



THE WHISTLE STOP



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March 2008

Grand Chef de Gare Donald Haynes

2-17-08

From Grand Chef de Gare:

Dec. 5th: Drove to St. Clare Shores to pick up extra calendars in hopes to pass out to Voitures closer to me. Did give out 23 to two Voitures, not good.

December 8th: Invited to 746 for their Annual Christmas Party. I was presented with a gift card from Cabane. A great meal and time had by all. Thank you all.

Dec. 11th: Invited to V-181 for their Christmas dinner. We had a wonderful meal and great hospitality. Thanks once again.

Dec. 20th: Children's Christmas Party at Northeast Elementary, Jackson County for 106 first graders.

Dec. 25th: Breakfast with Santa, then off to hospital to give gifts to all patients.

January 8th: Traveled to Ft. Custer National Cemetery with Aide de Camp Les Hoskins for the purpose of introducing Les as the representative from 40/8. Low and behold, Les knew 90% of the board.

January 10th: Aide Les and I traveled to Wayne Co. to V-102 Cheminot and Promenade. We were received
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Boosters

Kay Bauer
Debbie Haynes
Grand Chef de Gare Donald Haynes
1st Lady Mary Haynes
Edward & Marjorie MacLachlan
Michael and Marjorie Slater

Grande La Presidente Carrie Haynes

December 29, 2007

Dear Dames,

Happy New Year

I hope your holidays were filled with joy and love. I know mine were. I was able to spend time home with my family and friends which is always great. I would like to share with you the best Christmas gift I have ever received. There was not one Christmas decoration up in our home not even a tree. On Christmas Eve I went to sleep and I woke up when Lonnie got a fire call the whole house was decorated. Lights, stockings and even a tree. I'm married to the greatest guy ever or what?

I would to thank Cabanes 1536 and 946 for their invites to their Christmas Parties. I'm sorry I was unable to attend due to prior commitments and the great snow storm.

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Grande La Correspondante Kay Andrus

January 23, 2008

Happy New Year, to everyone!!

It's time to put away all your Christmas decorations, pay off your Christmas bills, gather your income tax information and contact your dames that haven't renewed their membership. The March 31st deadline will be here sooner than you think!

It would be great if at Spring Cheminot we could report 100% membership for our Grande. It can be done with your help. Report from Nationale shows membership at 73.74% as of Dec 28. While I'm thinking about Spring Cheminot; how are the raffle tickets sales going? Get them sold and money turned in to Erica before Cheminot!

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Chef from page 1

with smiles and great respect. We were thanked for attending and I was presented with a gift from Chef Alex, a gold loci bank. One of their reports given really surprised me. In the last 10 years (1997-2007) they have donated 3,713 lap robes, 13,208 slippers and 40 bibs to the VA Hospital in Ann Arbor. These reports have never been sent in. For all their work in aiding our Veterans, I commend them deeply. Great job well done. Reports are important. Get them in and show others what all you do.

January 20th: Mary and I attended C-946 Le femmes Breakfast. Very good cooks and wonderful friends.

January 27th: Mary and I went to Marysville Legion Post for V-C 120 Promenade and Rendezvous. The voyageurs asked me to explain the resolution they received from Nationale on membership change. I did my best but they still voted not to support. More at Spring Cheminot. I would like to thank V-120 for their hospitality and a special thank you to Ray and Marty Carrier for taking us out to dinner.

Feb. 2nd: I went to Coldwater Legion Post 52 and helped put on wreck for V-396. Four P.G.s joined in the ranks. Fun was had by all, and I would like to thank V-396 for hosting the wreck. It was nice to see some fellow voyageurs from Indiana. We had fun and camaraderie was great.

It is with great sadness to report of the passing of a wonderful voyageur and friend, Kenny Whitney, from Indiana. Mary and I traveled down to Greenfield, Indiana the 8th and 9th of February to attend the 40/8 memorial and funeral. Also there from Michigan were "Bo" and Marge Coykendall, who were very good friends of Kenny.

