

Whistle Stop

June 2022



A publication of the Grand du Michigan Forty and Eight

From the Grand Chef de Gare

Voyageurs

I am sure you all observed Memorial Day in May. While most people see it as the start of the summer season and a day off to have a backyard barbecue, to us it is a very important day. Veterans and families of those who died while serving their nation know Memorial Day is a very somber occasion to honor our brothers and sisters who gave their last full measure of devotion to protect their nation.



I hope to see you at two important upcoming Promenades, the Great Lakes Promenade in Rochester, New York on June 2-4 and Grand Promenade in Okemos on Aug. 12-13. The Grand du Michigan Promenade is particularly important, as we elect officers for the coming year. This year we had a full Grand line for the first time in several years and I hope we can maintain that for years to come.

I hope you all enjoy the sun, warm temperatures and family gatherings as summer progresses. And three words in closing - membership, membership and membership.

Respectfully Submitted;
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From the Grande La Presidente

Dear Dames,

It's summertime and we're all looking forward to fun in the sun and wonderful warm weather.

Although the Memorial Day observance at Arlington Cemetery was again canceled, Voiture 946 observed the day locally in two parades and with a rifle squad as part of an observance at Dimondale Cemetery.



Thank you to Cabane 997 for having me at their May Rendezvous, I had a wonderful time.

It is nice to be back to a kind of normal. I hope you are all well. This virus is still moving through the population, so please continue to be safe.

I am looking forward to Grande Rendezvous in Okemos in August, and can't wait to see your smiling faces again. This is my last year as Grande La President and have mixed feelings about stepping down. The past few years have brought challenges, but we made it through them. I am very grateful for your support and friendship.

I am excited, however, to be in the Nationale line, where I can continue to work with others to maintain our efforts to serve our community causes.

I hope you enjoy summer and again, I look forward to seeing you at Grande Rendezvous.

Yours in Service,

Lori A Bolley
La Presidente Grande De Michigan

Great Lakes Promenade 2023 News

Great Lakes committee members Grand Chef Michael Brokenshire, Grande La President Lori Bolley, Grand Conducteur Michael Spitzley, Jim and Lori Coe, along with Carrie and I will be headed to Rochester New York for the 61st Great Lakes Promenade.

The committee will be manning a table and hosting the Bloody Mary Social to highlight the 63rd Great Lakes Promenade in Okemos and encouraging folks to preregister while in New York. The names of those who preregister will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a Michigan 62nd Great Lakes Promenade 2023 Basket, which will contain a "See You in Michigan" beer bug, freshly picked Michigan asparagus and a delightful spirit from Lansing's Michigrain Distillery.

I will have an exciting update a Grand Promenade about our efforts in New York, the work we have ahead and how we can come together the make our Great Lakes Promenade one of the most memorable.

In service,
Lonnie Haynes
Vice President, Great Lakes Promenade 2023
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Submissions accepted

We encourage any Voyageur or Voiture Locale to submit articles and photos to be used in the Whistle Stop. Email submissions to richadams946@gmail.com or via mail to 15855 Turnberry St., Lansing MI 48906.

From the Grand Avocat

Voyageurs,

Welcome to Spring. Now that we aren't shoveling snow, it's time to our summer work. Its about become the traveling season.




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A few of us planned to go to Washington, DC for a long Memorial weekend, but it was once again canceled by the pandemic.. We will be heading to Rochester, New York, for Great Lakes Promenade, then home. In the meantime, we have elections going on and reports that need to be written. All of the reports are on the National web site, <https://www.fortyandeight.org>, click on Resources tab, then Forms & Petite Communique, scroll down to find reports, and submit in a timely manner. Any questions on those, get in touch with me.


We are also making plans for our Grand Promenade and elections. Those of you who have not recognized a Cheminot for your area, you need to immediately and report that info to Grand. Remember your reports, as if you don't report it, you didn't do it. Everybody take care, we'll be on the road.

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SEVERE THUNDERSTORMS

DEFINITION
 Wind: 58 mph or greater
 Hail: 1 inch or greater (size of a quarter)
 Capable of producing tornadoes

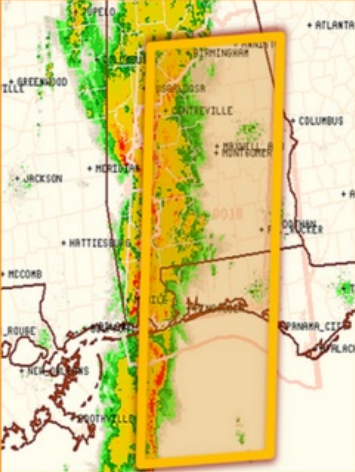


DID YOU KNOW
 The severe thunderstorm definition does NOT include heavy rain or lightning
 Severe thunderstorms can produce winds 125+ mph & cause destruction equal to a tornado

