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Voiture 99

Volume 15, Issue 04

From the Chef de Gare

Voyageurs,

So much is happening at the Chateau. I assume everyone survived Saint Paddy's Day, all the green beer and such! We had a wonderful evening celebrating our 95th birthday and honoring our Nursing Scholarship recipients. The students brought a ton of desserts and in addition to the corn beef & cabbage, there was plenty to eat. All of the nursing students extended their gratitude for our scholarship program. The commencement exercise was held at Skyview High School on March 18th. Thanks goes out to our Director of Nursing Scholarship Program, Frank Cooley.

I presented the Marshall Youth Scholarship award on the the evening of March 18th to Sean Nolan of La Center High School. Sean has been active in youth leadership programs for 6 years (starting at age 12) and has been selected to attend West Point following graduation from high school in June.

Several things were discussed at the March Promenade including the possibility of eliminating the House Committee. I read the proposed resolution to generate discussion on the subject. Because the April prom will be a joint endeavor in Longview, we won't discuss it again until the May Prom. I would like to hear from all Voyageurs who have an opinion on the subject before May.

Those who need a ride or directions, we will be departing the Voiture at 4:30pm to ensure arrival in time for dinner. The Loci will also be making the trip and seats are available. Check with George Golden.

I am looking forward to the Great Western Promenade 10-12 April and encourage all Voyageurs to register and participate in the event. Registration forms are available at the Chateau .

Chef de Gare  
Jerry Keen

Correspondant Notes

The nominating committee has been formed and is actively seeking your input for next year's Voiture 99 leadership. You only have two more opportunities to place your name or to recommend/nominate an individual for a specific position. During the April and May Promenade, nominations can be taken from the floor. Make the time on your calendar to attend the May Promenade, This is your opportunity to have your say in the running of Voiture 99 for next year. Your vote counts!

A little about the vote. A simple majority (51%) must be obtained by a candidate to win. If three individuals are running for the same position, the individual with the least amount of votes will be eliminated. And a second ballot will be taken to identify the winner. This same process of elimination is applied when there are two positions available and multiple candidates in the running. By process of elimination by vote, you reduce the playing field to the number of positions available.

**Attendance at Promenades and Cheminots:** The question has been asked why should I attend every Promenade and Cheminot that I can. Well, aside from the obvious reasons, and in accordance with our By-Laws, attendance is the basis on which we choose our delegates for various functions, such as Grand du Washington Promenades and our Promenade National amongst others. If two Voyageurs desire to attend, the individual with the better attendance record will be chosen.

Any questions? Don't hesitate to ask.

Frank Falbee  
Correspondant

VAVS

During March we had 21 Veteran patients at the VA Hospital join us for bingo. We gave \$275 as bingo prizes and had 11 Voyageure's from V-99 come down to help run the game and help the patients. The next bingo night is March 26th. Come on down. See John Landahl.

Promenade of April 6, 2015

Make a note on your calendar for the 6th of April. **Chef Keen has chosen to have our Prom at the American Legion, Longview Post, Post #155.** For those of you who have never been there, It's is very easy to find.

Go North on I-5 to Exit 36B. (The 1st Longview exit). That is State Route # 432. Follow it west.

Just keep going until you get to 12th Ave.

Turn Right (North) on 12th Ave. Continue going North on 12th for a mile or so and the Legion will be on the right side.

The address is 1250 12th Ave.

The Legion Post is located between Hemlock and Hudson St.

For those of you who do not want to drive, George Golden will be taking the LOCI up. He can carry up to 14 (real friendly) adults. He will be leaving the Chateau at 4:45 PM on the 6th. Dependent on the number of people who want to carpool it, both Chateau Vans will be available.

The dinner planned for the 40/8 will be Pork Chops w/ Mushroom gravy and all the trimmings. More information will be passed along as it becomes available.

Anyone Need a Wheelchair Lift?

Any Voyageure in need of either a hitch mounted or a pickup bed mounted wheelchair lift for transporting battery operated wheelchairs contact Voyageure Bob Perrin at 360-256-5104



Trivia

How Many Birds Did the Birdman of Alcatraz have in his Cell in Real Life?

