

GRANDE VOITURE de WISCONSIN
2018 GRANDE PROMENADE
Lake Mills, Wisconsin.
August 2nd – 5th
THURSDAY, AUGUST 2nd

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEE

Grand Chef de Gare Doug Schaller called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. at the Lake Mills American Legion Post No. 67. Following formal opening ceremonies, he turned the meeting over to Committee on Committee Chairman Dale Mitchell. Chairman Dale asked the Grand Correspondant for a Roll Call. Ken Kozubek was excused due to picking up Chef de Chemin de Fer Ken Lafleur at the airport. A number of Past Grand Chef de Gare's were in attendance. Also Grand Chef de Train Joe Story was present.

Chairman Mitchell read off the resolving clauses for each of the nomination papers submitted.

Cheminot National – Richard Ruland
Alternate Cheminot National – Doug Schaller
Grand Chef de Gare – Joe Story
Grand Chef de Train – Jim Bassett
Sous Grand Chef de Train – John Aasen
Grand Conducteur – Dale Oatman
Grand Garde de la Porte – Larry Winger
Grand Commis Voyageur – John Edelbrute IV
Grand Commissaire Intendant – Jim Vissers

A number of questions about when we last had interviews with the Line Officers. This was done at Camp Days and at different venues during Voiture events.

There was another resolution read concerning Tom Orval who is planning on running for the position of National Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer. It needs to be brought up during the Report of Resolutions on Friday afternoon. The meeting was closed at 1:24 P.M.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Grand Chef de Gare Doug Schaller called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M. Following Roll Call the meeting was turned over to Grand Commissaire Intendant Jim Vissers. Voyageur Jim passed out the Budget from 2017-2018 and the proposed Budget for 2018-2019. Jim also spoke on the final payment we received from the Harald Kahlert estate. Totals monies received were in the amount of \$461,919.03. Our portfolio is estimated to be at \$733,908.37 as of the end of June.

For the 2018-2019 Budget, \$50.00 was added to the Great Lakes Dues / Door Prizes. The cost for having our taxes prepared this year was \$859.00. It will not be nearly as much next year. This was due to all of the money we received from the Harald Kahlert estate.

Questions on the money we are making off of the interest compared from money we receive from membership dues. If we can increase our membership, our income will increase. Sous Grand Commissaire Intendant Phil Nelson brought up the idea of having a State Calendar raffle. Many questions and thoughts about ways to save money were discussed.

TIME & PLACE COMMITTEE MEETING

Grand Chef de Gare Doug Schaller called the meeting to order at 2:05 P.M. Following Roll Call by the Grand Correspondant, he then turned it over to Grand Correspondant Tom Orval who gave an update on this weekend's events in and around Lake Mills.

3rd District Cheminot Jim Hying gave a full update on what and where for the 2019 Grande Midwinter Petite Promenade and Rendezvous in Richland Center. He also handed out brochures on making hotel reservations.

Chef de Chemin de Fer Passe Don Emley spoke on next year's Grande Promenade & Rendezvous which will be held in Antigo. For the Cabane, about everything will be the same as last time except for their Saturday Installation luncheon, they are looking for a new place to go to being that the restaurant that was booked suddenly closed up. The Voyageurs will meet across from the hotel (Holiday Inn) at the Bowling Alley.

Voyageurs from Monroe County Voiture Locale No. 804 in Tomah who will be hosting the 2020 Midwinter Petite Promenade have not yet arrived.

Voyageur Phil Nelson spoke on the 2020 Grande Promenade and Rendezvous which will be held in Keshena which is seven miles north of Shawano. Hotel and Casino there!

No bids have yet been presented for the 2021 Midwinter Petite Promenade or the 2021 Grande Promenade & Rendezvous.

It was reported that Polk-Burnett No. 236 is submitting a bid for the purpose of hosting the 2022 Grande Promenade and Rendezvous in St. Croix Falls.

Both Trempealeau County No. 260 and La Crosse County Voiture No. 830 are interested in hosting a future event.

Immediately following the Committee on Committee meeting, Grand L'editeur Tom Orval started the Badger Forty & Eighter meeting. He thanked Steve Bradley, John Helgeson and Beth Laatsch for being the proof readers. He also thanked a number of Locales who submit pictures and occasional articles for publication.

