

GRANDE VOITURE DE WISCONSIN CORRESPONDANTS CORNER



February 16th



Highlights From The Midwinter Petite Promenade

Here are some of the highlights from the Midwinter Petite Promenade in Appleton last weekend.

The Grande Voiture voted to have a carpenter do some extra work at the Rainbow Flowage besides the new vinyl siding. Will enclose all the new windows.

It was voted on that the Grande Voiture will pay for the memberships of Eau Claire Voiture # 525 for 2025 and not the Grand Correspondant. Their check was lost in the mail last June and didn't turn up until last month. In the meantime their Charter was surrendered. Working with the National and Grande Voiture Avocats (John Helgeson) their Charter has now been restored.

If Jim Vissers receives the nod to become our next Chef de Chemin de Fer; and I repeat (IF) the Grande Voiture is donating \$1,000 to his hospitality room in Gettysburg in conjunction with the National Promenade this coming September.

When a Past Grand Chef de Gare passes, a bouquet of flowers will be sent to his or her funeral.

May 16th & 17th is the date for the annual Rainbow Flowage Clean Up. You can contact the Rustic Manor for hotel reservations at 715-479-9776. Ask for Bob or Jackie and let them know you're up there for the 40 et 8.

It's been over a year but Voyageur Chuck Cooney of Milwaukee was in attendance. He was sidelined for a year due to a serious fall on the ice. At age 94 he is looking extremely fit. Welcome back Chuck!

The 2025 Communique reports were passed out to all Locales present. The rest were mailed out to the respective Locales.

A Get Well card was passed around for past Grand Chef de Gare 2017 Richard Ruland who is recovering from a stroke in an Assisted Living facility in Spring Green. And **(YES)** his Famous Black mark was included on the card.



RICHLAND COUNTY VOITURE # 1268

PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST

On March 2nd at the Richland Center American Legion, Richland County Voiture Locale # 1268 will be hosting their annual All You Can Eat Pancake and Sausage breakfast for their Nurses Training Scholarship Fund.

There are a large number of Voyageurs and Dames from around the Grande Voiture who plan on attending this fundraiser.

If you are in the area, the Palmyra American Legion Post #304 has their monthly All You Can Eat Breakfast on February 23rd. Their Post sponsors an Ad in the Badger Forty et Eighter so we all like to patronize them as much as possible.

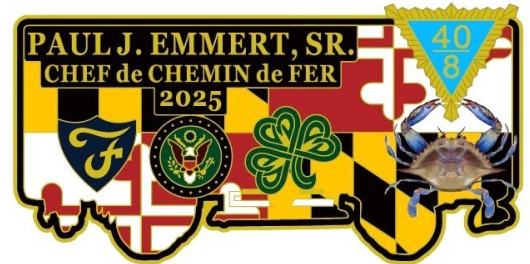
Bring your chapeau for pictures to be taken.



FROM THE GRAND CORRESPONDANT

With Eau Claire County Voiture Locale back in the fold, it was decided to give that Locale to Grand Sous Chef de Train George Heck for the General standings.

Langlade County Voiture Locale # 1204 is hosting the 2025 Grande Promenade & Rendezvous in Antigo on July 31st thru August 2nd. They are working on finalizing the arrangements and we hope to have everything out to all Voyageurs and Dames by the first of March. The Voyageur in charge of this event is winterizing in either Florida or Arizona at present time. Our Chef de Chemin de Fer (CEO) Paul Emmert and his wife Cristine of Maryland are our invited guests. Their visit isn't etched in stone yet but Wisconsin is the only Grande Voiture that has requested Big Chef Paul's presence for that particular weekend.



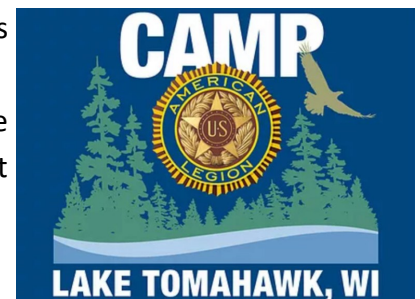
The deadline for articles and pictures in the March-April-May issue of the Badger Forty et Eighter is March 3rd. Need to have everything sent in to the Berlin Journal before then if possible.

