

Whistle Stop

February 2023



A publication of the Grand du Michigan Forty and Eight

From the Grand Chef de Gare

Voyageurs,

Welcome to 2023. Hope everyone had a safe and happy holidays, now its time to get your membership up to date. We are at 76% with 181 to go.

Last whistle Stop I asked each voiture local to let me know when you hold you promenades, I got one response???

We are in need of line officers for 2024. Elections are on Aug. 12 2023. We also need your reports by July 1st, bring them to Spring Cheminot on March 11 at V946 or mail them in time to Rich or me.

Respectfully

Michael Spitzley

Chef de Gare du MI

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From the Grande La Presidente

Greetings Dames,

Happy 2023. I hope everyone is doing well so far this year.

Looking at our membership, Michigan has two Cabanes at 100%; C-767 and C-1536.

Congratulations to both for a job well done. The rest of you, let's get going and reach 100%. Since I am also your Nationale La Sous Presidente, it would be wonderful if we could statewide be at 100%. Remember my motto, "Just One." I'm proud to say I got my "just one," have you??? Membership is our life blood; without members we are nothing.

Spring Cheminot is fast approaching; March 11 @ V-946 in Lansing. The Official Call for Voyageurs is in this edition of The Whistle Stop, filled with details. The LaFemmes Official Call will be out soon. Hope to see many of you then!

Yours in service,

Lori Coe

Grande La Presidente



From the Grand Avocat

Greetings from the Grand Avocat, So far it's been a pretty quiet winter, other than the fact that many of us had to cancel Christmas and othe events.

I have had a few requests regarding Constitution and Bylaws. I need to remind you that I can approve or deny your Constitution and Bylaws. They do not need to go to Nationale.



Other than that, everyone needs to be thinking about Spring Cheminot which is coming up soon. We need to represent our fellow Voyageurs. I also have a few Nurses Training pins left, and I'm sure the Grand Chef has some other pins. Enjoy the snow. See you then!

James A. Coe II

Grand Avocat

From the Grand Correspondant

Fellow Voyageurs,

At the risk of sounding like a broken record, I again plead with Correspondants to send me the list of officers at your Voiture Locale. I inherited a roster several Grand Chefs de Gare ago that might or might not be completely accurate. I plan to call or email Correspondants seeking updated reports. While the Spring Cheminot Official Call can be found in this edition of The Whistle Stop, I will be emailing and snail mailing physical copies of the Official Call to the Chefs de Gare and Correspondants at Voitures Local. Share them with your members so we can get more bodies at Spring Cheminot. They deserve to have a voice in how the Grand du Michigan is managed.

As the Grand Chef noted, we are again looking at a Grand Line for 2023-24 that has voids. While we appreciate Voyageurs Teddy Hendges, Clair Knickerbocker and Ernest Berry for filling the offices of Garde de la Porte, Lampiste and Conducteur, it is unlikely that any of these men will continue to move up the Grand Line. We have no Chef de Train to move up to Grand Chef de Gare if elected at Grand Promenade. More Voyageurs need to step up and fill these offices.

I sincerely hope to see plenty of Voyageurs at Spring Cheminot on March 11 at Voiture 946 in Lansing. We have had scant attendance at the past few Cheminots and Promenades. Feel free to call me at 517-388-4962 or email me at richadams946@gmail.com. You can also drop me a line the old-fashioned way at 1919 Danbury E, Okemos MI 48864.

Respectfully,
Rich Adams
Grand Correspondant

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La Societe Des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux

To: Grand Officers
Grand Cheminots
Voiture Officers

Grand Committeemen
Grand Executive Committee
Interested Voyageurs

By order of the Chef de Gare, Grand du Michigan, the Spring Grand Cheminot will be held Saturday, March 11, 2023 at Voiture 946, 2949 S. Waverly Highway, Lansing MI 48911.

Pre-registration \$10, mail to Rich Adams, 1919 Danbury E., Okemos MI 48864.
MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO VOITURE 946.
Doughnuts, fruit and coffee will be available.

La Femmes pre-registration \$10, send to Carrie Haynes, PO Box 115, Leslie MI 49251.
MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO GRANDE CABANE de MICHIGAN.

Registration for Voyageurs and Dames begins at 0930.

Uniform of the Day: Red Shirts and Chapeaus

SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 11, 2023: Executive Committee meets 11:30 a.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.

Grand Cheminot begins at 1300

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

Voyageur lunch will be included with registration Lunch for Dames will cost \$6.

Michael Spitzley
Grand Chef de Gare

Rich Adams
Grand Correspondant



62nd Great Lakes Promenade June 1-4. 2023

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Name: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____ V# _____ C# _____ Grand: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Chicken: __ Pork: __ Vegetarian: __

Name: _____ Title: _____

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Checks: 62nd Great Lakes Promenade

Mailed: Lonnie Haynes. PO Box 115, Leslie, MI 49251 Cell: 517-652-4847

Program Ad's: Word format and Email to: carrie.haynes@gmail.com