   NWSMobile  weather.gov/mob

WATCH

Conditions FAVORABLE for development of severe weather

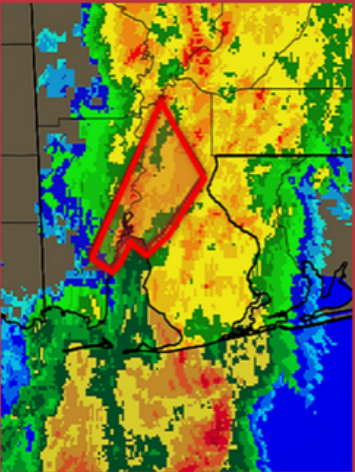


Issued up to 6 hours in advance of severe storms

Two Word Definition: **BE ALERT**

WARNING

Severe weather is forming, observed, or detected by radar



Issued a few minutes to 1 hour in advance of severe storms

Two Word Definition: **TAKE ACTION!**

From the Grand Correspondant

Fellow Voyageurs,

During a recent visit to Voiture 946, Doug Carignan, Chef de Gare of Voiture 1061, asked me why I didn't mail out report forms to each Voiture. Honestly, when I was appointed Grand Correspondant, I was coming in cold and had no idea my predecessors did this. It has been a "learn as you go" situation. Unfortunately, this was not included in my education as Correspondant.

As the Grand Avocat pointed out in his column, you can obtain report forms on the Nationale website at this location: <https://www.fortyandeight.org/forms-petite/>.

If you are not online and you cannot find anyone in your Voiture who is computer savvy (or a child or grandchild), please feel free to contact me and I will print out report forms and mail them to you, or someone in your Voiture who has an email address.

Please, if you haven't already done so, let me know who your officers are for 2022-23 so I can bring updated rosters to Grand Promenade. There are Voitures that haven't contacted me recently with any information, and updated info is needed to improve communication. I have done several mass mailings and received undeliverable mail back from the U.S. Postal Service, so I really need to know your updated information.

Summer is trying to make it to Michigan, and we've seen a few days in the 80s earlier in the spring, temperatures in the 70s are not yet status quo. One of the nice things about the warmer months is we can get out of the house more.

You can reach me at (517) 388-4962, via email at richadams946@gmail.com or via good old USPS at 1919 Danbury E, Okemos MI 48864.

Respectfully,
 Rich Adams
 Grand Correspondant



Grand du Michigan
Grand Promenade
Hosted by Voiture 1002
August 12th & 13th, 2022



Please Mail this ½ of this letter with your Registration:

Name _____ Voiture/Cabane _____ Title _____
(Please Print)

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone Number _____ Email Address _____

Voyageur Registration \$20 per # _____ / La Femmes Registration \$15 per # _____

Booster Name \$2 per name (s) _____ , _____

Booster Ads \$50.00 Full Page / \$25.00 ½ Page

Please email ads and/or pictures to: GySgtRet99@gmail.com **(Use MSWord or Jpeg Format)**

Banquet \$40.00 per person: How Many Attending Banquet _____.

Choice of Grilled Chicken Marsala (GF/DF) # _____ OR Bourguignon (GF/DF) Braised boneless beef short rib # _____. Both will come with a Garden green salad, Roasted red skin potatoes, and bread, butter, and Deserts.

Deadline: Friday July 22nd 2022

Okemos Best Western Hotel & Suites and Okemos Conference Center
2187 University Park Drive, Okemos, MI. 48854
Hotel Direct Line: 517-349-8700

You must make your own reservations. Room rate is \$95.00 or Suite rate is \$125.00.

USE CODE: 40 & 8 Grand Promenade 2022 for our Convention. (Taxes not included).

Keep this ½ of this letter for YOUR records:

Voyageurs send **registration and Banquet money to:**

Michael Brokenshire, Grand Chef de Gare, Grand du Michigan
2949 S. Waverly Hwy
Lansing, MI 48911

Voyageurs, please make Checks Payable to: Voiture 946 or V946

La Femmes send Registration Only to: And Banquet Money to Michael Brokenshire at the above address:

Name **Judy Eccleston, Grande de Michigan**
Address **152 Ninth Street**
Britton MI 49229

La Femmes please make Checks Payable to: Grande de Michigan

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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 du Michigan, the Grand Promenade will be held Aug. 12 and 13, 2022 at Okemos Best Western Hotel & Suites and Okemos Conference Center, 2187 University Park Drive, Okemos MI 48854

SCHEDULE

Friday, Aug. 12, 2022
Executive Committee, 1830

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, Aug. 13, 2022

Memorial Service 0900
Grand Promenade 0930

Promenade Uniform of the Day: Red Shirts and Chapeaus

District Caucus 1130
Lunch Noon
District Caucus 1300

Promenade Reconvenes 1330

Cheminot for 2022-2023 Officers, Cheminots, Directeurs after adjournment.

Cocktail Hour 1700
Banquet 1800

Banquet Uniform of the Day: Dress Uniform, Chapeaus

All Officers, Cheminots and Committee Directeurs are advised to provide a written copy of their report to the Grand Correspondant when giving their report..

Michael Btokenshire
Grand Chef de Gare

Rich Adams
Grand Correspondant