

Whistle Stop

April 2023



A publication of the Grand du Michigan Forty and Eight

From the Grand Chef de Gare

Voyageurs,
Greetings from Grand Headquarters,
Spring is finally here and the warmer temps feel good.

Congratulations to the 11 Voitures that reached their 100% quota. The other 13 need to start calling members who have not yet paid and get them on board. I would love to present 100% pins to all Voitures at Grand Promenades. Get 'er done.

We have a revised Constitution that needs to be voted on at Promenade and maybe a revised by-laws as well.

Great Lakes Promenade is June 1-4 at the Okemos Best Western and is open to all Voitures, but pre-registration is required to attend the buffet dinner. Correspondants should have packets that were mailed.

Now that snow is done I plan on visiting Locales. I will call before attending.

Remember to call members who have not paid their 2023 dues GET 'ER DONE.

I will have some pins for sale. Let me know if you need any,.

Thank you,

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From the Grande La Presidente

Hello, Dames!

Hoping this finds everyone doing well as we approach springtime. It was good to see many faces at Spring Cheminot. Thank you all for making the effort to attend.

By the time the next Whistle Stop article comes out, Great Lakes Promenade will be close to or almost over, so I will speak to that now. It is scheduled June 1, 2 and 3, at the Best Western Okemos

Conference Center in Okemos. I am pleased that our Nationale La Presidente, Robbie Garland, will be attending. It will be a fun weekend with some fun along the way. There is no

Rendezvous, so Dames will be taking a day trip I believe to a winery and some shopping. There will, of course, be a Hospitality Room, complete with desserts specific to each state. Registration form is on Nationale website, so get yours in soon. I hope to see many Grande de Michigan Dames there. Our Membership is going well, three Cabanes (102, 767 and 1536) are at 100% or higher, and three more (997, 946 and 669) are just a few short of 100% as of today. Let's get those members renewed and sent in so we can have all of us at 100%. That would be awesome. Lastly, start planning for Michigan Grand Promenade second weekend of August, again in Okemos. A



From the Grand Correspondant

Fellow Voyageurs,

Loose ends. In the Navy we called them Irish Pennants. If you had any threads hanging, you got hit with some kind of punishment.

Loose ends elsewhere can really cause havoc. At Grand Cheminot (and thanks to all who attended on March 11), one of our Cheminots reported there were only two Voyageurs listed in one Voiture, and he could reach neither one.

I did a quick Google search. It usually is (individual's name) obituaries Michigan. Sure enough the Voyageur listed as Chef de Gare had apparently passed away two years ago. Now this is an exception to the rule. In Voitures where there are many members, the Correspondant should go to the Nationale website and under the Membership tab pull down to Notify Us. There you will find the online form to report a member's passing.

There were many of this sort of loose threads during the pandemic. I literally went through the Grand roster provided by Nationale and conducted these searches.

Please keep in mind our membership rolls and our Taps notifications must be kept up to date. I commend the few Voitures Locale that make that a priority. I urge all Correspondants to learn how to report a death amongst our ranks.

Grand Promenade is a one-day event this year, and we will be considering a rewritten Grand Constitution, among other important issues. Please plan to attend.

Feel free to call me at 517-388-4962 or email me at richadams946@gmail.com. You can also drop me a line the old-fashioned way at 1919 Danbury E, Okemos MI 48864.

Respectfully,
Rich Adams
Grand Correspondant

From the Grande La Presidente

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registration form will be out soon and circulated. Everyone take care of yourselves until next time.

Yours in service,

Lori Coe

Grande La Presidente

From the Grand Avocat

Greetings.

Sorry to hear of the passing of Voyageur Don Eastcott. Along those lines, don't forget that reports are due to Grand in June. You will need to find somebody with knowledge of the computer so that you can get up-to-speed on the requirements. Make sure you have your reports to the Grand Directeurs in a timely manner. Hopefully, I will be out of my rehab within the next month and can get back to some sort of normalcy. Happy Easter to all.

James Coe II
Grand Avocat



HEAT EXHAUSTION OR HEAT STROKE?

HEAT EXHAUSTION SYMPTOMS

1. Faint or dizzy
2. Excessive sweating
3. Cool, pale, clammy skin
4. Nausea, vomiting
5. Rapid, weak pulse
6. Muscle cramps

HOW TO TREAT IT

1. Move to cooler location
2. Drink water
3. Take a cool shower or use cold compresses



HEAT STROKE SYMPTOMS

1. Throbbing headache
2. No sweating
3. Body temp above 103°
Red, hot, dry skin
4. Nausea, vomiting
5. Rapid, strong pulse
6. May lose consciousness

HOW TO TREAT IT

1. Get emergency help
2. Keep cool until treated



62nd Great Lakes Promenade June 1-4. 2023

Registration Form	Banquet Meal
Ad & Booster's	Friday Night Cash Bash Tickets
Voyageurs Voyage	Dames Just Wanna Have Fun

**Okemos Best Western Hotel & Suites and Okemos Conference Center
2187 University Park Dr. Okemos, MI 48854**

Make your own reservations Rooms held until: **May 10, 2023**
Code: **Great Lakes 40 & 8** Hotel Direct Line: **(517) 349-8700**

To view the hotel and its guest rooms, amenities, restaurants & attractions:
https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-details.23172.html

Voyageur and Guest Registration Fee & Buffet Dinner is \$50 per person.

Anticipated day of arrival: _____

Name: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____ V# _____ C# _____ Grand: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Chicken: __ Pork: __ Vegetarian: __

Name: _____ Title: _____

Phone: _____ V# _____ C# _____ Grand: _____

Chicken: __ Pork: __ Vegetarian: __

Registrations __ X \$50 = \$ _____ Name: _____ V# _____ C# _____

Boosters __ X \$2.00 = \$ _____ Name: _____ V# _____ C# _____

\$2.00 for each name. example: Mr. & Mrs. Smith = \$4.00

Program Ad: \$ _____ 1/2 page \$25.00 full page \$50.00

“Voyageur Voyage” __ X \$20.00 = \$ _____ *Lunch & Transportation Included

“Dames Just Wanna Have Fun” __ X \$20.00 = \$ _____ *Lunch & Transportation Included

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____ Ck#: _____ Date: _____

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