gibberish is just gibberish.

The ingredients they need are available but their RepublicanExpress Credits are not acceptable and no one has MasterCard, honored in slave-based economies galaxy-wide, so they are forced to wager their ship on the outcome of the Pod Safari. Their pilot is a young slave boy with unusual abilities, ImaKid Teawarmer.

This parody IS something of a spoiler. It gives away the ending of the race but not other vital plot details later in the movie, so consider yourself forewarned! Personally, I rank this Star Wars episode 3rd out of the 4. I rank the one with Ewok teddybears LAST! Anyway...

[Cut to a large hanger which is a hive of activity as the crews swarm over their vehicles in preparation of the Pod Safari. Pan back to show an immense coliseum then zoom into the announcers booth where a two-headed creature, Fode/Beed describes the pre-race events.]

*** more of them sideways scrolling letters ***

Fode Togo Togo! (Greetings) Tong me changeum du Coomes NoaVale oonta MattLee, tah oos Donkaster PodSafari. (We have perfect weather today for the ARC Classic, the most Hazardous of all Pod Safaris)

TurmOil has engulfed the Planetary Differential. The taxation of old rovers in outlying STARTing systems is in bitter dispute.

Beed That s absolutely right. And a big turnout here, from all corners of the Alloy Rim Territories. I see the contestants are making their way out to the starting braai grid.

Hoping to resolve the matter with a blockade of deadly SoBadam! Usilly Vessels, the greedy SUV Federation has stopped all shipping to the small planet of Noboobs.

[From the left a menagerie of creatures pull the Pod Safari racers into position]

While the Congress endlessly debates this unfortunate tureen of events, the Supreme Governor has secretly dispatched 2 Je diet, Master Quik Engine and Apprentice OnlyOne Canoli, the guardians of diffs and shafts in the galaxy to kettle the conflict.

Fode/Beed: I see Ben Quadcylinderinos from the Tdi system eh GasGone so buya newcar Odd Petrolvia. Two time winner, Badde Rullovor Butta rolocagee scruteneroo passo sow no woe granee champi Cebolla du Prosciutto bookie ookie wookie (On the front line the reigning champion Cebolla from Prosciutto. By far the favorite today.)

*** end of them sideways scrolling letters ***

Unfortunately the 2 Je diet never get a chance to break bread and mustard instead fight their way free of a hot and smoky ambush. They soon manage to free the beautiful Queen ImaDolly and her court bouillon and attempt to flee to the planet CourseYouCant to plead for help to the Congress. But their ship is exposed to a bad buffet, incapacitated, and they must land on the isolated planet of

And a late entry, ImaKid Teawarmer, a local boy! Shaka! Howzit Bruddah how you stay? Get Poi?

Watta pompe krap outtie (I hope he has better luck this time) I see the floggers are moving onto the track.



Dr. Drip



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[All the pilots bow at the waist as JavaMyButt enters his box and waves to the masses]

F/B: O grandio rust ball swively, amu da toein adjustoe tah pain Butto (His honor, our glorious host, JavaMyButt, has entered the arena.

Java: Viscous Chopling howlamo Tyming belto failo kim chee serpentine belto camo lobo wear extremo! (Welcome!)

[as ImaKid s crew prepares his racer, his mother, Shim, gives him a big hug and a kiss and looks at him.]

Shim: Be safe ImaKid: I will Mom, I promise [she hugs him again and then leaves as the crew completes the final checks]

Java: Hel lo mudda, hel lo fadda, here lamKid at kamp grenada..

[The crowd roars and the pilots wave to the crowd. Cebolla slides over near ImaKid s ship as his crew prepares for the momentous race.

Patme: You carry all our ropes Imakid: I won t let you down

When no one is looking Cebolla kicks one of the SUCarbatrons loose and mutters Ooops flashes a evil leer and then moves to his racer.]

