

Whistle Stop

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From the Grand Chef

Greetings Voyageurs and Dames!

Here we are, on the brink of spring. Sure would be nice if the weather would match the season. We recently held our Spring Cheminot in Lansing (March 3). Thanks to V-946 for hosting. We had a marginal turn out. Fifteen members of 946 attended, 14 came from the rest of the state. I don't have Cabane numbers, but it was similar.

Was your district represented? Was your Voiture represented? My guess is no. I have heard a few times since then that there is no communication. I don't know what more I can do, short of going to everybody's house and



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From the Grand Presidente

Happy Spring!!

As always this note comes out with the love and loyalty of friendship and family, everyone of you reading this is part of the family I have chosen. I want to tell first and foremost how much I appreciate everyone of you. I hope winter has not been too hard on you and I hope you all have a glorious SPRING!!!!



Membership is as always a struggle, please try to help us meet our 100% goal. If there is anything I can do or try to do to help please feel free to ask, I will do my best to help us achieve this goal. I

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From the Grand Chef de Train

Greeting Fellow Voyageurs,
We just had our Spring Cheminot and a good time was had by everyone who attended. But then again, spending time with old friends always is a good time. If you haven't been to a Cheminot or a Promenade in a while it's about time for you to go. They are fun and informative.

We are well into our membership year and we are

not doing as well as we had hoped. Grand du Michigan is at time paying and get their dues. 87 percent as of 03/08/18. We have 7 Voitures over 100 percent and we could easily have double that.

There are 9 Voitures that need 3 or less voyaguers to be 100 percent. No Voiture should be less than 50 percent by now (we have 6). Locale Chefs and Correspondants should be calling those

voyageurs that are taking their dues. Let your other members in the Voiture know who hasn't paid yet in case they run into them. We need to all work together to get to our goal.

Thank you for your continued service to our Country.

Robert Bialecki
Grand Chef de Train
Grande du Michigan

Chef, from Page 1

personally delivering the Grande message. It all starts with the correct information on Locale Chef and Correspondant, including email/address of someone who is authorized to receive communiqués AND will disseminate said info to the Voiture. It need not be the Chef, etc., just somebody that has email.

I publish dates and locations of all upcoming events. The elected Cheminot needs to help spread the word. I know that there are a few who don't have a computer. But I would guess they know someone who does. The information is out there, go get it! Just go to www.40et8michigan.com and it is all there. I get phone calls all the time—if I don't know your answer, I'll get it. Try me. I and Grande La Presidente are having our Testimonial at V-946 on 14 April. All information is on registration form available at the 40 ET 8 Michigan website (above). I know that 1 April is

close for getting them in, I can give you a couple of day's grace, but you will NEED to call me. We will not be able to accommodate walk-ins that day. We hope to have a great turnout.

The Whistlestop is put out on the first of all even-numbered months. V-946 has volunteered to include it in their newsletter, which will soon be sent to most Voitures. The info you get is not worth crap unless you share it. Let's get in the game!

Membership: Not going to step out of my lane, but all I want is 100%. Several Voitures are close. We only need 134 more. Big Wreck 12 May at V-946. Bring busloads of PGs. If you would like to bring an act, let me know.

On 14 March, our Grande La Presidente and I were invited and attended a private showing at the State Library and Museum. We were escorted by a few members of V-946 and C-946. We viewed several artifacts from

the collection that was included in the Grande Boxcar that was sent by French people in 1949. The Curator and his staff are attempting to catalog and inventory over 100 items from the Merci Boxcar. It was rather moving for me to think of the gratitude shown by the French people. If you have any info about the boxcar coming to Michigan, news articles, etc., please share.

You probably won't get your next Whistlestop before Memorial Day, so please take time to remember our fallen comrades. Our Grande La Presidente and I (Lori 2) will be in Washington DC to pay tribute at and near the Tomb of the Unknowns.

Be safe and have fun!

Grand Chef Jim

P.S. Happy 99th Birthday Forty & Eight. 3.15.18

La Presidente, from Page 1

am looking forward to seeing many of you in the future endeavors of my office term. I hope each and everyone of you are thinking about what and how you may help this organization to grow and flourish.

I am hoping to see a very good turn out for the Mother's Day wreck as it is a time when I

really get to sit down and catch up with everyone without working. I hope you all try to attend. I am looking forward to traveling to Washington DC with the Grand Chef and Lori Coe for Memorial Day, I feel it is an experience I will be blessed to witness.

I am looking forward to

seeing you all soon, again if there is anything I can do to be of service to you please call or email me I would be happy to oblige in anyway I can

**Respectfully yours in Service,
Grand LaPresidente
Lori A. Bolley-Majeske**



From Spring Cheminot

Above, Grand Chef de Gare Jim Coe accepts a check graciously donated by La Femmes from Grand La Presidente Lori Bolley-Majeske. Left, Grand Chef de Gare Jim Coe presents a plaque to V-946 Chef de Gare Michael Brokenshire for hosting Spring Cheminot.

(Photo by Robert Bialecki)

La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux
Testimonial Honoring
Grand Chef de Gare Jim Coe
And
Grand La Presidente Lori Bolley-Majeske
Saturday, April 14, 2018
V-946, 2949 S. Waverly Highway
Lansing, MI

Cocktails – 4:30, Dinner – 6:00, Short Program to follow
Please return bottom portion NO LATER than April 1, 2018 to Jim Coe, 277
Maple Run, Mason MI 48854 or via phone 517-582-1035. Checks payable to Jim Coe.
**If you need a hotel reservation, please email Jim, csmcoe@yahoo.com or
call 517-582-1035.**

Return this portion w/your payment

Menu (choose one per person) Beef Tips w/Noodles _____ @ \$25.00
Chicken Marsala _____ @ \$25.00
Two drink chips included w/meal

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Enclosed Check # _____ for _____ meals @ \$25.00 each Total \$ _____

FROM THE CORRESPONDANT

**ATTENTION: THE GRAND
CORRESPONDANT NEEDS ADDRESS , PHONE
NUMBERS AND E-MAILS OF NEW OFFICERS .**

**ALSO HE AND GRAND AUMONIER NEEDS
TO BE NOTIFY OF DECEAST VOYAGUERS.**

**YEAR-END REPORTS ARE DUE AT THE
END OF JUNE.**

Thank you,
Dave Webb
Grand Correspondant

From L'Editeur

Fellow Voyageurs,

Another Whistle Stop is completed,
and is posted on all of the usual online sites.
You can go to www.40et8Michigan.com
and view the April edition, or view it on the
Grande du Michigan Facebook page.

Again, I encourage any Voiture that
has events going on to let me know. Send an
email to RichAdams946@gmail.com or use
snail mail to 15855 Turnberry Street,
Lansing MI 48906. I would like info on
upcoming events as well as any photos you
have of your Voiture doing good work in the
community.

**Yours in Service,
Rich Adams**

Upcoming events

Testimonial Dinner, April 14, V946

Mother's Day Wreck, May 12, V946

Memorial Day, May 28