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# Springtime in Shawville



*Dave explains a detail about his ambulance*

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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.

OVLR 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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CB channel 1

FRS channel 1 sub 5

SW 14.160 MHz

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<http://www.ovlr.ca/phpBB2/index.php>

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## Hey man, what's going on?

### Calendar of Events

#### **Socials:**

March 19th: Monthly OVL R Social and Meeting at the Prescott Hotel on Preston Street (Little Italy), Ottawa – at 7:00 pm

#### **Executive Meeting:**

OVL R Executive meetings are held on the first Monday of the month. Please contact Bruce Ricker for location – email: [b.p.ricker@rogers.com](mailto:b.p.ricker@rogers.com)

#### **Notices:**

May 26 – OVL R Tune-up & Trailer clean-out, Andrew Finlayson's in Woodlawn – details to follow.

Late May – Oxford Mills Antique Car Show

June 22-24 – Annual OVL R Birthday Party

Mid July – All British Car Day, Britannia Park, Ottawa

August 4 & 5 – Blacker than Night

September 15-16 – British Invasion, Stowe Vermont & British Car Day, Burlington Ontario

October 5-7 – ROAV Mid-Atlantic Rally, Virginia

Late September to mid October – Frame Oiler

October 13 – Cedar Hill Classic (projected from past dates. To be confirmed!) Pakenham, Ontario (west of Ottawa)

# President's Message

**W**elcome to the April Newsletter – and welcome to the shiny new executive committee, that looks remarkably like the last one with a few exceptions.

Although I have been an OVLR member for the last ten years, and have served as Exec Member at Large a couple of times, this is my first time on the Presidential Throne...

... I was recovering from the flu at the AGM, couldn't really hear everything that was said, when Dixon sidled up... I can't really remember what happened next, but he can be very persuasive, and who could resist his ingratiating smile...

Anyway, I'd like to introduce myself to those who don't know me.

I am (another) ex-pat Brit living the good life here in Canada, and I've been fascinated with Land Rovers since I was a kid. On family trips to Northern Ireland in the 70's I was really impressed by military SII 109's and lightweights, especially the noise made by a convoy of them plus Bedford RL's and Humber Pigs on bar-grip tyres. Really cool!

My Land Rover addiction developed seriously after we moved to Canada in '99 – and like a lot of fellow members, has now reached chronic status: If I include Dominique's Land Yacht ('07 LR3), we now have 5 LR's in the Jones stable: '58 SI 88" (kinda runs), '59 SII 109 Stn Wgn (won't run for a while yet), '64 SII 109 Pick-up (no chance for a long time) and '76 101 FFR (2012 project vehicle).

We are fortunate to have enough space that I can park / store / hide a lot of stuff and after 2 yrs of scheming and plotting have finally been able to build a garage so I can indulge / self-medicate on EP90 and LR restoration.

My Presidential intent this year is to follow the example set by Bruce Ricker, Peter McGough and JL Morin over the last five plus years, and with the help of our dedicated hard-core group of members, ensure we hit the target on the club's keystone events and activities. The first of which occurred on Sunday



15th April, when Vern and Linda Fairhead hosted the 25th Annual Maple Syrup Rally at their farm near Shawville, QC

Needless to say it was very ably coordinated by Mr Peter Gaby, and as usual, was a very pleasant, relaxed, event that was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who attended.

2012's big attractions were Vern's latest additions to his open air industrial museum, especially the impressive steam powered winch: And despite the warm weather in February and March badly affecting the sugar season, Vern and Linda were able to provide the club's maple syrup addicts with their annual fix: Thank you.

The Exec's focus in the coming weeks will be to ensure we are fully prepared and can stage another successful Birthday Party in June. But we will also be planning to run or participate at the following events during the year including, but hopefully not limited to:

- Spring Tune-up;
- Oxford Mills car show;
- ABCD;
- Frame Oiler;
- Cedar Hill Classic; and
- The Christmas Party

Any club, even ours, exists to serve the needs of its membership, currently steady at around 130 people. Not bad, but, not too long ago we were above 250 and 14 years ago were approaching 400.

So, this year, I'll also be listening hard to you, the membership, to understand what you want from your club and your executive both this year and beyond.

Please let me know what you like, don't like about what we are doing currently, but if you really want to get my attention, offer some positive ideas about what we can do to make the club more relevant and attractive to new people and ensure our long term survival.

Hope to see you and hear from you soon.