Cebolla: Mazda, whatahota, shag. D overdrive whine YokoOno to Bantha poodoo. (You won t walk away from this one, slave scum! You re Bantha poodoo)

Java: Gen till man sta rtyor en gi nes! (Let the challenge begin!)

Quik: Are you all set? Remember concentrate on the moment. Feel. Don t think. Trust your instincts May the Force be with you.

F/B: Ya pampas fossillus fuelis wa werking (The power couplings are being activated)

Shim: Is he nervous Quik: He s fine Patme: You Je diet are far too wreckless! The Queen will not Quik: The Queen trusts my judgement young handcrank. You should too. Patme: You season too much Je diet.

F/B: Start your engines! [The earth shattering thunder of the large unmuffled Bewick engines rolls over the audience. Java bites the head off a toad and blows it against a gong.]

Toad Head: Bonnnngggggg!

[The green starting tree light flashes and the field of pod safari racers surge forward but ImaKid s 2.25 megaliter engines flood, stall and then die. The other racers flow around him except one and disappear down the course. The slave boy goes through his starting process again as the two-head announcer yells]

F/B An dare ovv oh weight little T eawarmer has stalled.

[Patme and JarJar are very disappointed with ImaKid. Quik puts his arm around a worried looking Shim to comfort her. In desperation ImaKid whips out his starting handle and cranks away, at last ImaKid s engines start up and he revs them up. He hurdles down the course leaving just one other racer still trying to start.]

F/B: And there goes Teawarmer He ll be hard boiled to ketchup with the leafers today.

[The pod safari racers tear across the desert. Cebolla is running side by side with MyTonic. They take the first turn in the track, neck and neck. Cebolla forces his Pod into MyTonic, driving him into a large pile of rocks. Mytonic crashes and his vehicle explodes into a ball of flame and smoke.

Imakid s racer is very fast and he soon catches up



to the pack, passes the stragglers but one of the drivers GasGone won't let him by. He tries to slip by on one side but is cut off then again on the other. As they approach a cliff, ImaKid floors it and flies right over the top of GasGone and pulls away.

Four Tuscan Sandwich Raiders in the hills high over one corner of the course aim their rifles at the pack of racers and fire their weapons with much mirth. Yeehaw BillingsBob LukeAuwe DixieCup DukesdeHasard A round plinks off the back of one of the pods and ricochets...]

F/B Hey, I see we have some Tuscan Sandwich Raiders livening things up at Tesco Canyon. That doesn't seem to be a Safeway.

[ImaKid is hurtling past the slower racers, he weaves around corners and bobs over hills and cliffs. Cebolla is in the lead but he is being challenged by XDiscovery. Selulba slows a little and as XDiscovery pulls abreast he opens a side vent that emits a jet exhaust that starts to cut through the other racer's engine. The A.C. cutting jet moves up the engine until it hits the fuel rail and it blows up and Cebolla quickly steers away.

ImaKid continues to move up the pack as they cross a dune sea and kick up huge roostertails.. One of the pods, ExMod, dips his front engine nacelle into a sand bank causing it to instantly suck in a tremendous amount of sand and rocks and seize up and he loses speed.

Quik stoically waits as Patme and Shim scan the horizon for the approaching racers as they are almost finished with lap one. The Racers soon appear and zip through the stands as the lap counter increments two more laps to go.]

F/B: It looks like Teawarmer is moving up through the field He's in sixth place! Not Bad!

[Imakid continues to gain on the leaders. ExMod squeals into the pits and squady droids start to work on his 460 HSE engine. One droid, Dunsfold, stands too close to the engine and is sucked in. The engine dies and then spits up a badly bent up

Dunsfold out the exhaust. The engine sputters then flames erupt all around it. ExMod has been released from service.]

ExMOD: <snorts> Squadies!

[Tartar is getting close to Cebolla who purposely pops a hubcap off his Pod sending it into Tartar's engine, saucing it and causing him to veer into ImaKid, knocking loose one of the coil springs on ImaKid's engines that links the pod to his engines.

