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President's Message

Welcome to another beautiful (if somewhat reluctant) Canadian spring! Time to start actually doing all those repairs and mods to your 4x4 that you've been bravely talking about all winter.

Spring AGM

The Spring Annual General Meeting, this year sponsored by the Ottawa Valley Offroaders, will be held from 3–6 p.m. on Saturday, June 22nd at the Royal Canadian Legion Number 593 in Ottawa.

The meeting will be held on the same day (immediately after) OVO's 2nd Annual Twist-Off and Show-n-Shine. There will also be a night run. All in all, a busy day with a little something for everyone. More information will be sent to individual and club members in the near future. For more information on the day's events, visit the OVO web site at <http://ovo.ca/>.

Projects on the Go

While the snow's been falling, the directors and volunteers at Northern Lights have been working on a number of things that you, our members, have asked for. Discount programs, membership cards, and—the most requested—club and directors liability insurance are just a few.

These programs are all in progress. If things go well we should have them in place by mid to late summer. If you know any off-road related companies that would like to participate in the NL4x4 discount program for members, please e-mail their contact details to our Discount Committee at discounts@nl4x4.ca.

Superlift 4xAdventure

The April 2002 issue of *4WD and Sport Utility* magazine has a great 4-page colour

spread on last years Minden Superlift 4xAdventure. That, combined with the articles in the Toronto Star and the extensive coverage in the Minden Times last summer, is generating a lot of interest in Canadian off-roading. So much so that we've already received a number of Canadian and U.S. registrations for this year's 4xAdventure

There is now a local Ontario address to send your applications to. To get more information and your application form, visit www.nl4x4.ca and click on the Superlift 4xAdventure logo in the events listings.

Co-operative Events

One of the most important goals of Northern Lights has been to bring member clubs together to work for a common cause. One look at the events calendar for this year and you can see how well it's working.

Many of our clubs are putting on events that are open to all NL4x4 members. In some cases, two or more clubs are hosting events co-operatively. It's great to have all these different events to choose from. It's even better to be able to meet new people and to wheel on trails you've never seen before.

Northern Lights Events

There seems to be some confusion around what it means to put on a Northern Lights event. There are three types of official NL events:

Benefit Event Some or all of the proceeds of the event (if there are any) will be donated to Northern Lights. How much is entirely up to you.

Invitational Event The event is open only to members of Northern Lights clubs or those who hold individual NL4x4 memberships.

Invitational-Benefit Event Because you can combine the first two categories as well.

Whichever category you choose, none of these events are run by Northern Lights. They are completely organized and operated by the individual club (or clubs) holding the event. We're happy to help in any way we can. You can always let others know, through the NL4x4 news list, that you need a hand or sponsors for trophies, etc., but it's still *your* event. Making it a Northern Lights Benefit or Invitational event merely lets people know that you're running the event to support Northern Lights and its philosophy of co-operation. It also helps clubs or individuals who aren't members of NL to see the benefits of joining.

This year, for instance, North Hastings 4WD Club, in conjunction with the Ottawa Valley Offroaders, is putting on the

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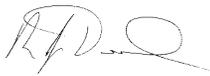
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2nd Annual *Under the Northern Lights 4x4 Challenge*, which is an Invitational-Benefit event. OVO has a number of Invitational and/or Benefit events on the calendar. New Frontiers is putting on a rock-crawling competition as an Invitational-Benefit that is sure to be a great event to spectate or participate in.

Check out the events calendar in this newsletter or on the nl4x4.ca web site for more information. Get your applications in early! With over 1,800 wheelers under the Northern Lights banner (and growing) these events book up fast.

See you on the trails!



Rick Duval
President, Northern Lights

Outaouais-Ottawa Jeep Club

The OJC has a full pack season ahead. Early in the season (June 13–15) the OJC will participate in the Lac Brome Jeep Jamboree in the Eastern township in Quebec. The OJC will provide help by bringing bilingual trail guides to the event and any other help required. The Jeep Jamboree will give a good start to the off road season.

One of our goal this year will be to bring more trails and events to more Jeeps. New this year will be director runs. Each member of the Board of Directors will host an event this summer, one per month. This will ensure regular outings.

Our annual BBQ will return this summer on July 27th. This our second biggest social event after our Christmas Party. It brings fun for all families. The BBQ was

Ottawa Valley Offroaders

Well the season is upon us, and it's time to see if all those winter mods will work. This year, the OVO plans to continue with its agenda of strength, growth, fun, and wheeling!!! As in past years, we start the year off with our Annual PJ Party May 18th and 19th. The PJ Party has grown over the years; this year our theme is Capture the Flag. (I had so much fun doing it in the Ramsey Nationals, I thought we would try it here.) Again this year, we have a small contingent going to both the Smoky Mountain Venture and the Ramsey Nationals. Richard Delorme will be representing OVO in the Nationals, and if I survive the Venture, I may consider it. Been there, done that.

