

Whistle



Stop



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A publication of the Grand du Michigan Forty and Eight

From the Grand Chef de Gare

Greetings Voyageurs,

Spring has sprung, and Spring Cheminot is in the books. Bravo zulu to Voiture 102 for hosting the event, which drew 25 or so Voyageurs to American Legion Post 172 in Rochester. V102 worked very hard to set up the Cheminot and fed us some really great food. I had hoped we would draw more Voitures from other parts of the state, but it was a success despite the low (or post-pandemic normal) turnout.

One of the issues we addressed was a new Grand du Michigan Constitution, copies of which were handed out during Cheminot. The primary changes are that any honorably discharged veteran can be a member of La Societe. It had not been updated in decades and it will be discussed at Grand Promenade in August, which will once again take place in Okemos.

Mark your calendars for May 10. For the first time since COVID-19 shut things down, Grand du Michigan is hosting a Mother's Day Wreck. It's a ceremony that mixes fun with seriousness as PG's take their first initiative step into the Forty and Eight. The flyer is in this edition of The Whistle Stop and on the Grand website at www.40et8michigan.com. The \$10 entry fee includes lunch for Voyageurs. Those Voitures bringing PG's must remember to bring chapeaus for their victims ... er, participants.

I am ready for traveling. At this point I plan to visit Voiture 545 in April. I also hope to visit with Voiture 181. If you want



From the Grande La Presidente

Hello Dames!

Hope this finds everyone doing well, patiently waiting for warmer weather. Not much to report this time. We held Spring Cheminot in Rochester the beginning of March. Thanks extended to our hosts for accommodating us for the day. Kind of a sparse turnout. One thing discussed was finding ways to make some money for the Grande. anyone has any ideas, please share.

Membership is at 85% for the state; four Cabanes are at 100% or greater, and two are close to that mark. Another popular subject is reports. It's getting to be that time again. Deadline to have Locale reports in is postmarked by the end of May. I know they aren't one of the easiest (or favorite) of activities, but necessary, so get yours to the appropriate individuals on time, or earlier! I am preparing, along with Carrie and Lori, to leave for North Carolina and La Presidente Cindy's Homecoming. We are driving. It will be fun to see all of the Dames in attendance. And...Happy April Fool's Day!! Also, Easter blessings later this month.



If

Lori Coe
Grande la Presidente

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From the Grand Chef

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a visit during a Promenade, or even just an informal get-together with Voyageurs at a local watering hole, please reach out to me.

I have been sending emails and calling Voyageurs listed as Correspondants Locale trying to get information. Primarily I am seeking to find out if the Voitures are actually active and have officers in place. If you are a Correspondant and receive this edition, please either call me at 517-388-4962 or email me at richadams946@gmail.com. I simply want to bring our roster up to date.

We also need to know of any Voyageurs who have passed away, not only to ensure we have a correct roster, but more importantly we need to know about services planned for the departed Voyageur so we can be

present at the funeral or memorial service. We also need to honor those who have died at our memorial service at Grand Promenade.

Our membership is decent at this point, but we can do better. We are at 85.44 percent, with 12 of 28 Voitures Locale at 100 percent or better. We can do better. Anyone who does not have a 2025 membership card they are not Voyageurs in good standing and are not entitled to the benefits and services of the Forty and Eight. Let's put on a push to increase membership before Great Lakes Promenade in June. I would hate to lose to Ohio again.

As I mentioned, Grand Promenade will take place Aug. 9 at the Best Western Okemos/ East Lansing Hotel & Suites, 2209 University Park Dr. in

Okemos. We will have hospitality rooms Aug. 8 and 9 and will have plenty of food and drink for those participating. The registration and Official Call are included in this edition of The Whistle Stop. Please plan on coming to this important meeting, when officers for the 2025-26 year will be elected. If you are interested in an elected office or appointed directeurship, please let me know.

Again, feel free to contact me for any reason. I usually let unknown phone numbers go to voicemail, so if I don't answer please leave me a message and I will call back.

Respectfully,
Rich Adams
Grand Chef de Gare
Grand du Michigan

From the Grand Youth Sports Directeur

As your Grande Youth Sports Directeur, I would like to reach out to the Local Youth Sports Directeurs. I am here to help you with anything you need, to include pin sales, fundraising for your program, donations to local youth sports organization, reports and any other questions you may have. If you are not

aware, Nationale will reimburse any local up to \$250 for their donations to a local organization. If you are not sure how to do this, I can help you with this. If you need fundraising ideas, I have several. Please respond to me with your contact information so I can update you on any new information.

Your can send your information to my email at barber4158@comcast.net.

Lori Barber
Sous Directeur, Nationale
Youth Sports
Grande Directeur, Youth
Sports

Local Youth Sports Directeur,
Voiture 946

From the Grand Correspondant

Voyageurs,

We need to keep in mind that the Annual Reports are coming due shortly. Don't wait until the last minute. A blank report is the same as a completed report for accountability!

Remember that on April 12th is the Grande Chefs Homecoming at Voiture 946 cocktails at 4 and Dinner at 5.

Respectfully,

Gary Bourdeau

Grande Du Michigan Correspondent.



