

GRANDE VOITURE DE WISCONSIN CORRESPONDANTS CORNER



November 7, 2022



WHITE COLLAR WRECK WASHINGTON COUNTY # 898

Washington County Voiture Locale # 898 will be sponsoring a White Collar Wreck on December 6th at the following location.

Kenicky's Public House
2763 WI-175
Richfield, WI. 53076

The Wreck will commence at 12:30 P.M. with a short Promenade and luncheon (order off the menu) To follow. You can enter through the back door into the dining area.

SOUS CHEF DE CHEMIN DE FER NATIONAL GUEST AT MIDWINTER

Steve Dircks of Minnesota who was elected one of four Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer's at the recently concluded National Promenade will be our featured guest at the 2023 Midwinter Petite Promenade this coming February in West Salem.

Sous Chef Steve was recently at our Fall Cheminot in Black River Falls. He didn't have his pins with him yet but has them now. Make sure you attend and get one of his very stylish pins from him.



Steve doesn't have Wisconsin for one of his Grande's for membership but being that he lives so close and we can never predict what the weather will be, we thought it was a good selection.

National Box Car Association

As a past National Directeur 2003-2005 of this great program, I am always honored to push the selling of pins and cards of the NBCA.

Found out recently that many Voyageurs did not know that you can purchase cards for just \$1.00. My Locale sells both the Crew and Associate cards then with our January Newsletter, we include all the names of those who purchased the cards or made donations to our other programs.

Our Grand Directeur John Aasen who is also a National Sous Directeur of this fine program and he has the cards and pins he'll be happy to send you on consignment. Just call him at 715-533-2928 to place your order.

Associate cards are for anyone or anything. The Crew cards are only for Voyageurs.



Rainbow Flowage Spring Clean Up

The Spring Clean Up this coming spring has been scheduled for May 11th - 13th.

Reservations can be made at the Rustic Manor by calling 715-479-9776.

There will be a discussion at the Midwinter Petite on what we plan on accomplishing this year at the Flowage.



FROM THE CORRESPONDANT

Mary and I just got back from Greensboro, NC Sunday evening. We were there for the Homecoming of Grand Chef de Gare & Grande Cabane Presidente Bob & Cindy Hickey. Drove 940 miles in one day just to get home. Really enjoy going down in the south whenever we can; three times this year alone. Especially love the western mountains and scenery of Virginia. Filled the gas tank in Greensboro for \$3.25 a gallon. In Lafayette, IN it was \$4.69.

We are flying down to Jacksonville, FL the first weekend in February for the National Cabane Presidente's (Robbie Garland) Homecoming.

The deadline for the next Badger Forty et Eighter is the 25th of November. I do expect for everyone to get their articles and pictures sent in to me before that. Please remember that the Berlin Journal who prints the publication has deadlines also.

Do hope everyone has already made their reservations and such for the Midwinter Petite Promenade in West Salem this February. It will be the first time that a Cabane is hosting this event in the Grande de Wisconsin. The Registration & Reservation form is elsewhere in this communication.

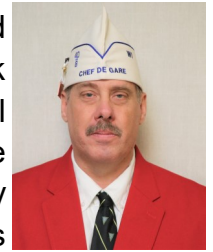
Trempealeau County # 260 has officially submitted a bid for the purpose of hosting the 2024 Midwinter Petite Promenade that will be held in Black River Falls at the Orange Moose. This bid needs to be voted on at the upcoming Midwinter Petite.

In the very near future I'll be sending out by email each Locales roster that we use for mailing the Badger Forty et Eighter. Please go over this list for additions, deletions and address corrections. It costs for every Forty et Eighter returned that doesn't have the correct address.

The Tri County Christmas Party has been cancelled this year due to way too many Voyageurs and Dames with sickness or conflicts. Sheboygan County # 1080 will host the event next year.

John Edelblute IV Grand Chef de Gare

On behalf of my wife Sam and myself, I would like to thank everyone who attended the fall Cheminot and Grande Cabane Presidente Barb Dotzauer's & my Homecoming last month. It was very special to see old friends, meet new friends/ Voyageurs and Forty et Eight family members.



This last Sunday Dale Mitchell and I traveled to Richland Center for their semi annual pancake and sausage breakfast with proceeds going to their Nurses Training Scholarship. Was able to meet many top notch Voyageurs and hard working Veterans. And the food was outstanding.

MEMBERSHIP

Wisconsin is currently at 57.54% for the year. There are four Locales already at or above 100% for the year. They are Portage # 831, Wood # 1139, Outagamie # 1140 and Grant # 1372. We still have two Locales who are at **GOOSE EGG** status. One of them is planning on holding a Wreck in the near future due to having five PG's that need to be initiated.

We all need to gear it up somewhat in getting the renewals and recruiting new membership. There is a wealth of brochures and other items to help in the recruitment of new members. I'll tell anyone that the best recruitment tool we have is the camaraderie within the ranks.

If you are in need of any assistance in getting renewals or recruitment of new members, just one of the Grande Voiture Officers or other members of La Societe for assistance.