The other main event will be the 2nd Annual Twist Off. The Twist Off will be cohosted with the Outaouais-Ottawa Jeep Club (OJC) to make this a larger event this year. We will have both 23 and 30 degree ramps available, and will have awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in the

Stock, Modified, and Super Modified classes. This event will be held June 22nd and will coincide with the Northern Lights Spring General Meeting.

The Northern Lights Spring General meeting will be hosted by OVO this year. It will be held in Bells Corners, Nepean, at the Royal Canadian Legion, 3732 Richmond Road, 3:00–6:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 22nd. OVO is working on getting someone from the Drive Clean Program down for a seminar and question period. If you have any questions regarding Drive Clean, Northern Lights, or off-roading in general, come out to the meeting and make your voice heard.

For the rest of the year, OVO will be participating in all the usual local, regional, and national events, as we have in the past. We hope that, once again, this will be another growth year. On behalf of the OVO, happy wheeling.

John Farley
President, Ottawa Valley Offroaders
Vice President, Northern Lights



very successful last year and will be even better this year.

The OJC will also repeat its annual Show-n-Shine event. Scrape the mud off your engine and come. This event is open to all—we have lots of door prizes. We will be joining with the OVO Twist-Off for this event to hopefully put on a huge expo.

Our primary focus for the time being is the Jeep Jamboree in June. The primary goal is always to have fun!

Happy trails! <http://www.jeep-club.org>

Christian Fortier
Vice-President, Ottawa Jeep Club

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Under The Northern Lights 4x4 Challenge 2002

Saturday June 8–Sunday June 9, 2002

Under the Northern Lights is hosted by the North Hastings 4 Wheel Drive Club and cohosted by the Ottawa Valley Offroaders.

This event is open to all individual members and club members of the Northern Lights 4x4 Trailriders Association. This event is limited to fifty (50) trucks, and is closed to the general public—*Under the Northern Lights* is intended to be an enjoyable weekend for all Northern Lights member clubs. We'd like it to be a weekend where we can meet and get to know each other.

Because there are no sponsors, there is a small donation fee of \$25 to enter. The fee goes to cover costs (backhoe/dozer, trophies, etc.). Spectators are free but donations are gladly accepted. After all the costs are covered, a donation from the proceeds will go to Northern Lights.

All of this takes place on private land near Warkworth. The competition and camping area consists of about 20 acres. The main competition areas are in a field, camping is available in a small wooded area beside the course. Please come self-sufficient for camping. A chip truck will be on site to provide burgers, fries, etc. for those wanting to purchase food.

Events start Saturday at 10 a.m. and go until 6 p.m., with a bonfire after supper. Sunday, events start at 9 a.m. with a trophy presentation following.

T-shirts with the event logo on them are available on a pre-order basis. If you're interested, please indicate your size and quantities on the registration form. T-shirts cost \$15 each.

There are two classes: Modified (small lift, tires & lockers) and Super Modified (modified plus plus plus). Each event has a maximum of 100 points. Points are accumulated by going a distance/scoring on each event. Penalty points are subtracted for winching, reverse motion, stopping for a five-count, or going out of bounds.

The Events

Bus Pull Each participant attempts to pull a bus 100 feet.

Judging Based on your approach and departure angles and ground clearance at the lowest point of the vehicle.

RTI - 23D Ramp Travel Index Measurement of your vehicle's flex.

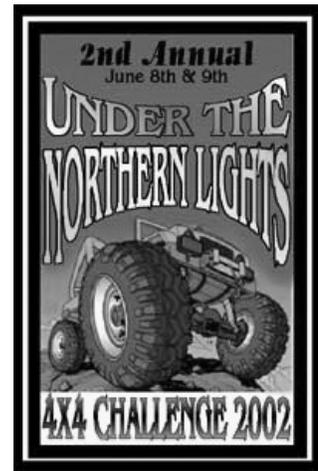
Log Course First into a mud hole and then challenge several different sized logs placed at different angles.

Blindfold Course A trail winding through the field with log, rock, angles plus holes throughout, but driven while wearing a blindfold.

Tank Trap A slowly uphill course with approx. 600 ft. of rocks, mud, tires plus.

Switchback Hill A twisting climb up a hill in a small wooded area.

Poison Ivy Hill Mud, loose rock, and ledges.



Mini Rubicon Approximately 75–100 ft. of rock of various sizes.

Teeter-Totter See how long you can balance on this large teeter-totter.

Moggle Hill The steepest part of the hill, with angles, turns, and holes—both ways.

