



THE WHISTLE STOP



L'Editeur: Glen DeLoach

May 2011

Grand Chef de Gare

Dave Webb

Greetings Voyagers,

Well we're into spring now according to the weather persons, LOOKING out the window I still see SNOW.

March 12th we had our Spring Cheminot at Voiture 600.

I was glad to see a little more attendance, but we sure could stand to have more Cheminots and Sous Cheminots there.

As I had stated at Spring Cheminot V-397, in the U.P, are not gaining anymore members and are still at 1 member. I am planning on making the trip to v-659 wreck in May, I will try to get in touch with Tom Decarlo regarding this matter maybe we will get lucky.

March 19th I was invited to v-1153 75th anniversary dinner. What a great time was had by all. Even the Grande La Presidente showed her ballerina skills. Past Chef de Chemin de Fer, Joe Jamnick, gave her a 10 on his score card.

As of 3-17-11 were in 35th position 270 short of goal. I have asked and begged all the Voitures to please turn in your membership A.S.A.P. for the past several months. Seems that a lot of Voitures and Voyageurs think this is a (JOKE) it's not.

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Grand Correspondant

Glen DeLoach

Voyageurs,

It's that time of year again. It's time for all of us to get our reports filled and mailed.

Locales your reports are due to the Grand Directeur, Grand Correspondant, and Grand Directeur Voyageur Activities by June 15, 2011. Also you might want to send a copy to the Grand Awards Directeur.

Grand Directeurs, your reports are due to the Nationale Directeur, Grand Correspondant, Grand Directeur Voyageur Activities and Grand Awards Directeur by July 15, 2011

If you have any questions about the reports please contact the Grand Directeur or the Grand Correspondant.

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Grande La Presidente

Karen Webb

Greetings Dames,

Pray for sunshine not for snow!

Membership is looking better 91.95% as of 3/17/11, 26 short of goal and in 10th position overall. Congratulations to Cabane 767 reaching 190.91% of goal and Cabane 669 reaching 113.64% of goal.

Feb. 26th Dave and I did the Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby, served hot dogs, drinks and etc. March 12th Spring Cheminot nice turn out. Thanks again to Sharon Schulte for all the work on the new reference manuals.. Cabane 600 did a nice job on registration and a terrific luncheon was had by all.

Everyone should be getting ready to fill out those reports that were handed out at the Cheminot. They are due to the Grande Chairman post marked by June 1st. I know that everyone of you work hard to support the voyageur programs so let's get those reports filled out and remember double check your figures.

March 19th we were at Voiture 1153's 75th Anniversary. A great time for memories and positive thoughts of so many good people to keep the 40&8 going. Several awards were given out that proved the dedication to the organization. The dinner was very nice and good camaraderie was had by all. Thanks again for a wonderful evening to Voyageurs of 1153.

PLEASE MAKE A NOTE APRIL 16TH, DAMES WILL BE ENTERTAINED AT MR. G'S PIZZERIA. Many good food items available, also beer and wine. Time 11:30 am to 3:30pm.

When I got up this morning, I thought it was April Fools Day all over again. I looked out at a winter wonderland (six inches of snow) maybe you were luckier than us.

April started out with the ninth, attending Voiture 1061 Nurses Training Dinner. There were 7 nurses and their spouses in attendance. This was really fantastic! The dinner and program was very good. Don and CC Eastcott were very gracious hosts. Thanks so much for a very enjoyable evening.

Then it seemed it came to fast it was April 16th, the State Wreck and Testimonial Dinner. The femmes and guests were entertained at Mr G.'s with lunch and fun games. The big gift of the afternoon seemed to be a blanket wrap it went from Marge Coykendall to Cheryl

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Chef from page 1

Several Voiture Locales only need 1 or 2 members to be at 100%. Please pass the hat or hold a 50/50 drawing to get them paid up. Maybe these persons are having a little bad luck at present time.

Election time is fast approaching all the different Voitures, good luck to all who has the courage to run (not just a card carrying member.)

The Directeurs need the pins and monies turned into them to get their records straight. REMEMBER if your Voiture owes for pins and you're not paid, NO VOTE at Grand Promenade.

Don't forget April 16th State Wreck at Oscoda legion and testimonial at 6 PM.

On April 9th went to voiture 1061 nurses training dinner great turn out had seven (7) nurses in attendance. Don and Cici did one fanstactic job food was great and refreshments were cold.

