

Whistle Stop

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From the Grand Chef de Gare

Greeting Voyageurs,

First, I am very honored and humbled to be your Grand Chef de Gare. I take the role seriously and will do everything I can to promote the Grand du Michigan and the Forty et Eight.

I attended Promenade Nationale at Kalahari in Ohio. It was my pleasure to nominate Passe Grand Chef de Gare Lonnie Haynes to the office of Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer. He was elected and will do a fantastic job of representing our district. And congratulations to Grande La Presidente Lori Coe for being elected for another year. I look forward to working with her.

Our new Chef de Chemin de Fer is Paul Emmert Sr. From



Baltimore, Maryland. He is big on communication and membership and will be an asset to La Societe on all levels. And thanks to Passe Chef de Chemin de Fer Frank Campo for the work he did during his term, and additional thanks for attending our Grand Promenade in August and swearing in our new officers.

My goal also is to improve communications. I am in the process of visiting as many Voitures Locale as I can. In September I visited Voiture 599 in Marquette and attended their Promenade. Locale. Chef de Gare Mike Trickey and a handful of Voyageurs and I had a good discussion and I appreciate the opportunity to visit with them. I also attended a dinner celebrating the 100th anniversary of Voiture 756 in Owosso. I

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From the Grande La Presidente

Hello, Dames!

I hope you are doing well and enjoying these cooler days. Thank you for renewing my contract (reappointment) for another year as your La Presidente. Also, congratulations to new Grande Chef, Rich Adams.

Rendezvous Nationale for 2024 is in the books. I had the pleasure of attending this year. It's always fun to renew acquaintances and meet new friends. Our new Nationale La Presidente is Cindy Hickey from North Carolina. Our own Cheryl Jannick continues as Commissaire Intendante Nationale. Other Michigan Dames with Nationale appointments are Lori Bolley, Carrie Haynes, Twila Willard, Sharon Schulte and I. Michigan received several awards which I will announce at Cheminot. As I like to say, all should try to attend at least one Rendezvous Nationale to experience it all.



Fall Cheminot is just a couple of weeks away; October 12 in Lansing at V-946. Registration at 9 a.m., School of Instruction 9:30, Cheminot at 12:30 p.m. after lunch and Boxcar Anniversary Celebration. Hope many of your smiling faces can come. In the meantime, let's keep working membership to assure our organization is able to continue for many years to come. You all take care and beware of ghosts and goblins this spooky season. And.....Election Day is a mere month away. Make sure you get out and VOTE!!!!

Yours in service.

Lori Coe
Grande La Presidente

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appreciate that invitation and congratulate Voiture 756 on a century of service to the community and La Societe. If you would like a visit please reach out to me and let me know details and I will happily pay a visit.

One element of Promenade Nationale was special awards. The Forty et Eight has four special awards: Voyageur of the Year, Hero of the Year, Law Officer of the Year and City of the Year. It would be well worth it if each Voiture in Michigan could contact their state, city and county law enforcement offices asking for recommendations. If you read about someone in your community who has exhibited a heroic action, please consider nominating them to Grand. The report paperwork is on the Nationale website, which has been redesigned and updated.

If a city or township in your community, please note if officials are doing things and have programs to benefit veterans. That would qualify them for City of the Year. At

Grand Promenade, the Chef de Chemin de Fer awarded City of the Year to Voiture 181 Chef de Gare and Grand Chef de Train Alice Berger, who had nominated Climax as City of the Year. Please consider nominating one of your communities for this award.

Voyageur of the Year is another award to recognize any Voyageur who goes above and beyond the call of duty in service to their Voiture and their community. Again, the paperwork is on the Nationale website.

Spring Cheminot will take place on March 8. A location has not been decided on yet, and if your Voiture would like to host it please contact me. I would like to see a larger attendance than we have seen in the recent past. I will send out an Official Call when we select a site. I am still looking for a Grand Correspondant. The position is not that time consuming. I will help with preparing the minutes, filing online for nonprofit status with the IRS and state of Michigan and reading the

roll call of officers. Please let me know if you will accept this important and necessary assignment. Membership is also very important, because our numbers continue to dwindle. We need younger men and women to join our ranks. If you have adult children and even grandchildren, they likely know peers who are veterans. Perhaps they could introduce you to these veterans and you can introduce them to La Societe.

I look forward to working with my comrade Voyageurs and Grande La Presidente Coe to bring energy to the Grand Voiture du Michigan and Grande de Cabane Michigan. We are the fun and honor club, and we need more of the fun aspect.

You can reach me via email at richadams946@gmail.com, call me at (517) 388-4962 or via snail mail at 1283 Chartwell Carriage Way N, East Lansing MI 48823.

Yours in service,
Rich Adams
Grand Chef de Gare
Grand du Michigan



Grand Chef de Gare Rich Adams visited Voiture Locale 599 in Marquette for Promenade (right) and Voiture Locale 756 in Owosso (left) to celebrate the 100th years of their charter.



Please consider

The following directeurships and appointed positions are still currently open. If you are interested in any of these programs please let Grand Chef Rich Adams know of your interest:

DIRECTEURSHIPS

Grand Directeur Membership
 Grand Directeur Time & Place
 Grand Americanism Directeur
 Grand Directeur Carville Star
 Grand Child Welfare Directeur
 Grand Directeur Ways and Means

APPOINTMENTS

Grand Correspondant
 Grand Aide de Camp
 Grand Historian
 Grand Photographe
 Grand Organizer
 Executive Committee member
 Dignitary Host

ELECTED BY DISTRICT VOITURES

Grand Cheminot District 1
 Grand Cheminot District 4
 Grand Cheminot District 5
 Grand Cheminot District 6

Upcoming military observances and events

U.S. Navy birthday - Oct. 13

Day of the Deployed - Oct. 26, a day to honor our deployed troops and their families for their bravery and the sacrifices they are making for our country.

Navy Day - Oct. 27, Navy Day is specifically about military service, where the Navy birthday celebrates the origins and history of the U.S. Navy.

November is National Veterans & Military Family Month

Marine Corps Birthday - Nov. 10

Veterans Day - Nov. 11

Winterize your Home



1. Seal gaps and cracks in your foundation and walls.
2. Invest in a modern, programmable thermostat and set it to automatically turn the heat down when you're not home.
3. Check your roof to ensure shingles are intact, and gutters and downspouts are clear of leaves and branches.
4. Inspect your furnace for leaks and test for carbon monoxide. Consider investing in carbon monoxide detectors to monitor the air in your home.
5. Replace the furnace filter to ensure efficiency.
6. Make a home emergency kit and supplies to last for three days for each family member. Your emergency kit should include water in bottles or jugs, non-perishable food, flashlights, candles, batteries, matches, a battery-operated radio, blankets, prescriptions and over-the-counter medications.