All Officers and Directeur's are supposed to follow the schedule for submitting articles for the Badger Forty & Eighter. It's unfortunate that some do not follow the schedule.

Ad's pay for approximately 1/3 of the yearly publication and we can always use more Ad's!

Meeting was closed at 3:06 with a salute to the colors.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4th

Grand Chef de Gare Doug Schaller called the 97th Grande Voiture de Wisconsin Grande Promenade to order at 9:00 A. M. The Salute to the Colors, Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation, and POW-MIA Empty Chair were all given.

Grand Correspondant Tom Orval offered a notion to fine Past Chef de Chemin de Fer Don Emley \$1.00 for dressing too casually. V. Emley stated his feelings are now hurt and protested the fine. Seconded and carried.

The Official Call as published in the latest Badger Forty & Eighter was approved.

V. Al Ross offered a notion to fine John Helgeson \$1.00 for making a notion and not offering one. Seconded and carried!

Also approved were the minutes of the 2017 Grande Promenade and also the minutes of the 2018 Midwinter Petite Promenade.

Grand Chef de Gare Doug welcomed all Voyageurs to this year's Grande Promenade. He also thanked everyone for helping with the wonderful he has had.

General Chairman Ron Zambriski was excused due to working on the American Legion Post Hamburger Stand that morning.

The Chef de Gare of Jefferson County Voiture Locale No. 750 Dave Behling was also excused for the same reason.

2nd District Cheminot Ron Pfalzgraf gave greetings.

Cheminot National Ken Kozubek introduced National Chef de Chemin de Fer Ken Lafleur of Louisiana who is our National guest. He then introduced all other National Officers, Directeur's, and Sous Directeur's along with National Aide de Camp Larry Butts of Georgia. Grand Correspondant Tom Orval conducted the Roll Call.

REPORT OF THE GRAND DIRECTEUR'S

Voiture Activities - Jim Bassett Directeur: Jim has had two articles published in the Badger Forty & Eighter this last year encouraging Locales to record activities throughout the year and to complete their activities reports by date in June as directed by the Grand Correspondant. 17 out of 35 Locales sent in reports. This comes to 49%. Four Locales had their reports sent to National for further consideration. They came from Locales 750, 830, 1140 and 1485. New forms were emailed to all Locales who provided email addresses. Those without electronic capabilities were mailed the forms by USPS.

Notion was offered and seconded to accept the report as given. Carried!

Americanism and Badger Boys State – Ken Laatsch Directeur: There was a total of 41,464.5 hours spent on Americanism this last year; 172,950 miles driven and \$57,941.00 actual cash spent. Total cash for all services totaled \$351,738.50 which comes to \$343.16 per capita of the Grande Voiture membership for each Voyageur.

Under Badger Boys State; 13 boys were sponsored this last year with \$2,404.00 in actual cash spent.

A notion was offered and seconded for both reports to be accepted as read. Carried!

National Box Car Association – John Aasen Directeur: Voyageur John started out by thanking Jack Eaton for being a very active Sous! It was unfortunate that he lost his I-pad along with all of his records. Everything has been paid for at National.

The 2019 pins and cards are ready to be taken out on consignment. He also has a few challenge coins left. Notion was offered and seconded to accept the report as given. Carried!

Child Welfare – Directeur Dale Oatman: V. Oatman began by thanking everyone who supports the program. Dodge County Cabane No. 856 donated \$397.18 and Trempealeau Co. 260 who donated \$606.50 to the program. V. Dale then spoke on the Charles W. Ardery Fund. He was disappointed that less than 50% of the Locales submitted a report this last year. Every Locale who has members has 25 cents automatically taken out for the program.

Notion was offered and seconded to accept the report as read. Carried!

Charles Ardery Memorial Trust Fund: As reported by the Grand Correspondant. Wisconsin lead the nation once again with claims files. 11 claims were files totaling \$8,059.88. There were 39 children involved this last year. He then went into detail about when you take adults to the clothing store; you only purchase essentials for the children.

Unrestricted Funds totaled \$635,166.00 and restricted funds came to \$1,365,382.00 for a total of \$2,000,528.00. Notion was offered and seconded to accept the report as given. Carried!

V. Emley who sits on the Ardery Committee spoke in detail on some of the reports that were submitted and that it needs to be approved by the Correspondant of the Locale first and that that they need to scrutinize the items before it is sent to Grande Headquarters.