On April 16th state wreck was held in Oscoda along with the testimonial dinner afterwards there was supposed to be 7 PGs for the wreck, only had 3 all from v 669. Welcome the new Voyageurs, John Kirsch, Donald Martin and Anne Dufre. THANKS TO ALL THE VOITURES THAT PARTICIPATED, especially Rod Gilmer, wrecking chef, Bob and Mary Bialicki wrecking sergeants.

6:00 PM was cocktail hour for the testimonial dinner and at 7:00 PM it was dinner time hope everyone enjoyed their meal, WORDS can not express how La Presidente Karen and I are filling, with the turn out of such WONDERFUL VOYAGERS & DAMES that showed up for this event. The Plaque is hanging on the wall, the loco on the entertainment center. A very BIG thank you to everyone. This is one event that will be engraved in my heart forever. I am so very very lucky to have such wonderful friends like this FAMILY IS. I am still flying above cloud nine from all the excitement.

NOW down to business we're in the bottom part of the standings again with membership, we're 241 short of the goal some Voitures only need 1 or 2 members to obtain 100 percent.

It's time to start getting your reports into the Directeurs (REMEMBER IF YOU OWE PINS OR MONIES YOU HAVE NO VOTE AT GRANDE PROMANADE). CHEMINOTS PLEASE CHECK your Voitures in your district to see what their problem is, maybe you can guide them into the right direction on obtaining a hundred percent membership. Directeurs you should be in touch with the Voitures that have outstanding pins or monies.

Remember our troops and there families all over the world. GOD BLESS and GOD BLESS AMERICA

DAVE WEBB GRANDE
CHEF DE GARE



Says it all

Corr from page 1

The Petite Communique will not be mailed out, you must down load the forms from Voiture Nationale's Web Site, www.fortyandeight.org.

Locale officers list and bonding forms will be sent to each Voiture in May. Please fill them out as soon as possible and mail them to the Grand Correspondant.

Yours in Service

Glen DeLoach
Grand Correspondant

LaPres from page 1

Jamnick, to Ellen Nash to Michelle Dejonghe and finally back to Cheryl.

From there it was back to Legion hall to decorate and get ready for happy Hour and Dinner. Thanks to all those who stuck around to help set up and decorate.

Dinner was great! The gifts, gift cards and money all great things. The best part of the evening was the femmes singing to me "I never promised you a rose garden." I truly wished I could have had that on tape. What a truly memorable evening. Thank you one and all, for my kind of fund stuff.

If I missed anyone in my thank yous please know that Dave and Myself are very thankful for all your support. We were very pleased at the turnout for everything.

Now down to business MEMBERSHIP.

As of 4/14/11 we are at 10th position with 94.43%, just 18 short.

God Bless
Keep our Troops in your thoughts and prayers

Grande La Presidente
Karen Webb

All Voitures with Rolling Stock!!!

"Due to recent legal action against a Voiture by the American Legion, all Voitures will remove the words "American Legion" and the American Legion Logo from all rolling stock. The words and Logo are copyrighted and protected and as such are property of the American Legion."

Wayne Schwartz
Avocat national

Please notify the Grand Correspondant as soon as you have removed all American Legion Logos and Words.

Calendar Winners

Winners for March

Ticket	Amount	Selling Voiture	Winner
0855	\$50.00	181	Paul Rose
1189	\$50.00	1061	Ralene Misiak
1359	\$50.00	1061	Chris & Karen Meyer
0184	\$100.00	1002	Dorty Myers
1456	\$100.00	1061	Ryan Macik

Winners for April

Ticket	Amount	Selling Voiture	Winner
1550	\$50.00	1536	Charles Dice
0541	\$50.00	1153	John Seymour Jr.
0220	\$50.00	1002	Michael Viglianti
0982	\$100.00	600	Tim Brennan
0759	\$100.00	957	Kristen Newman

Boosters

Jeremiah "Jerry" Andrus	P.J Johnson
Pete Ault	Tom Jones
Kay Bauer	Bob Landis
Bob Bialecki	Janet Lough
Mary Bialecki	Lonnie Loveland
Ken Bidlack	Erica MacLachian
Betty Biggert	Ed MacLachian II
Jim Biggert	Dennis Mersino
Robert Bradley	Fred Moorhouse
Martin Bruman	Dee Morley
David Bunch	Betty Morrison
Laure Bunch	Rus (Smurf) Osgood
Grace Butterfield	William Parsons
Jerry Butterfield	Tony Perales
Ray Capouch	Patty Prescott
Ed Christan	Richard Rathburn
John Churchill	Bob Rice
Ed Cole	Jim Sadler
Wayne Collier	Margert Sadler
Erwin "Bo" Coykendall	Barb Sarrach
Marge Coykendall	Jerry Sarrach
Lynn DeWerth	Rich Schroeder
Charles Dice	Barry Schweitzer
Gary Fromwiller	Bud Sehra
Merle Fullerton	John Seymour
Mary Gark	Jeannetta Sloan
Denee Gregor	Susan Sprangel
Randy Gregor	Norman Stone
Sam Hanna	Clive Sydel
Sam Hanna Jr.	Richard Truax
Karl Heigel	Andy Vebe stad
Mike Hemker	Kristine Waun
Lavon Hendges	Dave Webb
Ted Hendges	Karen Webb
Jack W. Imerzel	Charles Willson
Brent Jacobs	Amanda Wilson
Wayne Jacobs	Carol Worvie
Butch Johnson	Dale Worvie
Lance Johnson	

