

# Whistle Stop

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## From the Grand Chef de Gare

Greetings!

Well, the state is opening, and I hope all of you are doing OK. Obviously, things will be a little different for a while, but we can get through it.

Congrats to those Voitures that have attained 100% membership. It is not too late to reach our goals. I would like to see the Grand at 100%. We can!

The State Wreck had to be cancelled; we will reschedule soon. Also, my Homecoming has been changed to 29 August, flyer attached. For those going to Pennsylvania for Great Lakes, it is 24, 25 and 26 July. Info on website. I would like to do more traveling in-state, trouble is we are running out of time.

We need to see everyone at Grand Promenade in Lansing 7-8 August. See registration form. Extremely important that each Voiture be represented. See Avocat article info on elections. Much more will be in my report at Grand Promenade. Take care, see you soon.

In Service  
Lonnie Haynes

P.S. All reports are due to Grand Directeurs by 1 July



## From the Grande La Presidente

Dear Dames,

I have missed you! I hope you all are well and have remained healthy and happy throughout this difficult time. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at Grande Rendezvous hopefully. The summer will as usual fly by I am sure and Rendezvous will be just around the corner.

I am deeply saddened by the loss of Ellie Irwin, I will miss her tremendously as I know everyone who had the opportunity to meet her will.

I know times are tougher right now and things are different so this is when family comes together. I have enjoyed the past couple of months being able to say Thank you to First responders and doing some fun things in lieu of all this. Your safety is my first priority so know that if I can do anything for you I will.

I hope to see you in August if not before, please know that the Nationale Presidente Penny Haigler is scheduled to attend our Grande Rendezvous ☺

Please feel free to call me at 1-517-204-2077 or email me at [loribolley@sbcglobal.net](mailto:loribolley@sbcglobal.net).

Yours in Service,  
Grande La Presidente  
Lori A. Bolley-Majeske



## From the Grand Correspondant

Greeting Voyageurs,

First, I hope you all have remained well during these very unusual times. Hard to believe we survived service in the military but could be taken down by a tiny virus. Most of us are the target age for COVID-19, so it was especially important to take care to avoid the virus.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at Grand Promenade here in Lansing. It's always good to reacquaint with one another and have face-to-face communication.

Which brings me to the usual subject that I have been harping on for the past two years as Grand Correspondant — communication. I have tried my very best to keep the Grand roster up to date, but I haven't received officer lists from many voitures locale. I believe I have received one since the start of the year, and when it comes to mailing items to every Chef de Gare and Correspondant Locale (which I did in June) it could be hit or miss.

Furthermore, it is important that you either email me or send me forms regarding Taps. We have our annual memorial service at Grand Promenade, and I would hate to miss the name of a voyageur who passed away after serving his or her country, their community and their fellow veterans.

As always, the Whistle Stop and other very important forms and documents are posted on the Grande du Michigan website at [www.40et8Michigan.com](http://www.40et8Michigan.com) and on the Grande's Facebook page. I realize there are some who are not at all familiar with computers, but you could always ask your grandkids — or great-grandkids — to call it up and print it out for you. As it is I am snail mailing copies of the Whistle Stop to each Chef de Gare and Correspondant Locale when it is published.

Let's keep in touch. It will improve our organization. My phone number is (517) 388-4962, my email is [richadams946@google.com](mailto:richadams946@google.com) and my snail mail address is 15855 Turnberry St., Lansing MI 48906.

Thank you,  
Rich Adams

Grand Correspondant

## From the Grand Avocat

Happy summer!

The Grand Chef talked a bit about Grand Promenade. I want to re-emphasize the importance of your attendance. We need to elect the Grand Chef de Gare and virtually all other grand line officers. We currently only have a Grand Chef de Train. We need a Lampiste, Garde de la Porte, Conducteur and Chef de Train.



We will also be holding the final vote on Cheminot redistricting. We will need to choose delegates to Promenade Nationale. It proves to be a busy time.

Please bring your note pad and ideas. So far, I have two Nurses Training reports. Help! Questions? [csmlcoe@yahoo.com](mailto:csmlcoe@yahoo.com).

Utmost importance—officer lists need to be submitted to the Grand Correspondent. We have to know who we are working with.

