

# Whistle

## Stop

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### From the Grand Chef de Gare

Greetings Fellow Voyageurs,

As your new Grand Chef de Gare, I thought it might be appropriate to introduce myself and share a little bit of my background. I am a retired SFC from the Army, serving two years in West Germany and 18 years with the Michigan National Guard. In 2009, I joined the 40 & 8 where Voiture 946 became my second home. Because I love what this organization is about, I became fully immersed in it a few months after my induction. I have served several positions at the Local, Grand level and currently serving as National Sous Directeur of Youth Sports.



As a retired high school teacher and coach, Youth Sports became my passion. This is a program I will continue to support and emphasize during my term, providing guidance and information to our Local Youth Sports Directeur.

The next thing I will concentrate on is membership. As of now, Grand du Michigan is at 97%. This is great, but we need to do better. I would love us to exceed 100%. In the next couple of weeks, I plan to attend Nationale Promenade in Gettysburg. I hope to see many of you there. On Saturday, Oct. 11, 2025 will be our Grand Fall Cheminot in Lansing at Voiture 946. Refer to the Official Call, which is included in this issue of the

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### From the Grande La Presidente

Greetings from Grande du Michigan.

As we begin our new Cabane year I want to take a moment to offer my thanks to a few individuals. First, to our outgoing Grande La Presidente, Lori Coe. I am so grateful to you for your three years of outstanding service. You are a credit to dames everywhere and have left some mighty big shoes to fill. Thank you for being a mentor and a friend. I also would like to recognize all of our honored guests who attended Grande from out of state. I especially want to highlight our Nationale La Presidente, Cindy Hickey. Thank you for honoring us with your presence (and your woos).



I look forward to working with our new Grande Chef de Gare, Lori Barber. She is a great friend and an honorable, dedicated voyageur. This next year will no doubt be full of laughter and great work, and the dames are right behind you for anything you may need.

We had a wonderful weekend at Grande full of friends, fun and lots of woos. The dames of V946 provided a wonderful hospitality spread and I would like to say thank you to all who contributed in one way or another. We had fun designing the "Michiana C964" shirts and I cannot wait to wear

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The Whistle Stop. Please consider attending, even if you are not a local officer. Attending functions like this will give you more information as to how the 40 & 8 works at the Grand Level. Finally, I would love to visit each Voiture around the state. Please reach out to me and let me know when you have your promenade or other special events. I will

make every effort to attend. If possible, I would like each Local Chef de Gare and Correspondant send me their contact information; primarily your phone number and email address. I want to send out an email monthly to keep everyone updated on what is happening around the 40 & 8. You can reach out to me with any questions and/or concerns

through my email at [barber4158@comcast.net](mailto:barber4158@comcast.net). Thank you for giving me this honor to be your Chef de Gare. In return, I will do my best to make sure Grand du Michigan is the best grand in the 40 & 8.  
Sincerely Yours,  
Lori Barber  
Grand Chef de Gare  
Grand du Michigan

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them with my sister dames. I think we had our largest table ever for dame socializing and loved singing and dancing with you.

My personal pet program for this next year will be youth sports. I myself was a student athlete and know firsthand the benefits of participating in sports. Teamwork, dedication, discipline and health are all values that are instilled and should be supported in all things. Today, both of my children are active participants in youth sports and it is a joy to see it from the perspective of a parent. I would like to challenge each cabane to find a way to step in and support a local athlete or team. Let's see

Michigan sweep the awards at Nationale!  
We are jumping right into the year's events with fall Cheminot which will be held in Lansing at V496 on October 11, 2025. We hope to see you all there. It's a great time of year to travel as the leaves are beginning to change and you can still enjoy a nice drive before the weather turns foul. Encourage your sister dames to attend with you, especially if they have never attended a Grande function. This year, Sharon will be discussing chairmanships. What is involved with reporting? What do the different programs do? Chairmanships are a fantastic way to dip your toe into

leadership without yet stepping into the line. I have always valued my chairmanships and the opportunity to support something a little bigger than myself. If you have ever had any questions about this subject, or are just open to learning a little more about our great organization, please plan to attend.

Thank you all, once again, for your support and your service. With your help, 2025-2026 will be a great year!

Yours in service,  
Krissy Brokenshire  
La Presidente  
Grande du Michigan

# Grand du Michigan

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## La Societe Des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux

To: Grand Officers  
 Grand Cheminots  
 Voiture Officers

Grand Committee Directeurs  
 Grand Executive Committee  
 Interested Voyageurs

By order of the Chef de Gare, Grand Voiture du Michigan, the Fall Cheminot will be held on Saturday, Oct. 11, 2025 at Voiture 946, 2949 S. Waverly Highway, Lansing MI 48911.  
 Pre-registration \$10, send checks to Gary Bourdeau, 34 W Phillips Ave., Milan MI 48160.  
**MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO GRAND VOITURE DU MICHIGAN.**  
 Doughnuts, fruit and coffee will be available at the registration desk.

La Femmes pre-registration \$10, make checks payable to Grande Cabane de Michigan and send to Lori Coe, 2544 Marina Dr. Apt 9, Holt, Michigan 48842  
 Registration for Voyageurs and Dames begins at 0900 October 11

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE meets at 1100 Saturday, October 11, then each committee will be called in order, then the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will close the meeting.

### SCHEDULE

Saturday, Oct. 11, 2025 Executive Committee, 1100  
 Lunch 1130, included in Voyageur registration

Lunch is available for \$6 for Dames and guests. Menu is Sandwich Wraps, Soup & Desserts.  
 CHEMINOT CONVENES at 1200

ALL OFFICERS, CHEMINOTS AND COMMITTEE DIRECTEURS ARE ADVISED TO PROVIDE A WRITTEN COPY OF THEIR REPORT to the Grand Correspondant.

*Lori Barber*  
 Grand Chef de Gare

*Gary Bourdeau*  
 Grand Correspondant

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# Grand Promenade 2025



Lori Barber is sworn in as Grand du Michigan Grand Chef de Gare.



Chef de Chemin de Fer Paul Emmert Jr. hands the gavel to newly installed Grand du Michigan Grand Chef de Gare Lori Barber at Grand Promenade in Okemos on Aug. 9, 2025.



Grande La Presidente Krissy Brokenshire holds her gavel after being installed at Grande Rendezvous by Grand Sous Avocat Michael Brokenshire.



Grand Chef de Gare Lori Barber comments after being installed, accompanied by Chef de Chemin de Fer Paul Emmert Sr.

# Images of Grand Promenade 2025



Chef de Chemin de Fer Paul Emmert Sr. takes the wheel of the Voiture 946 train during a visit to the Chateau



There were many "woooooo!" moments in the Hospitality Room during Grand Promenade. Many thanks to all the Dames who not only kept the food coming out for our enjoyment, but to both Dames and Voyageurs who kept the fun level high.



Chef de Chemin de Fer Paul Emmert Sr. addresses the Voyageurs and Dames assembled in the Hospitality Room during an awards ceremony.



Outgoing Grand Chef de Gare Rich Adams presents Chef de Chemin de Fer Passe William "Joe" Jannick with a Lifetime Achievement Award