G'Day eh

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By the time most of you read this, the rest of us will be licking the last of the roast pig from our fingers. If, however, Canada Post departs from its usual schedule and gets the mail out on time, you might still be able to make it to Audrey Cole's farm in time for the Saturday night feast.

OVLR is two years old this weekend (June 21-22) and 24 members and their families are celebrating the occasion with fun and feasting - and overnight camping for those who feel the need - at Cole's Smiths Falls farm (Audrey's phone number for late comers is 1-283-2636). If you can make it for the pig roast, with all the trimmings including the mandatory birthday cake, fees are \$10 for adults, kids free.

OVLR President McD recently received a letter from Harold Huggins, President of the Association of Land Rover Owners of Canada (ALROC). In it Harold says he hopes to publish Transfer Box four times a year. For the information of ALROC members within OVLR, a copy of Harold's prose is attached to this newsletter. By the way, Harold plans to join us this August 2-4 when the Ottawa chapter meets with the Toronto Area Land Rover club for a weekend ralley at Tweed, Ontario. (More on the ralley later.)

The June OVLR meeting found us fighting our way through 80 chicken wings in a Richmond Road restaurant. Treasurer David Johnson has \$440 on the books at the halfway point of the year.

Speaking of bucks, the annual garage sale which, for the past two years has proved the club's big moneymaker, has been cancelled for apparent lack of interest. The sale, scheduled for July 5, went down the tubes after a plea for members to comb their basements for saleable junk went unheeded. Special thanks anyway to Sharon Spangaro for offering her laneway as a sale site and Jordie Bowen for volunteering as a grunt.

The exec has decided to shelve for now a proposal to incorporate the Ottawa chapter. After consultation with a lawyer it was determined the disadvantages of becoming a legal entity outweighed the advantages at this stage.

It's time to start planning the Labour Day bush trip. We haven't had a real "blood, guts and mudder" for a while and the exec would like to hear from members who think it's about time we did.

Events coordinator Al Pilgrim visited the Tweed area several weeks ago with fellow clubmember Fred Barrett to scout the site for the August 2-4 ralley with the Toronto Area Land Rover club. Al negotiated a special price for campsites at the Hidden Valley campground (formerly the Hayloft where the 1979 and 1981 rallies were held). Organizers will arrive Friday night and a convoy will leave Ottawa early Saturday. Fees are \$10 for adults (kids under 16 free) and include a communal dinner Saturday night and your campsite. (Electricity is available at the campsites for another buck.) Deadline for payment of fees to Prez McD is July 1 to ensure a campsite. Full details including a program of activities for the weekend will be published in the July newsletter.

Secretary Jerry Dowell is searching for life member Edna Scott. Edna's newsletters are being returned unopened. Anyone knowing Edna's whereabouts please let Jerry know.

Program coordinator Bob Hussey and ace mechanic Jason Dowell report the rebuild of John and Elizabeth Hart's 88 has begun with the ordering of parts. The Harts are away for a couple of months and, upon their return, work will begin. Stand by. You could be getting a call to help.

Upcoming at the July meeting ... finalizing plans for Tweed, ideas for Labour Day and an examination of our practice of user-pay activities.

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- 'Neil Brewer's sale of parts from his 109-2A is going well but he still has a few bits left. (830-1458)
- 'John Gilliland is moving to Saskatoon and is selling his 73-Series-III. John's 88 is in good mechanical condition with very little rust. He's asking \$2,500. If it doesn't go by June 25, he's leaving it in the care of OVLR to sell. Call Prez McD (224-8300) for a viewing. Good luck, John.
- 'Olga Johnston of Dave Smithers fame is the proud owner of former club member Mike Smithers' 88. It'll be living beside Dave's 109-2A.
- 'Sally, Al Pilgrim's rebuilt 107 came to an abrupt halt in the middle of a Larose Forest mudhole the other day. Seems an obscure little bolt that holds the cam follower mechanism got bored and left home. The result was a three-piece cam chain gear, gibbled tappet slide and a scored cam lobe. McD got the call for the club towbar just after he staggered in from a night tied to the mast of Sparky Van Dusen's boat adrift in a Big Rideau Lake storm. David Johnson, driving Elizabeth's 88, towed Sally home.
- 'Newfoundland member Kevin Burton, who, with brother Bernie, plans to join us at Tweed, has offered to show us "Mainlanders" how they make Land Rover frames on "The Rock". For \$300, they'll produce a 3/16th box frame right before your eyes. For another \$300, they'll install it under your old body. If you're interested, call Prez McD (224-8300) NOW. The boys will arrange to come to Ottawa a week before the ralley if they have any takers.
- 'OVLR's fame is spreading. Several months ago we attracted the attention of Link Magazine, a Britain-based publication that lists Land Rover clubs world-wide. In May we got a letter from a German club and this month it was a Netherlands organization suggesting we exchange club insignia.
- 'Welcome to new members Ken Pisichlco (we're checking that spelling) of Winnipeg and Robert Little of Moosonee.

That's all for now. Remember to get your fees in for Tweed by July 1.

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