Al Graham

North Hastings 4 Wheel Drive Club

Under The Northern Lights 4x4 Challenge 2002

Registration Form

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____

Phone (H) _____ (W) _____

E-mail Address _____ Club Affiliation _____

Vehicle Make _____ Model _____ Year _____

License Plate # _____ Insurance Policy # _____

Competition Class: Modified Super-Modified

Please list below any modifications to your truck:

T-shirts are \$15 each, please indicate size and quantity:

Adult XXL _____ XL _____ L _____ M _____ S _____

Donation fee (minimum \$25) enclosed will be paid at event

The Northern Lights Trailriders Association, North Hastings 4 Wheel Drive Club, and Ottawa Valley Offroaders rules and bylaws will apply during this event.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please mail completed form to:

North Hastings Four Wheel Drive Club, P.O. Box 332, Foxboro, ON K0K 2B0
or e-mail complete information to: Al Graham at agraham@ptbo.igs.net

Upcoming Events

Under the Northern Lights 4x4 Competition 2002

Saturday & Sunday, June 8–9, 2002

Run by North Hastings 4WD Club and co-sponsored by Ottawa Valley Offroaders, this event was real winner in 2001 and will be bigger and better for 2002.

Northern Lights Spring General Meeting

Saturday, June 22, 2002

This year's spring meeting will feature a Drive Clean seminar and question period. Hosted by the Ottawa Valley Offroaders, the meeting takes place on Saturday, from 3–6 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion #593, 3732 Richmond Road, Ottawa, Ontario.

Twist-Off and Show-n-Shine

Saturday, June 22, 2002

Co-organized by OVO along with OJC. This is a fun day of flexing on the 23- and 30 degree ramps, car crushing, and rodeo style events. We may even have a truck teeter totter there too!

Superlift 4xAdventure 2002

August 17–19, 2002

Over 120 vehicles and 300+ participants attended the 1st Superlift 4xAdventure in Minden this past August.

Response was so positive that Superlift and Sports in the Rough asked us to do it again and we said "of course!"

New Frontier Four Wheel Drive Club Rockcrawling Competition

September 7–8, 2002

Parry Sound will be the stage for a great Rockcrawling Competition this coming summer. Lots of camping and parking for spectators. Stay tuned for more details.



Northern Lights 4x4 Trailriders Association

Membership Dues:

- Individual Membership \$20/year
- Club Membership \$100/year
- Associate Membership \$20/year
- International Membership \$25/year

Individual and International Memberships include NL4x4 decal.

For more information,

- Visit us on the Web at www.nl4x4.ca
- E-mail us at information@nl4x4.ca
- Mail us at **P.O. Box 14
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Corporate assistance and support is critical to the ongoing mission of Northern Lights, and is always appreciated. For more information, please contact our Corporate Liaison, Len Bink, at l.bink@nl4x4.ca.

Letters to the editor and submissions to this newsletter are always welcome. Submissions may be edited for style and length. Contact the Newsletter Editor at editor@nl4x4.ca for more information.

Ottawa Valley Land Rovers

Ottawa Valley Land Rovers, Inc. (OVLRL) is the oldest and largest Land Rover club in Canada. OVLRL was originally conceived in 1982 as a local chapter of the Association Of Land Rover Owners of Canada (ALROC), which dissolved in 1986. OVLRL continued to grow to the extent where, by December, 1994, it was tied for the third largest club in North America. Membership currently stands at over 250 members, a quarter of whom reside in the Ottawa Valley. The rest reside primarily in the United States (from New York State, to Virginia, to Montana and to the deserts and coasts of California), as well as Britain, and even Germany. The club celebrates its 19th birthday in June 2002. Membership is open to all Land Rover enthusiasts.

OVLRL offers the only monthly North American newsletter for Land Rover aficionados as well as a variety of activities throughout the year—from mechanical

seminars and off-road rallies, to social events and family-oriented outings.

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 photographs) involves bridge building, river fording, and driving conditions ranging from cedar swamp to rocky hills requiring winching.

One of OVLRL's many achievements has been its newsletter. When OVLRL was formed in 1984, we realised that unless a club keeps in regular contact with its membership in some physical sense, it risks failing. Keeping this in mind, it was put in the club's constitution that OVLRL would produce a monthly newsletter. In



many ways, the OVLRL newsletter can be seen to be the successor to *The Transfer Box*, published by ALROC between 1974 and 1989. Their policy of encouraging the formation of regional clubs within Canada, and the timing of *The Transfer Box* in 1983 lead to the establishment of OVLRL and our monthly newsletter.

A social evening is held monthly on the third Monday at the Prescott Hotel at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome!

*Shannon Lee Mannion
Ottawa Valley Land Rovers Club*

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16	17	18	19	20	21	22 <i>• 2nd Annual Twist-Off—OVO & OJC</i> <i>• Northern Lights Spring General Meeting—OVO</i>
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Member Clubs



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