



▶ vehicle on the course. Well, she certainly had her work cut out for her.

It was laid out with a Defender 90, which (if you didn't know) is quite a bit shorter than the Range Rover Classic Kim was driving. She had her problems, naturally, but did exceptionally well on the course. There were drop-offs and other obstacles larger than any she had tackled before on the course and she did great, but at one point there was a problem – no steering!

The power steering line had sprung a leak and here was poor Kim trying to navigate a tricky RTV in a Range Rover with no power assistance. She managed to complete the course and was given rounds of congratulations for pulling it off with no damage to her truck whatsoever.

I stuck around the RTV course to watch some of the other participants make their way around.

*Top: The Canadian Shield is loaded with beautiful lakes and swamps.*

*Below: An 88" rider takes in the spectacular views on offer.*

*Inset: Kim and Ted make some quick repairs.*

Unlike a typical RTV, up here very few wickets were used. The ones that were, were used in a rather unconventional manner: "OK, now you reverse down here until you make contact with this stick." This was a rather odd use of the wickets, but also very challenging for the drivers. It seemed easy enough: up the hill, turn left, stop, reverse back down hill a bit and to the left into the stick. Well, not so easy for some.

**safe from harm**

As Kim was making her way through the last bit of the course (without power steering, remember), the 88" Series III behind her was winching the third truck (a white Disco) from contact with a rather immobile tree trunk. Quite the array of rigging was used, as was the hi-lift jack and a few choice words, naturally. It was rather pleasant not being the one

winching, or being winched for a change, as my 110 was safely back at home base, *not* being broken.

Since there were so few wickets on this rather unconventional course, some people decided that the trees (and rocks) were fair game. A heavily modified 110 tackled the course like a bulldozer after the white Disco was out of the way, taking down several smaller trees (and doing a bit of damage to his truck as well).

After that, a rather nice looking early 2-door Range Rover Classic tackled the course and did a fine job polishing his paint with tree bark. Later, a 107" Series One hammered through, also felling a few trees and debarking still more along the way. It really was a battle zone in there...

Later, back at the event site, we got to the task of repairing