(Answer on page 4)



# Chateau Schedule for April 2015

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

WE ARE SERVING DINNERS  
ON SATURDAYS  
Saturday Dinner Menus  
Hours 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

April 2nd (Thursday)  
Members & Guest Coffee  
8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

April 3rd (Friday)  
7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.  
Members & Guest Breakfast  
\$8.00

April 4th (Saturday)  
Chateau Opens 2:00 p.m.  
Dinner Menu: Salad Bar/ Ham Dinner  
\$8.00

April 6th (Monday)  
**V-99 Prom Will Be Held At The American Legion In Longview.**  
**Dinner Will Be Served There.**  
**Cabane-99 LaFemmes will meet at the Chateau**  
Chateau opens 4:00 p.m.

April 9th (Thursday)  
Members & Guest Coffee  
8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

April 10th (Friday)  
7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.  
Members & Guest Breakfast  
Menu: Breakfast off the Grill and eggs to order  
\$8.00

**Great Western Dinner At The Chateau**  
**Chicken Fried Steak And Music**  
\$10.00  
Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

April 11 (Saturday)  
Chateau opens at 2:00 p.m.  
**No Dinner**  
**Great Western Banquet At The Red Lion**

April 15th (Wednesday)  
**Korean War Veterans 10:00 a.m.**

April 16th (Thursday)  
Members & Guest Coffee  
8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

April 17th (Friday)  
7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.  
Members & Guest Breakfast  
Menu: Breakfast off the Grill and eggs to order  
\$8.00

April 18th (Saturday)

Chateau Opens 2:00 p.m.  
Dinner Menu: Salad Bar/Turkey Dinner  
\$8.00

April 21st (Tuesday)

Chateau Opens at 4:00 p.m.  
House Committee meets at 4:30 p.m.  
Dinner at 5:30 p.m.  
**V99 Cheminot / C99 Cheminot**  
meet at 6:30 p.m.

April 23rd (Thursday)

Members & Guest Coffee  
8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

April 24th (Friday)

7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.  
Members & Guest Breakfast  
Menu: Breakfast off the Grill and eggs to order  
\$8.00  
**(CMAC)**

April 25th (Saturday)

Chateau Opens 2:00 p.m.  
**Pot Luck** 5:00 p.m.

April 30th (Thursday)

Members & Guest Coffee  
8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

**On Friday March 6th, 2015 you will receive a coupon for when you buy a Breakfast or a dinner on Saturday night, you will get a stamp on your coupon for each meal purchased and when you have paid for 9 meals the 10th meal is on the Chateau. (Yes we are going back to Dinner on Saturday.)**

**Your name will be written on the coupon and it is nontransferable.**

**This is my way of saying thank you for your continued support of your club.**

**General Manager**

## Next Wreck

The next **Wreck** is scheduled for April 11 during the **Grand Cheminot**. We currently have 11 Goofs waiting to be Wrecked. Until then sponsors should offer to bring their **Goofs** into the Chateau for any event or dinner we have. Hopefully, that will get them interested enough to get involved.

## Attention La Femmes



Thank you to all of our renewing members and new members who helped Cabane 99 reach its 100% membership goal for 2015. Again, we welcome all of our new members, and are glad to have the continued support of our renewing members.

While the Voyageurs of Voiture 99 attend the April 6 Prom in Longview, the Dames of Cabane 99 are planning a pre-Rendezvous pizza dinner at the Chateau at 5:30. We will hold the annual Memorial Service at our April 6 Rendezvous.

Join the Dames for their Used Book Sale and Bake Sale on May 29 – 30 in the Boxcar Room. Set up for the sale will be on Thursday May 28 at 10:00 a.m. In preparation for the sale, begin collecting all of your used books, including all of the ones you will never read. If you need help storing them until May 28 leave them in the Chateau entry for Roberta Giesler to store. If you have no books or baked goods you can part with, the Dames welcome your cash donation. Proceeds from the sale will go to fill in budgeted items from the general fund.

Please keep your VA Transplant Lodge donations coming. Norma Cooley reports that the VA Transplant Lodge is still overflowing with patients being sent to local hotels. Food donations are particularly important now that they are over capacity. The usual canned tomato and spaghetti sauce, vegetables and soups are important as well as rice milk, and small bottles of vegetable oil. Kitchen sponges, pot scrubbers, disinfectant kitchen wipes and any size of Ziploc freezer bags will also be of help. If you want to contribute and are not ready to go shopping, cash donations will help. Contact Norma Cooley if you have questions. Thanks to Norma and Frank for their ongoing support of this great cause.