Thanks for your attention.

Jim

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## From the Grand Chef de Train

June 10, 2020  
Michigan Voyageurs,

MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERSHIP, HOW BOUT MORE MEMBERSHIP !!!!!!!

### 2020 Membership

Voiture	YTD 2019	YTD 2020	2019 Year End Total	% of Quota	Short/Over
102	56	54	56	96.43	-2
120	55	47	56	101.79	+1
161	5	5	5	100	0
181	32	22	32	68.75	-10
396	23	21	23	91.30	-2
545	27	22	27	81.48	-5
553	12	13	12	108.33	+1
599	29	29	30	96.67	-1
600	23	23	23	100	0
659	8	7	10	70	-3
669	35	40	37	108.11	+3
721	11	10	14	71.43	-4
746	36	36	36	100	0
756	18	12	18	77.78	-4
767	39	36	39	92.31	-3
868	3	3	3	100	0
946	119	96	121	79.34	-25
957	63	44	63	69.84	-19
997	100	100	101	99.01	-1
1002	19	24	20	120.00	+4
1061	32	36	36	100.00	0
1116	4	6	4	100	+2
1153	23	23	36	63.89	-13
1223	5	5	5	100	0
1288	19	13	20	65.00	-7
1363	7	9	7	128.57	+2
1420	25	25	25	100.00	0
1425	25	24	25	96.00	-1
1536	32	36	34	105.88	+2
<b>State</b>	<b>893</b>	<b>833</b>	<b>918</b>	<b>90.74</b>	<b>-85</b>



Grand Promenade August 7th and 8th, 2020. On the following page is the registration form. Please fill out early and mail it in for planning purposes (with check) and help make it a success PLEASE. This is your Grand. Make it what you expect.

If no one puts in for it Fall Cheminot, it will be held here in Lansing at V946. Call me, text me or E-mail me, I WANT TO AND CAN HELP!!!

Respectfully Submitted;  
Michael V. Brokenshire  
Grande Chef de Train  
(517) 490-3512

[GySgtRet99@gmail.com](mailto:GySgtRet99@gmail.com)

Total 29: 14 at 100% or better, 6 at 90%, 1 at 80%, 4 at 70% and 4 at 60 or less.

Great Job to all 14 AT 100% ers

1 or 2 bodies to make the difference, Please please please, get there!!



Grande du Michigan  
Grand Promenade  
Hosted by Voiture 946  
August 7th & 8th, 2020



Please Mail this 1/2 of this letter with your Registration:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Voiture/Cabane \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print)  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Voyageur Registration \$10 per # \_\_\_\_\_ / La Femmes Registration \$15 per # \_\_\_\_\_

Booster Name \$2 per name (s) \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_

Booster Ads \$50.00 Full Page / \$25.00 1/2 Page

Please E-mail Ads and or Pictures to: GySgtRet99@gmail.com (Use MSWord & Jpeg Format)

Banquet \$40.00 per person: How Many Attending Banquet \_\_\_\_\_.

Choice of Focaccia Parmesan Chicken, Twice Baked Potato **OR** Roasted New York Strip Loin, Parmesan Red Skin Potato  
Both will Come with Green Beans and Tossed Salad.

**Deadline: July 20<sup>th</sup> 2020**

Causeway Bay Hotel & Convention Center  
6820 S. Cedar St. Lansing MI 48911  
517-694-8123

You must make your own reservations. Room rate is \$91.00 (Taxes not included).

Keep this 1/2 of this letter for your records:

Voyageurs send registration and Banquet money to:

Michael Brokenshire, Grand Chef de Train Michigan

2949 S. Waverly HWY

Lansing, MI 48911

**Voyageurs Please make Checks Payable to: Voiture V946**

La Femmes send **Registration Only** to:

Name Cheryl Jamnick, Cabane 957

Address 7835 Munger Road  
Ypsilanti, MI. 48197

**La Femmes Please make Checks Payable to: Cabane 957**

Voyageurs Registration \$10 # \_\_\_\_\_, La Femmes Registration \$15 # \_\_\_\_\_

Banquet \$40.00 per person: How Many Attending Banquet \_\_\_\_\_.

