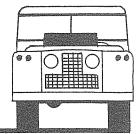




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January 19, 1986

OVLR has a new look on the executive, annual dues for this year are \$10 and our organization continues to grow in membership and capital worth. Those are the highlights from the second annual meeting held January 15.

Pres Mike McDermott was re-elected for a third term after Al Pilgrim -- famous for his "creative" budget when treasurer and inability to understand calendars -- struck terror into the heart of all present by accepting a nomination for the top post. Rest easy folks ... he got thumped.

Neil Brewer, known for his club letterhead and calling card artwork and role as our very own not-so-disco musicman at Christmas parties, was elected vice-president. Neil took over from Jerry Dowell who was elected club secretary, mainly because of his nice legs.

Treasurer David Johnson was acclaimed for a second term after scaring any challengers away with three feet of figures detailing the year's financial story. Johnson had been holding down both the treasurer and secretary jobs but the increasing workload convinced the exec that the positions required two bodies.

Total income for 1985 was \$3,230, compared to \$2,289 in 1984. Club assets, which include Land Rover tools, equipment and spare parts, totalled \$510, up from \$171 last year. Our bank balance is relatively unchanged at \$541, compared to \$531 at the end of 1984. All that means our net worth has increased from \$702 in 1984 to \$1,051 in 1985. (A detailed accounting is attached and explanation is available from David Johnson.)

Annual dues doubled to \$10. It is the first increase since OVLR was created in June 1984 and reflects drastically rising costs in newsletter material and postage. In fact, newsletter costs surpassed income from dues back in March 1985 and the club instigated a \$10 initiation fee for newcomers to help offset the deficit.

Annual dues are set aside to guarantee production of the newsletter for all members. All other activities are financed separately, usually on a user-pay basis. Estimates for 1986 determined material and postage costs will amount to \$7.40 per member based on current prices and a membership of 54 (up from 42 a year ago). Members at the annual meeting voted to increase dues to \$10 to give the newsletter some breathing room from immediate, unforeseen cost increases and to provide funds to incorporate the organization. Legal advice strongly suggests OVLR incorporate as a non-profit organization to protect its executive officers and limit liability. The waiver that members must sign on this year's membership form is part of that movement.

Besides the incorporation question, which you'll be seeing more of in the near future, discussion included our recent bulk purchase and the ALROC-Transfer Box situation. Members who participated in the first bulk purchase saved an average 33 percent over normal prices. The exec is fine-tuning the process and we'll probably see another one later this year.

On the ALROC question, OVLR and ALROC members in the Ottawa chapter, voted to send a motion to the national executive asking that all ALROC members be notified of elections and be given the opportunity to nominate candidates for office and vote. A copy of the motion, set out below, was delivered to ALROC president Mark Pankhurst by hand and sent to vice-president Ron Low and secretary-treasurer Andy Graham by mail.

"In consideration of the fact that the Association of Land Rover Owners of Canada (ALROC) has not published an edition of Transfer Box since April 1985, AND that the traditional method of calling elections and notifying members of nominations and election procedures is through Transfer Box, AND that the current term of office expires March 5, 1986, The Ottawa Valley Land Rovers, a chapter of ALROC, and ALROC members within that chapter, respectfully request that ALROC executive take immediate steps to conduct an election of officers as guaranteed by the constitution by notifying all ALROC members of a firm election date and ensuring that all ALROC members have an opportunity to nominate candidates and exercise their vote."

COMING UP in the near future the OVLR annual slide and video night, news about the May 24 road trip to Waterloo, the Labor Day bush trip to a new location, mechanical seminars, tips on shopping for insurance amid sharply rising rates and more. If you wanna help in the planning, come to the monthly meetings.

News....views....gossip....blather....rumours....facts....fiction....tall tales....

- Attention OVLR members who purchased four-litre jugs of EP-90 gear oil from club stocks. There is a possibility that some of the containers were mislabelled and contain a heavier grade of oil than claimed on the label. If you have a SEALED container, notify Pres McD before February 3. The dealer says they can be exchanged for the proper stuff if the jugs are sealed and found by the store to contain the wrong stuff.
- Enclosed with this first newsletter of 1986 is our brand new membership form. We're looking for complete information on your Land Rover for our club directory which will be published in April. The personal information, like your office number and occupation, is for club files so we can get you in a hurry or look to you for help related to your skills. The completed form and your cheque for \$10 must be received before March 1, 1986 (\$20 if you're joining for the first time).
- OVLR has in stock at cheap prices a set of door-mounted boomerang mirrors and an interior mirror for Land Rovers. These are unclaimed from the bulk purchase and must be disposed of quickly. Call treasurer David Johnson.
- For sale....1965/88. New paint, body good, frame needs work, 16-inch tires. Call Robert Cadieux, Lachute, Quebec. 1-819-562-3372. He's asking \$1,500.
- Pilgrim still has lots of OVLR shirts for \$9.50 each.
- 'Club towbar available to members. It's a universal type that should fit any bumper. Call Pres McD to reserve.
- Al Pilgrim hoping his transfer box is OK after replacing the intermediate gear. Teeth on the larger gear had been shaved but an examination of other bits in the box failed to show how the damage occurred. Very strange.

That's all for now.

Pres McD 224-8300

VP Neil 830-1458

Treas David 225-6527