BEST REGARDS  
ANDREW

# Series Heater Tips & Fleet Update

**F**or those of you who drive your series Rovers in winter, Princess Auto has a great deal on heaters. They are the kind with a radiator, 3 speed fan and a housing with three doors that can be opened or closed as required. They originally sell for over \$250 but are on sale for \$62 till the stock is gone. I bought two of them.

I finally got my cab wind tight. I discovered that the rebuilder of this vehicle failed to replace the gasket under the windscreen and the faster I went the more air was rammed into the cab. I found it by driving without my "almost part of me" hat and feeling wind in the few strands of hair I have left on top.

I forced black rubber cement into the crack and that plus a couple of rubber corks for fire wall holes has given me a very cozy cab. With the new heater and the Kenlow Fan I expect to install to increase the engine heat, I should have a very civilized vehicle.

We put Jeff's Land Rover up on our hoist this week and to our surprise found that the driver's side spring shackle was so loose the locating pin was not engaged. That accounts for the very dangerous swerves I took driving it from Selkirk to E. Selkirk, about 7 miles.

It is so nice now that if we replaced the springs with the new ones in the back, this would be a vehicle worth rescuing if we hadn't already decided to "break" it for parts. The engine is spot on now that I did a little tinkering and starts in 1/2 a revolution of the starter. I am afraid to check the compression because it will just make me feel even more sure we should not rebuild it but my son bought it and wants it fully stripped and rebuilt, so, rebuilt it shall be.

I have claimed the transmission, which is tighter than my rebuilt model. We have already used the hood locking mechanism for the "keeper". Some of the windows will be next as I have not been able to install the new rubber sweeper seals I bought at Atlantic British Parts, on the edges of either the rear or cab windows. There has to be a trick. I have new rubbers and new metal retainers but I just can't marry the two to the window edge. I am going to transplant the windows from Jeff's, which are really quite good.

If some of you have been watching the OVL R Webforum you will know that my rebuilt Rover is getting 60 MPH at 3,000 RPM and 50 MPH at 2,000. How does that compare to anyone else out there? The Fairey O/D knocks off about 700 RPMs. I expect when the rings get seated better my speed will increase.

I am installing the Warn hubs from Jeff's Land Rover as well so that will also add a bit of speed. I guess that is all the news fit to print from the Prairies, so till next month, may your Rover stay right side up.

DAVE PLACE  
SELKIRK, MANITOBA

## OVL R Website Forum

To all members:

There was a discussion at the recent Executive meeting regarding the future of the Forum. It was proposed that it may be taken down and replaced with a Facebook site.

If you have anything to say on the matter, please email me at [terrycking@rogers.com](mailto:terrycking@rogers.com) and I'll get those comments to the Exec.



### New Members Wanted!

*Invite your Land Rover obsessed friends to join OVL R!*

*See page 2 for subscription details.*

# 29th OVL R Birthday Party

**Silver Lake, ON**  
**June 21-24, 2012**

## Background

For 64 years, since the Amsterdam Motor Show in 1948, Land-Rover's products have served the world and are still hailed as masters of rough terrain travel. OVL R celebrates its 29th Birthday this year.

## The Event

The event will be held near Silver Lake, Ontario, because of the geographical location being central to the bulk of OVL R regional members as well as having some diverse terrain upon which to host the event. (bedrock, cedars swamp, and mud). Silver Lake is located about sixty miles west of Ottawa on Highway 7.

People with an interest in Land Rovers will be coming from Quebec and Ontario and the northeastern United States to participate in activities and share ideas, experiences and yarns. The event is open to all Land Rover Products - Land Rover, Range Rovers and Discoveries.

Owners of Rover cars and other vehicle makes are most welcome to attend and participate in the spirit of the event. However, certain activities will be only for Land Rovers (i.e. RTV Trials, Land Rover displays.) You do not have to be a member of any club to attend and participate in the event; however, because of insurance requirements you must be a member of OVL R to drive off-road. Membership forms will be available at the event.

