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

## “WHISTLE STOP”



## State Wreck May 7 V-946

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## From the desk of the Le Editeur

We are still working out the details of our website. I've been given the ability to post on the site, but the platform that our web designer chose is quite complicated. Still, I think we will be able to improve it in the near future.

I am always seeking photos from Locale or Grande events that we can post both here in the Whistle Stop and on the Grande du Michigan Facebook page. Electronic versions of photos can be emailed to richadams946@gmail.com or send them snail mail to Rich Adams, 15855 Turnberry Street, Lansing MI 48906.

Sincerely,

Rich Adams



Grande Chef Gary and Grande Presidente Sally with a few of the gifts they received at their Testimonial Dinner in Ypsilanti. The event was March 12.

## From the desk of the Grande Chef de Gare

I would like to start by thanking everyone who came to Sally and my Testimonial Dinner. It was a wonderful evening and the food was great.

Membership continues to be my No. 1 concern. We are still 151 short of our yearly goal. This puts Michigan in 38th place, with Ohio in 16th place nationally.

Don't forget: The Mother's Day Wreck at Voiture 946 in Lansing on May 7 is the state wreck as well.

Memorial Day is coming just around the corner.

I realize this is only April, but this is a good time to start working on your year-end reports.

Thanks

Grande Chef Gary

## From the desk of the Grande Presidente

Greetings from Grande Presidente Sally,

There hasn't been a whole lot of activity so far this year. I did travel to Lansing to attend a Rendezvous with Cabane 946 in February. What an impressive Rendezvous they had - there was a number of Dames present and a lot of business was conducted. What a great job they are doing with the programs for La Societe. Thank you Dames of 946 for the good work you do!

On March 5<sup>th</sup> I made another trip to Lansing for the Grande Spring Cheminot, hosted by Cabane 946. My husband Gary and I arrived in Lansing on Friday evening and enjoyed a wonderful dinner. Thank you Cabane 946 for your kind hospitality both Friday and Saturday. Sharon Schulte chaired a "School of Instruction" on Saturday morning which actually became a question-and-answer session for those attending. Many Dames had questions about programs and procedures and I can't think of anyone better suited to provide the answers than our own resident expert - Sharon. Thank you Sharon for all that you do for LaSociete. After a delicious lunch we went right into Grande Spring Cheminot. Thank you all that attended and participated.

On March 12<sup>th</sup> Grand Chef Gary Bourdeau and I had our "Testimonial/Homecoming" dinner at the Ypsilanti Moose Lodge in Ypsilanti. The turnout was small but the dinner was very good and it was great to see those Voyaguers and Dames that traveled so far to share this evening with Gary and I.

As I write this article I am on my way to Texas with MY Gary B. and my sister to spend two weeks with my older brother. Leaving home the temperature was in the low 30's and when we stopped for the night (800 miles from home) the temperature was in the mid 80's. Hopefully when we get home Spring will have arrived as well.

Have you been keeping up with the Nationale Cabane Chatter? If not, as you probably already know Correspondante Nationale Terry Sampson is retiring September 30<sup>th</sup>. Terry has done an amazing job of getting the Nationale office organized and getting our finances in good order. It has been announced that on May 1<sup>st</sup> Carol Austin from Goose Creek, South Carolina will start training for the position of Correspondante Nationale. With an opportunity to have mentored training with Terry and help from all of the Dames of LaSociete I know Carol will do an amazing job.

Before closing I want to give an update on Grande de Michigan's membership standings. Currently Michigan is in 17<sup>th</sup> place with 80.08%, 44 short of our goal. Here are the individual standings:

<b>Cabane</b>	<b>Goal</b>	<b>Percentage</b>	<b>Over/Short</b>
102	26	100%	0
669	21	61.9%	-8
946	50	96%	-2
957	27	74.07%	-7
997	36	102.78%	+1
1116	22	86.36%	-3
1536	19	68.42%	-6

Congratulations to those that have made 100% and keep up the good work for all those that will be 100% by the end of the membership drive. I know that you can do it!

**Yours in service,  
Elvia "Sally" Beatty  
Grande Presidente**

### **From the desk of the Grande Correspondant**

Greetings All,

I would like to congratulate Voitures 181 and 1336 on 100 percent membership.

Please remember with the upcoming elections, I need the names of the Chef de Gar and Correspondent of each Locale so I can put together a correct roster for the coming year. Please send me the names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses if they have one.

Thank you

Dave Webb,

Grande Correspondant

Grande Du Michigan

## **Upcoming Events**

May 7 - State Wreck, V946, Lansing

May 30 - Memorial Day

June 2-4 - Great Lakes Promenade, Appleton Wis.

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

### **From the desk of the Grand Conducteur**

Greetings from the Grande Conducteur,

A few things need to be taken care of as we move into the busy season. Your Locale elections will be coming up soon and I remind you of the importance of the person that you elect to Grand Cheminot or Sous Cheminot, whichever is the case. It is of the utmost importance that you elect someone who will show up and represent your Voiture at Grande Promenade, Fall, and Spring Cheminot. As we did not have a quorum at either Fall or Spring Cheminot, we were unable to conduct any business. Your elected Cheminot is your liason both to and from Grande. This is a tried and true method for communicating with you. Please help us fix it.

You should be thinking about the things you need to do during the June and July timeframe. Some of these things include sending your reports to the Grande directeurs in a timely manner so they can compile their report to get to Nationale on time. Remember, if you don't report it, you didn't do it. You also are required to forward a list of your locale officers to the Grande Correspondant. It all goes back to communications. If we don't know who to talk to, we cannot communicate.

Upcoming events include the State Wreck at V-946 on 7 May. The way things look, this will be the only active wreck this year, so let's have a good turnout. PGs need to report no later than 10 a.m.; lunch is at noon, wreck starts promptly at 1 p.m. If you have an act that you would like to bring or PGs, please contact me. Locomotives welcome.

Great Lakes Promenade is 2, 3 and 4 June in Appleton, Wis. Registration forms are on the Nationale website. We had a great turnout when it was held in Lansing last June. Let's reciprocate and show them Michigan is not dead.

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Grande Promenade is 12 and 13 August in West Branch.

Elections: Remember that if you have not cleared your pin accounts with the Grand Directeur, you will not be allowed to vote. Please get those accounts settled ASAP!

As usual, be mindful that membership is not everything. It is the *only* thing. We need to get more to join our ranks and start joining in the fun.

Looking forward to seeing you at some or all of these functions. If you have any questions about these or other topics, please do not hesitate to contact me.

**James A. Coe, II**

**Grande Nurses Training Directeur, Grand Conducteur,  
President, Great Lakes Promenade Assoc.**

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**Items for the June edition of  
the Whistle Stop are due on  
Friday, May 15**

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### **La Societé des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevau**

**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.

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