Last but certainly not least the Dames offer very sincere thanks to the Voyageurs for their generous \$575.00 donation to the VA Transplant Lodge at their March Prom.

The next Rendezvous will be on Monday April 6th at 6:30 p.m. Come for pizza at 5:30 p.m. Remember the next Cheminot on Tuesday April 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the Boxcar Room. Dinner will be at 5:30 p.m.

If you have questions about La Societe de Femme or are interested in joining the Dames of Cabane 99 contact La Presidente Judy Bailey at 798-5166 or La Sous Presidente Marsha Keen at 907-0424.

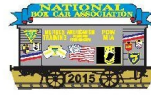
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La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux  
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March, 2015

To National Officers, Director and Sous Directeurs of NBCA, Grand Box Car Directeurs, Grand Chef de Gars and Correspondants.  
I received the following update from Jerry Gomiller, Area A Sous Box Car Directeur. He said everything I wanted to write about and I'm off on a week long fishing vacation.



Finally spring is on its way. This weekend the clocks go ahead one hour so that is a promising sign of better things to come. I know that most Grands will be having their Mid Winter's approaching soon; this is where you can promote the NEW Box Car coin and pin. A great idea is to buy 10 of these coins and bring them with you. I can guarantee you will sell them all and get orders for more not kidding!! I don't know what to say to get consignments SELLING?

Use these pictures to help with the sales of pins and coins at your Wrecks, Proms or Cheminots.  
REMEMBER.....  
Pins are \$ 3.00 each, Crew and Associate cards are \$1.00 each, and Coins are \$10.00 each.

Below is the information from our National Secretaire/Treasurer, Frank Kronen, on current consignment and sales information for your Grand ending in February 15, 2015

Grand Voiture	2015 Consignment			Sales To-Date			Consignment Balance		
	PINS	CREW	ASSOC	PINS	CREW	ASSOC	PINS	CREW	ASSOC
ALASKA	55	157	10	55	157	10	0	0	0
MONTANA	110	150	0	0	1	0	110	149	0
NORTH DAKOTA	40	21	10	40	21	10	0	0	0
WASHINGTON	150	151	0	0	1	0	75	76	0
WYOMING	50	1	0	50	1	0	0	0	0

I received the following note February, 2015 from Terry Sharp, National Directeur of Box car. Our **Box Car efforts to-date are still well short** of our sales at this time last year. Total Sales to-date are \$ **15,035** with a Quota of **38.5%** and a **26.7%** of Goal. Last year we were at **\$18,822** and **71%** of Quota.

Some Notable Info Taken from the February Reports:

- 1) There are still **5** Grands with consignments out, but no sales reported to-date.
- 2) There are **8** Grands with zero consignment numbers, 3 of which had consignment sales last year. **France, New Hampshire, Arkansas**
- 3) Only **2** Sous Directeurs currently maintain an **Area per-capita of \$1 +**.
- 4) There were **2 Areas** with zero sales for February.
- 5) There are **3 Areas** that are maintaining less than 25% of Quota.

To be able to correct this issue you must **"WORK YOUR AREA"**. **Evaluate your Grand and determine if any of them meet these concerns.**

**GRAND VOITURE of the MONTH**

On behalf of the **National Box Car Association**, I offer my congratulations for a great effort to **Grand du Vermont**. Their contributions to the NBCA now currently stand at **\$ 76** for **102.7% of Quota** and **108.5% of Goal** while maintaining a per-capita of **\$ 2.17**.

**"MERCII"** Grand Voiture of the Month February 2015.



**Pins, Cards, Coins:**

We now have some **2015 Pins** available to fill some back-orders. To request a consignment or to place an order for additional items or to post your sales send your request by email, Post card, or letter to:

National Secretary/Treasurer Box Car  
**Frank Kronen, 6903 Chapel Ln., N. Ridgeville, Ohio 44039**

C. 216-210-1898, [fwkron@gmail.com](mailto:fwkron@gmail.com)

Promote the **4th issue** of the **Commemorative Box Car Coin** everywhere you go. This is the **NBCA Anniversary Coin**. Take some with you for show-and-tell and they will sell themselves. **Push Commemorative Coin sales** at every opportunity. Put out a strong and specific call for coin sales in your communiques'.

