

Whistle Stop

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A publication of the Grand du Michigan Forty and Eight

From the Grand Chef de Gare

Voyageurs,

We had our usual turnout at Spring Grand Cheminot in March. There were only 27 Voyageurs who ventured to Brooklyn for our annual event, and I want to thank those who attended. We had some good discussions and will need to make some decisions about future Cheminots and Promenades.

I also want to thank those who attended my Homecoming after Cheminot. I appreciate your support and was pleased to share a good meal with all of you.

Prior to Grand Promenade, which takes place Aug. 10 in Okemos, I urge you all to consider getting into the Grand line. While we have a full line at the time, not everyone is going to move up to the next office. I appreciate those who are currently serving in elected or appointed offices: Grand Chef de Train John Bradford, Commissaire Intendant Randy Gregor, Conducteur Alan Hyde, Avocat James Coe II, Aumonier Tom Trumble, Cheminot Nationale Michael Spitzley, Correspondant Rich Adams, Garde de la Porte Ted Hendges and the Directeurs of the various programs the Forty et Eight supports. If you are interested of throwing your chapeau in the ring for an office, please let any of the current officers know about your plans.



From the Grande La Presidente

Hello, Dames!

It was very nice to see so many of you at Spring Cheminot in March. I want to thank American Legion Post 315 in Brooklyn for hosting and for the delicious meal in honor of Chef Clare's Homecoming that same evening. I could have fed two people with the generous plate of food I

received. Thank you so much!

Reviewing our membership totals, all of our Cabanes are at 100% except for two, both of which are very close. Let's get rolling and make our Nationale La Presidente proud of her home state and get to 100%.

Speaking of Madam La

Presidente, her Homecoming is coming up soon, May 9-12, at the Best Western Hotel in Okemos. Events start on Thursday with Hospitality Room, Registration and Hospitality on Friday, and Hospitality and Banquet on Saturday. Cut-off date for Hotel reservations is April 22. Registration form is on Nationale web site. I'm sure Lori would welcome donations for the Hospitality Room, or monies for same if you are so inclined and able to do so. Let's give her a great celebration!

And lastly, remember to get your reports in!!! Thank you for doing such great work! See you in May.

Yours in service.

Lori Coe
Grande La Presidente
Grande du Michigan



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From the Grand Chef de Gare

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As I mentioned, Grand Promenade is a one-day affair this year at the Best Western Okemos Hotel & Suites, 2209 University Park Drive in Okemos. Registration will take place beginning at 1700 Friday evening, and we will have a hospitality room Friday and Saturday. Registration continues at 0800 Saturday, and our Memorial Service takes place promptly at 0900. Executive Committee meets at 1000 and Grand Promenade begins at 1030. We will break for lunch and reconvene at 1300 for elections and any unfinished business not resolved in the morning. The Chef de Chemin de Fer will then install our new officers.

Because communication has not produced good numbers at Grand events, Correspondant Adams has received permission to mail the Official Call to all Michigan Voyageurs who do not have an active email address. If the email comes back undeliverable, a snail mail version will be sent to those individuals.

Don't forget Great Lakes Promenade is June 6-8 in Appleton, Wisconsin. It's a fun time and a chance to meet Voyageurs from other states.

Please remember your oath to take part in your Voiture's Memorial Day ceremonies and parades. If you are going away for the observance, I wish you safe travels.

Yours in comradeship,
Your Grand Chef de Gare
Clare W Knickerbocker
Grand du Michigan
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At the March 2024 Promenade of Voiture 181, Calhoun County, Chef de Gare Alice Berger, presents an "I Got 2" pin to Dan Bement. It was a great evening, as the Grand Chef de Gare, Grand du Michigan, Clare Knickerbocker, was also present.

From the Grand Avocat

Happy Spring.

It's the start of summer. You need to start working on elections, assignments, etc.

This is the last time you will see your officers for the year.

That means we need a new lineup. Everything is open. Let someone in Grand know if you have someone interested.

We had a fair turnout for Spring Cheminot in Brooklyn.

These things were discussed, including reports and list of officers, which must be submitted. If you start working on it now, before Grand Promenade and Nationale, it won't be so difficult at the end.

Enjoy the spring. If you have questions, bring it on.

James Coe II
Grand Avocat



From the Grand Correspondant

Greetings fellow Voyageurs,

This is the time of year for warmer weather and days filled with more sunshine. As my father used to say, "Spring is here, and brings good cheer. Robins chirp, frogs burp."

I'd say Spring Cheminot was underwhelming in terms of attendance, but it really was the standard number of Voyageurs showing up — 27 made the trip to Brooklyn. It was nice to see a good number at the Grand Chef's Homecoming as well.

That's the (kind of) good news. Now for the not-so-good news.

Michigan's membership is only 78.87%. Only four other states in the 12-state Region 4 have a lower membership percentage than Michigan: Florida (77.95%), Massachusetts (72.28%), New York (78.54%) and Oklahoma (71.56%), per National Sous Directeur Membership Thomas Ressen

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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 10, 2024, at Best Western Okemos Hotel & Suites, 2209 University Park Drive, Okemos MI 48864.

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 \$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 1700 on Friday, Aug. 9, and 0830 Aug. 10.

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.

Clare Knickerbocker
 Grand Chef de Gare

Rich Adams
 Grand Correspondant



On average Michigan has 15 tornadoes per year. Tornadoes are known to develop rapidly, with little advanced warning.

