

Whistle



Stop



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A publication of the Grand du Michigan Forty and Eight

From the Grand Chef de Gare

Greetings Voyageurs,

I hope you all were able to make Memorial Day a day of reflection honoring those who gave their last full measure of devotion to preserve our nation. It is a day sacred to La Societe and we should give it the respect it so richly deserves.

We had our Mother's Day Wreck at Voiture 946 in May, and considering we had not conducted one in at least 10 years, I think it was a success. Granted, it was a bit more subdued than others, but we wrecked seven PGs.

We had a relatively good turnout, 25 Voyageurs in all, from V946, V868, V181, V756, V1420, V545 and V1153.

PGs wrecked were Richard and Lisa Nowakowski and Wendy Retzlöff from V1420; Alexander Darnell from V868; and Louann Fowler, Gary Higgins and Harold Webb from V756.

I appreciate Grand Commisaire Intendant Randy Gregor for being the Wrecking Chef, Grand Avocat Michael Spitzley serving as Wrecking Chef de Gare, Grand Aumonier Thomas Trumble for double duty as Aumonier and The Chairman of the So-Long Committee, Voyageur David Keyes serving as Wrecking Conducteur, Passe Grand Chef Bob Bialecki as Wrecking Garde de la Porte, Voyageur Steve Smith as the Mayor and District 3 Grand Cheminot Jim



From the Grande La Presidente

Hello, Dames.

As I write this on Memorial Day, I am filled with gratitude towards all of the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice so we can enjoy all of the festivities we will engage in today. Of course, after we visit gravesites, participate in parades, or just silently pay homage.

I'm also thinking of our Nationale officers and others who are in Washington, D.C. today for the ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery. I have been there three times. For anyone who has never attended this event, I highly recommended it! I had a family wedding this weekend and had



miss. I will for certain go back someday. Our membership numbers reflect all but one of our Cabanes at 100% or greater. Hopefully they can get there soon.

It was exciting to have a State Wreck in April. My home Cabane 946 hosted the ladies who attended with a nice lunch; the old favorite, card Bingo; and fellowship. We had four guests who all expressed they a wonderful time. The Bingo gifts were awesome. More than just "white elephant" type things. My thanks to the Dames of 946 who prepared food and helped to entertain.

Great Lakes Promenade is the first weekend in June, being held in Illinois. Always a fun event to attend. Grand Promenade and Rendezvous is on Aug. 9 in Okemos at the Best Western Hotel & Conference Center. One-day event, but will have Hospitality Room the night before. And we are also planning a fun shopping trip for Friday evening for the Dames. You

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From the Grand Chef

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Broadbridge assisting the Conducteur, as well as the other Voyageurs who helped out with the stunts and other tasks. Thanks also to V946 for hosting the Wreck. In May a group of Grand officers from V946 traveled to V868 in St. Johns to install Locale officers. New officers are Chef de Gare Ervin Currie, Chef de Train Alexander Darnell, Correspondant Jeffrey Noble, Commissaire Intendant Jeff Nickols, Aumonier Randy Schmidt, Conducteur Gerald Roberts and Garde de la Porte Robert Paski. The group from Lansing included yours truly, Gregor, Grand Sous Avocat Michael Brokenshire, Grand Conducteur Lori Barber, Grand Drapeau Curtis McLendon and Grand Aide de Camp Tom Walker. It is very exciting that this Voiture is being brought back to life after several years of dormancy. Bravo Zulu to Voyageur Nickols for spearheading the effort to restore the Voiture to active duty. If you haven't already, mark your calendars for Grand Promenade 2025, which will take place Aug. 9 in Okemos. It will be a one-day event but a Hospitality Room will have food and drink both Aug. 8 and 9. The day Saturday will begin with the Memorial Service and progress from there, with elections in the afternoon session following the Passe Grand Chef luncheon. We will also vote on a Grand du Michigan Constitution during Promenade.

Rooms at the Best Western are the same rate as last year. Great Lakes Promenade is during the first weekend of June in DeKalb, Ill. I know the Grand du Michigan has been doing fairly well in terms of membership at 89.6 percent. That beats Ohio, which sat at 88.6 percent in May, so maybe Michigan will win that unofficial rivalry. Other Great Lakes states were: Wisconsin, 92.58 percent, New York at 88.6 percent, Pennsylvania at 87.45 percent, Indiana at 83.38 percent and Illinois at 80.95 percent. Good job, Michigan Voitures, but keep at it. Let's get those Voyageurs who still are not in good order and are not entitled to the benefits of the Forty and Eight. I plan to continue visiting Voitures for Promenades. I am going to Voiture 1546 in Lapeer on June 14 and to Climax June 26 for Promenade and installation of officers for V181. I encourage anyone interested to join me at these events,. I appreciate those who attended my Homecoming in April. It was a good showing and I was very happy to see so many familiar faces. I appreciate Grande du Michigan Cabane Correspondante Carrie Haynes for assisting in the kitchen cleanup. The wagon of joy went to a person who comes to Build-a-Burger at Voiture 946. Apologies to Passe La Presidente Nationale Cheryl Jamnick for not saving a ticket for

her to buy.

