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La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux
Grande Voiture du Michigan

“WHISTLE STOP”



Grand Cheminot March 5 V946

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TAPS

Erwin "Bo" Coykendall, 82, former sous Chef de Cemin de Fer and Grande Chef de Gare, longtime voyageur of V-553, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2016

Calendar Winners Dec. 2015

<u>Ticket</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Seller</u>	<u>Winner</u>
1132	\$50	1153	Gerald Harbour
1158	\$50	1061	Warner Gaffney
1165	\$50	1061	Gregory Eastcott
1273	\$50	1061	Brian Mikulka
1227	\$100	1061	Jill King
1165	\$100	1061	Gregory Eastcott
1221	\$150	1061	Donald Eastcott
1168	\$1,000	1061	William Meyer

After the Mother's Day wreck at V-946 in Lansing on May 9, 2015, the Grand held an emergency Cheminot meeting to discuss the future of the calendar program for 2016. It was decided that we would discontinue the calendar program for 2016.

Many thanks to all sellers for their help and many thanks and good luck to all purchasers.

Donald R. Eastcott
Grand Directeur - Ways and Means

From the desk of the Le Editeur

Finally We have achieved a website. It is still being perfected, but we have an online means of communications, which is the vital tool we need to keep Grande du Michigan viable.

The website is www.michwhistlestop.com, which is a different URL than what has been announced in the past. Our web designer could not use the domain that I had secured, so we had to switch to a different domain server. Once that switch was made, we were able to post the website right away. My deepest apologies for the delay since it was announced that a website was being developed.

Please visit the site and explore. Eventually we will have a "reports" tab, and directors will be able to fill out and submit their reports online. Feel free to email me at richadams946@gmail.com or call me at 517-388-4962 with questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Rich Adams

From the desk of the Grande Chef de Gare

Now with the holiday behind us, I hope everyone had a safe holiday season.

Now to the business ahead. We have a lot of work to do on membership. We are still in 40th place for membership with Ohio up around 14th place. We are still around 500 short for the year.

Don't forget: December 31st was the last day for Voyageurs to have their membership paid for the 2015 – 2016 Membership year. Unpaid Voyageurs will be considered inactive until their Membership dues are paid in full.

Chef De Gares and Cheminots, this shortage falls in your area of responsibility.

I would like to Thanks Rich Adams for all of his hard work on getting the Whistle Stop and the website up and running. Job Well Done!!

Upcoming events:

*March 5th Spring Cheminot at Lansing Voiture 946.

*Grande Chef and Grande LaPresident, Testimonial Dinner is the 12th of March at the Ypsilanti Moose Lodge. Meals are \$22 each (Salisbury Steak and Chichen). The application is in the Whistle Stop.

Thanks

Grande Chef Gary

From the desk of the Grande Presidente

Greetings from Grande Presidente Sally,

Welcome to 2016! It has been a great winter so far, hopefully January and February will be almost as kind to us as December. Now that we have started our new year membership is one of our most important projects.

As you all know we have been losing both Dames and Cabanes in Michigan at an alarming rate. Currently our membership stands at:

Cabane	Reported to Cabane Nationale as of 1/716	% of goal
102	1	3.85%
669	13	61.9%
946	45	90%
957	20	74.07%
997	36	100%
1061	1	5%
1116	11	50%
1536	13	57.89%

In spite of all the hard work of a couple of Dames, Cabane 1061 has turned in their charter. This means Michigan is down to seven Cabanes; which also means we all have to work a lot harder on membership! Take the time in January to call the Dames in your Cabane that haven't paid their dues yet, find out why they haven't paid. Maybe they have been sick or have had sickness in their families. We really need to put the personal touch into our recruiting skills. You will be surprised what can be accomplished with just a little work.

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On a brighter note congratulations to my Lenawee County Cabane 997 for reaching 100 percent. Thank you for your hard work in achieving this year's goal in membership.

Remember Spring Cheminot is scheduled for March 5th at Voiture 946 in Lansing. Be sure to put that on your calendar and plan to spend an afternoon with your sister Dames.