ImaKid struggles to keep control of the little pod. It whips about wildly. As the pod swings near the broken spring ImaKid lunges for it. After several attempts he catches the spring and secures his engine.

Cebolla cuts off OhBigToe's engine with his side exhaust header and the racer crashes in a cloud of dust. A third racer, Habanero, flies into the cloud and plows into BigToe. ImaKid rounds the corner and flies into the growing cloud of dust. The force is with him and he instinctively veers avoiding a crash but he still clips BigToe's hanger rail and almost loses control.]

F/B: At the start of the third and final lap, Cebolla is in the lead closely followed by Teawarmer.

[ImaKid finally catches up with Cebolla and they run side by side over the rough terrain. Everyone stands and screams as the racers roar through the arena again. Cebolla tries the A.C. cutting side exhaust trick on ImaKid. He veers hard and avoids the exhaust but gets forced off course onto a service ramp but turns it to his advantage.]

F/B: Amazing a controlled shunt and he's back on course! What a move!

[Cebolla is furious. He stays right on ImaKid's tail, crowding him and pushing him through the turns. He pushes harder and the young boy has a difficult time keeping control. One of the SUCarbatrons on ImaKid's engines starts to come loose. He sees it and switches to the auxillary Rottedchestnuts. While he is preoccupied with this, Cebolla creeps



past him but ImaKid quickly closes the gap and pulls along side.]

F/B: He s catching Cebolla! Incredible!

[Cebolla veers toward ImaKid and bangs into his Pod. He crashes into him again and again. The young boy struggles to maintain control as the steering tierods on the two pods become hooked together. Cebolla laughs at ImaKid.]

F/B: That little human bean is out of his gourd! They are side by side of beef! Shoulder to pork shoulder! They are chicken neck and neck! Tuna eye to eye!

[As they head for the final stretch, ImaKid fights to unlock the steering tierods by trying to pull away from Cebolla. The strain on the steering tierods is tremendous. Suddenly his balljoint parts and his pod starts spinning. The release of tension sends Cebolla into an ancient statue. One of his engines explodes then the other. He skids through the

fireballs, blackened but unhurt. He slides to a smoking stop, gets out of his racer and throws what is left of his shift lever on the ground. Suddenly he realizes that his pants are on fire and he struggles to put them out.

ImaKid also flies though the explosions as the crowds jump to their feet cheering madly. He hurtles over the finish line, he has just won his first race]

F/B: It s TEAWARMER! IMAKID IS THE WINNER!!!

***** The End *****

So what did you think dear reader?

- _ What a waste of paper! More ads please!
- _ Good read, but no more.
- _ Please, sir, I want some more

podwars@drdrip.com POB 92827 Henderson, NV 89009



Now this is a happy rover owner! Chris Dow eviscerating Rosencrantz...

Mechanics & Parts & Service 19

The following list contains parts suppliers and mechanics who support and work on Land Rover and Range Rover vehicles. **This is not an endorsements list.** Before using particular vendors or mechanics we suggest you talk to fellow Land Rover and Range Rover owners regarding their experience and recommendations. Please contact us with any businesses or updates you would like to see added to this list.

Atlantic British [P, OV]
Box110. Rover Ridge Drive
Mechanicville, N Y 12118
tel. 800-533-2210

Badger Interior Coachworks
259 Great Western Road
South Dennis, MA 02660
tel. 501-364-2680,
fax 508-760-2281

Britalia [S, P]
2210 San Pablo Avenue
Berkeley, CA
tel. 510-548-0240

British Bulldog. [P, NV]
394 Kilburn St.
Fall River, MA, 02724
tel. 888-874-3888,
fax 508-674-5025
bulldog@meganet.net

The British Car Co. [S]
5830 Paradise Dr.
Corte Madera, CA° 94925
tel. 415-927-2995

British Motor Car Dist. [D, S, P]
901 Van Ness Ave.
San Francisco, CA
tel. 415-776-7700

