



Boxcar Bulletin



“The Honor Society of American Veterans”

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Chef de Gare's Notes

During the next Prom John will be delivering the State of the Bingo Parlor Report. Utilizing our new accounting software, which we have been running alongside the old system for the past six months, we are now able to track our costs as we have not been in the past. We now know what it costs to open the doors of the Chateau and the Bingo Parlor, thus being able to know what we need to make to break even. I know this all sounds like things we always should have known, but under the old software, provided by our CPA Firm, we did not have the tools we needed.

It is for this reason, that as of the end of the current accounting period, I have asked that our attorney draft a letter terminating out relationship with our current CPA firm. We have three new candidates, and are actively in the process of interviewing them. Anyone with knowledge in this area, please contact John.

Next year will mark the 20th year we have been in our current location, while this is a cause for celebration it is also my biggest concern for Voiture 99. Our maintenance costs, for the upkeep of the two buildings, are going to accelerate. Last month the disposal in the kitchen needed an overhaul, new bearings and blades came to over a thousand dollars. This is why I have asked that a portion of the funds we are now holding in CD's be converted from their original intent to a "sinking fund" dedicated to maintenance of our capital asset. We are working with the Gaming Commission to accomplish this task. At the same time we are going to have to set aside a larger amount of our bingo profits for maintenance. A new roof on the Bingo Parlor would be in the tens of thousands of dollars.

All of this is tied to two upcoming events:

- One; the opening of the Indian Gaming Casino in La Center.
- Two; the current date of our national and local economy, the upcoming elections and the effect they will have them.

I will tell you that I am not as concerned with the Casino as I am with our current economy. Until that turns around, the spending on our current charitable programs is going to have to be kept under tight controls.

The Past Chief's Dinner was a great success. I

would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who helped out. Special thanks to the La Fem's for their assistance with the decorations, and to all those who helped with the set up. Thanks also to Bob Kadow for helping out in the kitchen.

- I would again like to ask all Directors to work with Bill Hauser and set up a tab within the website explaining the purpose of each of your programs. I understand that few of you have taken this simple opportunity to get the word out about your program to the community.

Thanks for taking the time to read my ramblings.

Jim Renton
Chef de Gare
2015 - 2016

From the Correspondant

The last push to attain the 100% mark in membership renewals is underway. As of this writing, we are over the 90% mark. It takes almost four renewals to gain one percent in the standings.

On 16 January we wrecked or initiated eight new members into Voiture 99. In December 2015 we voted 18 into the membership. Three could not make this wreck; the remainder never responded. Let's welcome Robert Boyes, Julie Jacquot, Rachael Garcia, Donna McMahon, David Ogden, Donald Pugliese, Donald Scott, and Mark Mansell to Voiture 99 and the 40 et 8. In the coming months, the Chef de Gare will select a nominating committee to begin soliciting nominations for the 2016-2017 Officers of Voiture 99. Now is the time to consider if you would like to join the crew. There are two Cheminot positions, Lampiste, Drapeau, Historian, Aumonier, Conducteur, Commis Voyageur, Commissaire Intendant, Correspondant, Garde de la Porte, Chef de Train, and Chef de Gare positions up for grabs. After the elections, the new Chef will be looking for Voyageurs to run his Committees. The Committees are: Americanism, Box Car, Carville Star, Child Welfare, Nurses Training, POW/MIA, VAVS, and Youth Sports. Perhaps you do not want to be the directeur, each committee can have a

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Sous or assistant. Be ready to step up and hopefully you will be appointed. Being involved gives you the opportunity to learn about the 40 et 8 from the inside. If you have questions about what the committee chairs do, please ask what the task requires.

Duties of the Conducteur: The Conducteur is the Master of Ceremonies, and the Executive director of the Wrecking Crew and is responsible for the proper exemplification of the Ritual. During ritualistic work, the Conducteur has charge of the entire Voiture, calling the Voyageurs to order, giving orders, and receiving the password on entry to the wreck.

Phil Yasson
Correspondant

Americanism

February is here. Time to re-evaluate, re-organize and tackle the tasks at hand.

• Community Hours –please turn in your hours from August – December 2014. Am collecting them twice yearly.

• Awards- Check your community contacts – recommend people, places for the Voiture, State, and National Awards: Americanism, Hero, Law Enforcement, Town, County, Etc.

