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## General Information

Ottawa Valley Land Rovers is the oldest and largest Land Rover club in Canada. Membership is open to all Land Rover enthusiasts. Executive meetings are held on the first Monday of every month. Social meetings are held on the third Monday of every month, generally at the Prescott Hotel on Preston Street.

OVL R offers a monthly newsletter and a variety of activities throughout the year, from mechanical seminars and off-road rallies to social events and family oriented outings. Members receive discounts on parts from a number of North American suppliers. Off-road activities come in several categories. The light version, which is usually entertainment during a rally or at one of our family summer events, consists of a little "mud bogging" or tours along country lanes. The heavy stuff, which is usually several days across public lands navigating by compass, topographical maps and aerial photos, involves bridge building, river barging, and driving conditions ranging from cedar swamp to rocky hill winching.

Membership: Canadians joining throughout the year pay \$45 CDN per year, Americans and others pay \$45 US per year (discounts available if you receive newsletter by email). Membership is valid for one year.

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## Hey man, what's going on?

### OVL R Calendar of Events

#### Socials

Socials are held at the Prescott Hotel on Preston St., Ottawa, the third Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m.

#### Executive Meeting

Executive meetings are held on the first Monday of the month. Please contact Jean-Leon Morin for location. [morinjl@sympatico.ca](mailto:morinjl@sympatico.ca)

#### Notices

**Annual General Meeting** – February 6, 2008 – 7:30 p.m. — The Cheshire Cat, Carp, Ontario

**Maine Winter Romp** – February 15-18, 2008 (register by Feb. 10)

**Maple Syrup Run** – April ??? – TBA

**Brits In The Park** – Sunday July 13, 2008 — Lindsay Ontario

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# Land Rover LRX Concept

AutoWeek.com

By WES RAYNAL

Land Rover will show what it calls a vision of its future at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit in January with the world debut of the LRX concept. Why is the LRX a vision of Land Rover's future? Company design boss Gerry McGovern said the LRX's design signals Land Rover's shift into new areas of the market. In other words, Land Rover hopes to attract a whole new group of customers with a compact, environmentally friendly SUV.

The LRX, which looks sort of like a Mini on steroids, is a three-door wagon, the concept based on the LR2 platform. Land Rover officials said that if it's built, it will be built on a new platform. It is the smallest Land Rover the company has ever made.

"LRX has unmistakable Land Rover design and the breadth of capability that you'd expect from our vehicles," said Phil Popham, Land Rover managing director. "But it carries those essentials into a segment where the brand has never been before, and with a proposed level of efficiency that would make it one of the cleanest vehicles in its class. It is Land Rover's way of affirming the brand's responsible approach to future product development."

This is the first new Land Rover since McGovern became design director.

"LRX is a design born out of passion for the brand, but it is different, relevant, engaging and exciting," said McGovern.

Land Rover sees the LRX's



compact size as one of its advantages, hoping it will appeal to those who want a smaller SUV with Land Rover cachet. The company also figures that if it's produced, the LRX's lower weight and reduced aerodynamic drag will help improve fuel efficiency and reduce emissions.

Land Rover revealed just a few powertrain details when we looked at the LRX but said more will come at the show. They did say it has full-time four-wheel drive and hill-descent control, as well as a new version of Land Rover's excellent Terrain Response system, which optimizes traction on surfaces ranging from icy roads to wet grass, gravel and snow. The LRX's Terrain Response is unique in that it has an Eco mode for lower emissions.

The interior is tan and dark chocolate leather with polished aluminum details. The instruments use floating LCD graphics to create a three-dimensional look, and a touch-screen area has an interactive display and an iPhone docking station. The seats are attached to the center console and thus "float" individually, giving an impression of a light, airy interior while creating useful underseat and underfloor stowage areas.

On either side of the tailgate, removable speakers include an iPod docking station. Also out back is a cooler and bottle chiller that can be clipped to the lowered tailgate.

The LRX has several sustainability tricks, such as the polycarbonate side glass (about 40 percent lighter), vegetable-tanned leather (chromium-free, better for recycling), extensive use

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## Land Rover LRX Concept

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of aluminum (both lightweight and recyclable) and carpeting made of felt from sustainable sources. The off-white door inserts and headliner are of 100 percent recycled material made from used plastic bottles.

“We are determined to make sustainability a key element in our future product design and the way we do business, while



still creating vehicles that have a strong emotional appeal as well as fulfilling people’s practical needs,” said Popham. “No single technology delivers all the answers to whole-life sustainability, but the LRX concept brings together some of the ideas for the future that interest us, integrating them into a car that we believe represents an exciting way forward for Land Rover.”

*submitted by Murray Jackson*

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## A Winter’s Tale — S.A.D. but true (mostly)

For those of you in the Northern Hemisphere, especially those of you north of the 49th parallel, you may not find the content of this article surprising. The fact that I actually wrote it, well, I’ll let you form your own conclusions on the reasons ... but if you need a hint, pick one: boredom, empty newsletter syndrome, using oil-based paints in a confined space. For those of you in the south, this should give you an insight into the psyche of the Land Rover owner who’s trails are all under 6 feet of snow ... yes, I’m talking about winter and the effect on the mind.

Ottawa was hit once again yesterday by a fairly heavy snowfall, which we in Canada like to blame on a storm front from the US, just like the southerners blame the need to wear their ‘stocking caps’ on the Arctic air from Canada. (*ed. note - these are actually toques*) ... and when we get cold we blame it on the Inuit. (*a.k.a. Eskimos - ed.*)

In any case, I knew that it was Ground Hog Day, where Wiarton Willie (& Punxsutawney Phil) emerges to check on spring. I also knew it was time to put the finishing touches on the January newsletter. (Yes, *Dixon*, that means actually starting it.) I still needed a cover photo and a story, so I naturally thought of the Disco in my driveway, all



covered in snow, to show what we’re faced with here for half the year.