Mark Your Calendar

April 3-5: La Presidente Nationale Homecoming, Durham, NC

April 12: Grand Chef de Gare Homecoming, Voiture 946, Lansing MI

April 23: Army Reserve Birthday

May 10: Mother's Day Wreck, Voiture 946, Lansing MI

May 17: Armed Forces Day

May 23-26, 40 et 8 Memorial Day ceremonies, Arlington National Cemetery, VA

June 5-7: Great Lakes Promenade, DeKalb, IL

June 6: D-Day Anniversary

June 14: Army Birthday, Flag Day

June 23: Coast Guard Auxiliary Birthday

June 27: National PTSD Awareness Day

July 4: Independence Day

July 27: Korean War Veterans Armistice Day

Aug. 4: Coast Guard Birthday

Aug. 9: Grand Promenade, Okemos, MI

Sept. 11: Patriot Day

Sept. 18: Air Force Birthday

Sept 19: POW/MIA Recognition Day

Sept. 23-27: Promenade Nationale, Gettysburg, PA

Oct. 13: Navy Birthday

Nov. 10: Marines Birthday

Nov. 11: Vetreans Day

Dec. 7: Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

Dec. 13: National Guard Birthday

Dec. 20: Space Force birthday



**Grand du Michigan
Grand Promenade & Rendezvous
Hosted by Voiture 946
August 9, 2025**

Name _____ Grand _____ V/C _____

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
517-349-8700**

Room block held until July 19. Use code Forty and Eight.

Nightly rate \$105.00, suite \$135.00, 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. Specific times for Memorial Service is 0900 Saturday. Promenade and Rendezvous will be held at 1030.

Send Voyageur registration fee, booster and ad monies to Gary Boudreau, 34 W. Phillips Ave., Milan MI, 48160 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.

Grand du 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 Voiture du Michigan, the Grand Promenade will be held on Saturday, August 9, 2025, at the Best Western Okemos/East Lansing Hotel & Suites, 2209 University Park Drive, Okemos MI 48864

Pre-registration \$10, send 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 registration desk.

Femmes pre-registration \$10, make pre-registration checks payable to Grande Cabane de Michigan and send to Carrie Haynes, 506 Mill St., Leslie MI 49251.

Registration for voyageurs and dames begins at 1600 Friday, August 8 and 0800 Saturday, August 9.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE meets at 1015 Aug. 9, then each committee will be called in order, then the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will close the meeting.

SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 9, 2025: Memorial Service begins at 0900 sharp.
 Executive Committee meets at 1015, Promenade opens at 1030. Past Chef luncheon is at 1200. Promenade reconvenes at 1330 for election and installation of officers

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

Rich Adams
 Grand Chef de Gare

Gary Bourdeau
 Grand Correspondant



Mother's Day



WRECK!

Bring your PG's to Voiture 946 for the first post-pandemic

Grand du Michigan

MOTHER'S DAY WRECK!

Saturday, May 10

Wreck begins at 1000. Have your PG's at Voiture 946, 2949 S. Waverly Hwy., Lansing MI by 0900.

Be sure to bring a chapeau for every victim ... ehh, participant. Ensure they are medically able to take part in the "fun."

Cost is \$10 for all Voyageurs and includes a lunch of bean soup and sandwiches. Cash bar will be available.

If you have a favorite stunt, please bring it along so we can wreck our PG's to the fullest!

RSVP by emailing richadams946@gmail.com or calling 517-388-4962 by May 1 so we can plan accordingly.



64th Great Lakes Promenade June, 5, 6 & 7, 2025



Wisconsin-Michigan-Illinois-Indiana-Ohio-New York-Pennsylvania
Hosted by the Grande Voiture d' Illinois, Voyageurs & Dames

All attendees are responsible for making their own hotel reservations. The block of rooms will expire on May 16, 2025. All prices are plus tax. When reserving your room, say you are with the **40&8 Block of Rooms** and you are attending the **64th Great Lakes Promenade**. Any problems with your hotel reservations, contact Frank Beierlotzer, 815-901-3834 or ffb66@juno.com.

Headquarters Host Hotel Site: Red Roof Inn and Suites, 1212 West Lincoln Hwy, DeKalb, Illinois 60115 815-758-8661, WWW.DEKALB.REDROOF.COM Two levels with no elevator. If you are able to do steps, **please reserve an upper level** so that those that need a lower level will have a room available at the Headquarters Host Site. Lower Level \$94.99 and Upper Level \$89.99.

Overflow Hotel: Comfort Inn, 1314 W. Lincoln Hwy, DeKalb, Illinois 60115, 815-748-7100, IL323@stayatchoice.com \$109.00 and there is an elevator. About .1 miles west of Host Hotel Site.

Registration Form

Anticipated arrival day: _____ Name: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Grande: _____ Voiture# & Name: _____

Guest Name: _____ Phone: _____ Title _____

Registration (\$60.00) per person includes Host Site Hospitality Room and Banquet.

Registrations: # _____ Times (\$60.00) Equals \$ _____ Check# _____

Great Lakes Promenade Boosters \$2.00 each:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

All checks payable to: Voiture 207 – 64th GLP

Any Questions: Todd Latham

Mail to: Todd Latham, 115 Boulevard St., Sandwich, IL 60548 815-786-4095, greatlakespromenadeillinois@gmail.com

Tours, events, banquet, program schedule, will be available in February 2025.

Ad Book: Please email graphic to greatlakespromenadeillinois@gmail.com and indicate selection below:

- ☐ Full Page Interior \$50
- ☐ Half Page \$25