

# Whistle



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## April 2026



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### From the Grand Chef de Gare

Happy Spring Everyone,  
Hopefully, everyone is starting to warm up around our state. Last weekend, we held our Spring Cheminot in Lansing at Voiture 946. Nine voitures were represented and participated in the activities. Put October 10<sup>th</sup> on your calendar for our Fall Cheminot as I would love to see many more Voitures represented. All Voyageurs are welcome, not just officers. Please let me know if you would like to host Fall Cheminot. It would be nice to have a change of scenery.

As for events, we have many coming up over the next six months:

- On Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, Voiture 946 in Lansing is hosting our annual State Wreck. This is always a fun event to welcome our new voyageurs into the 40 et 8. Please bring as many PGs that you can, even if they have already been sworn in at your promenade. Arrival time for PGs is 9 a.m. If you have never been to one, you should come out.
- The Great Lakes Promenade is scheduled for June 4 – 6. Grand du Indiana will be hosting it this year in Bloomington, IN (please see the registration sheet for more information). I will be there along with many other officers, voyageurs and dames. This is a great opportunity to meet new people from other states.
- Our Grand Promenade is scheduled for August 7 and 8 in Okemos, Michigan. More information will be forthcoming.



### From the Grande La Presidente

Greetings from Grande du Michigan.  
The weather is improving and spring is just around the corner. Huzzah! I don't know about you but I am ready for some nice weather. Flowers, birds, sunshine and an easier time visiting friends and family. Yes, please!

It was wonderful to see so many of you in March at the Spring Cheminot at Cabane 946. Thank you Dames for hosting and for all your hard work. Rendezvous was short and sweet and allowed for more time to catch up with friends. As of March 18<sup>th</sup> we have three cabanes at or above 100% membership which is wonderful! I know the rest are hard at work and I would love to see all at 100% by reporting time.

We were proud to hear the announcement that Michigan's own Lori Coe has thrown her hat in the ring for La Presidente Nationale. We are all behind her and will do everything we can to support her over the next year and a half.

We, of course, have a couple major events on the horizon. Great Lakes Promenade will be held on June 4-6 in Bloomington, Indiana. Rendezvous Nationale will again be held in Gettysburg from September 22-26. Registration information for Rendezvous Nationale is available on the Nationale website at [fortyandeight.org/promenade-nationale](http://fortyandeight.org/promenade-nationale). You can also reach out to your Grande officers for



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I would love to see new faces at each of these events. We always have fun when we get together. Now onto more serious business: I need updated names of Chef de Gares and Correspondents, as well as, updated addresses. Please send them to me at [barber4158@comcast.net](mailto:barber4158@comcast.net) Our membership is way down right now. Please send in all

memberships that have been paid and try to recruit new members into our “fun” society. Don’t forget to get your programs’ reports into our Grand Directeurs no later than July 1, 2026. They need them to create our Grand Reports and send them up to Nationale by August 1, 2026. If you are unsure how to do yours, please reach out to me and

I will help you complete it. As always, I would love to attend your Promenade. Please email me an invitation with your dates and time when you meet. Once again, my email address is [barber4158@comcast.net](mailto:barber4158@comcast.net).  
Yours in Service,  
Lori L. Barber  
Grand Chef de Gare  
Grand du Michigan

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more information.

Lastly, our Grande Promenade will be on August 8 at the Best Western hotel in Okemos, MI. La Presidente Nationale, Cheryl Boswell, will be in attendance along with several other Dames from various states. This is always a

favorite event of mine and I am looking forward to sharing our hospitality with our visitors and Michigan Dames alike.

Thank you all for your continued support and participation. Our great organization is nothing without

its dedicated members. As always, stay safe and look for ways to love those around you.  
Yours in service,  
Krissy Brokenshire  
La Presidente  
Grande du Michigan

## 100 percent pins awarded



Grand Chef de Gare Lori Barber awarded 100 percent membership pins during Spring Cheminot at Voiture 946. Receiving pins for Chefs and Correspondants Locale are (from left) Jeff Nickols of Voiture 868, Paul Rose of Voiture 181 and Gary Bourdeau of Voiture 957.



**Grand du Michigan  
Grand Promenade & Rendezvous  
Hosted by Voiture 946  
August 8, 2026**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grand \_\_\_\_\_ V/C \_\_\_\_\_

Street address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Dame name \_\_\_\_\_ Grand \_\_\_\_\_ V/C \_\_\_\_\_

Registration: \$10 Voyageurs # \_\_\_\_\_ \$15 Dames # \_\_\_\_\_

Ads: Half page \$25, full page \$50  
Boosters: \$2/name

Boosters \_\_\_\_\_

**Best Western Hotel & Conference Center  
2187 University Park Drive  
Okemos MI 48864**

Room block held until July 19. Use code Forty and Eight.  
Nightly rate \$105, suite \$135, if available  
Attendees responsible for making their own reservations.

All activities (Memorial Service, Promenade and Rendezvous) held on Saturday. There is NO banquet. Hospitality room will be open Friday from 10 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. and Saturday after Promenade. Memorial Service is at 0900 sharp. Promenade and Rendezvous will take place at 1030.

Send Voyageur registration fee, booster and ad monies to Lori Barber, 4384 Smithville Road, Eaton Rapids MI 48827, payable to Grand Voiture du Michigan.