Choice of Focaccia Parmesan Chicken, Twice Baked Potato **OR** Roasted New York Strip Loin, Parmesan Red Skin Potato  
Both will Come with Green Beans and Tossed Salad.

**Deadline: July 20<sup>th</sup> 2020** Total sent \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Grande du Michigan



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## La Societe Des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux

To: Grand Officers  
Grand Cheminots  
Voiture Officers

Grand Committeemen  
Grand Executive Committee  
Interested Voyageurs

By order of the Chef de Gare, Grande du Michigan, the Grande Promenade will be held Aug. 7 and 8, 2020 at Causeway Bay Hotel, 6820 S. Cedar St., Lansing, MI 48911

### SCHEDULE

**Friday, Aug. 7, 2020**

Executive Committee, 6:30 p.m.

The Executive committee will open the meeting then each committee will be called in the following order; Finance and Audit, Time and Place, and Credentials and Resolutions, then the Executive Committee will close the meeting.

**Saturday, Aug. 8, 2020**

Memorial Service 9:00 a.m.

Grande Promenade 9:30 a.m.

District Caucus 11:30 a.m.

Lunch Noon

District Caucus 1:00 p.m.

Promenade Reconvenes 1:30 p.m.

Cheminot for 2019-2020 Officers, Cheminots, Directeurs after adjournment.

Cocktail Hour 6:00 p.m.

Banquet 7:00 p.m.

All Officers, Cheminots and Committee Directeurs are advised to provide a written copy of their report to the Grand Correspondant when giving their report..