Grand Directeur Ways and Means

Donald R. Eastcott

I'm Happy to report that all 1600 calendars have been sold and paid for. As I stated before, the calendar license's have been ordered from Lansing for 2012. However as of this writing I have not received any letters of intent for any Wrecks and/or events for the upcoming Year 2012 so they can be put on the calendar.

Please send your letters for any wrecks or events for the upcoming year 2012 to: Donald R. Eastcott, 21600 Francis St., St. Clair Shores, MI 48082-1918.

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

Donald R. Eastcott
Grand Directeur Ways and Means

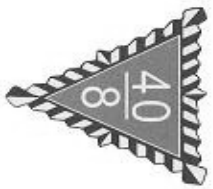


The last thing Bin Laden saw

A big thank you to all of the Boosters of the Whistle Stop.

Booster Ads are \$2.00. Please send to the address on the back cover of the Whistle Stop.

Subscriptions to the Whistle Stop are \$10.00.



*Voiture Locale 102
 celebrating its 90th Anniversary
 with a gala weekend
 July 8 and 9, 2011*

Join the Fun

Housing: Extended Stay Motel, 20200 E. 13 Mile Road, Roseville, MI 48066
 586.294.0142 Room Rate \$60.00

Dinner: Barrister Gardens, 24225 Harper Ave., St. Clair Shores, MI 48080 (Just a short drive from the Motel)

On Friday there will be a hospitality room at the Motel!

On Saturday, the Hospitality Room will be open during the afternoon
 Cocktails (Open Bar) 6 PM, Dinner at 7PM, Short Program followed by
 Dancing to live music

Attire: After 5
Tickets: \$35.00

Ad Book Prices: Full Page \$100.00 Half Page \$60.00
 1/4 Page \$ 30.00 1/8 Page \$15.00
 Booster: \$5.00

Reservations and Ads may be sent to **Tony Licari**, 15206 E Hunter's Pointe Dr.

Macomb Township, MI 48042 586.677.7563

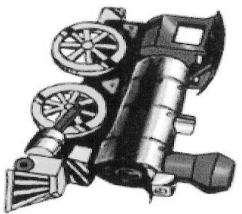
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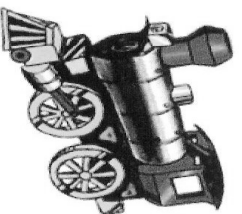
Eastpointe, MI 48021 586.778.7485

sharonschulte_sharon_7@msn.com

OR



**Voiture 1153
 Monroe County
 Wrecking Crew**



If you would like to plan a Wreck at your Voiture but you do not have a Wrecking Crew.

Then Voiture 1153 would like to help you out by providing our Wrecking Crew to perform your Wreck.

We will take possession of the PGs in the morning and get them ready for the Wreck in the afternoon.

We will provide our own Acts and supplies. We supply the Wrecking Sergeant, Wrecking Chef de Gare, Chef de Train, Conducteur, Medicin, Aumonier, Chairman of the So-Long League, Mayor.

All you need to provide is a place to hold the Wreck, lunch, Locale Chef de Gare, Chef de Train, Aumonier, and Conducteur to open and close your Promenade.