Although I still have a few months left on my service as Grand Chef, I want to let you know I have been honored by your confidence in me this past year. I did not get in as many visits as I had hoped, but many Voitures have not resumed Promenades since the COVID pandemic came under control. I hope those Voitures start official monthly gatherings again, because it strengthens the camaraderie amongst Voyageurs that is vital to La Societe. Finally, I was reminded by one of our Voitures that sending membership money and documents to Nationale will be delayed if they are being mailed to Indianapolis. Nationale Headquarters moved last summer and the correct address is Voiture Nationale, 1635 Hawthorne Dr., Plainfield IN 46168. Speaking of membership, Michigan iFeel free to reach out to me if you have questions or just want to discuss something with me. My phone number is 517-388-4962 and my email address is richadams946@gmail.com. My home address has changed since the last Whistle Stop. I now live at 1195 Chartwell Carriage Way N, just about a tenth of a mile from my last address. I look forward to hearing from you.

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

From the Grand Correspondant

Voyageurs,

As it gets toward the end of the year, we must remember that there are reports for all of our programs. Remember that a blank report counts as turning in your reports.

We need to stay in touch with our Voitures, if you have seen or hear from a Voiture take the time to at least call them to see how they are doing!

We have had the Mothers Day Wreck, now we need to find out what program or programs our new Voitures are interested in and help them get involved.

Respectfully,

Gary Bourdeau

Grande Du Michigan Correspondent.

From the Grand Aumonier

Fellow Voyageurs,

While I am writing this Whistle Stop message as your Grand Aumonier, it is more in line as Child Welfare Directeur of Voiture 946.

Voiture 946 in mid-May completed another year of Great Strides with the Lansing Chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. I want to share this idea with other Voitures so you can contact your local Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and raise funds for your Locale Child Welfare program.

Great Strides is a benefit where walkers obtain pledges from interested parties - friends and family - and the pledges are donated to the CF Foundation.

This is the 17th year V946 has participated. The Chateau has been hosting the event for the past three years. Great Strides is held in spring or summer each year. I can pass on the 2026 date once it is set. If you want to find a local location, call Haley Stautz at 248-269-8759. Or contact me at 517-449-4836.

Tom Trumble

Grand Aumonier

From the Grande La Presidente

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should have received an email from Carrie Haynes explaining all of that. More info I'm sure will be out soon. Our Nationale La Presidente is scheduled to attend so it would be nice to have a good showing.

In closing, everyone be safe and healthy, and I look forward to seeing you in August.

Yours in service

Lori Coe

Grande la Presidente

Mother's Day Wreck 2025



PGs serve up bean soup and sloppy joes during lunch at the Grand Mother's Day Wreck at Voiture 946.





**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.

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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

Grande du Pennsylvania & Grande du Maryland invite you to attend the



106th Promenade & 62nd Rendezvous Nationale

Gettysburg, PA

September 23-27, 2025

Explore Civil War History in Gettysburg

Date form completed _____



PLEASE SUBMIT SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH REGISTRANT

Last Name _____ First _____ MI _____

Address _____

City /State/Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Payment by Check? (Enter Check Number): _____

Payment by Credit Card? (Check one below)

☐ VISA ☐ Master Card ☐ Discover

Card Number: _____ - _____ - _____ - _____

Card Exp Date: Month _____ Year _____ CVV _____

BILLING ADDRESS AND ZIP CODE FOR CREDIT CARD REQUIRED

BILLING ADDRESS _____

BILLING ZIP CODE _____

Quantity	Description	Amount
# _____	Voyageur's Registration @ \$30.00 (NON-REFUNDABLE)	\$ _____
# _____	Voyageur's Late Reg. Fee (AFTER 6/1/25) @ \$35	\$ _____
	Grande Voiture: _____ Voiture Locale: _____	
# _____	Dame's Registration @ \$25.00	\$ _____
	Grande Cabane: _____ Cabane Locale: _____	
# _____	La President Luncheon (9/25/25) @ \$35.00	\$ _____
# _____	Early Bird (9/23/25) Tickets @ \$30.00	\$ _____
# _____	Banquet (9/26/25) Tickets @ \$45.00 each	\$ _____

Select one meal for each attendee:
London Broil _____

Citrus Peppercorn Tilapia _____

TOTAL \$ _____

THE EISENHOWER (HQ) AND ASPIRE HOTELS ARE FOR BOTH VOYAGEURS & DAMES.

ALL VOYAGEURS & DAMES WILL BE EXPECTED TO MAKE THEIR RESERVATION WITH THE HOTEL DIRECTLY.

RESERVATION LINKS:

EISENHOWER (HQ) HOTEL: <https://bit.ly/3TevF28>

ASPIRE HOTEL: <https://bit.ly/3MziiWt>

OR YOU CAN CALL

1-717-334-8121

MAKE SURE TO LET THEM KNOW YOU ARE THERE FOR
PROMENADE & 62nd RENDEZVOUS NATIONALE

NOTE: Rates ONLY available through Promenade Nationale
Corporation

REGISTRATION AND RESERVATIONS

Promenade Registrations must be received by August 31, 2025

PROMENADE REGISTRATION FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE

**ALL VOYAGEURS & DAMES MUST REGISTER WITH THE
PROMENADE NATIONALE CORPORATION.**

Please provide your credit card information or make your check payable to **"106th Promenade Corporation"**

Mail form and payment to:

Voiture Nationale

1635 Hawthorne Drive

Plainfield, IN 46168

Or Email to ttaylor@fortyandeight.org

HOTEL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY
AUGUST 20, 2025

Additional forms are online at www.fortyandeight.org

**HANDICAP ROOMS ARE LIMITED: PLEASE CONSIDER THIS
WHEN MAKING YOUR REQUEST. HANDICAP ROOMS ARE
ASSIGNED ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS**

Registration closes August 31th, 2025