

# Whistle Stop

October 2021



*A publication of the Grande du Michigan Forty and Eight*  
**From the Grand Chef de Gare**

## Michigan Voyageurs

I want to thank the 30 Voyageurs out of the 798 Voyageurs in the state of Michigan who took the time to attend Grand Promenade in West Branch. You helped shape the upcoming 2022 year. This is your Grand, so thank you very much, for your help.

***1 or 2 bodies can make the difference in membership.***

Thank you to the 8 Voitures that hit 100% or plus, the 11 that hit 90% and the 4 that hit 80% and the other 6 that gave it all they had. 2022 will be as challenging to hit goals as in the past. If we at Grand can help you in any way, please feel free to contact any of the Grand Line Officers.

### Grand Line Officers

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|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Grand Chef de Gare      | Michael Brokenshire | 517-490-3512 |
| Grand Chef de Train     | John Bradford       | 734-634-1328 |
| Grand Conducteur        | Michael Spitzley    | 517-582-0493 |
| Grand Lampiste          | Open                |              |
| Grand Guard de la Porte | Teddy Hendges       | 517-740-4720 |



Respectfully Submitted;

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I look forward to seeing the Chefs de Gare Local and Correspondants Local and newly elected or appointed District Cheminots and Sous Cheminots at Grand Fall Cheminot in Leslie, Michigan on 9 October 2021. Much work must get done and your assistance is needed/required. Also please come with nominations for Grand Lampiste.

Here we go – 2021-2022 has begun! Let's be successful together! Grand du Michigan!

## From the Grande La Presidente

Dear Dames,

Firstly I want to thank all who attended Grande Rendezvous in West Branch in August. It was nice to see friends and sister dames. Seeing new faces was wonderful! Still missing some faces but blessed to have all who could make it!

I have recently returned from Rendezvous Nationale where it was as always good to see friends I haven't seen in a very long time! We are blessed to have Janet Walsh our new Nationale La Presidente! She is a wonderful person you will all enjoy

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Greetings Voyageurs,

First, congratulations to the new Grand officers elected during Grand Promenade in West Branch. I especially want to thank those who stepped up and agreed to be nominated to the Grand Line. The new officers are:

Grand Chef de Gare Michael Brokenshire

Grand Chef de Train John Bradford

Grand Conducteur Michael Spitzley

Grand Guard de la Porte Teddy Hendges

Lampiste — open

We now have our new officers in place, a new approved six Cheminot District plan, and recently I mailed and emailed details of the plan and the Official Call for Fall Grand Cheminot to every Chef de Gare and Correspondant Locale. Those documents are in this edition of The Whistle Stop.

Also in that mailing I urged the Chefs and Correspondants to find a Voyageur in their Voiture Locale who has an email and can print out PDF documents, which will allow me to send documents and Official Calls in a more timely manner that is more convenient for all.

If you don't have a Voyageur who has this ability, please find someone who has a child or grandchild who could receive, print and deliver the documents to dad or granddad.

Fall Grand Cheminot will be pretty important this year. Actually, it is important every year — Voyageurs and officers Locale should make every effort possible to attend Grande du Michigan events. The more informed we are and the more we communicate with one another, the stronger our Grand will be.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or suggestions. My phone number is 517-388-4962, my mailing address is 1919 Danbury E, Okemos MI 48864, and my email address is richadams946@gmail.com. Stay well, stay safe, and I hope to see you on 9 October in Leslie.

Yours in service,  
Rich Adams  
Grand Correspondant  
Grande du Michigan

### From the Grand Avocat

Greetings all,

As you get this, a few Grand officers have just attended Nationale Promenade in Springfield, MO.

We had elections, got much needed information, and picked up pins. Also, the national password was chosen.

If you ever intend to see the entire ordeal, we are in Green Bay, WI next year. 2023 will see us only three hours away in Sandusky, OH.

We will vote on Kalahari at

Promenade; that one will be for 2024.

In order for our Grand to get the information and pins, your Voiture needs to be represented at Grand Fall Cheminot. All pins will be there also. Watch for the official call—I need to pack. Last but not least, I got the money. We need to talk at Cheminot.

James A. Coe II

Grand Avocat



### From the Grande La Presidente

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tremendously!

