

# Whistle Stop

February 2022

*A publication of the Grande du Michigan Forty and Eight*



## From the Grand Chef de Gare

Greetings Voyageurs,

A thank you goes out to Voiture 1536 Chef de Gare Dale Worvie and La Presidente Dee Roe for the invitation to your December Christmas party. I could not be there, but thank you for the wonderful gifts and for taking such great care of our Grande La Presidente.



Please make every effort to attend Spring Cheminot. I will pay for the registration of every Chef de Gare and Correspondant Locale who attends.

Please, this is your Grande. Help us keep it strong and viable by attending Grand Cheminot and Promenade.

Grand Promenade is coming 12-14 August. Please come help with making important decisions and welcoming our new Grande officers. Get involved — it's your Grande.

Membership, membership, membership. Get two!

Respectfully,  
Michael Brokenshire  
Grand Chef de Gare  
Grande du Michigan

## From the Grande La Presidente

Dear Dames,

It feels as though it has been forever since I have seen some of you and I hope this finds you in good health and happy. I am hoping your holidays were filled with love, cheer and family! I look forward to seeing all of you at Spring Cheminot in March, there has been a date change due to a conflict of schedules this will now be held 3/19/22 in Lansing at Voiture 946. I have not as of yet heard from anyone regarding baskets at Spring Cheminot so if you can please help. I am still interested in any fundraising ideas you have??



Since I have last seen most of you I had the pleasure of attending 1536 Christmas party, what a wonderful time. Thank you to all the Dames and Voyageurs who made me feel so welcomed and at home I am blessed to have had the opportunity to attend such a wonderful event. I had the opportunity to attend the Rendezvous that morning and to all the Dames of 1536 I am so thankful for all of you that could attend and am hoping Dee is feeling better? Thank you again for sharing your event with me and allowing me to help a little it is nice to feel like I can contribute a tiny bit to a wonderful cause.

It would be great to see some endorsements for

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Greetings Voyageurs,

Included in this edition of The Whistle Stop is the Official Call for Spring Cheminot, which will take place March 19 at Voiture 946 in Lansing. Please, please, please make every attempt to attend Cheminot. Important decisions are made at Spring and Fall Cheminot, and you should have a voice in these issues.

I am receiving input from Nationale about membership issues. The deadline for renewing membership for 2022 is long gone, and if Locales have Voyageurs who are delinquent in membership, please make every effort to contact them and have them renew.

We also need new members. Reach out to veterans you know and explain to them the benefits of the fun and honor organization that the Forty and Eight is. Keep an eye open for job fairs and other events for veterans and attend those events with the goal of signing up new members. We need some new, younger folks to carry on the mission of La Société in the future.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have questions or issues. My email is richadams946@gmail.com, my phone number is (517) 388-4962 and my snail mail address is 1919 Danbury E, Okemos MI 48864.

Yours in service  
Rich Adams  
Grand Correspondant  
Grande du Michigan

## From the Grande La Presidente

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officer positions this year, if you are at all interested and have any questions please feel free to reach out. I am hoping everyone has been able to work on their membership for the year! 2021 cards have expired so if you don't have your 2022 card make sure you get that taken care of. Again I am looking forward to seeing you all very soon.

Yours in service,  
Lori A Bolley  
Grande La Presidente

**TORNADO SAFETY TIPS**

- 1 LOOK & LISTEN**
  - Watch for dark, greenish clouds and hail
  - Tune into the local National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) station for updates and instructions
  - Look for the start of funnel clouds and move before a tornado forms
- 2 NEVER RACE THE TORNADO**
  - Keep your seatbelt buckled and reroute to the nearest shelter
  - Move quickly over bridges and through tunnels, which create stronger wind currents
- 3 SHELTER IN PLACE IF DEBRIS POSES RISK**
  - Pull into a spot off the road, avoiding high-wind channels
  - Keep your head below the window beltline and cover yourself with a blanket or your arms
  - Only exit your vehicle if you can lie in cover in an area lower than the level of the roadway
  - Stay put until community warning systems announce the storm has passed
- 4 WHEN ALL IS CALM, ASSESS YOUR SITUATION**
  - Immediately leave any building or vehicle with damage
  - Check for personal injuries and assist other injured coworkers until help arrives
  - Watch for hazards such as power lines and broken glass
  - Keep phone lines open for emergencies, contact loved ones through other methods