- Thursday will be a setup day
- Friday and Saturday will be for offroading and the RTV
- Sunday will have the auction and cleanup
- There will be a catered dinner on Saturday night, and a light breakfast on Sunday.
- Costs and other details will be on the web site and in future mailings.
- Registration form will be available online prior to the event



## Accommodation

There are a variety of accommodation options available:

- Silver Lake Provincial Park
- OVL R Main Event site
- Various motels and B&B's are in the area

## Contacts

OVL R  
PO Box 478  
Carp, Ontario Canada K0A 1L0

If lost while getting there: Phone 268-2162  
(Deacon's residence on site)

## What should you do?

Contribute ideas now – Let your friends know of the event – Volunteer to help with any organizing requirements – either at or prior to the event

- Participate in all facets of the event
- Bring your vehicle and show it off
- Meet and talk to other Land Rover enthusiasts – Renew acquaintances



# Classifieds

## LAND ROVER 101 AMBULANCE LHD

This vehicle has not been jury rigged or messed about in any way. In "as released" condition. All faults declared. You won't find a more genuine ex military 101 ambulance this side of the pond. There are no more of these machines to EVER come out of service. Road registered and runs and drives. Always dry stored, no tall grass storage horror. OFFERS ACCEPTED.

Contact: Robin 1-613-484-6602 or rcraig@sakto.com

*Apr2011*

## LAND ROVER 101

Land Rover 101 FC LHD 24volt soft top. Runs + drives and is road registered in Ontario. All known faults declared. No dreamers, be prepared to view and buy. Offers.

Contact: Robin 1 613 484 6602 or rcraig@sakto.com

*Apr2011*

## 2004 DISCOVERY 2 SE7

For sale – Epson Green, Fully Equipped with leather, 7 seats, 148,000 km, dealer maintained with documentation. 4 new tires, tow package. \$6,000.

Contact: Chris Glauning 613-632-2879 or cjglauning@sympatico.ca

*Aug2011*



## LAND ROVER DISCOVERY II, 2002

191,000 km; Automatic transmission to be changed; Otherwise in very good condition; Equipped with an ARP bull bar

Asking \$3,000

Contact: Jean François Bonin 613-941-4172 or jean-francois.bonin@justice.gc.ca

*Nov2010*

## EX-MOD SERIES III – FRONT GRILL AND DOOR SILLS

I had an ex-MoD Series III that was subsequently sold, however I still have the plastic front grill and door sills. Rather than have them end up in a land fill, is anybody interested in them?

Contact: Len – lnp00@live.ca

*Dec2010*

## DISCOVERY II ORIGINAL PARTS

Steering Guard \$400 (ovno) brand new still in original packaging - never used. LRN51135P - plate; LRN51135 - kit; LRN51135B - bracket; LRN51135F - fittings

Fuel Tank Guard \$400 (ovno) brand new still in original packaging - never used. LRN51175

Axle Guard \$400 (ovno) brand new still in original packaging - never used. LRN5115P - plate;

LRN5115B - bracket; LRN5115F - fittings

Protection Bar - \$100 (ovno) brand new still in original packaging - never used. STC50260

Contact: Kevin Le Messurier-Girling

Daytime: 905-436-7813 Evening: 905-728-0822

*May2011*

## 2000 Disco

Reason for selling: too small. \$2400. obo

## ENGINE AND R380 TRANSMISSION

From my 1995 Range Rover Classic; 15,000km on it since rebuild... \$1,500

Contact: Olia Tryfonova – oliaian@yahoo.ca

*Nov2011*

## 1989 HARD TOP

Checker plate wing tops; 300 tdi with r380 gearbox; new ebrake shoes and seal; split doors; new rear door; lockable side storage box; heated seats; mud td5 dash; new springs; new shocks; poly bushes; new steering box; new injection pump; bfg all terrains.

This is a solid Land Rover. \$15,500

Contact: Matt 613-222-

5121



## BROKEN DISCOVERY I

Lots of parts available, electrics, seats, doors, panels etc.

Contact: Kevin Le Messurier-Girling

Daytime: 905-436-7813 Evening: 905-728-0822

*May2011*

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## Classifieds (continued from page 7)

### 1989 DEFENDER 110 COUNTY

Turbo diesel engine; right hand drive; 12 seats; steering and transmission protection bars; factory Land Rover folding steps  
Mileage 168,000, excellent condition for year, white exterior with blue fabric interior, original paint with the odd touch up. Imported late 09 and Ontario registered. \$15,500  
Contact: Matt 613-222-5121  
englishman99@hotmail.com

Mar2010



### 1983 MERCEDES G WAGON 280

SWB model, right hand drive. Black with techno cloth interior. 6 cyl 2.8 inline Mercedes petrol engine with 4 speed auto trans. Excellent condition. Chassis is very clean. Front and rear diff locks. Asking \$18,000  
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*The Age of Steam makes a comeback*

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