Contact

Please contact the following for more information and to reserve V-1153 Professional Wrecking Crew

Commis Voyageur Voiture 1153

Mary Bialecki

9103 Albain

Ida, MI 48141

Phone (734) 680-6854

E-Mail mi_bialecki@yahoo.com

Grande Voiture du Michigan Membership

Report Date April 28, 2011

Voiture	Quota	Reported	Short	Percent
District #1				
Charles Head		Ronald Runyan		
102 Wayne	58	51	7	87.93%
1002 Sub-Wayne	65	51	14	78.46%
Total	123	102	21	82.93%
District #2				
Wayne Yeager		Ray Capouch		
746 Jackson	67	48	19	71.64%
957 Washtenaw	89	90	-1	101.12%
997 Lenawee	169	169	0	100.00%
1153 Monroe	83	78	5	93.98%
Total	408	385	23	94.36%
District #3				
Mike Hemker		Cliff Rose		
161 Kalamazoo	15	14	1	93.33%
181 Calhoun	24	21	3	87.50%
396 Branch	41	35	6	85.37%
1223 Hillsdale	9	9	0	100.00%
Total	89	79	10	88.76%
District #4				
James Brodbridge		Robert Leis		
545 St. Joseph	39	36	3	92.31%
1494 Allegan	15	10	5	66.67%
Total	54	46	8	85.19%
District #5				
Tom Pawloski		John Rendak		
553 Kent	31	28	3	90.32%
District #6				
Peter Jerome		Tom Majeske		
946 Ingham	211	182	29	86.26%
1116 Genesee	69	59	10	85.51%
Total	280	241	39	86.07%
District #7				
August Miele		Edward MacLachlanII		
120 St.Clair	83	78	5	93.98%
1061 Macomb	86	80	6	93.02%
1383 Tuscola	7	7	0	100.00%
1536 Lapeer	58	56	2	96.55%
Total	234	221	13	94.44%
District #8				
Frank Rocha Jr.		Louis Lapan		
600 Saginaw	85	45	40	52.94%
756 Shiawassee	14	13	1	92.86%
868 Clinton	27	24	3	88.89%
1420 Ionia-Montcalm	44	25	19	56.82%
Total	170	107	63	62.94%
District #9				
William Huhnke		George Jingles		
721 Newaygo	36	26	10	72.22%
1206 Wexford-Missaukee	19	21	-2	110.53%
1363 Manistee	18	21	-3	116.67%
Total	73	68	5	93.15%

Voiture	Quota	Reported	Short	Percent
District #10				
Norman Mosele				
690 Bay	18	16	2	88.89%
767 Clare	50	40	10	80.00%
1425 Midland	20	20	0	100.00%
Total	88	76	12	86.36%
District #11				
Leroy Sjolholm				
663 Delta	23	24	-1	104.35%
1288 Menoninee	41	35	6	85.37%
Total	64	59	5	92.19%
District #12				
Ronald Pearson				
397 Gogebic	6	1	5	16.67%
599 Marquette	21	25	-4	119.05%
659 Dickinson	21	17	4	80.95%
Total	48	43	5	89.58%
District #13				
Vern McBride		B. J. Arnold		
811 Oakland	52	40	12	76.92%
District #14				
Elden Avery		John "Ed" Vallad		
669 Iosco	45	45	0	100.00%
1086 Ogemaw-Arenac	12	13	-1	108.33%
Total	57	58	-1	101.75%

Quota	1,771	100% Voitures	11
Goal	1,815		
Members	1,553	100% Districts	1
%Quota	87.69%	Short for Quota	218
%Goal	85.56%	Short for Goal	262

**For Sale
Red Blazers**

Sizes:

40 R

44 R

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Contact;

Frank Warren

**606 Lynn Ave Unit 5
Kalamazoo, MI 49008**



Grand du Michigan

Grand Promenade & Rendezvous

August 12th, 13th, 14th, 2011

Forward Conference Center - West Branch, MI

Hosted by Voiture 997



Name _____

Address _____

City _____

St _____ ZIP _____ Voiture _____



QUALITY INN

Forward Conference Center

989 345-3503 • Fax 989 345-4194

1-735/541212

2980 Cook Rd PO Box 369 • West Branch, Mich 48661



(Mention

40 & 8 You must make your own motel reservations.

for special

rate)

Deadline for motel reservations:

Aug 11, 2011

Reservations for Grand Promenade & Rendezvous Banquet
\$25.00 per person. Promenade Registration Fee - \$10.

Please make checks payable to:

Voiture 997 Grand Promenade 2011

and mail to:

Barry Bovee

2385 Kenwood Dr

Adrian, MI 49221

Please state your highest office held and your current
office _____

Registration Fee - \$10. For LaFemmes

Make checks payable to **Cabane 997** and mail to:

Judy Eccleston

152 Ninth St

Britton, MI 49229

Rules of Combat

USMC

Bring a weapon. Preferably, bring at least two. Bring all of your friends who have weapons. Bring their friends who have weapons.

Anything worth shooting is worth shooting twice. Ammo is cheap. Life is expensive.

Only hits count. Close doesn't count. The only thing worse than a miss is a slow miss.

If your shooting stance is good, you're probably not moving fast enough, nor using cover correctly.