**Safety comes first.** Visit [FleetSafetySolved.com](https://www.fleet-safety.com)

## Grande du Michigan



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### La Societe Des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux

To: Grand Officers	Grand Committeemen
Grand Cheminots	Grand Executive Committee
Voiture Officers	Interested Voyageurs

By order of the Chef de Gare, Grande Voiture du Michigan, the Spring Cheminot will be held on Saturday, March 19, 2022 at Voiture 946, 2949 S. Waverley Highway, Lansing MI 48911.

Pre-registration \$10, send to Rich Adams, 1919 Danbury E, Okemos MI 48864  
**MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO VOITURE 946**  
 Doughnuts, fruit and coffee will be available.

La Femmes pre-registration \$10, send to Lori Coe, 277 Maple Run, Mason MI 48854  
**MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO GRANDE CABANE de MICHIGAN.**

Registration for Voyageurs and Dames begins at 0930.

#### SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 19, 2022 Executive Committee, 1130  
 Lunch 1200, included in Voyageur registration, lunch available for \$5 for Dames and guests.

CHEMINOT CONVENES at 1300

ALL OFFICERS, CHEMINOTS AND COMMITTEE DIRECTEURS ARE ADVISED TO PROVIDE A WRITTEN COPY OF THEIR REPORT TO THE CORRESPONDANT.

**All Chefs de Gare, Correspondants and any Voyageurs are welcome to attend.**  
**UNIFORM OF THE DAY: Red shirts, chapeaus.**

Michael Brokenshire  
 Grand Chef de Gare

Rich Adams  
 Correspondant

# List of Grande du Michigan Openings

The list below where it says "OPEN" needs to be filled by anyone willing to do the JOB! Your help is needed.

Grand du Michigan 2021 - 2022 Officers & Appointments & Directeurs							
Title	Voiture	Name	Address	City	Zip Code	Phone Number	E-Mail Address
<b>Elected Officers</b>							
Grand Chef de Gare	V946	Michael Brokenshire	4365 West Holt Road Apt. #1	Holt	48842	517-490-3512	<a href="mailto:GySgtRet99@gmail.com">GySgtRet99@gmail.com</a>
Grand Chef de Train		John Bradford				734-634-1328	<a href="mailto:johnwa364@gmail.com">johnwa364@gmail.com</a>
Grand Conducteur	V946	Michael Spitzley	1214 N. Briarfield	Lansing	48910	517-582-0493	<a href="mailto:spitzleym277@gmail.com">spitzleym277@gmail.com</a>
Grand Guard de la Porte	V746	Teddy Hendges	P.O. Box 16	Pleasant Lake	49272	517-769-2418	
Grand Lampiste	V746	Clair Knickenbocker	423 Oakwood Beach	Brooklyn	49230	989-970-9469	
Cheminot Nationale	V746	Lonnie Haynes	506 Mill Street	Leslie	49251	517-652-4847	<a href="mailto:Carrie.Haynes@ymail.com">Carrie.Haynes@ymail.com</a>
<b>District Cheminots</b>							
District # 1 Eastern Michigan		OPEN					
District # 2 South Eastern Michigan		OPEN					
District # 3 South Central Michigan		OPEN					
District # 4 Central Michigan		OPEN					
District # 5 Northern Lower Peninsula Michigan		OPEN					
District # 6 Northern Upper Peninsula Michigan		OPEN					
<b>Appointments</b>							
Grand Correspondant	V946	Rich Adams	1919 Danbury East	Okemos	48864	517-388-4962	<a href="mailto:rrileyadams946@gmail.com">rrileyadams946@gmail.com</a>
Alternet Cheminot Nationale		OPEN					-
Grand Avocat	V946	James Coe II	277 Maple Run	Mason	48854	517-582-1035	<a href="mailto:cmscoe@yahoo.com">cmscoe@yahoo.com</a>
Grand Commis Voyageur		OPEN					-
Grand Historien		OPEN					-
Grand Drapeau		OPEN					
Grand Aumonier		OPEN					
Grand Photographer		OPEN					
Grand L'Editeur	V946	Rich Adams	1919 Danbury East	Okemos	48864	517-388-4962	<a href="mailto:rrileyadams946@gmail.com">rrileyadams946@gmail.com</a>
Grand Aid de Camp	V946	Curtis McLendon	900 Long Blvd #228	Lansing	48911	517-667-1739	
Grand Aid de Camp		OPEN					
Grand Aid de Camp		OPEN					
Grand Organizer		OPEN					
Grand Dignitary Host		OPEN					
Directeur Grand Membership		OPEN					

