

**Hi Fellow Overlanders**

John and I have just returned from the Rosy Rhubarb festival in Shedden Ontario, and two weeks before that, the G.L.A.S.S. rally in Berrien Springs Michigan.

We had such a good time at both and the weather co-operated in each case.

Congratulations to all the Canadians. We had a great turn out from the Ontario Overlanders, the Rovers, and the Great Lakes Converted Coach group.

A big thanks to Dennis Dunning for once again organizing our part in the ice-cream social. We were sorry to have run short of ice-cream, but that was not our fault. I bet they order more for next year.

A thank you to Don Crawford for representing our club as national director and to Lloyd Green representing us as regional V.P. for Ontario at G.L.A.M.A.

I would also like to thank Val Butler for her work in the registration booth and also Ray and Shirley Walsh for their help in the recruitment booth for our club.

We had three families show interest, and we invited them to our rallies but so far have not heard from them.

We were extremely proud to receive our thirty year certificate and cheque and will display the certificate in a special page among our historical pictures. Our treasurer has the cheque.

We wish we had been able to have more time to include all of you in the crowd, and to thank the Michigan Knights for their part in encouraging our club to become chartered. Our intention was to have everyone in our club stand, but we were to keep it short so we would not hold up the entertainment.

John MacCallum our founding father and first president feels very passionate about our club as you know, and it was evident in his emotional thank-you. Personally, I felt it was a golden moment lost, as we were too rushed and this could have been an excellent opportunity for recruitment.

The Rhubarb festival was a delight. We had rhubarb in every form, and the best was the hot rhubarb sauce over ice-cream as we listened to the musical entertainment each night.

We had two wonderful breakfasts served by the local fairground and service clubs.

The entire village turned out with garage and craft sales on the Saturday, and the vendors were in attendance both days.

We thank Bruce and Eileen Binks for a great wine and cheese party during which we held our meeting.

John answered questions concerning Med Ex insurance, and Ray asked for volunteers for the upcoming international rally in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Lloyd Green brought up several issues, but there were no motions brought forward from the floor.

As a special celebration for our thirty years in operation we are ordering special golf shirts for everyone as paid up members of our club. They will have our embroidered logo on them, and we would ask you to put your correct size on the paper supplied in the newsletter. A vote was taken on the colour as they were modeled and it was unanimous.

Our upcoming rallies look like lots of fun, so we look forward to seeing you there.

They say, if you drive slowly and coast to a stop, you save gas. Coast in to the next rally.