Lonnie Haynes  
Grand Chef de Gare

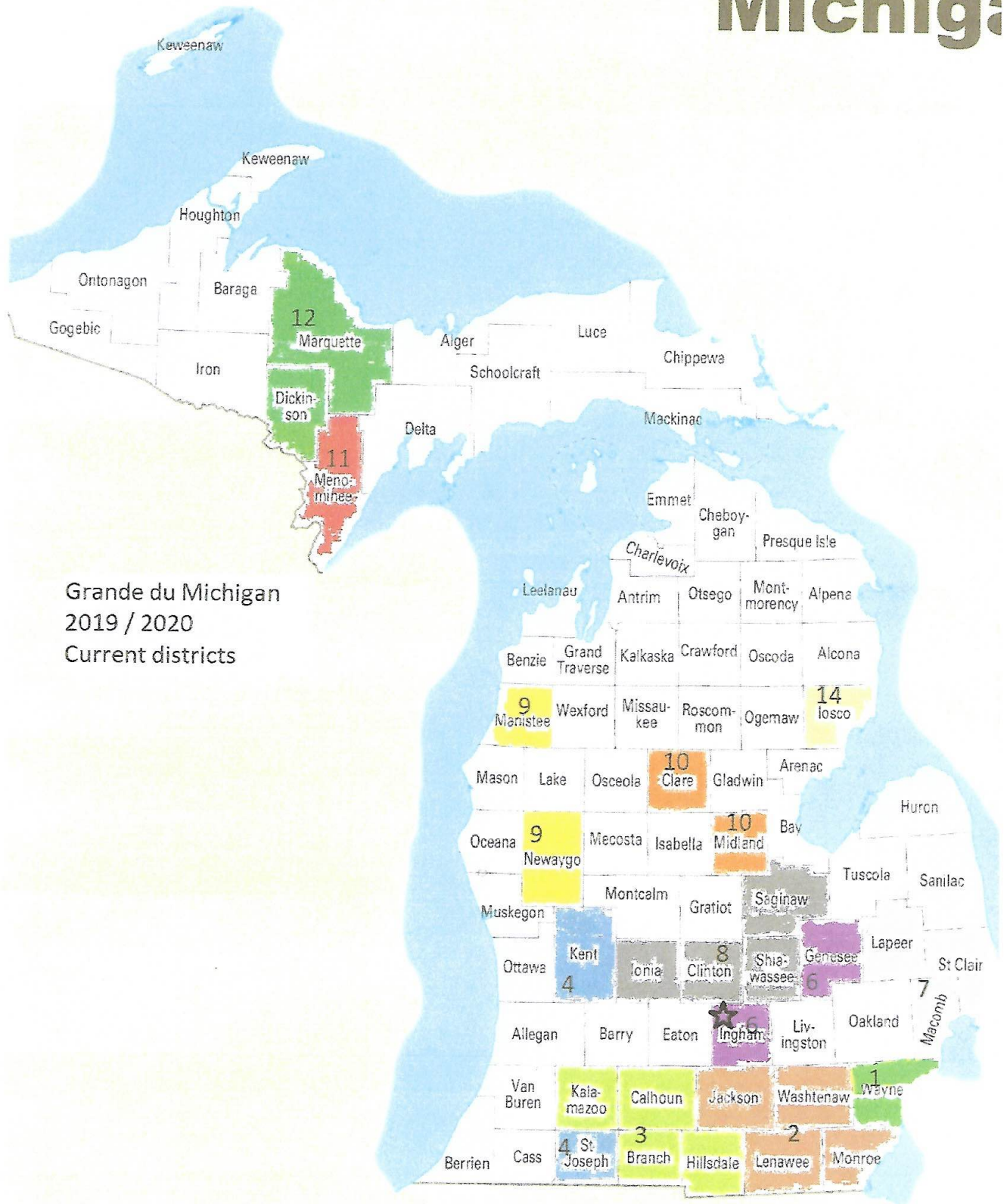
Rich Adams  
Grand Correspondant



**Michigan Grande 2019/2020 Current districts**

District number	Voiture	County	Members 2019 end
1	102	Wayne	56
	1002	Sub. Wayne	20
2	746	Jackson	36
	957	Washenaw	63
	997	Lenawee	101
	1153	Monroe	36
3	161	Kalamazoo	5
	181	Calhoun	32
	396	Branch	23
	1223	Hillsdale	5
4	545	St. Joseph	27
	553	Kent	12
6	946	Ingham	121
	1116	Genesee	4
7	120	St. Clair	56
	1061	Macomb	36
	1536	Lapeer	34
8	600	Saginaw	23
	756	Shiawassee	18
	868	Clinton	3
	1420	Ionia	25
9	721	Newaygo	14
	1363	Manistee	7
10	767	Clare	39
	1425	Midland	25
11	1288	Menominee	20
12	599	Marquette	30
	659	Dickinson	10
14	669	Iosco	37

