

Whistle Stop

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From the Grand Chef

Greetings!

Spring has finally arrived! An exciting and somewhat busy time. First, I want to thank all who attended the Testimonial for Madame La Presidente and myself a few weeks back. Weather was somewhat precarious and some of our northern friends couldn't make it. We still had about 70 attend. We had a great time!

We had a good wreck at V-946 on May 12. Thanks to V-946, V-120, V-1153 for getting us some PGs to enjoy the day with. Some had been white collared, but we picked up a few newbies. Eight were wrecked. We could use



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From the Grand Presidente

Hello Dames,

It has been a quick couple of months, staying quite busy here in Lansing. Spring has finally made it in with summer on its tail. I hope all is going well for all of you, I have missed all of you at one point or another and I have enjoyed getting to catch up with some of you at the Mother's Day wreck.

This newsletter brings a lot of thoughts to my mind, I have so far had a great year and look forward to my upcoming travels to Washington DC, Great Lakes and especially to do the installation in Temple I am so excited.

With these thoughts it also brings me to thinking

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Grand Chef de Gare Jim Coe with the eight recently-wrecked voyageurs. The eight were initiated during the Mother's Day Wreck at V-946 in Lansing.

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about 50 more. I sincerely believe that each Voyageur should go through an active wreck. We usually end up with a more informed and dedicated Voyageur.

Membership—I am still hoping for 100%. With a little effort, we could do it. I sent a letter to nearly all Chefs locale with their membership status and what they need. Several only need one or two. I made some suggestions, not much response. I have 100% pins for seven 100% Voitures. At the wreck, I passed out some to V-946, V-746 and V-181. If you had 100% this year, please plan to have a representative at Grande Promenade (as always should be the case), and I will hand them out. This will be a very important

Grande Promenade. We have several positions to be filled, including two in the Grand Line. Bring your highly qualified, dedicated and motivated Voyageurs and we will put them in a position to

show off their talents.

Elections—It is that time of year. Please elect your best, not necessarily the nice guy who drinks a lot of beer. Be sure to report your election results to the Grand Correspondant. One of the most important positions is Grand Cheminot. We have many Voitures who have no clue who their Cheminot is. They were never told and obviously, the Cheminot has no contact with the Voitures in his/her district. The Cheminot is THE liaison between the Voiture and Grande. If the information contained in this and other writings were properly shared among all Voitures, we would have a well-informed membership. If you don't want the job, don't take the position.

By the time this is posted, the Grande La Presidente, myself, and my wife will have gone to our Nation's Capital for the annual Memorial Day ceremonies.

This is an amazing event that spans four days and is a fitting tribute to our nations fallen. I hope that all took time to remember those who have gone before us. The following weekend, we will be going to V-767, Temple, for the re-opening of Cabane 767! We wish them well, need more fine Dames. The weekend after, off to Lafayette, IN, for Great Lakes Promenade. That's just a start. Please look elsewhere on this site for registration forms, etc., for Grande Promenade. Also, get those reports in ASAP to the Grand Directeurs. Report forms on Nationale web site.

The next Whistle Stop will be my last. It has been an interesting year, but we have made many successes. Thanks for your work. Get me some members and keep communicating! Share, share, share.

**Jim
Grand Chef de Gare**

From the Grand Chef de Train

Greeting Fellow Voyageurs,

Here we are coming up on summer and the final few months before Grand Promenade. It's also time to get our reports done and submitted. We can work all we want but no one will know if we don't have the

paperwork to back it up. We work hard so let's show the other Voitures how hard Grand du Michigan really works.

We are just short of my membership goal of 95%. Grand du Michigan is at 94.38% and 8th place in the U.S as of

05/10/18. We have 9 Voitures over 100% and we could easily have 12 more with Voitures needing 3 or less Voyageurs to be 100%. We have 4 Voitures sitting at less than 50%, we can do better. By now no Voiture

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about what we need to do to keep I have found friends and family
our organization going and keep it that means the world to me. This
running well. With that in mind I family that I have chosen for
keep remembering why I became myself has brought me more joy
a La Femme to begin with. I have than I knew to be possible so
enjoyed this organization more thank you all for all you do.
than any other that I have
belonged to; something about
helping local veterans does more
for my heart than most causes.

I can remember looking at
the Dames at Cabane 946 and
thinking I would love to help them
if I could, I had already been
volunteering at the chateau. In my
time here I have learned so much
more than I thought was possible,

Keeping our Grande running
takes a village and we all know that, I
know that not everyone wishes to be
an officer, but I am going to ask you
to look within your heart and your
Cabane to see if there are willing
participants to become Grande
Officers. I implore you to look at the
big picture and know that in order to
run smoothly we need willing
participants and officers to keep us
going. Please consider running for an

office or a Chairmanship. Please let
me know if you at all interested in
anything, I would be happy to hear
from you.

I hope to see several letters of
endorsements soon as August will be
upon us before we know it. If you
are interested in doing anything,
please feel free to contact me.

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should be less than 50%. Locale Chefs,
Correspondants and Officers should still be calling
those voyageurs that are taking their time paying and
get their dues. We need to all work together to get
to our goal. We still can make the top five Voitures
in the country for membership.

Congratulations to all the newly elected
Locale Officers. Please get your updated contact lists
into the Grand Correspondant as soon as possible.

If anyone wants a Grand Officer position or
to be the Directuer of a program, let me know and I
will make it happen. Grand Organizer and Grand
Historian are just a couple of openings and I'm sure
some of our fellow Voyaguers who run several
programs would not mind if someone wanted to take
over one or two.

Hope to see everyone at Grand Prom in Lansing on
August 10 & 11th.

Thank you for your continued service to our
Country.

Sincerely,

Robert Bialecki
Grand Chef de Tran
Grande du Michigan

Voiture 120 Picnic is Aug. 25

Voiture 120 will host a picnic on Aug.
25 at the Saint Clair County American
Legion, 1322 Clinton Ave., St. Clair.

The picnic is open to all. It will start
at 1 p.m.

If you plan to attend, please email
Rick Semrow at ricksemrow@gmail.com.

**Grand Correspondent Dave Webb
reminds Locales that he needs
names of all officers, complete
with contact information. Email
the grand correspondent at
daveandkaren100@yahoo.com or
call him at 989-820-7965.**



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August 9-11, 2018**



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