The average lead time for a tornado warning is 10 to 15 minutes and winds can reach over 200 mph, which is why Michigan residents are encouraged to prepare and

make a plan before a tornado strikes.

Terms:

Tornado Watch: Tornadoes are possible. When there is a Watch, move near enough to a shelter or sturdy building to be able to get inside quickly if there is a Warning or if you see signs of a tornado approaching. Remain

alert for approaching storms. Watch the sky and stay tuned to NOAA Weather Radio, commercial radio or television for information.

Tornado Warning: A tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar. Take shelter immediately.

From the Grand Correspondant

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Nationally, Michigan is ranked 36th. Our state has a goal of 738 Voyageurs, with a current shortage of 190 members.

Voitures Locale in Michigan at 100% are V-161, V-669, V-686, V-957, V-1002 and V-1116,. Voitures nearing 100% are V-102 (90.20%), V-181 (85.71%), V-396 (84.21%), V-545 (89.57%), V-600 (94.74%), V-746 (96.77%), V-767 (81.58%), V-946 (90.70%), V-997 (94.57%), V-1061 (96.15%), V-1288

(94.74%), V-1425 (95.83%) and V-1536 (89.29%). Let's crank it up a bit and push for 100% across the board!

I was given permission during Cheminot to send a mass mailing to Michigan's membership with information about Grand Promenade. I'll be working on that for the next few weeks. Sending out emails to those who have them and posting the information has been ineffective. You took an oath to attend all Promenades, and Grand

Promenade on August. 10 in Okemos is among them. Let's get a good turnout, get candidates for the Grand Line and install our new officers.

As always, you can call me at (517) 388-4962, email me at richadams946@google.com or via mail at 1919 Danbury E, Okemos MI 48864.

Respectfully,
Rich Adams
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The Voyageurs & Dames of Grande du & de Wisconsin

63RD GREAT LAKES PROMENADE

Wisconsin - Michigan

Illinois - Indiana - Ohio

New York - Pennsylvania

June 6, 7 & 8th, 2024



Hotel Information

You are responsible for making your own reservations

LaQuinta by Wyndham

3800 W College Ave, Appleton WI 53914

HOTEL RATE: Single or Double Queen , King \$75 plus tax per night

Free Continental Breakfast

Microwave, Refrigerator, WIFI

Fitness Center

Accessible rooms available

Code: Great Lakes 40 & 8 Promenade

Hotel Direct Line: 920-734-7777

Room Block Held Until: May 6th 2024

To View the Hotel and its guest rooms, amenities, local restaurants and the Fox Valley attractions visit the following website links:

<https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/laquinta/appleton-wisconsin/la-quinta-appleton-college-avenue/overview?checkInDate=06/05/2024&checkOutDate=06/09/2024&groupCode=40GL624>

www.foxcities.org

Program Ad Information

Great way to **advertise** your future **Grand & Local events** seen by **40 & 8 members** of the **Great Lakes State's**. **63RD GREAT LAKES PROMENADE Program Booklet** will be 5½ x 8½

Full-page: \$50.00

Half-page: \$25.00

Checks:

Voiture 1140

Program Ads: Word format and Email to: edelblutejohn@gmail.com

Deadline:

We must have received your ad, booster sheet & payment by: May 10th, 2024



63RD GREAT LAKES PROMENADE

June 6, 7 & 8th, 2024

Preliminary Schedule

Thursday, June 5th	9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.	Registration
	10:00 A.M. - Midnight	Hospitality Room Open
Friday, June 6th	10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.	Registration
	9:00 A.M. - Noon	Bloody Mary Party (Hickory Rm)
	10:00 A.M. - Midnight	Hospitality Room Open
	4:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.	Great Lakes Promenade
		Session I
	5:30 P.M.. - Midnight	Hospitality Re-opens
Saturday, June 7th	9:30 A.M.	Memorial Service
	Immediately Following	Great Lakes Promenade
		Session II
	11:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.	Hospitality Room Open
	5:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.	Attitude Adjustment
	6:00 P.M.	Banquet
		30 Minutes After the Closing Hospitality Re-opens



63rd Great Lakes Promenade June 6-8, 2024

Registration Form Banquet Meal
Ad & Booster's

Friday Fish Fry (additional cost) at American Legion Post 38

Johnston-Blessman Post 38, 3220 W. College Ave., Appleton, Wisconsin

Dinner Choices: Broasted Chicken (Mashed potatoes, Stuffing and Vegetable)
Beef Stroganoff and Noodles. Vegetarian Option: Large Salad (Must indicate Vegetarian choice
in advance) Dinner Rolls, Coffee and Dessert. Served Family Style

Voyager and Guest Registration Fee & Family Style Dinner is \$60 per person

Anticipated day of arrival: _____

Name: _____ Title: _____

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

City/State/Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Chicken & Beef ___ Vegetarian ___

Name: _____ Title: _____

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

Chicken & Beef ___ Vegetarian ___

Registrations ___ X \$60 = \$ _____ Name: _____ V# _____ C# _____

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

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

Program Ad: \$ _____ ½ page \$25.00 full page \$50.00

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

Checks: Voiture 1140

Mailed: Jim Vissers 130 E. Hoover Ave., Appleton, WI 54915 (920) 739-4506

Program Ad's: Word format and Email to: edelblutejohn@gmail.com