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August 15, 1985

Have you noticed the days are getting shorter already? That's a sure sign summer is winding down and it won't be long before maple's green begins to take on the red and yellow of autumn 85. The cooling winds have awakened the OVLR exec from its summer snoozings and things have started to pick up in anticipation of a busy fall.

LABOR DAY this year will again be spent chugging through the Calabogie Hills but we're looking at Ontario Crown Land maps of the region to find roads (and non-roads) that'll be new to everyone. We'll pull out of Shoppers' City West parking lot at 9 am sharp on Saturday, August 31 and return in the afternoon of Monday, September 2. (For newcomers, look for the beer store in the north-west corner of the shopping centre at Baseline and Woodroffe.) Land Rovers should be in good mechanical condition with 16-inch lug tires. Participants are responsible for their own grub, tools and spare parts. This is a laid-back trip, so bring your favorite book and shades.

THE FRAME OILING and tune-up in preparation for winter's blasts will be staged on Sunday, September 22 behind Mostly British Ltd. on the Limebank Road. Members wanting their frame coated with oil must make reservations with Treasurer David Johnson (225-6527) as soon as possible. It takes about 45 minutes to spray a Land Rover frame inside and out so we're limiting the number of vehicles to an even dozen.

The club provides the oil, spray equipment and volunteer sprayers (hint .. hint). We'll also drill holes at the proper points in your frame to allow flushing and spraying. If you want help changing plugs, points and retiming the engine, we have a crew and equipment to guide you. You can pick up the ignition parts you'll need before the tune-up or purchase them from Mostly British that day. The club tune-up is free ... you pay only for the parts you need. The frame oiling is \$20 and includes drilling the holes, the oil and spraying. Commercial shops are charging from \$50 to \$90 to spray the underside of vehicles. They don't drill access holes and often spray used engine oil containing acids and other harmful contaminants.

Using a high-pressure system to spray clean oil inside a Land Rover frame is probably the best thing you can do to slow down the inevitable rusting. Because of the Land Rover's box-style frame, water, dirt and scale build up inside and create ideal rusting conditions. Traditional rustproofing products are okay for new and open-type frames but when used on older or boxed frames, they can trap existing rust and moisture against the metal and actually increase rusting problems. A good oil mixture, sprayed into every nook and cranny at high pressure, offers much better protection. OVLR recommends flushing and oiling your frame at least once a year.

A ROAD TRIP to Vermont is in the planning for October 12 to 14. That's Thanksgiving here and Columbus Day in the U.S. We'll have more details in the next newsletter but the general plan is to leave early Saturday, spend one night under canvas and another in a New England inn amid Vermont's colorful mountains. We'll also pay a visit to Rovers North in Westford near Burlington to see their selection of LRs, including, we understand, a 90-inch and a "one-ten" new to this side of the ocean.

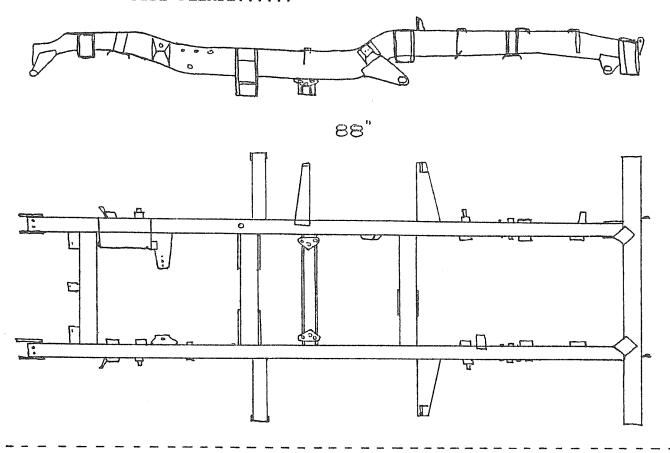
THE GENERAL MEETING, planned to help the exec deal with the club's growing pains, will be held on Wednesday, October 30. The location has yet to be finalized but we'll let you know when we outline the program next newsletter. We also want to talk about making a bulk purchase of LR parts from England. If you're interested, start thinking about what you need.

