

Whistle Stop

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From the Grand Chef de Gare

Comrades

I have enjoyed my year as your Chef and have met some new and renewed some old friends. I tried to visit you at your promenades and was able to make it to nine.

The end is near and the beginning is also. In a couple of weeks, on Aug. 12, 2023 we conduct Grand Promenade where we will be electing new officers for the 23-24 year.

With the passing of our Conducteur Ernest Berry we will need to fill all of the Line offices. We also lost our POW/MIA Directeur Dale Worvie. All Chef de Gares, Past and present are eligible for Grand Offices. We must fill these offices to remain in good standing with National. Don't let your fellow comrades down. Step up and take an office.



Yours in comradeship
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From the Grande La Presidente

Hello to everyone!

I hope you all have been taking advantage of the beautiful summer we are experiencing. Grande Rendezvous is just a couple of weeks away. I hope many of you are planning to attend.

For next year, I am going to need 2 Drapeau (one for sure), and a Conducteur. Whoever is interested in taking a Drapeau position, you will need to be able to attend Cheminot and Grande Rendezvous. Please let me know if you are interested in either of these positions.

Grande Rendezvous, as I have stated previously, is a Saturday-only event, August 12. If you wish to come in Friday, Hospitality Room will be open at 4 p.m. for the evening. Saturday will be the Memorial service (bring your whites if you have them), then we will go right into Rendezvous. There will be Past Presidente's lunch, but EVERYONE can attend. Rendezvous Nationale will be held the week of September 11, at Kalahari Resort in Ohio (just outside of Sandusky). Registration form is on the Nationale web site, www.fortyandeight.org. If you want to attend, you must register by August 1st. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the organization and to meet Dames from across the



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From the Grand Correspondant

Fellow Voyageurs,

This has been a tough month. In June we lost our Grand Conducteur, Ernest Berry. In July Voiture 1536 Chef de Gare and Grand POW/MIA Directeur Dale Worvie left us. Very sad to see old friends who were so active in the 40 et 8 pass away. We offer a final salute, comrades.

Thanks to those Voitures Locale that have sent in their list of officers and their reports. Not nearly enough are sending the information in, but at least a few more have been doing so. These reports are significant -- those of us at Grand cannot communicate with Locales without up-to-date information. Please email me any new information you have on officers and reports.'

Others have mentioned it, but Grand Promenade is a one-day event on August 12 in Okemos. The Official Call is in this edition. There will be a Hospitality Room on Friday and Saturday nights, but there will be no banquet. Attendance at the normal two-day events with a fancy banquet has been horrible. We can have fun Friday night, take care of business Saturday and then party down after Promenade in the Hospitality Room.

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

Voyageurs,
Grand Promenade and Promenade Nationale are both just around the corner. It's time we all prepare to have at least a minimum representation at both functions. As you well know, this is where we get of our guidance for the upcoming year. We get pins, the password, etc, etc. Unless you have someone there to retrieve this information, you will never get it. It is imperative that your Cheminot also attend.

Will see you at Grand Promenade and also some of you in Ohio. Make sure you get your lists of officers compiled and turned in to the Grand Correspondant. Have a warm summer. See you soon.

James Coe II
Grand Avocat



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From the Grande La Presidente

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country. And...our own Lori Bolley is the candidate for La Presidente Nationale for next year. Let's come out in force to support her! Kalahari is a very nice, family friendly resort (if you have kiddos to bring) with lots to do. Hotel reservations can be made on line at <https://book.passkey.com/e/50372769> or by calling 1-419-433-7200 (making sure to let them know you are there for the 40/8 Promenade. 2024 membership is underway. C-1536 is already at 95%. Let's get those renewals collected early, and recruit new members as well.

Yours in service,
Lori Coe
Grande La Presidente

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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, Grand Promenade will be held on Saturday, August 12, 2023, at Best Western Okemos Hotel & Suites, 2209 University Park Drive, Okemos MI 48864.

Pre-registration \$10, send to Mike Spitzley 1214 N. Briarfield Dr., Lansing MI 48910
 Make all checks payable to Grand Voiture du Michigan.
 Doughnuts, fruit and coffee will be available at registration desk.

Femmes pre-registration \$15, make 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.

SCHEDULE

Memorial Service, 0900 sharp. Executive Committee meets at 1000 with each committee to be called in order. Promenade begins at 1030. Past Chef luncheon at 1200. Promenade reconvenes at 1300 for elections and installation of officers.

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

Michael Spitzley
 Grand Chef de Gare

Rich Adams
 Grand Correspondant

August and September Military Observances

August 4: Coast Guard Birthday



Aug. 7 – Purple Heart Day

Aug. 29 – Marine Forces Reserve Birthday



Sept. 11 – Patriot Day

Sept. 15 – POW/MIA Recognition Day



Sept. 18 - Air Force Birthday

Sept. 24 -- Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day

