G'Day eh

November 15, 1986

Nominations for the 1987 executive closed at midnight, November 12 and the sad news is ... no one is running for president.

In fact, only the vice-president and secretary's position are being contested. The job of treasurer will go to Lyn Leduc by acclamation as the only member nominated for that position.

The race for vice-president will be run by Peter Parsons, Jerry Dowell and Tony Fowler. The secretary's job is being sought by Harry Bligh and Walt Saveland.

Only six members returned their nomination papers. Five members nominated declined to run.

All OVLR members in good standing may vote in deciding who will sit in the two positions next year. Mailed ballots (included with this package) must be received by 7 p.m. on January 7. Send them to the letterhead address. Members wishing to vote in person, may do so during the annual meeting the same night.

Don't forget to reserve a babysitter, grab a date or whatever and get yourself down to Leone's Ristorante at 412 Preston Street on Wednesday, December 10 for the annual Christmas party. Tickets are \$15 each for members and guests and include a choice of three complete dinners, raucous entertainment, prizes and regular tomfoolery. We'll have the usual slide show depicting our activities during the past year ... and the usual embarrassments that accompany them ... as well as the presentation of the Lugnut Award. Should be lotsa laughs, so don't miss it. Things get underway with cocktails at 7 p.m... dinner at 8 p.m.

Eleven Land Rovers and 17 LR lovers attended the frame oiling November 1 at the home of John and Elizabeth Hart outside Kanata. The Harts graciously volunteered a back meadow on their homestead for us to conduct our dirty deed undercoating the frame on our trusty steeds. This year we extended the \$25 treatment to vehicles other than Land Rovers and several members submitted their Detroit Disasters and Jap Crap for treatment ... just prolonging the inevitable ... tee hee.

Al Pilgrim headed up the spray team with Stephane Bergeron filling in when Al came up for air. Several members pulled on their dirties and did their own spraying, getting into all those secret nooks and crannies only owners know about. While the frames were getting their winter coat, McD and Neil Brewer installed a new alternator on Stephane's 88 ... with Stephane nervously visiting from his spraying tasks to fret over his baby.

About noon the campstove was fired up and Al unleashed a huge caldron of his high-octane beans, complete with all the secret fixins. With fresh buns and hot coffee to wash everything down, the crowd cozied up under the canvas as a much-treatened rain finally made a brief appearance. Al won't say what's in the beans but at one point a fire extinguisher was called in when the beans and stove got a little excited and threatened to vapourize the canvas.

In another incident, McD realized in a moment of panic that there was no fly in his longjohns. On the verge of an embarrassing accident ... and with great care ... he created one with the slash of a borrowed knife. Later he discovered his problem. He had his longjohns on backwards.

After a thorough cleanup, thanks and goodbyes to the Harts ... and a short detour to the nearby home of Bruce Ricker to see his "under construction" 109 with the galvanized military frame and bulkhead ... we made our way home, secure in the knowledge that the devil rust had been dealt a sound blow again this year.

The November meeting found us casting our nets in the Red Lobster restaurant. Prez McD tendered an updated version of the club's constitution for discussion by the exec. It'll be presented at the annual meeting January 7 for membership approval. VP Neil Brewer confirmed he would not be standing for re-election, leaving only secretary Jerry Dowell planning to run for office next exec. Treasurer David Johnson and Prez McD announced in October that they were retiring.

Gossip....rumours....truths....lies....wishes....

*A hearty round of congratulations to Kevin Burton in Mount Pearl, Nfld who became the proud father of a mini-Newfie last week. The young lad, at $6\frac{1}{2}$ pounds, already has his heart set on a '49-80-inch. Oh yes, Kevin says Denise is OK too.

*Rumour has it that longtime Land Rover lover George Hurry has a strange new four-wheel drive vehicle sitting in his lane ... shame..shame. Is that the way to treat a friend just because sometimes it wouldn't start and the brakes leaked and the electrics were a shambles and

*Bob Hussey steadily closing in on what's needed to adapt a Detroit Six to his 109 gearbox. He's just purchased an adaptor plate. We'll keep you posted.

*Harry Bligh working on a complete brake rebuild for his 88. He's experimenting with US brake cylinders (they're real cheap compared to Leyland).

*Fred Barrett almost back on the road after several months in the laneway. Fred limped back from the Maritimes last summer sitting on a horseshoe and listening to a "funny noise" he thought was coming from the gearbox. He finally found it ... had to do with lotsa little pieces running around his rear differential that used to belong to the crown gear.

*Neil Brewer putting the final touches on his 88 fiberglass footwells as his "ground up" rebuild continues. Neil promises it'll be rolling before the snow comes to stay.

That's all for now. Seeya at the Christmas party.

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