A few questions on the Ad for the Great Lakes Promenade booklet. We don't have to vote on this because it is in the annual budget already. This year the event will take place in Dekalb, IL. on June 5th, 6th & 7th. The information is in both the National magazine and on the website. The same holds true for the National Promenade & Rendezvous in Gettysburg this coming September. I must tell you all, Gettysburg has a special place in my memory. Mary and I along with John Kuykendall had flown out to Hagerstown, MD for the 82nd National Promenade. We were touring the Battleground on the tour bus when all of a sudden we were told that a plane had crashed into the World Trade Tower. My first thought was the 1931 King Kong movie when a plane hit the Empire State building. A little later when we pulled back into the Museum area, it was announced that another plane had hit the other World Trade Tower building and that the United States was under a terrorist attack and that all Federal facilities on the eastern seaboard were closed. This was to include the Gettysburg Civil War Museum. Well this year I do plan on once again take the whole tour and hopefully will get to see the museum.

Keep this date in mind; the fall Cheminot will be held on October 18th in Tomah. Not exactly sure but the hotel we'll all be staying at is the Best Western. The Cheminot and Saturday evening banquet will be at the local American Legion Post. So many fantastic restaurants in and around the Tomah area; just love going there for any La Societe event.

The Grande Voiture de Wisconsin has been officially been invited to attend the 100th Anniversary of Camp American Legion. This event will be held on Saturday, June 14th. There more than likely be many political dignitaries from the Badger State along with a whole assortment of State and National Legionnaires. We will be bringing our Grande Voiture Colors to be on display. We hope to see as many Voyageurs up there that day as possible for this historic occasion.

We are in the process of purchasing a 40 et 8 sticker and a special sign on the Kubota tractor that we purchased for the Camp letting everyone know that this is our donation to the rehabilitation center.





Grande Voiture de Wisconsin 2025 Membership February 13th

VOITURE	COUNTY	AREA	2024	2025	AREA 1	2024	2025	Percent
236	POLK-BURNETT	1	28	23	AREA - 1	George Heck		4th Place
260	TREMPEALEAU	4	30	25	TOTALS	175	143	81.71%
410	KENOSHA	3	20	19				
497	RACINE	3	11	12 * *	Area 2	Jack Vissers		3rd Place
525	EAU CLAIRE	1			TOTALS	187	161	86.09%
526	WALWORTH	3	4	5 * *				
652	SAUK	3	19	22 * *	AREA - 3	Andy Minch		1st Place
683	DANE	2	30	20	TOTALS	156	150	96.15%
750	JEFFERSON	3	39	36				
751	WINNEBAGO	2	20	17	Area 4	Lori Zimmerman		2nd Place
774	BROWN-KEWAUNEE	1	38	36	TOTALS	237	202	85.23%
804	MONROE	4	38	37				
821	CLARK	1	15	10	TOTALS	755	656	86.89%
830	LA CROSSE	4	81	60			-99	
831	PORTAGE	2	21	23 * *				
840	COLUMBIA	2	6	8 * *				
844	ROCK	3	7	6				
856	DODGE	2	27	20				
898	WASHINGTON	2	16	15				
904	<i>PIERCE</i>	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	11				
1204	LANGLADE	1	38	38 *				
1268	RICHLAND	4	41	35				
1323	JUNEAU	2	31	21				
1372	GRANT	3	9	9 *				
1455	IOWA	3	8	8 *				
1485	ST. CROIX	1	5	1				
1519	MILWAUKEE	3	39	33				
			755	656				

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* 100%

2025 MIDWINTER PETITE PROMENADE



Sous Chef Lonnie with many of the Grande Voiture Officers



Lonnie Haynes with the Voyageurs Monroe Voiture # 804 in Tomah



Grande Presidente Beth and Grand Chef Ken



Present and past Grand Chef de Gares with Sous Chef Lonnie



John and Chuck with the plaque that will be presented to Burton Robertson of Traveling Bags who donated the new Grande Voiture flag case to the Grande Voiture.



Clarise Aasen along with Cathy and George Heck before the banquet dinner is served.



Matt & Michelle before the banquet