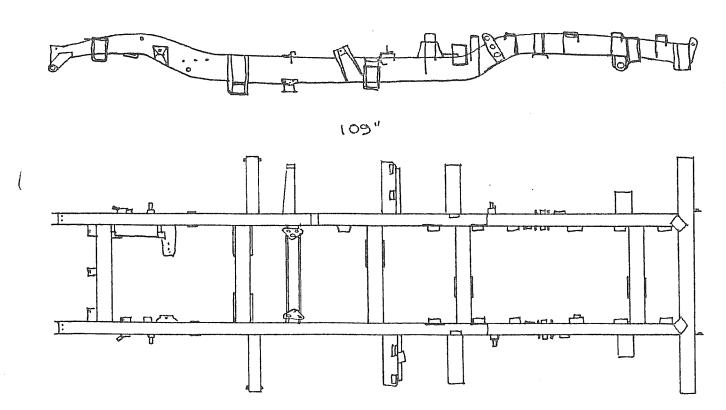
FUTURE ACTIVITIES to help while away the winter nights include guest speakers on insuring your Land Rover, the ins and outs of using Crown Lands, a map and compass orienteering course and a St. John's Ambulance first aid demonstration.

THE AUGUST EXEC MEETING found us with \$490 in the bank, agreement to go ahead with construction of a towbar and plans for club calling cards. The towbar, designed by Peter Whitworth to fit every kind of bumper we've seen on Land Rovers, will be constructed by Bob Hussey and should be available to members by October. The calling cards, being designed by Neil Brewer and bearing the OVLR logo, will be wallet size so you'll always have one handy when you see a strange Land Rover. They should be ready to go out with the September newsletter.

GOSSIP....RUMOUR....FACT....FICTION....TALL TALES....AND A FEW TRUTHS

- *Congratulations to newlyweds Bruce and Joey Ricker.
- 'Transfer Box editor Walt Saveland has resigned with the current edition of the magazine. ALROC president Mark Pankhurst and treasurer Andy Graham will produce the next edition with the following volume going to new ALROC VP Ron Low on Vancouver Island. It'll be returned east for printing.
- 'Don't trust the Post Office to send your new ALROC crests or decals? Now you can get them directly through OVLR. Call prez McD or pick them up at all club functions.
- 'OVLR treasurer David Johnson and family arrived a little cramped but otherwise healthy after their epic journey from Vancouver Island in a Series III-88 bought from Ron Low. On the way they acquired a tailgate from Campart in Calgary to go with the canvas top from England.
- Fred Barrett still has a few bits left from his purchase of Mark Hill's II-A-88. McD bought the engine, Michel Gagne got the starter and some wiring and Al Pilgrim took some of the seats. Call Fred at 731-9595 for bits.
- Kevin Burton of Mount Pearl, Nfld, has engine parts for the 1.6 and 2-litre Land Rover engines. Call him at 1-709-368-7133.
- 'Al Pilgrim recently held a little soiree for members who helped in the year-long rebuild of his 57-107 pickup. By the time he finished counting favors, almost the whole club was there.
- John Pritchard is selling his 67-109 station wagon. It's a 6 cylinder with a fairly good frame. Transmission needs a little work. He's asking \$2000. (521-1283)
- That's all for now.....Mike (224-8300).....Jerry (731-5098).....David (225-6527)





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OVLR wants to know where Land Rovers rust most often. The information will help us develop a plan to fight corrosion. It'll help us determine what parts of the frame are most susceptible and enable us to stockpile specific pieces and sections for the rebuild program.

Take a look at your frame...a real honest look. Then mark the appropriate diagram to correspond with the places your frame is having problems. Use the space below for any comments that might help us deal with rusting frames and their repair.

Then send it to OVLR soon as possible. The frame you save might be your own.

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