British Northwest Land Rover Co. [S, P, OV]
1043 Kaiser Rd. S.W.
Olympia, WA
tel. 206-866 2254

British Pacific [P]
3317 Burbank Ave.
Burbank, CA
tel. 800-554-4133

Carpenter Rigging [AA, ABA]
222 Napoleon St.
San Francisco, CA 94124
415-285-1954

Cole European [D, S, P]
2103 N. Main St.
Walnut Creek, CA
tel. 510-935-2653

DAP Enterprises, Inc.
86 Clinton St.
Springfield, VT, 05156
tel. 802-885-6660

Desert Rover [ABA, NV]
15245 So. 16 Place
Phoenix, AZ° 85048

Euro Parts, Ltd [P]
1910 Prospect Ave.
East Meadow, NY 11554
tel. 800-274-4830

Great Basin Rovers [P, AA]
342 West 1700 South
Salt Lake City, UT
tel. 801-486-5049

Hubacher Cadillac and Land Rover [P, S, NV]
#1 Cadillac Drive
Sacramento, CA, 95825
tel. 415-460-4600

RAB Motors/ Land Rover Marin [D, S, P]
J
540 Fancisco Boulevard West
San Rafael, CA
tel. 415-460-4600

Roverland [S, P]
San Francisco, CA
tel. 415-648-0885

Roverland Parts [P, NV]
2038 Village Point Way
Salt Lake City, UT 840093
tel. 801-942 7533

Rovers North [P]
1319 VT Rt. 128
Westford, VT
tel. 802-879-0032

Safari Gard [ABA, NV]
41095 Fig St.
Murrieta, CA 92562
tel. 909-698-6114

Land Rover San Jose [D, S, P]
4040 Stevens Creek Boulevard
San Jose, CA
tel. 408-246-7600

Scotty s [S, OV]
(Chevy conversions)
tel. 510-686-2255

Shamrock Services [S, NV, OV]
15195 Arnold Drive
Glen Ellen, CA 95442
tel. 707 935-3605

UK 4 Wheel Drive
P.O. Box 123
Estacada, Oregon 97023
tel 503-630-6765
fax 503-630-7519

West Coast British [S, P, AA, NV, OV]
190 Airway Blvd.
Livermore, CA 94550
tel. 510-606-8301

Wise Owl [P]
3396 Marine Dr.
West Vancouver, Canada
tel 1-888-880-2600
fax (604)-921-729

XKs Unlimited [P]
850 Fiero Lane
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401
tel. 1-800-444-5247
xksunltd@aol.com

P	Parts
S	Service
D	Dealer
NV	Newer Vehicle
OV	Older Vehicle
AA	After-market Accessory
ABA	After-market Body Armor

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Northern California Rover Club



Membership Application Form

The Northern California Rover Club is a new club dedicated to providing communication between owners of Land Rover and Range Rover vehicles. We aim to provide a venue for the enjoyment of the vehicles including off road activities and their maintenance by focussing on providing a means of connecting fellow owners. The Club will be holding meetings on alternating months and aiming at producing a newsletter covering issues of interest and providing a forum for communication.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Northern California Rover Club send this form and a check for \$30 made out to Northern California Rover Club to the following address:

**Northern California Rover Club
P.O. Box 14961
Berkeley, CA 94712-5961**

The \$20 covers membership dues for one year with all the rights of membership outlined in the club bylaws; members will receive an initial membership card and club decal, all newsletters mailed in that period, and an annual directory of club members.

Please provide the following information and indicate if any of it should not be included in the club directory which will be distributed only to other members. The NCRC will assume that all information provided is to be distributed unless indicated otherwise. Please note that members must be over 18 years of age and have a valid driver's licence.

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State and ZIP: _____

Tel. number (day): _____

Tel. number (eve): _____

Types of Land Rover/Range Rover owned: _____

Rover related interests: _____
