

Whistle Stop

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A publication of the Grand du Michigan Forty and Eight

From the Grand Chef de Gare

From the Grande La Presidente

Fellow Voyageurs,

I want to thank you for electing me as Grand Chef de Gare for 2023-2024. I am honored and humbled by your confidence in me to lead Grand du Michigan for the next year.

I also want to thank those who stepped up and volunteered to be in the Grand Line. We have a full Grand Line for the first time in several years. Our officers are:



Grand Chef de Gare Clare Knickerbocker, Voiture 746

Chef de Train John Bradford, Voiture 1002
Conducteur Alan Hyde, Voiture 120
Garde de la Porte Ted Hendges, Voiture 746
Commissaire Intendant Randy Gregor, Voiture 946

Avocat James Coe II, Voiture 946
Rich Adams will continue to be Grand Correspondant and Thomas Trumble will continue as Grand Aumonier.

We had a good one-day Promenade in August at the Okemos Best Western. At Grand Cheminot on October 14, which will take place at Voiture 946 in Lansing, we can discuss what the 2024 Grand Promenade will look like. This is why you need to come to Cheminot, so your voice can be heard in relation to this and other matters coming before Grand du Michigan.

One major focus for the year is the need to focus on membership. And by that I mean we need new members. Many of you have life

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Hello, Dames!

Happy Autumn! This is such a beautiful time of year as trees change color and the days are cooler. It was nice to see so many Michigan Dames in Ohio for Rendezvous Nationale. It was especially gratifying as two of our finest were in the spotlight. Lori Bolley is now our new Nationale La President! We are all so very proud of her and her accomplishments! She will be a wonderful ambassador for our organization!

Also, our own Carrie Haynes was named as "Dame of the Year" for last year. This award is given to a Dame who goes above and beyond to help the organization, Sister Dames, and her community. It was a very moving presentation when she was announced as the winner.



Michigan is very lucky to count these Dames as our own!

Fall Cheminot is just a couple of weeks away; Saturday, October at V-946. A finalized Official Call will be out by the time you read this. I am hoping for a good turnout. We need to work on Membership. Michigan already has one Cabane at 100% this year, that being C-669. Last year, all of our Cabanes hit 100%, so let's get to work!

I am working on the new Grande Roster, which will be available at Fall Cheminot. I know Erica has been working on raffle baskets, so bring your money too! And, I just can't resist. I was going to make a note about having meatballs for lunch at Fall Cheminot, but I won't..... And we won't be!! See you all soon!

Yours in service,
Lori Coe
Grande La Presidente

From the Grand Correspondant

Fellow Voyageurs,

Apologies for the late release of the Official Call, which is on Page 4 of this edition of The Whistle Stop. It also is on the website at 40et8michigan.com and on the Grand Facebook page. Suffice it to say things were complicated in August and early September.

As it has been told by others, we have a full Grand Line for the first time in recent memory. Thanks to those who stepped up.

And as others have mentioned, Fall Cheminot is the second Saturday of October. Please make every attempt to attend Cheminot at Voiture 946 in Lansing and let your voice be heard. We have some items to consider before Spring Cheminot in March, including whether we continue with a one-day Grand Promenade.

Veterans Day is on Saturday, Nov. 11. Many of you will take part in parades and other ceremonies. And the list of veterans discounts and meals can be found at <https://www.military.com/veterans-day/veterans-day-military-discounts.html>. Enjoy the day, but remember it isn't all about the freebies. It is to celebrate our fellow veterans.

As always, please reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns. My email is richadams946@gmail.com, my phone number is (517) 388-4962 and snail mail can find my mailbox at 1919 Danbury E, Okemos MI 48864.

Hope to see you in Okemos in a few weeks.

Respectfully,
Rich Adams
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From the Grand Avocat

Greetings, Voyageurs.
Reminder of Fall Cheminot, October at V-946-Lansing. I am back from Nationale and have pins. We need a good representation from all Voitures so said pins can be distributed for sale. Plus all the updates from Nationale. Hope to see you all then.

James Coe II
Grand Avocat



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memberships and I appreciate your commitment to the Forty and Eight, but our numbers continue to dwindle. Unless we add members who are going to be active participants in Locale and Grand events, our future is in jeopardy. As our Chef de Train would say, get two!

As Grand Chef de Gare I plan on visiting as many Voitures Locale as time will allow. If you want me to assist in any ceremonies please contact me. My email address is ckcovv@yahoo.com, my phone number is (970) 946-9756, and my mailing address is 2360 Tecumseh Drive, Brooklyn MI 49230. I look forward to working with all of you in the coming year,

Respectfully
Clare Knickerbocker
Grand Chef de Gare
Grand du Michigan

Scenes from Grand Promenade 2023



Grand Chef de Gare Clare Knickerbocker is sworn in to his new office by Chef de Chemin de Fer Frank Kronen.



Officers for 2023-24 are (from left) Commissaire Intendant Randy Gregor, Correspondant Rich Adams, District 1 Cheminot Shannon Wawruck, District 3 Cheminot James Broadbrige, Grand Chef de Gare Clare Knickerbocker, Conducteur Alan Hyde, Chef de Chemin de Fer Frank Kronen, outgoing Grand Chef Michael Spitzley and Chef de Train John Bradford



Grand Chef de Gare Michael Spitzley looks on as he is relieved of duty with the swearing in of Clare Knickerbocker.



Table of very cheerful La Femmes in the hospitality room.



Grand Avocat James Coe II, Grand Aumonier Thomas Trumble and Voyageur Tom Walker.



Voyageur Tom Walker, Grand Correspondant Rich Adams and Grand Chef de Gare Passe Michael Spitzley enjoy the hospitality room.

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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, Grand Voiture du Michigan, the Fall Cheminot will be held on Saturday, Oct. 14, 2023, at Voiture 946, 2949 S. Waverly Highway, Lansing MI 48911.

Pre-registration \$10, send to Rich Adams, 1919 Danbury E, Okemos MI 48864.
MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO GRAND VOITURE DU MICHIGAN.
 Doughnuts, fruit and coffee will be available at registration desk.

Femmes pre-registration \$10, make pre-registration checks payable to Grande Cabane de Michigan and send to Lori Coe, 277 Maple Run. Mason MI 48854.

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. 14, 2023 Executive Committee, 1130
 Lunch 1200, included in voyageur registration, lunch available for \$6 for Dames and guests. Menu is assorted sandwiches, soups and desserts.
 CHEMINOT CONVENES at 1300

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

Clare Knickerbocker
 Grand Chef de Gare

Rich Adams
 Grand Correspondant