Can't stress enough about getting your year end reports sent to Directors. Look for hero of the year, police officer, town or city and voyageurs. Let's make Grande Voiture du Michigan proud at Nationale. See you at Spring Cheminot in Quincy hosted by V-396.

Yours in Service
Grand Chef de Gare
Donald Lee Haynes
506 Mill Street
Leslie, MI 49251
1-517-589-8939

Travel miles: 1778

Voiture 946

**Friday Night Fish Dinners and
Specials every Friday from 5-
7:30pm**

State Wreck

April 26, 2008
Voiture 746
8939 E. Michigan Avenue
Jackson, MI 49201
Have P.G. s there by 10:00 a.m.
Pre-Registration \$7.00

Name _____

Voiture _____

Remit to: Correspondante
George Doles
782 Scofield Road
Leslie, MI 49251

Make checks payable to: Voiture 746

Ladies will be entertained by Cabane 746 at:
Rose City Legion Post
1190 Falahee
Jackson, MI 49203
Luncheon will be served at 12:30 p.m.

Testimonial Dinner for Grand Chef de Gare Donald L. Haynes & Grande La President Carrie Haynes

When: May 3, 2008
Time: Social: 400 p.m.
Dinner: 5:00 p.m.

Location: American Legion Post 491
422 Woodworth Street
Leslie, MI 49251

Reservations by April 26, 2008
Cost: \$10.00 per person

Remit to: Mary Hayes
506 Mill Street
Leslie, MI 49251
(517) 589-8939

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On December 8th I was able to attend 746 Christmas Party. Thank for the hospitably and gift.

Look forward to seeing you in February for the Coldwater wreck. Until then take care all and be safe.

Don't forget to buy your Grande Raffle Tickets!

January 25, 2008

Hello Dames

As we go from heat waves to the freezing zone it's time for the Coldwater Wreck. Then onto Spring Cheminot. The Grand Chef and I were able to attend the La Femme's Breakfast in Lansing. Thanks to the Dames and Chef Randy for your hospitality.

What's coming up Next?

Event: Coldwater Wreck

Localtion: American Legion Post 52

Date: Saturday February 2nd

Time: 10:00 a.m. Early birds Coffee and rolls with Grande la Presidente

12:00 Lunch at the Post for a cost or on your own

1:00 p.m. Cabane 746 Dames led by their La Presidente

Patty Prescott has volunteered to host the

Dames during the wreck.

2:30 p.m. A chocolate fountain of fun.

Event Spring Cheminot

Please check the Official Call for details

Grande La Presidente travel; February 20th Cabane 946 Rendezvous

Great Job Dames! But we still need more help working on membership as of Jan 23rd Nationale show the Voyageurs in the lead with 77.75% and the Femmes at 73.74% I know we can get past this slight lead. All it takes is a little initiative on the Locales part. make some call,; take time to visit with those who live close let our members know we need them.

Remember I have a wager with the Grand Chef about the loser wearing the winners colors and I don't look good in Blue and Gold.

The Grand Chef and I are having our Testimonial together on Saturday May 3rd at the American Legion Post 491 Leslie. We will have some other activities on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Hope everyone stays warm and safe.

Hope to see you in Coldwater

In your Service,

Carrie Haynes

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Don't forget it's the only money maker the Grande has, so sell those tickets.!!!

Report forms will be handed out at Spring Cheminot so please all you Grande Cheminots and/or alternates; plan to attend to get your packet and also we need you in order to conduct business. It's a good learning opportunity for everyone, especially new LaFemmes to see how business is conducted.

Life brings unexpected changes and I find my life is constantly being re-arranged. In order to save speculation and rumors.... I no longer am planning to get married OR retire! I was the one to apply the brakes this time. That's all I'm willing to say about it. I'm doing fine and enjoying my new grandson born Jan 21. Mom and sister live with me, so changing diapers, and 4am feedings will keep me going.

