

Whistle Stop

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From the Grand Chef de Gare

Fellow voyageurs,

I hope everyone had a happy Halloween. Well, we didn't have a big turnout at Fall Cheminot. However, we did have good discussion and fellowship. Thank you to those voyageurs and dames who came. Also, a big thanks to Voiture 946 for hosting. Another job well done!

To the Voitures Locale that picked up pins, thank you for supporting our programs. The biggest thing discussed at Fall Cheminot was cutting our Cheminot districts from 14 down to 5; 1 in the UP, in 4 in the Lower Peninsula. We will be sharing more information as we have further discussion with locals and voyageurs. If you have thoughts, please share them with me or other Grand and Local officers. We are hoping to vote on this issue at Spring Cheminot.



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From the Grand La Presidente

Dear Dames,

The holidays are upon us, I pray you enjoy every moment with your family and friends! Please have safe travels and make glorious memories as tomorrow is never promised. I look forward to seeing everyone safe and sound soon.

Thank you Cabane 997, as always you Dames always make me feel loved and appreciated it was as usual a blessing to come and visit during your November Rendezvous. I enjoyed the company in my travels and I truly enjoyed seeing each and every one of you and meeting new Dames at least to me!!! Thank you very much for your wonderful hospitality.

I look so forward to seeing new faces at Spring Cheminot! If there is anything I can do to make anything easier or better please let me know, I'm never farther than a phone call 517-204-2077.

Sincerely yours in service,
Lori A Bolley-Majeske
Grande La Presidente



Grand du Michigan Chef de Gare Lonnie Haynes sits in the mini-train for the Mason Veterans Day Parade, which was canceled because of the snowstorm that dropped several inches of white stuff..

From the Grand Chef de Gare

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I want to visit the UP and I am looking to find out when would be a good time to visit Voitures Locale. I have reached out to Bill Hafeman, our UP Organizer, whom I've known for years. Bill said he had a meeting coming up with the voyageurs in the UP and reach out but he did let me know in the UP they would be on break for hunting and holidays. So, it looks like first of the year. I hope to hear from Bill or the other Voitures soon. The Chef de Train and with others who would like to go as well.

I hope your Veterans Day was memorable. I know mine was and I'm not just talking about the snow. I attended the Leslie Veterans Day event hosted by American Legion Post 491. The Post did a great job especially maintaining their composure in the snow storm and lunch provided by the Auxiliary was wonderful.

I was also excited to participate in the Mason's Veterans Day Parade as your Grand Chef. First, I was going to ride in Chis Wheeler's military Jeep until the snow forecast. So then, I borrowed the mini train from Post 491, a trailer from Billy Nevens and Carrie was going to pull me in the parade. I was

ready for a little snow, however with the SNOWSTORM the parade was canceled. Thanks everyone, we tried. Carrie made me take a picture anyway.

In closing, I will be having a 100 Person Dinner and Drawings at American Legion Post 491 in Leslie on the Feb. 29. It's all-you-can-eat shrimp dinner with ham, potatoes, salad, roll and desserts. It's \$25 a ticket per person. Half of the proceeds will go to our programs in the Forty and Eight and the other will help me get through the year as your Grand Chef. If you would like more information about transportation from Voiture 946 or hotel accommodations and transportation, please call me at (517) 652-4847 or email carrie.haynes@ymail.com. A flyer will be posted on the Grand Website. Hope to see you there.

I hope everyone had a happy Thanksgiving, and will have a Merry Christmas, and happy New Year.

Yours in service,
Lonnie Haynes
Grand Chef de Gare 2019-2020



More pictures from our Veterans Day activities. The snow didn't dampen the turnout at Leslie American Legion Post 491.



From the Grand Avocat

Greetings!

I hope that we are reaching the right people. It's difficult when the Correspondant only receives four officer lists for the whole state. If you are not the Chef de Gare or Correspondant of your Voiture, please pass this on so we can update our records.



COMMUNICATION IS A MUST! We had six or seven Voitures represented at our Fall Cheminot. Sad. We also had three Grand Cheminot show up.

We are in the process of reorganizing our Cheminot districts down to five. A final decision will be made at Spring Cheminot (March). We need your input. It should help our serious communication problem.

We also need to have a wreck—soon! Seems there is a need/desire for active wrecks. We have one scheduled for Mother's Day weekend at 946. There are several PGs in Oscoda, Lansing, Monroe, Carson City, etc. Anybody who wants to step up and host a wreck, let me know and we'll make it happen. V-946 will assist. Years ago, we had over 3,000 members, we had an average two

or three wrecks a month. Now, most every Voiture is just doing their own thing.

At Nationale Promenade, we picked up all the program pins. We also got some very important information, including the new password. Unfortunately, you don't have it, unless you had a representative at Fall Cheminot. Now, you need to contact me or another Grand officer to get it. And yes, we still have three openings in the Grand Line that we must fill. If you have a past Locale Chef that might be interested, please contact me!

The Grand Correspondant is trying to put together a new Grand roster, but without updated info, it is nearly impossible to do. I also have about 75 Nurses Training pins at \$3 each. They are a real nice pin this year. I'm not going to buy 40 pins again this year. Other questions? Don't hesitate—email is csmcoe@yahoo.com, phone 517-582-1035.

Let's get this Grand back in shape—HELP! Happy Holidays to one and all!

