

GRANDE VOITURE DE WISCONSIN CORRESPONDANTS CORNER



January 25th



2025 Grand Midwinter Petite Promenade Appleton

PALMYRA AMERICAN LEGION #304 PANCAKE BREAKFAST TOMORROW

The 2025 Grand Midwinter Petite Promenade is in two weeks. It will be held in Appleton with the Headquarters Hotel being the La Quinta. The Friday Committee meetings are in the Oak Room at the Hotel and Saturdays session will be held at the Appleton American Legion Post # 38.

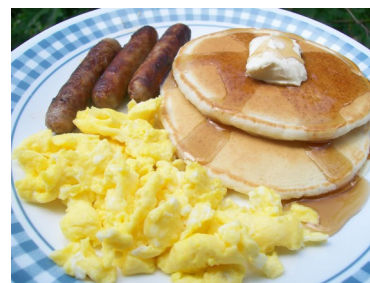
We are expecting a very good turnout for the event. For those who are arriving on Thursday, Jim Vissers has secured a private room at Georges Supper Club.

The Past Grand Chefs Breakfast is at the Mad Apple just east of the La Quinta. That is scheduled for 7:15 AM.

Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer Lonnie Haynes of Michigan is our National Guest. He along with his wife Carrie and pet dog Kodiak will also be arriving on Thursday. Carrie is also National Cabane Nurses Training Chairperson.

We will be hearing a large number of interesting reports from our respective Grand Directeur's, Committee Chairpersons, and Line Officers.

To all Line Officers; if you have not yet submitted nomination papers for moving up to the next step as a Grand Officer, Grand Headquarters needs the paperwork before 1:00 P.M. on Friday the 7th which is the start of the Committee on Committee meeting. That's when everything is discussed. Wisconsin has done this for many years with much success. This practice will continue.



Tomorrow at the Palmyra American Legion Post # 304, they will be serving their All You Can Eat Breakfast from 7:00 AM to Noon. Dale Mitchell usually cooks the eggs (mostly over easy). Pancakes, sausage and toast with coffee, milk and orange juice.

I remind everyone that Palmyra takes out a large Ad in the Badger Forty et Eighter and that's why I am advertising the breakfast.

Do plan on being there right around 8:00 A. M.

Richland County Voiture Locale # 1268

Breakfast for Nurses Training Scholarships

Richland County # 1268 will be hosting their Spring All You Can Eat Pancake and Sausage Breakfast on Sunday March 2nd at the Richland Center American Legion Post.

We always have a wonderful time traveling there and enjoying the company of our fellow Voyageurs.

See you there on March 2nd

**National Headquarters Address
VOITURE NATIONALE
1635 HAWTHORNE DR.
PLAINFIELD, IN. 46168**

FROM THE GRAND CORRESPONDANT

On Saturday at the Midwinter petite Promenade, I'll be passing out the 2025 Communique reports that need to be filled out and returned to Grande Voiture Headquarters no later than the 15th of June. By doing so you will get credit for all of the hard work you're done in the respective programs of La Societe.

The National Forty et Eighter magazine was just finished a few hours ago and should be on the National website sometime on Monday. Am attempting to download the (Times New Normal) font for the publication. I received this from Chef de Chemin de fer Paul Emmert. It's what most newspapers and magazines use.

During the Midwinter Petite we will be finalizing a date when the annual spring cleanup of the Rainbow Flowage will take place. Right now it is scheduled for the weekend of May 16th & 17th.

On June 14th, the Grande Voiture de Wisconsin has officially been invited to attend the 100th Anniversary of Camp American Legion. I do wish to thank Camp Director Jim Klement and the State Department of Wisconsin American Legion for the invitation. The finalization of plans will also be taking place at the Midwinter Petite.

We all know that Jim Vissers is a candidate for the high office of Chef de Chemin de Fer for this coming year. We all wish him the best on his quest to obtain in being the 5th Voyageur from Wisconsin to obtain the title of Chef de Chemin de Fer. Others were as follows!