The summer has passed and we are entering into fall so I will soon be able to see you again at Fall Cheminot being held at American Legion Post 491, 422 Woodworth St. in Leslie. We are short a second La Sous Presidente so fundraising for the Grande is going to be an all-hands-on-deck project! If you have any ideas I would love to hear them. If your Cabane could provide a basket or something else to raffle it will be greatly appreciated I will bring a lottery basket to Fall Cheminot and this will at least get us started. I look forward to being busy this year and hopefully seeing everyone soon. Stay safe!

Yours in service,

Lori A Bolley

Grande La Presidente

## 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 Fall Cheminot will be held on Saturday, Oct. 9, 2021 at Voiture 746, American Legion Post 491, 422 Woodworth St., Leslie, MI 49251.

Pre-registration \$10, send to Ted Hedges, P.O. Box 16. Pleasant Lake MI 49272  
**MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO VOITURE 746**  
 Doughnuts, fruit and coffee will be available at registration desk.

Femmes pre-registration \$10, send to Judy Eccleston, 152 9<sup>th</sup> St., Britton MI 49229  
**MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO GRANDE CABANE de MICHIGAN.**

Registration for voyageurs and dames begins at 0930.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE meets at 1130, then each committee will be called in order, then the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will close the meeting.

#### SCHEDULE

Saturday, Oct. 9, 2021 Executive Committee, 1130  
 Lunch 1200, included in voyageur registration, lunch available for \$5 for Dames and guests. Menu is soup, salad, vegetarian gluten-free lasagna and a selection of desserts.  
 CHEMINOT CONVENES at 1300

ALL OFFICERS, CHEMINOTS AND COMMITTEE DIRECTEURS ARE ADVISED TO PROVIDE A WRITTEN COPY OF THEIR REPORT to the Correspondant.

Michael Brokenshire  
 Grand Chef de Gare

Rich Adams  
 Correspondant

# Approved 5-District Grand Cheminot Map



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## New Michigan Cheminot Districts

| <b>New Cheminot District</b> | <b>Voiture</b> | <b>County</b>  | <b>Members</b> |
|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| #1 Eastern                   | 102            | Wayne          | 56             |
|                              | 120            | St. Clair      | 56             |
|                              | 1002           | Suburban Wayne | 20             |
|                              | 1061           | Macomb         | 36             |
|                              | 1116           | Genesee        | 4              |
|                              | 1536           | Lapeer         | 34             |
| <b>Total</b>                 |                | <b>6</b>       | <b>206</b>     |
| #2 Southeastern              | 746            | Jackson        | 36             |
|                              | 957            | Washtenaw      | 63             |
|                              | 997            | Lenewee        | 101            |
|                              | 1153           | Monroe         | 36             |
| <b>Total</b>                 |                | <b>4</b>       | <b>236</b>     |
| #3 South Central             | 161            | Kalamazoo      | 5              |
|                              | 181            | Calhoun        | 32             |
|                              | 396            | Branch         | 23             |
|                              | 545            | St. Joseph     | 27             |
|                              | 1223           | Hillsdale      | 5              |
| <b>Total</b>                 |                | <b>5</b>       | <b>92</b>      |
| #4 Central                   | 553            | Kent           | 12             |
|                              | 600            | Saginaw        | 23             |
|                              | 721            | Newaygo        | 14             |
|                              | 756            | Shiawassee     | 18             |
|                              | 868            | Clinton        | 3              |
|                              | 946            | Ingham         | 121            |
|                              | 1420           | Ionia          | 25             |
| <b>Total</b>                 |                | <b>7</b>       | <b>216</b>     |
| #5 Northern Lower Peninsula  | 669            | Iosco          | 37             |
|                              | 767            | Clare          | 39             |
| charter suspension           | 1363           | Manistee       | 7              |
|                              | 1425           | Midland        | 25             |
| <b>Total</b>                 |                | <b>4</b>       | <b>106</b>     |
| #6 Upper Peninsula           | 599            | Marquette      | 30             |
|                              | 659            | Dickinson      | 10             |
|                              | 1288           | Menominee      | 20             |
| <b>Total</b>                 |                | <b>3</b>       | <b>60</b>      |