As I took a few shots, I noticed that the licence plate (*the tag - ed.*) was the only thing still clearly visible ... something tugged at my sub-conscious ... but what could it be ? Being a fan of the X-Files/Millennium/CSI/NCIS genre I thought it needed more scrutiny ... so out came the magnifying glass for a closer look ... hmmm ... intriguing ... a hint of something, a flashback to the year 1961 ... (that is a clue, people) ... BUT, still I couldn’t quite grasp it ...

Back inside I loaded the digital photos onto the computer to check them out ... looking for the best ones for the newsletter, trying to come up with an idea for an accompanying article and also the answer to the mystery ... I flipped the one in the magnifying glass over, to see the image better ... closer and closer to the answer I got ... then I

flipped the next image over and there it was ... BBHK318 ... my licence plate, still looking back at me plain as day ... BUT the photo was flipped vertically!!!

All I can say after that is ... Please, Willie (Phil) let it be an early spring !

*Terry King*  
*OVLR Newsletter Editor*

# OVL R Annual General Meeting

## Date

Wednesday, February 6, 2008

## Location

Cheshire Cat Pub  
2193 Richardson Side Road, Carp, Ontario  
(613-831-2183)

## Directions

Go west on the Queensway to the Carp Road exit, head north on Carp Road. At the first set of lights turn right onto Richardson side road. You are there.

## Information

We've reserved the second floor and the meeting is to start around 7:30 PM.

If you wish, you can show up before the meeting, say around 6:00 or 6:30, for dinner before the meeting.

This location has several advantages. First the owner has a nice series truck, the food is

pretty good and the beer is very good. (Most importantly we can use the upstairs for FREE)

I'm the returning officer so please get your nominations in to me before February 6th.

According to our bylaws at the AGM we need to elect a President, Offroad Coordinator, Events Coordinator, Member at Large. See me if you want some information about the duties of any of these positions.

It turns out when I first booked the room the Pub had a previous engagement, (if you show up on the 5th, there will be no trucks but a bunch of people playing cards instead.)

See you on the 6th.

If you get lost you can call me on my cell 613-791-2994

Regards,

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## Brits In The Park

### Lindsay Ontario – July 13: The Classic British Motor Event of 2008

The Victoria British Car Club presents **Brits In The Park**, Sunday July 13, 2008.

Set in Victoria Park under majestic trees amidst beautiful gardens and brick walk ways.

- All British made vehicles and motorcycles welcome. Entry fee is \$10
- Dash plaque to all entries.
- Prizes, pub, Brits and Spanner market place.
- Queen Victoria herself. Music by Jack Nevins.
- Car clinic with Dave Jackson\*
- Field opens at 9:00 a.m.
- Peoples choice judging begins at 11:30 a.m.

and closes at 2:00 p.m. Awards at 3:00 p.m.

- Antique Show and Sale in the Armory Building on site.

***Come Join Us – rain or shine!***

### Car Clinic

Dave Jackson, formerly of Commonwealth Motors in Oshawa, will be present to answer your questions. Provide your questions in writing prior to **Brits in the Park**, July 13, via e-mail or at registration desk at the event.

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# OVL R Social Report

by Norm de Plume

The first Social of the year took place at the Prescott on the third Monday of January. Attendance was pretty good for the depths of Winter with seven brave souls appearing. What made this noticeable was that Jean-Leon made it there in his diesel powered 109 and did not need assistance in restarting to return home. Granted, he is fearful of the upcoming journey to the WinterRomp and is actively seeking a chase vehicle for the inevitable. The most interesting conversation that evening centred around what Mike McDermott should do with his noisy gearbox. Granted, it has been loud for the past twenty years, but maybe it is time to deal with the problem. Oil was suggested, but that does not seem to make much of a difference. The merits of adding banana skins, or maybe sawdust were extensively debated. The problem with sawdust was which kind? Hardwood or softwood? What characteristics are important? Maybe some cedar to alleviate that hypoid smell in a Land Rover? Mike will report next Social!

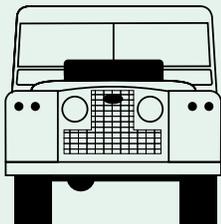
## Dear OVL R member,

OVL R is looking for memories, anecdotes, photos, copy — anything that reflects the history of the club way back when Bruce Ricker had hair. We are looking for material to help fill in “history” to celebrate our 25th anniversary this June.

Please send anything you might have to Mike McDermott at 2160 Black Creek Road, Edwards, Ontario, KOA 1V0.

All material will be photocopied and returned.

For info call McD at 613 - 821-1362 or [mikemcd@magma.ca](mailto:mikemcd@magma.ca).



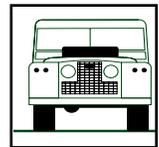
Probably of more interest will be JL's campaign platform in the upcoming election. JL has decided, should he be elected President (again), the Birthday Party will be dry. Granted, JL is also seeking other platforms to ensure that he is NOT elected for a third or fourth term. (Granted, JL has to make it to the Birthday Party in his Land Rover first, but that is another story ...) JL encourages *YOU* to nominate someone for the position. Nominate a friend, someone you don't like, nominate anyone! Bruce Ricker, Fred Joyce, Dixon Kenner and Mike McDermott all bowed out, citing their previous experience on the Executive and that it was time for someone with fresh ideas and more importantly, would provide entertainment at future events and set new standards for the position (JL, running out of diesel, and getting pushed to a ferry by Bruce Fowler's 80 set a new high/low for the position!). Gordon Bernius and Peter Gaby were notably silent. Hmmm ...

The next Social will be at the Prescott on February 18th.

## Classifieds

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