Harry Ranson - 1937

Jack D. Wilson - 1967

William P. Lyons - 1984

Don Emley - 2016

Here is a friendly bit of history for everyone. Neither Harry Ranson or Jack D. Wilson served as Grand Chef de Gare. Don't know why. Both were Grand Correspondants over the years.

Now speaking of Grand Correspondant. I will be finishing up my 20th year as Wisconsin's Grand Correspondant at this years Grand Promenade in Antigo. According to the Wisconsin Constitution & Bylaws, I'll either be voted in for another 5 year term as your Grand Correspondant or replaced.

Have not yet heard of anyone who is interested in becoming Grand Commis Voyageur which is the first step in moving up to becoming Grand Chef de Gare one day. If interested, give me a call at 920-253-3064.

I've been informed the past Grand Chef de Gare suffered a stroke and is convalescing at the Greenway Manor in Spring Green. His address is as follows Richard Ruland, Greenway Manor 501 Winsted St. Spring Green, WI. 53588.

SEE YOU ALL AT THE MIDWINTER PETITE IN APPLETON



Grande Voiture de Wisconsin 2025 Membership January 25th

VOITURE	COUNTY	AREA	2024	2025	AREA 1	2024	2025	Percent
236	POLK-BURNETT	1	28	12	AREA - 1	George Heck		4th Place
260	TREMPEALEAU	4	30	21	TOTALS	175	131	76.60%
410	KENOSHA	3	20	19				
497	RACINE	3	11	12 * *	Area 2-	Jack Vissers		4rd Place
526	WALWORTH	3	4	5 * *	TOTALS	187	149	79.67%
652	SAUK	3	19	22 * *				
683	DANE	2	30	20	AREA - 3	Andy Minch		1st Place
750	JEFFERSON	3	39	36	TOTALS	156	146	93.58%
751	WINNEBAGO	2	20	13				
774	BROWN-KEWAUNEE	1	38	36	Area 4	Lori Zimmerman		2nd Place
804	MONROE	4	38	37	TOTALS	237	198	83.54%
821	CLARK	1	15	10				
830	LA CROSSE	4	81	60	TOTALS	755	624	82.65%
831	PORTAGE	2	21	23 * *			-131	
840	COLUMBIA	2	6	8 * *				
844	ROCK	3	7	6				
856	DODGE	2	27	16				
898	WASHINGTON	2	16	15				
904	PIERCE	4	43	41				
986	SHAWANO	1	37	24				
1080	SHEBOYGAN	2	11	9				
1139	WOOD	4	4	4 *				
1140	OUTAGAMIE	2	25	28 *				
1156	VILAS - ONEIDA - LINCOLN	1	14	10				
1204	LANGLADE	1	38	38 *				
1268	RICHLAND	4	41	35				
1323	JUNEAU	2	31	17				
1372	GRANT	3	9	9 *				
1455	IOWA	3	8	8 *				
1485	ST. CROIX	1	5	1				
1519	MILWAUKEE	3	39	29				
			755	624				

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2025 Grand Mid-Winter Petite Promenade February 7th and 8th Registration Form

Headquarters Hotel
La Quinta By Wyndham Appleton
3800 W. College Avenue
Appleton, WI 54915

Phone: 920-734-7777

Mention the 40 & 8

Room Rate: \$89.00 plus tax (\$13.80)

Deadline for Reservation is January 15, 2025

Registration: \$10.00 ea

Name _____

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Committee Meetings to be held at the La Quinta (Oak Room)
Mid-Winter Petite Promenade and Banquet to be held at
American Legion Post 38

Banquet will consist of Broasted Chicken and Ham

Deadline for Banquet Reservation is January 24th, 2025

Banquet Fee \$33.00 ea Number Attending _____

Ads: \$80.00 Full Page \$50.00 Half Page \$30.00 Quarter Page

Boosters \$2.00 _____

Email Copy of ad to: jvissers8@new.rr.com

Send Registration Form to: Jim Vissers
130 E. Hoover Ave
Appleton, WI. 54915