- Flags for First Graders – the committee is gearing up for the big event – we focus on Memorial Day Events to get the flags in the school districts, however, you can pass flags out everywhere. I have 3000 flags in my garage. Let me know if you need any.
- Community Outreach – schedule flag presentations locally. Connect with other service groups and youth groups.

This is going to be a great year.

Dixie Hotaling – Americanism Sous Directeur-Area A

Chateau Schedule for February 2016

Members and guests allowed on Friday for breakfast. Saturday the Chateau is open to voyageurs and guests. Thursday morning coffee & doughnuts at the Chateau at 8:00 am.
Chateau Manager - John Clapp (360)574-3872

February 1st (Monday)

V99 Prom / C99 Rendezvous

Dinner at 5:30 pm
Salad Bar/Spaghetti
Cost: \$8.00

February 4th (Thursday)

Members & Guest Coffee
8:30 am to 10:00 am

February 5th (Friday)

Menu: Breakfast off the Grill and eggs to order
7:30 am to 9:00 am
Cost: \$8.00

February 6th (Saturday)

Chateau Opens 2:00 pm
Dinner 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm
Menu: Salad Bar/Pork Chops or Baked Chicken
Cost: \$8.00

February 11th (Thursday)

Members & Guest Coffee
8:30 am to 10:00 am

February 12th (Friday)

Members & Guest Breakfast
Menu: Breakfast off the Grill and eggs to order
7:30 am to 9:00 am
Cost: \$8.00

February 13th (Saturday)

Chateau opens 2:00 pm
Dinner 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm
Menu: Brisket/Baked Beans/Cole slaw
Cost: \$8.00

February 16th (Tuesday)

V99 Cheminot / C99 Cheminot

Dinner at 5:30 pm
Meetings at 6:30 pm
Menu: Salad Bar and Sloppy Joes
Cost: \$8.00

February 17th (Wednesday)

Korean War Veterans Association
10:00 am in Box Car room

February 18th (Thursday)

Members & Guest Coffee
8:30 am to 10:00 am

February 19th (Friday)

Members & Guest Breakfast
Menu: Breakfast off the Grill and eggs to order
7:30 am to 9:00 am
Cost: \$8.00

February 20th (Saturday)

Chateau Opens 2:00 pm
Dinner 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm
Menu: Steak Night
Please RSVP John at (360) 936-5505
Cost: \$15.00

February 25th (Thursday)

Members & Guest Coffee
8:30 am to 10:00 am

February 26th (Friday)

Members & Guest Breakfast
Menu: Breakfast off the Grill and eggs to order
7:30 am to 9:00 am
Cost: \$8.00

February 27th (Saturday)

Chateau opens at 2:00 pm
Dinner 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm
Menu: Salad bar/Chicken Fried Steak
Cost: \$8.00

Attention La Femmes



Congratulations go to Anne McEnery-Ogle who was named Vancouver Mayor Pro Tem. Congratulations, Anne. We wish you well in your new position.

Best wishes to all of the Dames from Cabane 99 who are under the weather. We wish you well and hope for your quick recovery.

Thanks to all of the Dames who have renewed their membership. We need only one more to reach 100%. New members count, also. We met the wife of one of the new Voyageurs on Saturday and had a pleasant visit that included everything about joining Cabane 99. Consider talking to your friends about joining La Societe de Femme. It is never too late to add members to Cabane 99.

The Thursday morning Social meets every Thursday in the Chateau at 9:00 a.m. It is a refreshing way to start the day, especially with good company and coffee and donuts available. If you have not started the New Year's housecleaning, look for all of those books you have finished reading or will never finish. They are perfect donations to the La Femmes' 2016 Book Sale. The Sale will be held on May 20 - 21, 2016. Roberta Giesler has agreed to store any books you give her for the Book Sale, so contact Roberta with your Book Sale donations. Now you can say you have started the New Year's housecleaning.

Be sure to attend the February 1 Rendezvous that will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Boxcar Room. The next Cheminot will be on Tuesday February 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the Boxcar Room. Dinner will be served at 5:30 both evenings. If you have questions about La Societe de Femme or are interested in joining the Dames of Cabane 99 contact La Presidente Marsha Keen at 907-0424 or La Sous Presidente Barbara Yasson at 574-1152.