Wisconsin Disaster Relief Fund: Grand Commissaire Intendant Jim Vissers stated that there was \$5,182.97 in the account. Income was in the amount of \$901.00 from donations and due to

an emergency; \$750.00 was disbursed. Balance currently is \$5333.97. Notion was offered and seconded to accept the report as given. Carried!

Nurses Training: Directeur Pat Sukowski stated that 15 Voiture Locale Nurses Training reports were received this year. 8 Nurses Training students graduated this past year. Throughout the State there were 60 scholarships awarded for a total of \$34,635.00 Outagamie County donated \$51.00 to the Boland Trust Fund. This last year the Grande Voiture sponsored 6 Nurses Training students for a total of \$2,400.00. This year there will be 5 students sponsored at \$500.00 each for a total of \$2,500.00.

V. Pat then spoke on the lacking pin sales this past year. Only 120 pins were sold. A notion was offered, seconded and carried to accept the report as read.

Jack D. Wilson Fund – Grand Commissaire Intendant Jim Vissers gave the report. This Fund started the year with \$31,238.58 in the account. \$2,400.00 was spent on scholarships. \$337.37 was received from the sales of pins. Donations totaled \$120.00. Current balance is \$29,295.95. There was a notion last year to increase the scholarship money to \$500.00 and after this year only hand out 5 scholarships totaling \$2,500.00. A notion was offered to accept the report as given. Seconded and carried!

George B. Boland Trust Fund: The Grand Correspondant reported that there were thirty nine inquiries about the National Scholarship. Twenty two applications received by Voiture Nationale. Twenty one were approved for \$18,000.00 in total monies. Unrestricted funds are at \$548,977.00; Restricted funds are \$455,703.00 and donations received were at \$26,348.97. Total monies in the account is at \$1,004,700.00! Notion was offered and seconded to accept the report as given; Carried!

POW-MIA – Directeur Tom Orval started out the report by giving the membership a bit of history on the program, its origin and where they stand today. In 2018 the Grande de Wisconsin sold 300 pins. He asked for anyone who knows of a POW or of a MIA who has descendants who are in a school of higher learning to contact him and hopefully they can fill out an application. Notion was offered, seconded and carried to accept the report as given!

Public Relations: Voyageur Zambriski was excused this morning and will give his report later.

Ritual – Directeur Joe Story informed the Voyageurs in attendance that the new Ritual and Manuel of Ceremonies is available and that this is the only book to be used for Rituals or Ceremonies. In March of 2019 we will be celebrating the 99th year of our founding. He then thanked Steve Bradley for his guidance and council. Voiture man hours for Ritual this last year totaled 11,208; Miles driven came to 27,384 and monies spent came to \$6,204.00. A notion was offered and seconded to accept the Ritual report as given. Carried!

Special Awards – Grande Directeur Ron Pfalzgraf reported that there were 3 nominations this year for Hero of The Year, 2 nominations for Law Officer of the Year and 5 nominations for Voyageur of the Year. 7 Locales reported with 6 submitting a candidate. He then thanked those who were on the selection committee. More submissions this year than last year but we still need more involvement in the Locales. A notion was offered and seconded to accept the report as given. Carried!

VAVS - Directeur Dale Mitchell gave a full report with hours, miles rides, and what you can and cannot claim on the report that is filed. V. Mitchell also let the membership know that working up

at Camp American legion is definitely permitted. He also spoke on the Keep Those Wheelchairs Running program that has been instituted at the Middleton VA in Madison.

Voyageur Mitchell is looking for a 40 & 8 VA Rep for the Zablocki VA Hospital in Milwaukee.

Voyageur John Edelblute IV who works at the American Legion Service Office at the Milwaukee VA volunteered to be the 40 & 8 Rep at the Milwaukee VA Hospital.

YOUTH SPORTS - Grand Directeur Joe Ternes stated that he has the same problem most Directeur's have and that is the lack of reporting. He received 4 reports from smaller Locales and 7 from the larger Locales. Some reports marked NO ACTION TAKEN. At least they sent in reports. Voyageurs Ternes then offered to sit down with anyone to explain the proper way to fill out a report. He then spoke on the new Youth Sports that are allowed in La Societe. A notion was offered and seconded to accept the report as given. Carried!

There was a ten minute recess at this time.

When reconvened; Voyageur Ruland's cell phone went off. He offered a notion to fine himself \$1.00. It was amended by the Grand Correspondant to \$2.00 and a Black Mark by Voyageur Vissers. Seconded and carried.

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT CHEMINOT

1 st District	Not in Attendance
2 nd District	Ron Pfalzgraf
3 rd District	Jim Hying
4 th District	Chuck Cooney
6 th District	Not in Attendance
7 th District	Les Brown
8 th District	Arien Herminath
9 th District	Jim Vissers
10 th District	John Helgeson
11 th District	Joe Story
12 th District	Wayne Hancock

Highlights of the Cheminot reports - There was a question about changing the name of Richland County No. 1268 to Richland – Crawford County No. 1268. An active discussion perused on the smatter with asking the 3rd District Cheminot Jim Hying to go back to the Locale and have a resolution written up on the matter. Should then be no problem then!

Joe Ternes offered a notion to fine Chuck Cooney \$1.00 for calling the 4th District Installation a meeting. Seconded and carried!

All Locales in the 7th District were at 100% or more.

A discussion on the Camp American Legion Cabin for the Fallen! Also announced by Jim Chapin that the Grand Chef de Gare will be recognized at the Department of Wisconsin American Legion Convention. A discussion ensued on the Camp and the relationship between the Forty & Eight and the American Legion.

CARVILLE STAR - Voyageur Witte reported that 82 pins were sold this last year along with 5 Star subscriptions. 80 hours were spent on the program along with over 1,000 miles traveled. Only 10 Locales reported this last year. Notion was offered, seconded and carried to accept his report as read.

REPORT OF GRAND VOITURE OFFICERS

Avocat	Dave Wegener – Excused
Report read by the Grand Correspondant	
Aumonier	Ken Laatsch
Alternate Cheminot National	Rich Ruland
Cheminot National	Ken Kozubek
Commissaire Intendant	Jim Vissers
Historian	Dale Mitchell
Organizer	Rich Ruland
Commis Voyageur	Larry Winger
Garde de La Porte	Dale Oatman
Conducteur	John Aasen
Sous Chef de Train	Jim Bassett
Chef de Train	Joe Story
Correspondant	Tom Orval
Chef de Gare	Doug Schaller

RECESS

Past Grand Chef de Gare Al Ross offered a notion to fine Voyageur Ken Laatsch for crossing the Colors. \$1.00. Seconded and carried.

Voyageur Joe Ternes asked if Ken Laatsch ever got his fingers stuck in the gavel fine box. Isn't Ken Laatsch Voyageur Laatsch! Notion was offered and seconded to fine V. Ternes for improper language. Carried!

Voyageur Joe Story acting as National Membership Directeur/Grand Chef de Train along with Grand Chef de Gare Doug Schaller and Chef de Chemin de Fer Ken Lafleur presented 100% medals to the following Locales. 236, 260, 410, 526, 652, 683, 804, 821, 830, 844, 898, 986, 1080, 1139, 1156, 1204, 1268, 1330, 1455 and 1519.

Public Relations - Ron Zambriski stated that all of his reports in the past have been about newspapers, TV and radio. He then talked about the trips he has taken to different rehabilitation centers. Many Veterans are in these facilities and we all need to go visit them and let those Veterans know they are remembered. Public Relations touches all phases of Veterans and we are not only doing a service to our fellow veterans but by doing these kind gestures, we are also bringing awareness to our organization as well. Notion was offered and seconded to accept the report as given. Carried!

Audit Report – Chairman Steve Bradley reported that the Audit Committee met this morning. Members Joe Story, John Helgeson along with Grand Commissaire Intendant Jim Vissers and Sous Commissaire Intendant Al Johnson were at the meeting. The committee audited all documents to include all deposits and disbursements with all records being in order. A notion was offered and seconded to accept the report as given. Carried!

Credentials Report – Chairman Ron Pfalzgraf along with Jim Bassett checked all delegate memberships. They found that Voiture Locale 1330 had only one delegate instead of two. This brings the delegates from 61 to 60. Notion was offered and seconded to accept the report as given. Carried!

Resolutions Committee – Chairman Jim Chapin along with Clint Robson, John Aasen and Dale Mitchell had two resolutions. The 1st one was for Tom Orval for National Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer. The 2nd one came from Florida concerning the National Committee on Committee.

Notion was offered and seconded to accept the report as given with separate action to be taken on each of the two resolutions.

Separate action was taken on each of the resolutions so it will be clear on just what we are voting on. This was voted on and passed for separate action.

The first resolution concerning Tom Orval running for Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer was passed. The second resolution from Florida concerning limits on the National Committee on Committee was rejected by vote.

Constitution and Bylaws – Voyageur Jim Chapin reported that no changes were brought to the Committee so there was nothing to report on at this time and he then asked for a notion to approve of this. Seconded and carried.

Committee on Committee – Chairman Dale Mitchell informed the membership that resolutions /nomination papers for all officers were read and approved. A notion was offered, seconded and approved.

Time And Place – The Grand Correspondant gave a report on the 2019 Grand Midwinter Petite and Grande Promenade to be held in Richland Center and Antigo respectively. He also gave reports on the 2020 Midwinter Petite and 2020 Grand Promenade in Tomah and Keshena. A notion to accept the report was offered, seconded and carried.

Badger Forty & Eighter magazine - The Grand Correspondant gave an overview on the Ad's, articles and pictures that are needed for the magazine. When you submit an article, the fond does not have to be big so you think you have typed up a whole page. When it is shrunk down, it'll be normal size in the publication anyway. Need more articles, pictures along with items of interest pertaining to La Societe. He then thanked John Helgeson, Steve Bradley and Beth Laatsch for their assistance in proofreading and even writing articles for those who are not capable of submitting articles. Over the last few months membership rosters were sent out to all Locales. Most have sent them back with address changes, additions or deletions. Notion was offered and seconded to accept the report as given. Carried.

Emblem Sales - Voyageur Mitchell has a number of 40 & 8 emblems for sale with different colors and sizes. All proceeds from these sales go to the Grande Voiture. He has samples on one of the back tables for anyone who wishes to purchase one. A notion was offered and seconded to accept the report as given. Carried!

King Day – 40 & 8 Chairman Jim Vissers reported on the happenings that took place on June 17th. He thanked La Crosse No. 830 for bringing their locomotive and Shawano County Chef de Gare Jack Beggs for the use of his wrangler jeep in the parade. His hope is to see more Voyageurs there with their chapeaus on in the future. Knowing it is Fathers - Day can be a bit tough but the Veterans at King do appreciate when we come to see them. A notion was offered and seconded to accept the King Day report. Carried!

Forty & Eight Days at Camp – Chairman Orval that the weather cooperated and this was definitely the most enjoyable 40 & 8 Days at Camp everyone had had in quite a few years. Ken Laatsch and Gerry Story won the beanbag tournament; Chuck Cooney won the 1st annual fishing outing. Those attending had a great time shopping or just relaxing. Next year will be the

50th Anniversary of 40 & 8 Days at Camp. There will be a 50th Anniversary pin made to the event. Also Chef de Gare of Milwaukee No. 1519 Ray Pasbrig is donating a wooden eagle to be raffled off with proceeds going to Camp. A notion was offered and seconded to accept the report as given. Carried!

Chef de Chemin de Fer Don Emley asked for the floor and spoke about the hard work it is to have a bon fire on both Friday and Saturday evenings. With all the preparation involved and then a Voyageur is AWOL. He was referring to V. Rich Ruland. A notion was offered and seconded that he be fined \$5.00 for not being at the Saturday evening bonfire. After a little discussion on where he was (Simile's in Lake Tomahawk) Voyageur Ruland was fined the above mentioned amount. Seconded and carried!

Voyageur Jim Chapin asked for the floor. He stated that he is going to bring up a notion for a donation for the new Camp American Legion Cabin No 22. He is asking for a \$10,000.00 donation to be presented at the State American Legion Convention next year in Madison.

This was put into a notion. Discussions from many Voyageurs on the matter pro and con!

A vote by show of hands on this notion was defeated.

Grand Commissaire Intendant Jim Vissers offered a notion to table any more discussion on this until after the DEC Fall meetings and where it will be then brought to the Midwinter Petite Promenade to the Finance Committee. This was seconded and carried!

District Cheminot Caucus for odd numbered Districts with their locations were laid out.

Immediately following the closing the Friday afternoon session of the 2018 Grande Promenade, The past Chef de Gare's Club met.

SATURDAY AUGUST 5th

The 2nd Session of the 2018 Grande Promenade was called to order by Grand Chef de Gare Doug Schaller.

V. Al Ross offered a notion that the Grand Chef de Gare wannabe Joe Story be fined the sum of \$5.00 for bragging about all the fine money he has on him and wearing the wrong colored jacket with his gold chapeau. Seconded and carried!

National Sous Directeur of Ritual Steve Bradley questioned why the Grand Chef de Gare did not read the Preamble if he was starting the Grand Promenade. The Grand Correspondant stated that if the script was carried out as it is supposed to be the all you are doing is reconvening. The Grand Chef de Gare got his hand slapped for screwing up.

National Cheminot Ken Kozubek introduced all of the National Officers and gold chapeaus who are present.

The Grand Correspondant preformed Roll Call of all Officers and Locales present.

The Grand Chef de Gare presented the Bread and Butter Certificates to the host Locale.

Chef de Gare of Jefferson County David Behling gave greetings.

Trophy and Awards Co-Chairpersons Les Brown and Ray Kline presented the Program certificates to the various winning Locales.

The Grand Correspondant read off the various Committee meetings that will be taking place at the National Promenade in Louisville. Different volunteers for each of the Program Committee meetings. Each will report back at the Fall Cheminot.

At this time a number of visitors entered the Promenade. They were from the Grande Cabane along with National Presidente Joyce Robberstad.

A large number of membership plaques were presented to the different individual Voyageurs and Locales. Grand Chef de Gare Doug Schaller and Chef de Chemin de Fer Ken Lafleur made the presentations.

It was decided that Richard Schuh be the 1st Alternate for the National Promenade next month.

Special Awards Directeur gave the names of the winners of the Hero and Law Officer of the Year Award winners. Hopefully they will be at the banquet this evening.

Discussion on having or not having the Box Car Round Up for the Fall Cheminot! It was decided after some discussion to have a Box Car Round Up contest to go along with the Fall Cheminot.

Election of Officers – Committee on Committee Chairman Dale Mitchell read off the nomination papers for all Line Officers. They are as follows.

Cheminot National	Richard Ruland
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Chef de Chemin de Fer Ken Lafleur installed all of the newly elected Officers for the upcoming year.

With no further business to before the Grand Promenade, it was closed in traditional 40 & 8 manner by newly elected Grand Chef de Gare Joe Story at 11:03 A. M.

SUNDAY AUGUST 5th

Grand Chef de Gare Joe Story called the Cheminot to order at 8:23 A. M.

Following formal opening ceremonies the Cheminot was open for such business as to come before it.

Roll Call by the Grand Correspondant!

Voyageur Ruland offered a notion to fine V. Vissers \$1.00 for forgetfulness. He left his Navy baseball hat at the restaurant. Seconded and carried.

The Grand Chef de Gare volunteered to fine himself \$5.00 for screwing up the opening ceremonies of the Fall Cheminot. Carried by everyone!

Approval of the Budget as set forth by the Grand Commissaire Intendant and his Committee. Voyageur Vissers explained any changes they did.

A notion was offered, seconded and carried for approval of the 2018-2019 Budget.

Grand Chef de Gare Joe Story read off the list of all appointments he has made for the upcoming year.

A notion was offered to accept all of the appointments. Seconded and carried!

A notion was offered and seconded that the Grand Chef de Gare have permission to find a contractor to build an addition on his log cabin fine box because if he keeps screwing up like he has been; he'll need more room for fines. All in "FUN".

Another Notion was made, seconded and approved for all of the Committee Chairpersons.

Grand Chef de Gare Story had not yet appointed anyone to the Finance Committee. Voyageur Ruland volunteered to fulfill this term for three years.

7th District Cheminot Melissa Guthmiller informed the membership about the upcoming Blue Collar Wreck to be held in Tomah on August 25th.

Ron Pfalzgraf invited everyone to his and Judy's 50th Anniversary.

The Grand Chef de Gare spoke on the upcoming Fall Cheminot and his Testimonial dinner to be held at the Howard Johnson on the 27th of October.

Bids for future Grande functions. Polk-Burnett County No. 236 has officially submitted a bid for the purpose of hosting the 2022 Grande Promenade and Rendezvous in St. Croix Falls.

With no further business to come before this Cheminot, it was closed in proper Forty & Eight fashion by the Grand Chef de Gare at 8:34 A. M.

Thomas J. Orval
Grand Correspondant
Grande Voiture de Wisconsin