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Directeur Constitution & By Laws		Edward MacLachan II	9436 Farrand Road	Otisville	48463	810-631-4011	
Directeur Time & Place	V946	James Coe II	277 Maple Run	Mason	48854	517-582-1035	<a href="mailto:cmscoe@yahoo.com">cmscoe@yahoo.com</a>
Directeur Finance & Audit	V946	Randal Gregor	2684 Rampart Path	Holt	48842	517-256-0259	<a href="mailto:rgregor27@aol.com">rgregor27@aol.com</a>
Directeur Credentials & Resolutions		OPEN					
Directeur Special Awards	V746	Lonnie Haynes	506 Mill Street	Leslie	49251	517-652-4847	<a href="mailto:Carrie.Haynes@ymail.com">Carrie.Haynes@ymail.com</a>
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Directeur Americanism		OPEN					
Directeur Box Car		OPEN					
Directeur Carville Star		OPEN					
Directeur Child Welfare		OPEN					
Directeur Nurses Training	V946	James Coe II	277 Maple Run	Mason	48854	517-582-1035	<a href="mailto:cmscoe@yahoo.com">cmscoe@yahoo.com</a>
Directeur POW/MIA		OPEN					
Directeur Youth Sports	V946	Lori Barber	900 Long Blvd #228	Lansing	48911	517-517-420-2087	<a href="mailto:barber4158@comcast.net">barber4158@comcast.net</a>
Directeur Ways & Means		OPEN					
Directeur Public Relations		OPEN					
Directeur Voiture Activities		OPEN					
Directeur Ritual		OPEN					
Directeur VAVS & National SOUS Directeur VAVS	V957	Gary Bourdeau	34 W. Phillips	Milan	48160	734-649-2041	<a href="mailto:gbourd001@sbcglobal.net">gbourd001@sbcglobal.net</a>
VAVS Ann Arbor	V957	Gary Bourdeau	34 W. Phillips	Milan	48160	734-649-2041	<a href="mailto:gbourd001@sbcglobal.net">gbourd001@sbcglobal.net</a>
VAVS Battle Creek		Jeremiah Andrus	2029 Parkwood Ct.	Brooklyn	49230	517-474-6161	<a href="mailto:jabearone@gmail.com">jabearone@gmail.com</a>
VAVS Detroit		OPEN					
VAVS Iron Mountain		OPEN					
VAVS Saginaw	V600	Frank Rocha Jr.	118 Heyn Street	Saginaw	48601	989-992-0930	
VAVS MVF Grand Rapids		OPEN					
VAVS MVF Marquette		OPEN					
Directeur Fort Custer National Cemetery		OPEN					
Directeur Great Lakes National Cemetery		OPEN					

## Great Lakes 2023 planning meeting Feb. 20

Voyageurs,

Well I hope everybody had a merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Now it's time to get down to business. As your Cheminot Nationale/Guard de la Porte Nationale, I would like to inform y'all that Michigan will be hosting Great Lakes Promenade in 2023. The hotel has already been approved by the Great Lakes Secretary of Treasurer.

There will be monthly planning meetings, the first of which is Sunday, Feb. 20 at 1 p.m.. at Voiture 946. All are welcome to attend. This will be a Grande function and any help would be appreciated . Anybody interested in helping can give me a call at (517) 652-4847 . That's it for now.

Cheminot Nationale and Nationale Guard de la Porte  
Lonnie Haynes