Send Dames registration to Lori Coe, 2544 Martina Drive, Holt MI 48842, payable to Grande Cabane du Michigan. You can also register on site Friday or Saturday.

Registration(s): \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Ad: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Booster(s): \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Total amount sent: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form with registration.

65<sup>TH</sup> GREAT LAKES PROMENADE

HOSTED BY

GRAND du INDIANA

JUNE 4, 5, 6, 2026

HYATT PLACE BLOOMINGTON

217 KIRKWOOD AVE

BLOOMINGTON, IN 47404

FOR RESEERVATIONS CALL DIANA THOMAS 812-339-5950 EXT 5207

MENTION 40/8 GREAT LAKES PROMENADE

**YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR OWN ROOM RESERVATIONS**

**DEADLINE MAY 5 , 2026**

KING OR DOUBLE ROOMS- \$119.00 PLUS \$5.00/DAY PARKING

FREE HOT BREAKFAST

TAX EXEMPT. TAXES WILL BE DEDUCTED FROM YOUR FINAL BILL

NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION & BUFFET \$60.00 FOR VOYAGEURS & \$60.00 FOR GUESTS**

BOOSTERS- \$2.00 EACH NAME- PLEASE INDICATE GRAND & VOITURE NUMBER

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ GRAND TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

**BUFFET- SOUTH WESTERN- SPINICH AND KALE SALAD, POTATO SALAD, PULLED PORK, PULLED CHICKEN, BAKED MACARONI AND CHEESE, GREEN BEANS, FRESHLY BAKED ROLLS, CHEF'S SELECTION OF COOKIES, ICE TEA**

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: INDIANA, GREAT LAKES**

MAIL REGISTRATION & BOOSTER MONEY TO:

*RONNY DERESH, P.O. BOX 211, WANATAH, IN 46390*

**PROGRAM BOOK: FULL PAGE \$ 50.00 - HALF PAGE \$ 25.00**

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: INDIANA GREAT LAKES

MAIL TO: BOB HOCK- 5611 W. LAKEVIEW DR, LAPORTE, IN 46350

EMAIL: *indbobhock@gmail.com* (Ad copy is preferred via email)

Grande du Pennsylvania & Grande du Maryland invite you to attend the



# 107<sup>th</sup> Promenade & 63<sup>rd</sup> Rendezvous Nationale

Gettysburg, PA

September 22-26, 2026

*Explore Civil War History in Gettysburg*

Date form completed \_\_\_\_\_



PLEASE SUBMIT SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH REGISTRANT. SPOUSE/SIGNIFICANT OTHER MAY SHARE FORM. BOTH NAMES NEED TO BE ON IT

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City /State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Payment by Check? (Enter Check Number): \_\_\_\_\_

Payment by Credit Card? (Check one below)

VISA  Master Card  Discover

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Card Exp Date: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ CVV \_\_\_\_\_

BILLING ADDRESS AND ZIP CODE FOR CREDIT CARD REQUIRED

BILLING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

BILLING ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

| Quantity | Description  | Amount   |
|----------|--|----------|
| # _____  | Voyageur's Registration @ \$30.00 (NON-REFUNDABLE) | \$ _____ |
| # _____  | Voyageur's Late Reg. Fee (AFTER 6/1/26) @ \$5      | \$ _____ |
|          | Grande Voiture: _____ Voiture Locale: _____        |          |
| # _____  | Dame's Registration @ \$25.00                      | \$ _____ |
|          | Grande Cabane: _____ Cabane Locale: _____          |          |
| # _____  | La President Luncheon (9/24/26) @ \$35.00          | \$ _____ |
| # _____  | Early Bird (9/22/26) Tickets @ \$30.00             | \$ _____ |
| # _____  | Banquet (9/25/26) Tickets @ \$45.00 each           | \$ _____ |

Select one meal for each attendee:  
 London Broil \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken Marsala \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

THE EISENHOWER (HQ) AND ASPIRE HOTELS ARE FOR BOTH VOYAGEURS & DAMES. ALL VOYAGEURS & DAMES WILL BE EXPECTED TO MAKE THEIR RESERVATION WITH THE HOTEL DIRECTLY.

RESERVATION LINKS:

EISENHOWER (HQ) HOTEL:

ASPIRE HOTEL:

OR YOU CAN CALL

1-717-334-8121

MAKE SURE TO LET THEM KNOW YOU ARE THERE FOR **107<sup>th</sup> PROMENADE & 63<sup>rd</sup> RENDEZVOUS NATIONALE**

NOTE: Rates ONLY available through Promenade Nationale Corporation

### REGISTRATION AND RESERVATIONS

Promenade Registrations must be received by August 28, 2026

PROMENADE REGISTRATION FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE

ALL VOYAGEURS & DAMES MUST REGISTER WITH THE PROMENADE NATIONALE CORPORATION.

Please provide your credit card information or make your check payable to "107<sup>th</sup> Promenade Corporation"

Mail form and payment to:

Voiture Nationale

1635 Hawthorne Drive

Plainfield, IN 46168

Or Email to [ttaylor@fortyandeight.org](mailto:ttaylor@fortyandeight.org)

**HOTEL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY**

**AUGUST 20, 2026**

Additional forms are online at [www.fortyandeight.org](http://www.fortyandeight.org)

HANDICAP ROOMS ARE LIMITED: PLEASE CONSIDER THIS

WHEN MAKING YOUR REQUEST. HANDICAP ROOMS ARE

ASSIGNED ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS