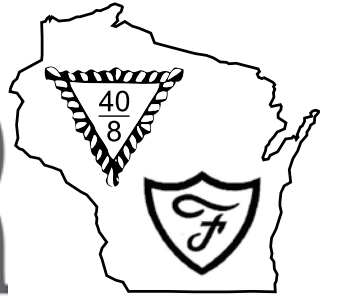


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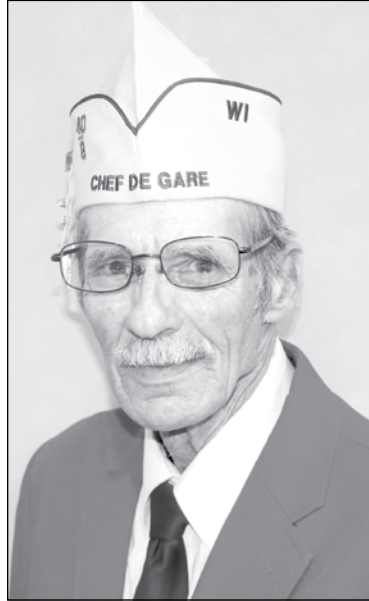
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Grand Chef de Gare's Message

Larry Winger



Voyageurs, more than anything I would love to see the Grande Voiture de Wisconsin get back on track in membership and achieve 100%+ this year. It hasn't been done since Lloyd Granberg was our Grand Chef in 2014.

Had a wonderful turnout from Wisconsin at the National Promenade in Springfield, MO this last September. So many wonderful friendly Voyageurs and Dames and just can't remember all of their names. Congratulations to Joe Story who was elected National Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer for Area # 2. Must confess that I was a little nervous at the beginning of the Fall Cheminot but after we got into the reports and discussions everything seemed much better. Much appreciation to Jim Hying and Cecil Groves from my Locale who also attended the Cheminot and banquet honoring Grande Cabane Presidente Barbara and myself!

Thank you to the La Crosse County Voiture # 830 for inviting me to their Turkey and pie celebration that was held in West Salem on November 18. Had an outstanding time and was able to meet many of their Voyageurs from the area. The same holds true for Dodge County who invited me

as their guest at the Tri County Christmas party held at the Bay-side Supper Club in Beaver Dam on December 3. There were many Grande and national Officers and Dames in attendance.

With the holidays upon us, I'm sure we have many things that are taking priority other than collecting renewals or recruiting new members into La Societe. "However" as many of our members constantly say, membership is a 24-7-365 commitment.

Our next Grande outing will be the Midwinter Petite Promenade & Rendezvous to be held in Manitowoc on February 11 and 12. Our National Chef de Chemin de Fer Bill Simpson of South Carolina will be our featured guest. Let's have a great turnout for the Midwinter and show Bill and his wife Dell some real old fashioned Wisconsin hospitality.

La Crosse County # 830 Turkey Dinner



ABOVE: Alternate Cheminot John Aasen and wife Clarice, Grand Chef de Gare Larry Winger and La Crosse County # 830 Chef de Gare Pat Young. BELOW: La Crosse County # 830 held their annual Turkey & Pie night on Thursday November 18 at the West Salem Legion Post.



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Grand Commis Voyageur	George Heck	Green Bay
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Grand Avocat	John Helgeson	Hudson
Grand Historian	Dale Mitchell	Eagle
Grand Commissaire Intendant	Jim Vissers	Appleton
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Alternate Cheminot National	John Aasen	Whitehall
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Grand Sous Correspondant	John Edelblute IV	Cudahy

GRAND CHEMINOT 2022

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Region 2	Pat Young	La Crosse
Region 3	Jim Vissers	Appleton
Region 4	John Helgeson	Hudson



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GRAND CORRESPONDANT

Thomas J. Orval



Starting out this article on a sad note! The Grande Voiture lost a giant of a member with the passing of Grand Avocat Dave Wegener. Dave was our Grand Chef de Gare in 2006, Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer in 2008, held many other titles in La Societe to include National Youth Sports Directeur for four years. He was our American Legion Department Commander in 1999. At his wake and funeral there were numerous past Department Commanders and other officers of the Legion as well as many Voyageurs honoring this outstanding Veteran! Grand Chef de Gare Larry Winger and past National Commander Denise Rohan led the Voyageurs and Legionnaires in the Walk Thru!

On a personal note: Dave asked me to take over as Grand Correspondant when he was moving up to being our Grand Chef de Gare. Now 17 years later, I'm still Grand Correspondant. Just two weeks before his passing, Dave was in attendance in Springfield, MO. for the National Promenade.

Gordon Summerfeld who was our Grand Chef de Gare in 1988 and from the La Crosse County area also passed away recently. I had the pleasure of meeting Gordon on numerous occasions during various 40 et 8 events in his area. He had slowed down over the years but still had a great knowledge of what was happening with La Societe.

Wisconsin was well represented at the National Promenade. Joe Story was elected National Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer. We were awarded 14 gold chapeaus in all and Don Emley was again appointed to another three year term on the National Committee on Committee. Might as well say 15! More than any other Grande Voiture! A special thank you to all who manned the 2022 National Promenade registration table! Lloyd Granberg and Jack Vissers were there most of the time. The 2023 and 2024 National Promenade & Rendezvous will be held in Sandusky, Ohio. The Grande du Ohio is the host in 2023 and a combined effort of Ohio and Indiana will host the event in 2024.

The next 12 months is going to be as busy as we've ever seen here in the Grande Voiture de Wisconsin. We begin with the Midwinter in Manitowoc, on February 11 and 12. Our Chef de Chemin de Fer Bill Simpson and his wife Dell are our special guests that weekend and will be arriving on the 10th. Distinguished Guests members Jim Bassett and John Aasen will be escorting Bill & Dell throughout their stay. Many Voyageurs and Dames from the Grande will also be there that Thursday. Jim Vissers is making reservations for Thursday evening at an area supper club.

Friday along with our other Committee meetings, we'll be having a National Promenade & Rendezvous meeting so everyone knows what's transpiring. At present, we aren't sure whether there will be a children's party or not. "Damned Covid"!

The Rainbow Flowage Spring Cleanup has tentatively been set for May 12 and 13. George Heck and Jim Vissers are spearheading the work detail and in the spring Badger Forty et Eighter issue we'll have the specifics on what will be happening. As I'm on the subject of the Rainbow Flowage, the new pier should be installed by 40 et 8 Days at Camp which is June 23-26. We are also hoping to have new window frames replaced by then being that the old ones are rotting. Cabane Presidente Barb Dotzauer has for her project to raise money for this special undertaking. For hotel reservations, call the Rustic Manor at 715-479-9776.

At present we have not yet received any bids for the 2023 Grande Midwinter Petite Promenade or the Grande later that summer. Do know that the 2nd District has stated that they will band together and have the five Locales joint host one of the events if necessary. The city of Waupaca has requested we look into hosting an event in their area. We are looking into that area for a suitable hotel and conference rooms.

The new Grande Voiture flag is sitting at Grande Voiture headquarters and I must say it is everything we had hoped for. The old one was faded over the years. The new one cost \$1,028.63; well below the money we had budgeted for. As to what are we going to do with the old one; it'll be stored in a special case. Neil Duresky of La Crosse suggested we contact the Wisconsin Veterans Museum or the Wisconsin Historical Society to see if they would want it. Very good ideas Neil! Also looking into ordering on Amazon a portable speaker system! This was voted on seven years ago but as in many things was put on the back burner.

On December 3, we were at the Bayside Supper Club in Beaver Dam for the Tri County Christmas party. Had as usual a wonderful time with our fellow members of La Societe! Thank you to Ron and Judy Pfalzgraf and Dodge County for hosting the event.

As your Grand Correspondant, I've been invited to attend the American Legion Midwinter Saturday evening "Our Time to Shine Celebration" banquet where to 40 et 8 is to be honored. A lot of this is due to donations to Cabin 22. Anything for the good of La Societe!

On a final note, National puts out weekly membership updates every Thursday. All you have to do is log on to www.fortyandeight.com scroll over to membership and that's all. Emails can be sent to voiturenationale@msn.com

See You Around The State
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Grand Voiture Membership 2022

DECEMBER 2

VOITURE	COUNTY	AREA	2021	2022
236	POLK-BURNETT	4	31	15
260	TREMPEALEAU	4	44	26
410	KENOSHA	1	12	11
497	RACINE	1	10	8
525	EAU CLAIRE	4	9	0
526	WALWORTH	1	5	5*
652	SAUK	3	28	13
683	DANE	3	39	27
750	JEFFERSON	1	50	46
751	WINNEBAGO	3	25	7
774	BROWN-KEWAUNEE	2	40	20
804	MONROE	3	43	24
821	CLARK	3	18	16
830	LA CROSSE	3	86	51
831	PORTAGE	2	19	19*
840	COLUMBIA	1	8	6
844	ROCK	1	9	8
856	DODGE	1	40	17
898	WASHINGTON	1	23	21
904	PIERCE	4	42	26
986	SHAWANO	2	34	28
1080	SHEBOYGAN	1	15	12
1139	WOOD	2	5	4
1140	OUTAGAMIE	2	20	17
1156	VILAS-ONEIDA	4	19	11
	LINCOLN			
1204	LANGLADE	2	44	25
1268	RICHLAND	3	43	38
1323	JUNEAU	3	38	29
1372	GRANT	3	8	8*
1434	CALUMET	3	12	1
1455	IOWA	3	10	9
1485	ST. CROIX	4	8	4
1519	MILWAUKEE	1	45	43

TOTAL 880 595
****OVER THE TOP * 100%**

AREA STANDINGS

	2021	2022	Percent
AREA 1 - 1st Place			Dave Behling
TOTALS	217	177	81.56%
AREA 4 - 4th Place			Ken Laatsch
TOTALS	151	82	54.30%
AREA 3 - 2nd Place			Melissa Guthmiller
TOTALS	338	222	65.68%
AREA 2 - 3rd Place			George Heck
TOTALS	174	114	65.51%
GRAND TOTAL	880	595	67.61%
		-285	

Year	Event	Location
2022	Midwinter Petite	Manitowoc
2022	Great Lakes	Rochester, NY.
2022	40 et 8 Days at Camp & Rainbow Flowage	St. Germain Lake Tomahawk
2022	Grande Promenade	Tomah
2022	National Promenade	Green Bay, WI.

LIST OF WINNING TICKETS
LA CROSSE COUNTY VOITURE 830
2021 Locomotive Sweepstakes

PLACE	PRIZE	TICKET	NAME
1ST	\$300	0478	WILLIAM R. FELTES
2ND	200	0018	BETH MCMANNS
3RD	100	0176	VERN TRANBERG
4TH	50	0114	MIKE SEVALLIUS
5TH	50	0331	JIM MORZINSKI
6TH	25	0348	MARY SCHALLER
7TH	25	0021	CHARLES R. ELLIS
8TH	25	0006	DOUG SCHALLER
9TH	25	0293	JERRY SJOLANDER

HISTORY OF THE NATIONAL HANSEN'S DISEASE PROGRAM

1800's: The area along the east bank of the Mississippi River is called Indian Camp by European settlers. The area was used by the Houmas people (Native Americans) for hunting and fishing.

1825: The Camp is purchased and sugar cane is grown there.

1857-1859: New Orleans architect Henry Howard designs the Indian Camp Plantation. Although he names the Plantation "Woodlawn" it is commonly known as Indian Camp.

1890-1892: An expose published in the Daily Picayune newspaper creates an outcry in New Orleans and the public demands that "pest houses" in the city housing leprosy patients move out of the city limits.

1892: Act 85 of the Louisiana Legislature, person's diagnosed with leprosy in the state are to be quarantined to a selected site.

1894: Act 80 of the Louisiana Legislature established a Board to run the future Louisiana Home. Dr. Dyer is appointed its first President. In November the first seven leprosy patients are transported from New Orleans by river to the deserted Camp Plantation.

1896: After signing a contract with the state of Louisiana, four Catholic Daughters of Charity from Maryland arrive in April to provide care for the patients.

1905: Public outcry prevents the Louisiana Leper Home from relocating to the New Orleans area. The State decides to purchase the Indian Camp property (350 acres) in December.

1906-1916: Many building improvements are made and the first covered walkways are constructed linking together the patients' dormitories with the dining room and infirmary.

1909: The surrounding community called Island, Louisiana is re-designated as "Carville" by the U.S. Postmaster General to clear up confusion in the U.S. postal delivery.

1916: John Early, a patient from the Louisiana Leper Home, escapes to testify before the U.S. Congress in Washington DC as to the need for a United States Hospital for Leprosy.

1917: Senate Bill 4086, an act to establish a National Leprosarium in Carville is passed. WWI delays the selection site for the hospital.

1920: The home/site is sold by the State of Louisiana to the United States Federal Government for \$35,000.

1921: The United States Public Health Service takes over operational control.

1931: A patient named Stanley Stein prints the first issue of the Sixty-Six Star which later becomes "The Star" whose mission is to spread the light of truth on Hansen's Disease. The Times Printing Company of Random, WI Lake later donated a printing press to the Star for publishing the newsletter.

1933: a laboratory for drug testing is started. Veterans successfully lobby for improvements to the hospital and a new infirmary is completed.

1941: The hospital is rebuilt to provide individual dormitory rooms for 450 patients. A new recreation building and separate living quarters for the Daughters of Charity are completed.

CAMP AMERICAN LEGION Dale Slowik, Camp Committee Member

Don Grundy is now officially retired as Camp Director and Jim Klement is the new Director of Camp American Legion. A new well has been drilled at Cabin 15 to supply water to cabins 11, 14, 15 & 16. This was all donated by Chuck Stelzar. The Main Lodge roof should be fixed before snow season starts. The repairs for the roof were turned in to the insurance co. Cabin 4's roof is also being fixed before the snow becomes a problem. The Main Lodge Waste Water management bids are coming in and being reviewed by Ken Rynes. The maintenance shed is being insulated to make working through the chilling cold somewhat more bearable.

We have money set aside for the revised crosswalk across Hwy D. Flashing lights have been added to assist in the reduction of the speed limit. The problem being the sight line is terrible because of the dip in the road.

Various Sponsors of the cabins are doing repairs, discussing repairs or rebuilds & requesting approval to start collecting funds for their projects. Director Jim Klement and Chairwoman Denise Jamrozky are working on a rough draft of the outdated Camp Manual to be looked over & voted on at the American Legion Mid-winter.

The Camp store will be built in the spring through the SAL Squadron 294 of Hartland. They are still undecided about the electrical supply needed.

Sponsors of Cabins 1, 2 & 3 are all onboard for a state of the art side by side cabin with caretaker area attached. An architect's two story rendering of the rebuild will be discussed as there are some that don't want to take away the sight line of Big Carr Lake. This rebuild to be done at a later date. For the 2022 season, the Camp is hoping to be at full capacity.

Dale Slowik
Camp American Legion Committee member
and Voyageur of Locale # 750.

CHILD WELFARE Eric Diekmann

Greetings everyone,
The Voyageurs Militaire (Military Travelers) founded a Child Welfare Program in 1923 to ease the pain and suffering of those children whose fathers never returned or who were unable to care for their needs after the "Big War." Today, this program has grown to include all children with emergent needs, and our efforts amount to over eight millions of dollars annually.

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Since the Fall Cheminot which I attended there have been no reports for assistance from the Wisconsin Child Welfare Program reported to me. This is a very good news so far. As we all know heating season is here and we may be called upon to help families in need affected by fires.

You can spend up to \$300 per child and \$1000 per family on immediate needs.

No designer clothing;


If you spend over these amounts you should expect not to be reimbursed for the overages.

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Reginold C. Golden 1961	Tom Borman 1999
Lloyd Richardson 1968	Ken Kozubek 2016
Jim Wages 1988	Richard Ruland 2017

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Sandy Lovell

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GRANDE VOITURE DE WISCONSIN

1972 Robert Polaske	2010 Al Ross
1978 Norbert Lohuis	2011 Jim Vissers
1986 Ralph Ricker	2013 John Helgeson
1992 Jerome Warner	2014 Lloyd Granberg
1998 Gary Dotzauer	2015 Dale Mitchell
2001 Roger Oleson	2016 Ken Kozubek
2002 Carl Sjolander	2017 Richard Ruland
2003 Lloyd Koeller	2018 Doug Schaller
2007 Don Emley	2019 Joe Story
2008 Tom Orval	2020 Jim Bassett
2009 Ron Pfalzgraf	2021 John Aasen
	2022 Larry Winger




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Correspondante
Barbara Dotzauer

Working Together As One We Get The Job Done

GRAND CHEF DE TRAIN

John Edelblute IV



Greetings to my Wisconsin Forty and Eight family,

It seems like a year of Sundays since we all got together. With our daily lives of work and retirement it is easy to feel this way. I hope everyone enjoyed a Happy Thanksgiving with family and friends. I can't wait to tell you in person about mine.

I would like to thank all our VAVS family that is working so hard at all of facilities around the Grande du Wisconsin. It has been a tough road getting all Veteran organizations back in the service at our VA hospitals. It looks like it might take a while. I am happy to report that VAVS quarterly meetings are back up in running even though they are mostly virtual at this point which is I guess a start. Please don't forget to start working on your "Keep the Wheelchairs Rolling Contest" due in March. All VAVS have a Wish list.

I am not going to dwell too much on Membership this time around 66.86% according to the last Membership report. Considering that this around the Holiday Season and money is tight speaking from experience, we all should understand. But moving forward I am positive that all of The Line Officers, Cheminot's, Chef de Gare's and Correspondant's of our Grande will be feverishly working on reaching the 100% goal for our Grande Chef de Gare Larry Winger so let's go get them. Enough Said!

As far as what I have been up to; I did attend the Fall Cheminot and testimonial dinner honoring Grand Chef de Gare Larry Winger and Grande Cabane Presidente Barb Dotzauer in October and the National Promenade in Springfield, MO.

Inclusive with the Fall Cheminot & Testimonial dinner, I had such a good time that I started a habit of leaving things behind so I would have go back to retrieve them. Retracing your steps is sometimes a mighty tough job from the night before! A terrible thirst came upon me during this. Well, what can I say?

But all fun aside, I enjoyed hearing the various reports at our Cheminot that Saturday and the banquet and camaraderie was some of the best I have experienced since I joined Le Societe 16 years ago.

I would like to meet with anyone interested in working on the ideas for the future of our organization in February at the Mid -Winter Petite. We need to build our numbers by coming up with projects relative to today's world to attract outstanding American Veterans and their wives and or daughters to join our ranks in both La Societe and Le Femmes. I will be sending out an email in January about this upcoming meeting for a meeting time.

I will give you all a update on Scouting project involving Camp American Legion and the Flowage in our next Badger Legionnaire. Things are moving along.

May you all have a wonderful Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Until next time!

GRANDE PRESIDENTE

Barbara Dotzauer



An early "HAPPY NEW YEAR" to everyone with hope everyone had a very blessed Thanksgiving and hopefully a wonderful Christmas. It's hard to believe the new-year is almost upon us with new hopes and plans.

First I'd like to give a big Thank You to Cabane # 1080 for everything they have done to support me and helped with organizing a great joint Testimonial. Hoping everyone who

attended Fall Cheminot and the banquet had a good time and enjoyed the banquet. If you couldn't attend you have a second chance for Mid-Winter. Information can be found on the front page of this issue.

Speaking of Mid-Winter, Dames please gather all your information on what your Cabane has worked on for our Programs. Directors will be gathering this information to provide reports during Rendezvous. If your Cabane hasn't done anything at this time, still hand in a report marked No Activity. Let's try to have a 100% reporting. If you cannot attend Mid-Winter you can always email your information to Mary Orval at Cabane Headquarters at thomasmary750@spectrum.net

I had the honor of being invited to Cabane # 865 Tri County Christmas party. What a great time seeing old friends from the first Cabane I was a member at.

Congratulations to the following Cabanes for "Stomping towards Membership". Cabane 683, Cabane 1080, and Cabane 1372 for having 100% in membership already for 2022. Keep those boots moving forward so Wisconsin can be 100%. I know we can reach this goal.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in Manitowoc for Mid-Winter on February 11th & 12th. May God keep you and your family safe, healthy and happy.

GRAND PRESIDENT'S SWEEPSTAKES REPORT

Beth Laatsch

The initial response to the return of the Grande Presidente's Sweepstakes has been very encouraging. If we can keep it up, we will have no problem selling all 200 tickets. I want to thank the Cabanes that have taken tickets to sell: 526, 830, 986 and 1080. If your Cabane is not among these, please let me know and I will send some tickets your way.

With a one in ten chance of winning \$50.00, the sweepstakes tickets are an easy sell. In fact, you might be surprised to know that most people will buy two tickets right away and double their chances. And even if they don't win, it's money well spent, because the profits will be going to the POW/MIA Survivors Scholarship Fund. According to the website of Voiture Nationale, this scholarship is named in memory of Lance Corporal John Dewey Killen III USMC, who was declared Missing In Action while serving with The Third Reconnaissance Battalion in South Vietnam. The scholarship is available to all the survivors of known and verified POW's or MIA's who served in the U.S. Military after WWI Draft Day, May 28, 1917. What better way to show you have not forgotten their sacrifices than to contribute to the future of their descendants?

And what better way to show your support for our current Grande Presidente Barbara Dotzauer, who also happens to be the POW/MIA chairperson for Cabane Nationale, than by supporting the Grande Presidente's Sweepstakes?

I wish everyone a happy holiday season and look forward to seeing many of you at Midwinter Petite Rendezvous where I will continue to promote the Grande Presidente's Sweepstakes.

GRAND COMMIS VOYAGEUR

George Heck

Greetings Voyageurs

My name is George Heck from Green Bay and I am a member of Voiture Locale # 774 of Brown - Kewaunee currently serving as Grande Commis Voyageur. My wife Cathy is also an Army Vet and is a member of Cabane # 1080 of Sheboygan County.

We have attended many 40 et 8 functions this last year making numerous new friendships. We are also volunteers at Camp American Legion and spent eight weeks there this summer helping Wisconsin Vets and their families. If you've never been to Camp, please do so for you'll never regret it.

Forty et Eight Days at Camp is another great time to relax and meet other Voyageurs and Dames from throughout Wisconsin. The dates for the coming year are June 23 - 26.

Enough about Camp; my top priority is membership. Everyone needs to be committed in helping Grand Chef de Gare Larry Winger and Grande Cabane Presidente Barb Dotzauer in Stomping Towards Membership. If everyone can sign up at least one new Voyageur and Dame, we'll be on solid footing for years to come.



In Memory

David W. Wegener
Voyageurs and Dames

Our Grand Avocat Dave Wegener passed away on October 3. Dave served the Grande Voiture de Wisconsin as Grand Chef de Gare in 2006, was Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer in 2008, Grand Voyageur of the Year in 2009. He was our American Legion Department Commander in 1999. We lost a truly great, hard working and dedicated Voyageur in Dave.

A special toast will be given in his memory and honor this coming June at 40 et 8 Days at Camp American Legion.

Lest We Forget

DECEMBER - JANUARY - FEBRUARY

VOYAGEURS

WILLIAM MILES	V-526
L. DAY BECKER	V-750
WILLIAM GENGLER	V-750
RICHARD HOTCHKISS	V-750
DALE K. WITZKE	V-751
MICHAEL P. KELLNER	V-774
MYRON J. MOMMAERTS	V-774
DONALD PALMER	V-821
GORDON SUMMEFELD	V-830
Grand Chef de Gare - 1987	
DAVID FIRKUS	V-831
WILL S. LEHNER	V-831
HOMER PURSLEY	V-831
SAMUEL G. SOLBERG	V-831
THOMAS WANTA	V-831
DAVID WEGENER	V-898

Grand Chef de Gare 2006

Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer 2008

Grand Avocat 2013 - PRESENT

ROGER BENZSCHAWEL	V-1080
GLEN ZIMMERMAN	V-1080
RONALD TYLER	V-1139
RUSSELL ZIEHER	V-1139
DELBERT A. FRITTSCH	V-1268
JOSEPH GILSDORF	V-1434
GORDON HAUSER	V-1434
WILLIAM STIEFVATER	V-1434
HARLAND ZIETLOW	V-1434
ROBERT ROARK	V-1519

LA FEMME

EVELYN DUESTERBECK	C- 526
MARGRET ONTL	C- 526
MARGE ZIMMERMAN	C-1080

MAY THEIR SOULS REST IN PEACE

Compliments Of DODGE COUNTY VOITURE & CABANE # 856



Grand Chef de Gare Passe

Wayne Faber Ron Pfalzgraf

La Grande Presidente Passe

Joyce Kiel Mary Buschke

Gloria Faber Bea Griner

Judy Pfalzgraf Lisa York Jackie Mitchell

Voiture # 856

Chef de Gare Dennis Bruesch

Correspondant Ron Pfalzgraf

Commissaire Intendant Tom Meyer

Cabane # 856

Presidente Micki Polster

Correspondante Judy Pfalzgraf

Commissaire Intendant Lisa York



RICHLAND COUNTY

VOITURE 1268

LA SOCIETE DES 40

HOMMES et 8 CHEVAUX

AMID THE SCENIC HILLS OF
SOUTHWESTERN
WISCONSIN

RICHLAND CENTER, WISCONSIN



Home of Larry Winger
Grand Chef de Gare 2022

SOUS GRAND CHEF DE TRAIN
Dave Behling

I've been really busy with the Forty et Eight and my other Military groups. Veterans Day saw many of us at locale schools for ceremonies honoring all Veterans along with flag displays and folding by Honor Guards along with the firing of the rifles and taps. It was actually a bit comical seeing the kids jump when the M-1's were fired. The most fun I have had recently was in October with the Grand Chef de Gare Larry Winger and Grande Cabane Presidente Barbara Dotzauer at their testimonial dinner. The best part was seeing everyone again and embarrassing our Grand Chef as best as we could. Looking very forward to the Midwinter for more fun and camaraderie!

Had very good responses from my last article about Carville Star; so with that in mind I'd like to have a medical minute! The first thing I thought of was "Blood" Still find that people will tell me that blood is blue and that it turns red when it make contact with oxygen. This is definitely false. We have millions of "Red Cells" but only thousands of "White Cells". Red cells can be found in various forms of maturity but there are five types of "White Blood Cells". One can determine an infection simply by viewing and counting (100) white cells. Very fascinating. Perhaps in my next article I'll explain what the (5) white blood cells do.

In any case I do plan on visiting Washington, Dodge and Columbia counties prior to the Midwinter Petite in February. Can't wait to meet our Chef de Chemin de Fer Bill Simpson of South Carolina.

RITUAL
Steve Bradley, Nationale Directeur



In December many Voyageurs have family Rituals and customs. Some are religious, some are social and some are family orientated. In La Societe, Voyageurs follow our Ritual which makes this Veterans organization different from all others. We are proud of our Ritual and work to perform it like our WWI founders did. Check to make sure your Voiture Locale and Grande Voiture are using the Blue Ritual and Manual of Ceremonies book. Older Ritual books (and photo copies) should be destroyed. As we end a year and begin a new-year let us strive to continue to improve our Ritual work whether it be the Opening and Closing of a Promenade or a Wreck. It may be helpful to check out Chapter 5, French Definitions and Phonetic Pronunciations. We all can brush up on our French. Protocol & Courtesy is another area in Chapter 5 that is good to review especially if your Voiture Locale or Grande Voiture is hosting an event with Grande or Nationale Officers present. I hope you and your families have a healthy and enjoyable holiday season. Happy New Year to all!

En Service to La Societe, Steve Bradley

GRANDE CABANE AMERICANISM
Beth Laatsch

What a drag this pandemic has become! Instead of the anticipated opening this winter it looks like we'll be taking a step backwards for the time being. Needless to say, this has had a profound negative effect on many of our programs.

There has been a noticeable decline in pin sales. That's troubling, because believe it or not, the funds generated from the sale of those little pins are the main revenue source for most of the Forty et Eight's programs. If you do nothing else to support our programs, please, the least you can do is spend \$3.00 on a pin.

This year, like last year, the holidays are going to be especially difficult for many in your community. In spite of stimulus money and lower unemployment rates, there are people living on the streets and families with hungry children. It's not hard to find someone in need, and it's personally rewarding when you can help a fellow human being out of a tough situation.

With the price of gasoline going up, gas cards this year will be welcome gifts. Help is always accepted at blood drives and Salvation Army bell ringers are needed. If you are unable to help out in person, cash donations can be made to any number of charities: Red Cross, Easter Seals, Salvation Army, Camp Heartland to name a few. But also look within your own community for ways to give financial support. You can make a difference. Be somebody's Santa Claus.

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year.

LANGLADE COUNTY
VOITURE 1204

La Verne Yonkee
Chef de Gare

Dan Kamps
Correspondant

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Don Emley
Chef de Chemin de Fer 2016

Dale Oatman
Sous National Directeur
Special Awards Passe
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Commander 2016

Jack Eaton
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Steve Bradley
National Directeur Ritual

Richard Schuh
Grand Chef de Gare 2005

Marie Schuh
Grande Cabane Presidente 2005

LA SOCIÉTÉ DES QUARANTE
HOMMES ET HUIT CHEVAUX
Joseph Story, Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer



Good day Voyageurs of Wisconsin Just a few words about membership! What are we doing to retain current members? What are we doing to find new members? I am often asked these two questions.

Let's talk about retention first. With the current pandemic that we are all involved in, it is difficult in some situations to have a regular promenade. Another problem is age. As we age, our health will have a tendency to deteriorate. Older Voyageurs often do not like to be out at night. Another problem is distance. Sometimes, traveling from one end of the county to other end of the county presents a problem. So how do we solve these problems? Adjust your promenade times. Try a lunch time, or early afternoon time for a promenade. You can also try to find a central location to have promenade.

How do we find new members? Veterans are everywhere! I carry with me what I call my recruiting envelopes. Inside each envelope is a "What is the 40 et 8" brochure, an application for membership, my contact information and a return enveloped. I give these recruiting envelopes to veterans when I see some that identifies them as a Veteran.

Should you have any ideas on how to improve our retention rate and "recruit" new members please contact Grande Chef de Train John Edelblute or Grande Correspondant Tom Orval. You can also contact me.

For God and Country and Comrades.

THE YEAR AT CAMP
Cathy Heck

As I was folding sheets in the laundry area at Camp American Legion being a volunteer worker, a lady sat down on the steps. She said she came up with some other gals just for the day. They had signed up to volunteer to clean cabins. Upon collecting cleaning items needed for the project they went about their business but somehow left her behind.

She stated that she was resting for a moment and that this month had really hit her hard. Saying that she recently lost her husband who always came up to be a volunteer! Commenting on the camaraderie American Legion and Auxiliary! So thankful they were around when I needed them at such a difficult time.

This woman also commented that when you go to church we always sat together as a couple. "Not" one person came up to me during his illness and asked where your husband is? Not even the minister. My husband was baptized and held offices all his life in this church. She just felt neglected by them.

Everyone has a story to tell. The Camp has that Aura about it. Calming, Peaceful. That day I stopped doing any physical work and just listened.

Camp American Legion has concluded with its Mission Season 2021 and was enjoyed by campers once again. George & I signed up for couple's week. The weather was perfect for snowshoe baseball in Lake Tomahawk. Before the game we noticed a tour bus parked and of course the food shelter overflowing with people. The tour bus was from Ohio. Imagine the stories being shared about this game being played on sawdust and no admission.

The Minocqua Boat Cruises had stories being shared by everyone aboard. We went into town (Minocqua) and found a new business. Kilwins Chocolate Shop has a special discount for Veterans. One evening the Camp Director requested a special meal with flowers and candles on each table. The prime rib was done to perfection and dessert.

Now you can say "oh I've been to Camp. It's fishing, hiking and boat cruises, but it's more than just that; it's the people! If you get the chance to volunteer or if it's just a chance to connect with a fellow Veteran with a smile then it's well worth it.

JUNEAU COUNTY
VOITURE LOCALE
1323

CHEF DE GARE
Everett Burdick

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National Promenade & Rendezvous in Springfield, Missouri



National Chairman of the Committee on Committee Don Emley read off the appointments for the upcoming year in La Societe.




Voyageurs at the Friday afternoon session. Dale Mitchell, Don Emley, Dave Wegener, Tom Orval, Ken Laatsch, Larry Winger, Doug Schaller, Ron Pfalzgraf, John Aasen, John Helgeson, Jim Vissers, John Edelblute IV and Jack Vissers.



Dames in attendance seated L to R: Mary Schaller, Judy Pfalzgraf and Faye Emley. Standing L to R: Marybeth Hewitt, Beth Laatsch, Mary Orval, Barb Dotzauer and Gail Reed.




National Historian Ron Pfalzgraf presents Chef de Chemin de Fer Mike McGary with his history book for the last two years.




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Chef de Gare	Bill Babb
Correspondant	Bill Babb
Comm. Intendant	Al Funk



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LET'S ALL BE GREAT IN THE BADGER STATE



Voiture Locale 804
Monroe County

Promenades Held Every Third Wednesday of Each month @ The Tomah American Legion 1900hrs

<i>Chef de Gare</i>	<i>Correspondant</i>
David Linenberg	Melissa Guthmiller

Get Wrecked With Us

WASHINGTON COUNTY
VOITURE # 898


La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux
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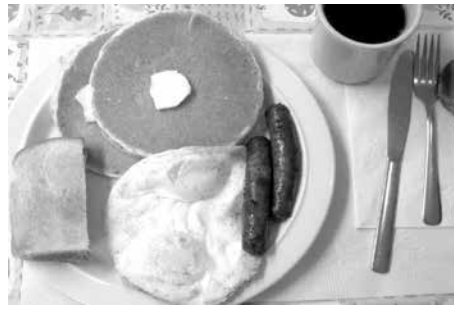
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Last Sunday of Every Month
Except in December
THOMAS-HOLCOMB POST 304
PALMYRA AMERICAN LEGION



7:00 A. M. to Noon
Pancake Breakfast

115 North 3rd St, Palmyra, WI
ALL YOU CAN EAT FOR \$7.00 and
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Children Under Six Years FREE

Our breakfast includes Pancakes, eggs (no omelets), sausages & toast, Free with meal coffee, tea, milk, water, orange juice

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JEFFERSON COUNTY
VOITURE LOCALE # 750
GRAND CHEFDE GARE PASSE

ART MINNING 1957
JOHN MODEL 1973
CHARLES LENZ 1985
THOMAS J. ORVAL 2008
DALE MITCHELL 2015
KEN KOZUBEK 2016

GRAND OFFICERS 2022

Dave Behling	Grand Sous Chef de Train
Pat Sukowski	Directeur Nurses Training
Dale Mitchell	Directeur VAVS
and Curator	Grand Voiture website
Ken Kozubek	Directeur Voiture Activities
Tom Orval	Grand Correspondant
and	Directeur Public Relations

VOITURE LOCALE OFFICERS

Chef de Gare	Correspondant
Dave Behling	Tom Orval
Commissaire Intendant	
Dale Mitchell	

GRANDE CABANE CORRESPONDANTE
Mary Orval



I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving and have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. It is hard to believe the holidays are here and then we will be getting ready for the incoming New Year 2022.

Membership: Now we need to get back to our programs and membership. It is time to make sure we are getting all our memberships into Nationale.

Remember as of December 31, 2021 Dames who have not paid their dues are delinquent as of that date. Congratulations!!! To Cabane 683-Dane, Cabane 1080-Sheboygan and Cabane 1372-Grant for their 100% in membership.

MEMBERSHIP STATS				
Cabane	2021	Renewal	New	Goal
526	8	6	1	75.00%
683	14	14	0	100.00%
830	16	12	1	75.00%
856	25	0	0	00.00%
986	17	15	0	88.24%
1080	16	18	2	112.50%
1372	5	6	3	120.00%
101	71 Total	W/New	7	-30 members short

Let us get to work on our membership to have Grande de Wisconsin 100% in membership for all of us.

We are a strong, hardworking, dedicated group of Dames!! All Locale Cabanes have received an updated list of members. If there are any changes regarding your membership lists, please let me know.

Directeurs: Updates are being mailed out to you. In the updates there will be: List of Officer, Directeurs, Locale Presidentes and Correspondantes and a new information booklet.

Locale Reports: I will sending out Locale reports for each Locale by the first of the year. Keep track of miles, hours and itemize what you have done. Under the circumstances regarding the virus, I know we are not able to have the events like we would normally be having or be active in. Please do your best in filling out the reports.

The deadline will be: June 17, 2022 to be mailed back to me. Or if you attend Camp American Legion Days you will be able to give me your reports there, instead of mailing them.

Reminders: Check the Voiture and Cabane Nationale website; fortyandeight.org for just about anything you need to know. Wisconsin has its own website; wifortyandeight.com. This website has all the updated forms. Thank you, Dale Mitchell.

Dates to Newsletters are:

- Fall Edition September-October-November
- Winter Edition December-January-February
- Spring Edition March-April-May
- Summer Edition June-July-August

All Dames news articles to be emailed to Beth Laatsch. She is doing all the proofreading for the Dames. Watch for your email from Grand Correspondante-Tom Orval regarding when your articles is due.

Our Fall Cheminot was held on October 22-23, 2021 in Manitowoc, WI at the Holiday Inn. The banquet that evening was the Testimonial Dinner for our Grand Chef, Larry Winger and La Grande Presidente, Barbara Dotzauer at the hotel.

Dates to Remember:

- **Mid-Winter** – Manitowoc-February 11-12, 2022. If you would like to make reservation to stay at the hotel: Registration is \$ 5.00 and Luncheon is \$15.00. Holiday Inn phone number is: (920) 682-6000. See details in the Badger 40 & 8er edition.
- **Grande** – Tomah, WI-August 11-13, 2022 at Best Western (608) 372-3211. **Note date changes.**

A very heartfelt thank you to everyone.

IN MEMORY - DICK SCHUH
LANGLADE COUNTY # 1204
GRAND CHEF DE GARE 2005

AL ROSS
LA CROSSE COUNTY # 830
GRAND CHEF DE GARE 2010

JERRY BENZSCHAWEL
SHEBOYGAN COUNTY # 1080
GRAND AUMONIER 1999 - 2017



2021 Tri-County Christmas Party

Numerous Voyageurs, Dames and guests attended the 2021 Tri County Christmas party hosted by Dodge County Voiture & Cabane 856. It was held at the Bayside Supper Club in Beaver Dam on December 3.

TOP: Group picture of Voyageurs who were in attendance. **MIDDLE:** Grand Chefs Passe Dale Mitchell, Ron Pfalzgraf, Ken Kozubek and Tom Orval along with current Grand Chef Larry Winger. **BOTTOM:** Dames enjoying the evening.



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Trempealeau County
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2021 Officers
 Chef de Gare
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Teamwork and Having Fun Make the 40 et 8 No. 1

La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux

The Voyageurs And Dames Of

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Home of Grand Chef de Gare Passe
 Norman Kelly Ralph Ricker
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Cabane Correspondante

Jack Beggs
Arien Herminath
Phil Nelson
Sandra Beggs
Kathy Gramza

Fall Cheminot and Testimonial Banquet held in Manitowoc



Group picture of most of the Voyageurs in attendance at the Fall Cheminot.



ABOVE: The last pair of combat boots Grand Chef de Gare Larry Winger wore in Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam which were used in the Empty Chair observance.



Grand Chef Larry is presented a special eagle from Grand Correspondant Tom Orval for his year as Grand Chef de Gare.



TOP LEFT: Most of the Line Officers at the Fall Cheminot. Seated L to R: Tom Orval, George Heck, Larry Winger, Ray Pasbrig, John Edelblute IV. Standing L to R: John Aasen, Melissa Guthmiller, Jim Vissers, Ken Laatsch and Dave Belhing.



Grand Chef Larry presents the Wisconsin American Legion Department Commander Greg Eirich with a plaque and shirt for his hard work and dedication to the Veterans of Wisconsin. Commander Greg is also a member of Voiture Locale # 1080.



BOTTOM LEFT: The (4) Horsemen. The four Area Cheminot were all in attendance at the Saturday evening banquet. Ray "Godfather" Pasbrig, Pat Young, Jim Vissers and John Helgeson enjoying the camaraderie of La Societe.

STEVE BRADLEY
LANGLADE COUNTY # 1204
NATIONAL DIRECTEUR RITUAL

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