Sounds like Carrie/Patty have some plans set up for the wreck in Coldwater on Feb 2nd so maybe I'll see some of you there. Seems like a long time since Fall Cheminot and we saw each other.

Your Grande Correspondante,(now with grandchild # 13)

Kay Andrus.

From The Grand Carville Star Directeur Richard E. Orlowski

The Grande needs help from all Voitures to make sure this program is a success. Many Thanks to all sellers for their help.

Again it is sad to report that many Voitures have made no attempt to support the Carville Star Program. If you or your Voiture would like to help, call me at 517/639/5049 and I will get the pins out to you by mail.

Here is a list of the Voitures whom have received pins for 2008.

Voiture # 746 25 Pins
Voiture # 396 25 Pins
Voiture #1061 25 Pins
Voiture #957 25 Pins
Voiture #997 15 Pins
Voiture #1223 10 Pins
Voiture #1153 25 Pins
Voiture #946 25 Pins
Voiture #1420 25 Pins
Voiture #1536 10 Pins
Voiture #102 25 Pins
Voiture #669 25 Pins
Cliff Rose 25 Pins

Richard E. Orlowski
Grand Directeur Carville Star

From Voiture 102

Calendar Winners

Winners for January

Ticket	Amount	Selling Voiture	Winner
0082	\$50.00	946	June Holley
0022	\$50.00	102	James Pickett
1617	\$50.00	1061	Joyce Low
0375	\$50.00	120	Dennis McIntire
1904	\$100.00	811	Amel Schwartz Post 149
1007	\$100.00	1002	John Hogan

Winners for December

Ticket	Amount	Selling Voiture	Winner
1945	\$50.00	1061	Cynthia Weber
0245	\$50.00	1002	Pete Ramik
1109	\$50.00	1153	Theresa Herman
1047	\$50.00	1061	Tom McGraw
0458	\$100.00	1061	Elizabeth Ann Zwolak
1571	\$100.00	1536	John & Pamela Tinsley
1040	\$150.00	1061	Ted Achatz
0770	\$1,000.00	746	Sheryl Hemstreet

Grand Directeur Ways and Means Donald R. Eastcott

I was informed by the State of Michigan Bureau of State Lottery that we must have a separate license for each drawing location. License No. C23885 is for all drawings held at American Legion Post 261, 2844 Utica Road, Roseville, MI 48066.

Drawings in May through September 2008 will be held at Voiture 767, 150 W. Temple Dr., Harrison, MI 48625, under new license No. X67763. Please add the new license number to your calendar and stub. If your stubs have already been returned to me, I will add the new number to satisfy the Bureau of State Lottery. Please consider yourself notified.

The first drawing for 2008 was held on 1-28-2008. The good news is all numbers drawn had stubs and money returned to the Grande. The bad news is several Voiture Locals have not returned stubs, money or unsold calendars. This must be done to keep the Michigan lottery and gaming commission happy.

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In a recent article in the 40&8er, Chef de Chemin de Fer was quoted as stating the fact that a nominal amount of lap robes and slippers were donated to a Veterans' facility.

On this vein, we, at Voiture 102 in Wayne County, Michigan, wish to recognize a 52 year member, John Bruneel, and a program he started approximately 22 years ago that still continues to this day. This was initiated when an acquaintance asked him if he knew a place that would accept some lap robes she had knitted. He accepted these articles and had them delivered to the Veterans Hospital in Dearborn Michigan.

John asked various ladies if they would be interested in knitting these items. The response was a definite "YES." At this time, yarn for knitting was supplied by the knitters and any yarn he could scrounge up.

A few years later, John learned there was an abundance of articles, He then contacted the Veterans Hospital in Ann Arbor, who accepted the donations of lap robes and slippers.

This was about 15 years ago. He enlisted the aid of Voyageur Gordon Cole, who passed away last summer and was a dedicated volunteer at the Ann Arbor facility, along with June Nazer, member of Cabane Locale 102, also a volunteer at the facility, to deliver the articles there.

In the meantime, John learned that knitted slippers weren't suitable for patients to walk in. He spoke to staff members at a local hospital about the possibility of picking up slippers which were discarded by their patients. He collected the slippers and laundered them, and picked up knitted lap robes for delivery to the Ann Arbor facility.

Ten years ago, he started to compile a record of the articles he collected.

In 2007, we purchased \$1,700 worth of yarn for the knitters. In the years 2001 – 2007, we averaged about \$1,400 worth of yarn.

Here is a recap of Voiture 102's donations:

Year	# of Lap Robes	# of Slippers
1997	164	562
1998	126	990
1999	127	1,063
2000	113	1,222
2001	131	1,354
2002	220	1,164
2003	275	1,373
2004	388	1,434
2005	584	1,697
2006	792	1,308
2007	813	1,041
Total	3,733	13,208

Grande Voiture du Michigan Membership

Report Date October 23, 2007

Voiture	Quota	Reported	Short	Percent
District #1				
	Orville Werner		Ernest Berry	
102 Wayne	62	61	1	98.39%
1002 Sub-Wayne	98	71	27	72.45%
Total	160	132	28	82.50%
District #2				
	Steve Satkowski		Barry Bovee	
746 Jackson	79	64	15	81.01%
957 Washtenaw	91	78	13	85.71%
997 Lenawee	164	158	6	96.34%
1153 Monroe	69	68	1	98.55%
Total	403	368	35	91.32%
District #3				
	Michael Hemker		Cliff Rose	
161 Kalamazoo	17	16	1	94.12%
181 Calhoun	21	22	-1	104.76%
396 Branch	35	35	0	100.00%
1223 Hillsdale	8	8	0	100.00%
Total	81	81	0	100.00%
District #4				
	James Broadbridge		Robert Leis	
545 St. Joseph	42	40	2	95.24%
983 Berrien-Cass	14	2	12	14.29%
1494 Allegan	15	15	0	100.00%
Total	71	57	14	80.28%
District #5				
	Carl Gill		John Rendak	
553 Kent	63	54	9	85.71%
District #6				
	Marty J. Goodman		Peter Jerome	
946 Ingham	191	162	29	84.82%
1116 Genesee	83	80	3	96.39%
Total	274	242	32	88.32%
District #7				
	William Meyer		Barry Schweitzer	
120 St. Clair	89	92	-3	103.37%
1061 Macomb	92	89	3	96.74%
1383 Tuscola	7	7	0	100.00%
1536 Lapeer	66	53	13	80.30%
Total	254	241	13	94.88%
District #8				
	Richard "Dick" Corr		Frank Rocha Jr.	
600 Saginaw	96	89	7	92.71%
756 Shiawassee	15	13	2	86.67%
868 Clinton	29	23	6	79.31%
1420 Ionia-Montcalm	58	45	13	77.59%
Total	198	170	28	85.86%
District #9				
721 Newaygo	42	38	4	90.48%
1206 Wexford-Missaukee	16	15	1	93.75%
1363 Manistee	19	11	8	57.89%
Total	77	64	13	83.12%

Voiture	Quota	Reported	Short	Percent																				
District #10																								
690 Bay	54	20	34	37.04%																				
767 Clare	39	36	3	92.31%																				
1425 Midland	22	22	0	100.00%																				
1435 Mecosta	3	2	1	66.67%																				
Total	118	80	38	67.80%																				
District #11																								
	Louis Oberle																							
663 Delta	22	19	3	86.36%																				
1288 Menoninee	39	33	6	84.62%																				
Total	61	52	9	85.25%																				
District #12																								
	Joseph Rayome		James Duray																					
397 Gogebic	10	4	6	40.00%																				
599 Marquette	35	31	4	88.57%																				
659 Dickinson	27	16	11	59.26%																				
Total	72	51	21	70.83%																				
District #13																								
	James Karr		Bob Jones																					
811 Oakland	59	38	21	64.41%																				
District #14																								
	Charles Malpass		Eugene Mounts																					
669 Iosco	48	43	5	89.58%																				
1086 Ogemaw-Arenac	20	10	10	50.00%																				
Total	68	53	15	77.94%																				
District #15																								
1074 Kalkaska	6	5	1	83.33%																				
1495 Crawford	8	8	0	100.00%																				
Total	14	13	1	92.86%																				
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From Grand Director Child Welfare Alvin Thorn

Pin sales are still going on and some Voitures have not got there pins as of yet so please contact me to get them. Voitures that have got there pins are V-997 V-957 V-746 V-120 V-119 V-11 V-1061 V- 1086 V- 1400 V- 1536 V-946 V-102 V-1153 V-181 V-545. Also any Voitures that have not paid as of yet please do so ASAP

Thank You

Alvin Thorn
Grand Director Child Welfare

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The Following Voiture Locals owe the Grande the following:

- V-545 6 stubs and money or calendars 0920 through 0925.
- V-599 10 stubs and money or calendars 086 through 0870.
- V-997 7 stubs 1172 through 1179. Paid in full 1-19-08 on check #1833
- V-1086 25 stubs 0601 through 0625. Paid in full 8-11-07 on check #1832
- V-1420 6 stubs 0892 and 0894 through 0900. Paid in full 9-21-07 on check #1125. 5 stubs and money or calendars 0352 through 0356.

I would like to thank all Voiture Locals that participated in the Grande Calendar Program. However it's very sad to report that 19 Voiture Locals made no attempt to do their fair share. However it's not too late, I have around 400 calendars available and I'm sure more forthcoming. Don't be bashful, pitch in and do your fair share. Just think if all the small Voiture Locals that did not participate took 10 calendars and medium size Voitures took 15 and I'm sure there are some that could sell 25 or more would make this program a great success as this program accounts for almost 50% of the Grande's budget.

Any unsold calendars must be returned and accounted for with my committee members so the program and records can be closed.

Many thanks to all the sellers for their help and many thanks and good luck to all the purchasers.

Donald R. Eastcott
Grand Directeur Ways and Means
Calendar Program

From the Directeur National Child Welfare Nick Pulver

1-28-08

Happy New Year to all voyageurs and dames;

We are now getting into the last and most important part of the year for LaSociete. This is the time of year that we need to get out and push our programs, sell pins and get donations. These things are what make LaSociete the best organization there is. WE are the best at what we do for children, nurses, veterans and our fellow Americans.

Now is the time to get-r-done. Pins need to be sold, donations need to be collected and all of this needs to be sent to our treasurer, Steve Sweet.

But while we are doing this we also must be aware that

there are children in need in our area and it is up to us to make sure these needs are met. The Ardrey trust fund is there for us to use, it is why we raise the funds we do, so it is never depleted. Make yourselves familiar with how it works and use it whenever you feel it is needed. You also should have a fund locally to help those that are not covered under the guidelines set for the fund. A small gift, coat or a bag of groceries means so much to someone less fortunate than we are. \$25-\$50.00 may not seem like a lot to some of us but it is the world to others.

Pin sales are down, I think to the late distribution, which we hope to correct. BUT anyone that would like to take a bag and sell them, call and I will get them mailed within 24 hrs.

I would like to ask each of you to do a job during the next 3 months.

At every function (promenade, cheminot, wreck, or whatever) ask someone from the locale or area to;

I WOULD LIKE TO OFFER A NOTION TO FINE EVERYONE PRESENT THE AMOUNT OF CHANGE IN THEIR POCKET TO BE FORWARDED TO THE CHILD WELFARE FUND.