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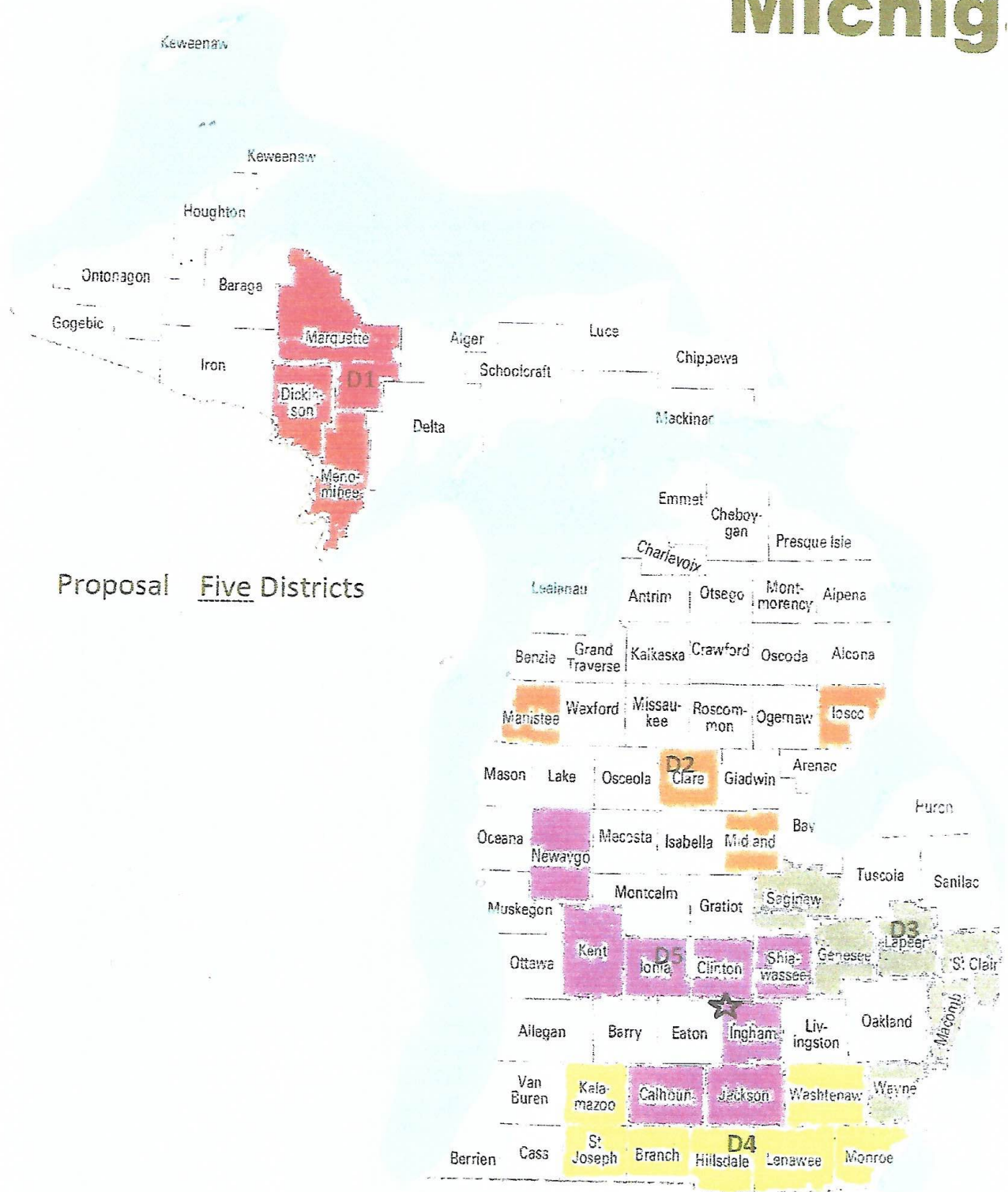


### Proposed Michigan Grande with five (5) districts

New Cheminot districts	Voiture	County	Members 2019 end
1 U.P.	599	Marquette	30
	659	Dickinson	10
	1288	Menominee	20
total		3	60
2 Northern L.P.	669	Iosco	37
	767	Clare	39
	1363	Manistee	7
	1425	Midland	25
total		4	108
3 Eastern	102	Wayne	56
	120	St. Clair	56
	600	Saginaw	23
	1002	Sub. Wayne	20
	1061	Macomb	36
	1116	Genesee	4
	1536	Lapeer	34
total		7	229
4 Southern	161	Kalamazoo	5
	396	Branch	23
	545	St. Joseph	27
	957	Washenaw	63
	997	Lenawee	101
	1153	Monroe	36
	1223	Hillsdale	5
total		7	269
5 Central	181	Calhoun	32
	553	Kent	12
	721	Newaygo	14
	746	Jackson	36
	756	Shiawassee	18
	868	Clinton	3
	946	Ingham	121
	1420	Ionia	25
total		8	261



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Proposal Five Districts

### Proposed Michigan Grande with six (6) districts

New Cheminot districts	Voiture	County	Members 2019 end
1 U.P.	599	Marquette	30
	659	Dickinson	10
	1288	Menominee	20
total		3	60
2 Northern L.P.	669	Iosco	37
	767	Clare	39
	1363	Manistee	7
	1425	Midland	25
total		4	108
3 Eastern	102	Wayne	56
	120	St. Clair	56
	1002	Sub. Wayne	20
	1061	Macomb	36
	1116	Genesee	4
	1536	Lapeer	34
total		6	206
4 South-eastern	746	Jackson	36
	957	Washenaw	63
	997	Lenawee	101
	1153	Monroe	36
total		4	236
5 Central	553	Kent	12
	600	Saginaw	23
	721	Newaygo	14
	756	Shiawassee	18
	868	Clinton	3
	946	Ingham	121
	1420	Ionia	25
total		7	216
6 South-central	161	Kalamazoo	5
	181	Calhoun	32
	396	Branch	23
	545	St. Joseph	27
	1223	Hillsdale	5
total		5	92

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## Proposal SIX Districts