If you haven't seen the flyer yet, Grand Chef Gary Bourdeau and I will be having a joint testimonial dinner on March 12th. Here are the details; I hope to see you there:

Ypsilanti Moose Lodge 782

5506 Stoney Creek Road

Ypsilanti, MI 48197

On March 12, 2016

Cocktail Hour 6:00 to 7:00

Dinner 7:00 to 8:00

Social Time 8:00 to 10:00

Dinner is Buffet Style Chicken, Salisbury Steak

Hope to see you soon, yours in service,

Elvia "Sally" Beatty

Michigan Grande Presidente 2016

**Items for April edition of
Whistle Stop are due March 15**

From the desk of the Grande Correspondent

Greetings All

Well the Holiday season is behind us now. Hope everyone had a wonderful time with family and friends.

It's time to get DOWN to business, We need to start on the work of MEMBERSHIP, as were in 44th place and 403 short of 100 percent.

I or should say I say WE need people to step up an fill some of these vacant spots we have for Cheminot. We need District 2 cheminot and sous; District 9 sous; districts 10,11,12 cheminot and sous. Remember, if we do not have enough cheminots or sous , we do not have a quorum and cannot do business.

We also need officer listings for the following voitures: 102, 120,161, 545, 553, 663, 690, 756, 868; correspondante v-1116 v-1206 v-1223 v-1288 v1363. Remember at your May election of your Locale it is the job of your Correspondante to send a listing of officers to the grande correspondent.

Also pin monies are due earlier this year so and be sure to get those monies turn in early. This is a reminder that the P O W / M I A program monies have to be turned in by the 1st of April at present time we have three locales that have pins and necklaces. Remember, when making the check out, make it to Nationale POW/MIA.

Thank you

Dave Webb,

Grande Correspondant

Grande Du Michigan

From the desk of the Grand Conducteur

Greetings,

Just a reminder that those who have Nurses Training pins need to send me money for said pins, soon.

It is close enough to start thinking about Great Lakes Promenade, which is 2, 3 and 4 June in Appleton, Wisconsin. We had a wonderful turnout last year. It would be great to have several people show up in Wisconsin to support this event.

The State Wreck will be held at V-946 on 7 May. Please watch for more on this. Questions, contact me.

Hope to see many of you at Spring Cheminot March 6, also at V-946.

James A. Coe II

Grande Conducteur

Upcoming Events

March 5- Grande Cheminot, V946, Lansing

March 12 - Testimonial dinner, Ypsilanti Moose Lodge 782

May 8 - State Wreck, V946, Lansing

Aug. 11-13 - Grande Promenade, Quality Inn, West Branch

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To: Grand Officers

Grand Committeemen

Grand Cheminots

Grand Executive Committee

Voiture Officers

Interested Voyageurs

Subject: GRAND SPRING CHEMINOT

By order of the Grand Chef De Gare, Grande Voiture du Michigan, the Spring Grande Cheminot will be held Saturday, March 5th, 2016 at:

Voiture 946

2949 S Waverly Hwy

Lansing ,Mi 48911

The Executive committee will open the meeting then each committee will be called in the above order, then the Executive committee will close the meeting.

SCHEDULE

Executive Committee - 11 a.m.

Finance and Audit

Time and Place

Credentials and Resolutions

Lunch- Noon

Spring Cheminot - 1 p.m.

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Subject: GRANDE PROMENADE

By order of the Grand Chef de Gare, Grande Voiture du Michigan, the Grande Promenade will be held August 11th, 12th & 13th 2016 at the Quality Inn West Branch, Michigan

SCHEDULE

Friday August 12th 2016

Executive Committee 6:30 p.m.

The Executive committee will open the meeting then each committee will be called in the following order; Finance and Audit, Time and Place, and Credentials and Resolutions, then the Executive committee will close the meeting.

Saturday, August 13th 2016

Memorial Service Grande Promenade - 9 - 9:30 a.m.

District Caucus 11:30 a.m.

Lunch Noon

District Caucus - 1 p.m.

Promenade reconvenes - 1:30 p.m.

Cheminot for 2016-2017 Officers, Cheminots, Directeurs after adjournment.

Cocktail Hour 6:00 p.m.

Banquet 7:00 p.m.

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