Jim

From the Grand Correspondant

Fellow Voyageurs,

As the Grand Avocat mentioned above, I am in desperate need for officer lists. I cannot communicate with each Voiture Locale if I don't know who the appropriate officers are. As it stands, I will send information to the last known Chef de Gare Locale or Correspondant Locale. I have a letter going out snail mail so we can get in touch of those without technology.

It has been a very busy few months,

personally. I have been a journalist or communications specialist since age 16, and on Dec. 13 I will hang up my typewriter. I will have more time to dedicate to my office as Grand Correspondent. Hopefully I can join the Grand Chef and others as they travel to each voiture locale.

I received two letters from Nationale during November and am pleased to announce the following voitures locale have achieved 100% membership. They are voitures 161, 600, 669,

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868, 1061, 1116, 1223 and 1363. I will deliver the pins to the Grand Chef so he can award them during visits to your locations. Congratulations on the 100% voitures.

Those of you who get the Forty and Eighter in the mail, I need to make a correction. National apparently has my address from seven years ago (and I will be contacting the appropriate person to make the correction. My snail mail address is 15855 Turnberry St., Lansing MI 48906. You can also reach me at richadams946@gmail.com if you have a google machine, or you can call me at (517) 388-4962. I am always available for consultation as your grand correspondant, and if I do not know the answer to a question, I will do all I can to find an answer.

Don't forget we have Spring Grande Cheminot in March 2020. I will be mailing out and emailing the Official Call for that event in an effort to get more voyageurs to Lansing than the

Fall Cheminot. Also included in this edition of The Whistle Stop and on the Grande du Michigan website are registration documents for the Grand Chef's 100 Person All You Can Eat Shrimp Dinner on Feb. 29 and his Homecoming ceremony, which will take place April 11.

Voiture 946 is hosting its annual Mother's Day Wreck on the Saturday before Mother's Day; this year's wreck will be on May 9.

I hope everyone had a fantastic Thanksgiving and will enjoy Christmas and New Year's Eve. Be smart, be safe when you greet 2020.

Yours in service,
Rich Adams
Grand Correspondant

Voiture 946
Annual Mother's Day
Wreck

May 9, 2020

Have PGs at the
Voiture by 9 a.m.

Bring any stunts you
have so we can make it
a fun wreck.

Upcoming Events

Feb. 29 --Grand Chef's Shrimp Dinner

March 5-7 -- Chef de Chemin de Fer
Homecoming, Fort Wayne IN

April 16 -- Grand Chef's Homecoming

June 4 - 6 -- Great Lakes Promenade, State
College PA

Promenade Nationale -- Sept. 13-19,
Sandusky, OH

See following pages for Grand Chef's
events

Registration forms for Chef de Chemin de
Fer's Homecoming, Great Lakes
Promenade and Promenade Nationale can
be found at the Nationale Website,

www.fortyandeight.org



Saturday, February 29th • 6:00 PM
American Legion Post 491 Leslie
100 Person
All You Can Eat
Shrimp Dinner &

50% of Profit to 40 & 8 Programs & 50% to the Grand Chef Lonnie Haynes Fellowship Fund

\$25 each • Shrimp, Ham, Potatoes, Salads, Roll & Desserts

- 10 - \$25 Drawings Based on 100 Tickets Sold, If > Prorated
- 2 - 50/50's
- Raffles
- Silent Auction

Tickets on sale at: American Legion Post 491 *

*** VFW Post 7309 * Mail by 2/22/20**

Make Checks Payable to: Voiture 746

Mail to: Lonnie Haynes 506 Mill St, Leslie, MI 49251

FREE DRAFT BEER

CASH BAR

If you would like information on transportation from Voiture 946 or Hotel and transportation Contact LONNIE HAYNES @ 517-652-4847 or Email carrie.haynes@ymail.com

Name: _____ Number of Tickets: _____
Name: _____ At \$25.00 Each: \$ _____
Address: _____ Check Number/Cash: _____
City: _____ State: __ Zip: _____
Phone: ___-___-___ Email: _____
Please Mark One:
 Mail Tickets
 Hold at Door
 Trans from /V946
 Trans from Hotel

Date Received: _____ Date Confirmation Sent: _____ Date Tickets Sent: _____

40 & 8

La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux

CHEF'S HOMECOMING

JOIN US FOR DINNER, MOVIE, AWARDS & POPCORN

6:00 PM Social &
Appetizers
(Pan Fried Bluegill's)
7:00 PM Dinner

April 11th 2020
\$15 Per Person

American Legion
Post 491, Leslie

Your choice of: **Grilled Steak** OR **Grilled ½ Chicken** OR
Baked Gluten Free Chicken Breast Stuffed with Tomato & Spinach

Each served with Rosemary Garlic Roasted Potatoes & Root Vegetables,
Rolls and Lots of Desserts. Also includes 1 Drink Ticket

If you would like information on Hotel and transportation:
Contact LONNIE HAYNES @ 517-652-4847 or Email carrie.havnes@vmail.com

*Grand Chef
Lonn
Haynes*

Please make check
payable to V-746

Name: _____
__ Steak __ ½ Chicken __ Baked Chicken

Name: _____ __ Steak __ ½ Chicken __ Baked Chicken

Please mail to Lonn Haynes 506 Mill St, Leslie, MI 49251

Date Received _____ Amount Received _____