

Whistle Stop

April 2019

A publication of the Grande du Michigan Forty and Eight



From the Grand Chef de Gare

From the Grand La Presidente

Greetings Voyageurs,

It seems spring is finally arriving in Michigan!! We just finished with Spring Cheminot. We had some good laughs this year. You should've been there. It was fun and productive. The La Femmes had some very good items they raffled off.

Not a very good turnout. Only 10 Voitures were represented. If you feel as though your Voiture is not receiving information from the Grande, it's most likely because a member of your Voiture has not been attending our spring or fall cheminots. Any member of the your Voiture can attend not just a locale officer. A day trip through central Michigan to visit with old friends is always a good day.

If any contact information changes for your Locale Officers throughout the year, please send the new information to the Grand Correspondant as soon as possible. We are doing our best to keep everyone informed of all the happenings of the 40 & 8 and current contact information is vitally important. Current phone numbers and e-mail addresses make it easier on everyone. We are still looking for qualified Voyageurs to fill the voids in our Grand Line. There are many Voitures that are very active locally but they seem to be forgetting about the Grand. There are several positions open and not just in the Grand line.

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Hello Dames,

I would like to take a moment and on behalf of Cabane 946 say Thank You to Cheryl Jamnick for allowing Cabane 946 to help host her testimonial Dinner. It was a great time had by all who attended.

I was very happy to see all the dames in attendance at Spring Cheminot and hope to see all of you I did not see here at Grande Rendezvous in August. I hope to see some letters of intent for Grande Officers and hope to see new and upcoming faces as well. Please note if you are interested in any position or a chairmanship even if it is to continue the one you have I would appreciate



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Voiture 181 Chef de Gare Bob Berger presents a check to the director of Battle Creek Haven of Rest in support of the homeless veterans program. If you have an event at your Voiture and take photos, please submit them to L'Editeur Rich Adams.

From the Grand Chef de Gare

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Several Program Director positions are available. These are not difficult positions and are very rewarding to the local communities. Please consider getting more involved in the Grande Voiture. The lack of participation in Grand du Michigan is becoming critical. We need your help. On April 6th, 2019 is our State Wreck and Testimonial dinner. Both will be held at VFW 9656 in Lambertville. Bring your PGs and have some fun initiating new members into this great organization.

If you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to contact any of the Grand Officers or Directeurs. We will be more than happy to help.

Hope to see you more of you folks this year. May God Bless you and families.

**Best regards,
Bob Bialecki
Grand Chef de Gare
Grande du Michigan**

From the Grand La Presidente

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knowing what it is you would like to do in any capacity. There are a lot of things to do and Grande is a great learning experience.

I would love to visit your Cabane Rendezvous if I know when you hold them, I look forward to revisiting Lenawee county as soon as I can and would love to visit all of you.

**Best of Wishes,
Yours in Service
Grande La Presidente
Lori A. Bolley-Majeske**

From the Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer

Voyageurs,

Greetings! I echo the sentiment of the Grand Chef; another poor turnout at Cheminot. It seems we have many Voitures out there who have little to no connection with the Grand, let alone Nationale.

The way it is supposed to work is that each Voiture is part of a district. The district elects/appoints a Cheminot to represent their Voitures. The Cheminot is the liaison between the Voitures and Grand. They should have frequent contact with the Voitures in their district and report to Fall and Spring Cheminot on specific items. They take relevant information back to the Voitures. Issues that need to be addressed to Nationale are forwarded by Grand for action. Information should flow up and down. This is called COMMUNICATION. We need some. Of the four Cheminot who showed up on the 9th, two had "no report." It appears that most of the state did nothing in the last five months. We need to fix this soon. Pins/programs; we all promised to support the programs of La Societe. The biggest money producer is pin sales. I still have about 40 Nurses Training pins that we need to sell at \$3 each. Other Directeurs have pins too. Voyageurs ask me often about the Boland Trust Fund which provides scholarships of \$1,000.00 to eligible nursing students. They want the scholarship money but won't sell a few \$3 pins? Sad. We can do much better. Membership; we are only at 80 percent. Last year we were at 97 percent. Communicate, support the programs, use the ritual and membership will listen. Happy Spring let's get to work!



**Jim
Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer**

From the Grand Chef de Train

Voyageurs,

Currently Michigan is in 27th in membership we are at 83.2 percent as of 14-03-1. It's up to all of us to get our membership moving.

As Special Awards Director, it's time to start thinking about Voyager, Law Officer and Hero Award. I'm sure we would all like to see Michigan represented this year at Nationale

I had a great time at Madame La Presidente Nationale's Homecoming. By the size of the turnout it was easy to see that Madame La Presidente Nationale had spread her special charm, sparkle and glam everywhere she went. Everyone spoke so highly of Cheryl and her commitment to the organization. I can say a good time was had by all! Even the pack mule got fed.

Until next time , please try to push membership .

**Yours in service,
Chef de Train Lonnie Haynes**



Voiture 181's train was used as a warming spot in the local Christmas Tree lighting. Grand Aide de Camp helps keep one visitor warm during the event.



From the Grand Correspondant

Voyageurs,

I hope you survived the Polar Vortex. Spring is really trying to arrive, and it's about time!

Spring Cheminot went off well, albeit poorly attended. I join the other officers in pleading for more Voitures Locale to take part in Cheminot. Just like in politics, if you don't vote you don't have a voice in your government. If you

don't come to important events, we will not be able to ascertain your voice in the Grand.

Thanks to all of the Correspondants Locale who provided me with names of Voyageurs who have passed away since Grand Promenade. I have passed the information to Grand Aumonier Les Hoskins for use in our memorial service.

I appreciate Voiture 181

in Calhoun County for sending me photos for use in this month's Whistle Stop. I welcome photos, war stories and other individual reflections for use in future editions. Just email me at richadams946@gmail.com or mail them to 15855 Turnberry, Lansing MI 48906.

**Yours in service,
Rich Adams
Grand Correspondant**

**State Wreck
And
Testimonial Dinner**

Grand Chef de Gare Robert Bialecki

Invites you to:

**Have your PGs at VFW 9656 by 10 am
4120 Piehle Rd Lambertville, MI 48144**

VFW Post 9656

Saturday, April 6, 2019

Make your own reservations at:

Country Inn & Suites, 665 Tecumseh St. Dundee, MI

1-734-529-2811

Or

Quality Inn, 111 Waterstradt Commerce Dr. Dundee , MI

1-734-529-5240

Casual Dress (No Blue Jeans)

Dinner will be served at 6 pm

There will be a Cash Bar

Cost is \$25 per person

R.S.V.P. by April 1st, 2019

Makes Checks payable to:

Voiture 1153

Mail to:

Robert Bialecki

9103 Albain Rd

Ida, MI 48140