February Trivia:

Which sportscaster asked 35 years ago today, "Do you believe in miracles?" after the U.S. hockey team defeated the Soviets at the 1980 Olympics?

Answer on page 5

Queen of Hearts Game

The Queen of Hearts was not selected on Saturday night so the prize amount for next Saturday will be \$806.00.

Voyageurs Militaire

Just a note to let you all know that I am taking jackets to have 40 et 8 emblems and other insignia put on them. I have found that it is better for you to bring me a jacket of your choice that you know fits and is in the price range that you wish to spend and then I will take them to have any emblems put on that you wish. The cost to have this done is \$35.00.

I have a small supply of red polo shirts on hand for \$30.00 and a few larger white ones for \$20.00 and a limited supply of t-shirts for \$15.00. For any of the lady Voyageurs I will be happy to special order you a ladies cut polo shirt, also for the men, if I do not have the size you need I will order it for you. I can get colors other than red but that would be a special order (takes about two weeks to get).

I am at the Chateau most Friday mornings and on both Prom and Cheminot nights so just look me up and I will be happy to help you with either a shirt or jacket. Roberta Giesler, rmgiesler506@comcast.net, 360-909-5124.

Gone but not forgotten

Earl Martin
Michael Monroe

They will be missed





Great Western States Promenade Registration

The Orleans Hotel and Casino

4500 W. Tropicana Ave. Las Vegas, NV 89113



The Great Western States Promenade is hosted by Grande Du Nevada, Voiture 306 with the help of the American Legion Paradise Post 149.

Promenade Dates:

April 8-10, 2016 (Hospitality Suite Opens on the 7th)

Room Rates: \$49 (Mon-Thurs) and \$99 (Fri-Sat)

Call the Orleans for reservations at (702) 365-7111
(Group Code: 4 and 8)



Registration Fees:

Members: \$75
Guests: \$60

For info on the Orleans Hotel and Casino, go to www.orleanscasino.com

The National Atomic Testing Museum

tells the story of America's nuclear weapons testing program at the Nevada Test Site. For info, go to:

<http://nationalatomicmuseum.org/>

The Mob Museum provides an authentic eye-opening, view of organized crime's impact on the world and reveals an insider's look at the events and characters of the continuing battle between the Mob and the law. For info, go to

<http://themobmuseum.org/>

Registration to the Great Western States Promenade includes:

- Access to the Great Western Meetings (members only)
- Gourmet dinner banquet consisting of:
 - Stuffed Chicken Breast on Sautéed Onions and Peppers, topped with Chipotle Corn Sauce
 - **AND** Creole seasoned Flank steak with a merlot wine sauce
 - Side dishes and deserts
- Happy Hour food and refreshments in the Hospitality Suite with two drink coupons
- Event pin and One Raffle ticket

Option Friday Tours:

(Special Discount Rates for 40&8 members, transportation available):

- National Atomic Testing Museum (9:00 -11:00 am)
- National Museum of Organized Crime and Law Enforcement - "The Mob Museum" (1:00 -4:00 pm)

The Orleans Hotel provides free shuttle service to the fabulous Las Vegas Strip

----- Complete the Registration Information and Fees Information -----

Mail to:

Voiture du Nevada 306
c/o Victor Moss
4008 W. Bonanza Rd.
Las Vegas, NV 89107

Member Name: _____

Voiture/Grande: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Registration Fee: \$75 (member) _____

Registration Fee: \$60 (guest) _____

Atomic Testing Museum Tour: \$15 _____

Mob Museum Tour: \$15 _____

Total Enclosed: _____

More from the Past Chef's Christmas Banquet December 15, 2015



Trivia Answer

The "Miracle on Ice" is the name for a medal-round men's ice hockey game during the 1980 Winter Olympics at Lake Placid, New York, on Friday, February 22. The United States national team, defeated the Soviet Union national team, which had won the gold medal in six of the seven previous Olympic games. Al Michaels' memorable broadcast of this game, including his interjection "Do you believe in miracles? YES!" as time expired on the 4-3 U.S. victory, earned the game the nickname of The Miracle on Ice. In 1999, Sports Illustrated named the "Miracle on Ice" the Top Sports Moment of the 20th Century. Michaels recalled, "When I look back, obviously Lake Placid would be the highlight of my career. I can't think of anything that would ever top it. I can't dream up a scenario."



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