Our motto for this will be "Change is Fine"

At functions other than 40&8 you also could ask for a donation of change in your pockets. Please forward this to Steve and note it was from fines.

I also want to remind all of you to send checks in at least on a monthly basis so we know where we are, who has paid and we do not hold checks for an extended period of time

I also want to remind everyone that we need to report everything we do. When you go with your church, Legion, Moose club or by yourself, this all can and should be reported, and some will overlap with other programs so make sure you report it on both.

Remember; "No one stands so tall as when he stoops to help a child"

Nick Pulver, Directeur National Child Welfare
311 LaSalle St
Deerfield Mi, 49238
Ph (517) 447-3245 C (419) 377-1339
E-mail NPULVER@cass.net

Send checks to

Steve Sweet
PO Bx 4844
Greenville, MS 38704

Taps

In Memoriam

May Their Souls Rest In Place

Robert Bonham	396	December
Peter E. Born	1116	January
Daniel L. Bruce	669	January
Fern H. Dahlgren	663	January
Don Sharrard Sr	120	January
Robert Troutman	1061	January
Charles Yates Jr	811	January
Dennis O. Crosby	690	February
Robert Dale Fuller	600	February
Eugene J. Hornak	690	February
Robert C. Reed	957	February
Roland Singles	946	February
John Weigant	1116	February



Grand Aumonier Ray Carrier

Every deceased Voyageur and Dame is entitled to have his name read and the bell rung in his memory at the Annual Memorial Service held on the Sunday morning following the Grande Promenade. As a reminder, please see to it, that the names of other deceased Voyageurs are reported to me along with the Voiture Locale of their membership

Yours in Service
Raymond C. Carrier

From Voiture 181

Voiture 181, Calhoun County is proud to announce some of its recent donations.

We awarded the \$1,000 Genadi Prigun Nurses Training Scholarship to Melissa Lancour.

We gave:

- \$100 to the Haven of Rest for hope for the homeless
- \$100 to the Salvation Army
- \$125 to the Remember a Vet Campaign
- \$100 to the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots

From Voiture 161

Voiture 161 Kalamazoo County would also like to announce that they recently donated \$500 to the Kalamazoo County Veterans Affairs.

Taps Notification

For Voyageurs

Grande Voiture du Michigan

It is with regret that we inform you of the passing of Voyageur Militaire

_____ of Voiture Locale _____ Date _____

Nationale has been notified: Yes _____ No _____

Send to: Raymond C. Carrier
3108 Nagaunee Trail
Clyde, MI 48049-4526

For La Femmes

Grande Cabane de Michigan

It is with regret that we inform you of the passing of Dame

_____ of Cabane _____ Date _____

Nationale has been notified: Yes _____ No _____

Send to: Grande La Aumonier
Ida Rocha
1501 Weiss St.
Saginaw, MI 48602
989-793-4254



Cliff Rose, Voiture 181, presenting the Genadi Prigun Nurses Training Scholarship to Melissa Lancour

The Whistle Stop

www.graddumichiganwhistlestop.org

Glen DeLoach

1109 John L. Drive

Monroe, MI 48162

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Calendar of Upcoming Events

March	
8	Spring Cheminot, Quincy, Host V - 396
April	
19	Voiture 946 Past Chef/Silver Key Dinner.
26	State Wreck du Michigan, Voiture 746, 8739 E. Michigan Avenue, Jackson, MI 49201
May	
3	Grand Chef de Gare Donnie Lee Haynes and La Presidente Carrie Haynes
10	Voiture 946 Mother's Day Wreck
August	
8,9,10	Grand Promenade, Lansing Best Western Midway Hotel, V - 1061
October	Fall Cheminot, OPEN
June 2009	
5,6,7	Great Lakes Promenade, Lansing Best Western Midway Hotel, Host V-946