Move away from your attacker. Distance is your friend. (Lateral and diagonal movement are preferred.)

If you can choose what to bring to a gunfight, bring a big weapon and a friend with a big weapon.

In ten years nobody will remember the details of caliber, stance, or tactics. They will only remember who lived and who didn't.

If you are not shooting, you should be communicating, reloading, and running.

Accuracy is relative: most combat shooting is more dependent on "pucker factor" than the inherent accuracy of the weapon.

Use a weapon that works EVERY TIME. "All skill is in vain when an Angel pisses in the flintlock of your musket."

Someday someone may kill you with your own weapon, but they should have to beat you to death with it because it is empty.

In combat, there are no rules, always cheat; always win. The only unfair fight is the one you lose.

Have a plan.

Have a back-up plan, because the first one won't work.

Use cover or concealment as much as possible. The visible target should be in FRONT of YOUR weapon.

Flank your adversary when possible. Protect yours.

Don't drop your guard.

Always tactical load and threat scan 360 degrees.

Watch their hands. Hands kill. (In God we trust. Everyone else, keep your hands where I can see them).

Decide to be aggressive ENOUGH, quickly ENOUGH.

The faster you finish the fight, the less shot you will get.

Be courteous to everyone, friendly to no one.

Be polite. Be professional. But have a plan to kill everyone you meet.

Your number one Option for Personal Security is a lifelong commitment to avoidance, deterrence, and de-escalation.

Do not attend a gunfight with a handgun, the caliber of which does not start with a ".4."

Army

See USMC Rules for combat

Add 60 to 90 days

Hope the Marines already destroyed all meaningful resistance

Navy

Spend three weeks getting somewhere

Adopt an aggressive offshore posture

Send in the Marines

Drink Coffee

Bring back the Marines

Air Force

Kiss the spouse good-bye

Drive to the flight line

Fly to target area, drop bombs, fly back.

Pop in at the club for a couple with the guys

Go home, BBQ some burgers and drink some more beer

Taps

In Memoriam

May Their Souls Rest In Place

BIDLACK, KENNETH A.	396	January
HAYNES, DONNIE	746	February
ASHMORE JR, CHARLES	102	March
GILSON, FLOYD L.	997	March
LAFORGE, JOSEPH E	1383	March
POLLACK, RICHARD	997	March
STRAUSS, ARLIE	721	March
BROWN, JAMES	946	April
DAVIES, CARL A	1002	April
HEDGECOCK, JOHN W	946	April
KOSLOSKI, CARL	946	April
POLLOCK, RICHARD	997	April
RAMEY, CLAUDE	946	April
STEVENS, CLAYTON	946	April
TRUAX, BILL	1536	April



Grand Aumonier Raymond C. 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

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:
Grand Aumonier
Raymond C. Carrier
3108 Negaunee 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 Locale _____ Date _____

Nationale has been notified: Yes ___ No ___

Send to:
Grande LaAumonier
Ida Rocha
2431 Ledyard
Saginaw, MI 48601

Yoopers Wreck

Date – May 14, 2011

Place – Post 50 Iron Mt.
916 River Ave.

Time – PGs 9:30 – 10:00 AM

Lunch – 12:00 Noon

Wreck – 1:00 PM

U.P. Wrecking Crew in Charge

Voyageurs please help to continue having wrecks by attending and bring your PGs

Child Welfare Directeur

Dave Bunch

I still have 2011 Child Welfare pins.

The following Voitures owe for their pins:

v 396 25 pins

v 746 25 pins

v 811 25 pins

If any Voiture needs them please contact me;

7343 F 41

Oscoda, MI 48750

Phone # 989-305-2544

Or contact the Grand Chef and he'll get in touch with me.

Thanks,
Dave Bunch
Child Welfare Directeur

The Whistle Stop

mi40-8.com

Glen DeLoach

1109 John L. Drive

Monroe, MI 48162

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Calendar of Upcoming Events

May	
7	Wreck V-946
14	Yoopers Wreck, Iron Mt.
20-22	Cenotaph, Niagara Falls, New York
23	Deadline for May Whistle Stop
30	Memorial Day, Washington DC
June	
2-4	Great Lakes Promenade, Galena, IL
11	Flag Day / Father's Day Wreck V-767
23	Deadline for July Whistle Stop
August	
12-14	Grande Promenade, V-997, West Branch
23	Deadline for September Whistle Stop
September	
14-18	Promenade Nationale Vancouver, Washington
October	
7-8	Fall Cheminot, V-1153, Monroe
23	Deadline for November Whistle Stop