This past week-end I carried coins to the Cajun Wreck in Lafayette, La. and **sold 30** while having a great time and eating some great food. **Seeing is believing.**

**"MERCII"** Grand Voiture of the Month

Area K	QUOTA	SALES TO DATE	% OF QUOTA	GOAL	MEMBER SHIP	PER CAPAT
Washington	\$767.00	\$301.00	39.24%	\$1,534	19.62%	562
Montana	\$264.00	\$1.00	0.38%	\$210	0.48%	84
North Dakota	\$362.00	\$151.00	41.71%	\$724	20.86%	311
Alaska	\$207.00	\$332.00	160.39%	\$260	127.69%	122
Nov Wyoming	\$154.00	\$151.00	98.05%	\$84	179.76%	38
TOTAL	\$1,754.00	\$506.00	28.85%	\$2,812	17.99%	1011
Grand Total	\$38,991.00	\$15,035.00	38.56%	\$56,230	26.74%	23322

The first four coins are now available for purchase. If you have a set, take them along to the functions you attend and show them off. You will be surprised at the results. Place order orders, with cash enclosed, to Frank. If you order less than ten coins at a time, please include \$3.00 for postage. If you order 10 coins or more, postage is free.



Beginning with the **2014 Box Car Pin**, it reflects the coin face for the 2013 issue coin face (a Box Car). The **2015 Box Car Pin** depicts the 2014 issue Coin face (Box Car). The **2016 Box Car Pin** will mirror the 2015 issue coin face (Locomotive) and so on until the pin series is complete with the Box Car Coins in 2018. When all is completed, the **Box Car Pin Series, "Shadow Train"**, will show a Locomotive pulling three Box Cars and trailing Caboose. This will be a complete series, so hold on to the pins. It will definitely become another addition to the heritage of our organization and the National Box Car Association.

**The NATIONAL BOX CAR PIN SERIES-----THE SHADOW TRAIN**



The goal this year for each Grand is \$2.00 per voyageur. This is a very attainable goal. Let all strive to achieve this milestone and make this year's Box Car Program a huge success.

If any of you Grand Directeurs need help, please let me know.

Thank you again for all you do for La Societe.

John Clapp  
National Sous Box Car Directeur – Area K

Copy: Chef de Chemin de Fer  
National Correspondant  
National Advisor  
Committee on Committee  
National Avocat  
National Directeur  
National Box Car Secretaire/Treasure  
Grand Chef de Gares – Area K  
Grand Correspondants – Area K

Voyageures and Dames of Voiture 99 and Cabane 99 listen as the nursing students introduce themselves, talk about their plans after graduation, and thank the Voiture for providing their scholarships.



**Grande du Washington Membership Standings  
3/19/2015**

Voiture	2014	2015	2014/2015	Needs to	% of Quota	
	YTD Total	YTD Total	Quota	Meet Quota		
75	18	14	18	4	4	77.78%
83	16	17	16	1	1	106.25%
87	1	1	1	0	0	100.00%
88	6	9	9	0	0	100.00%
90	44	42	44	2	2	95.45%
91	77	80	93	13	13	86.02%
94	14	14	14	0	0	100.00%
96	10	11	11	0	0	100.00%
99	356	335	373	38	38	89.81%
135	130	130	144	14	14	90.28%
271	12	12	12	0	0	100.00%
1213	29	35	32	0	0	109.38%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>713</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>767</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>90.09%</b>

Thanks to the Voiture 1213. They have the highest % of membership  
My hats off to Voiture 1213.  
The Grande only needs 67 more renewals.

**LOCI Schedule for  
April thru May 2015**

**April**

6th Longview Prom – George  
12th Blooms to Brews, Woodland, 10am - Jim

**May**

3rd Long Beach, Loyalty Days Sunday - Jim  
9th St. Johns Parade - George  
16th Hazel Dell Parade - Marc  
25th Memorial Day - George  
30th Hockinson Fun Days - Marc

If you haven't joined the Loci crew on a trip yet. Set aside some time to go along on a trip with them. Bring along the family. Children and grandchildren are welcome. Just contact the listed driver to make sure there's room for everyone. Current schedule will be posted on the website ([www.voiture-99.com](http://www.voiture-99.com)) under Events/Loci Schedule.

**Used Book Sale**

Once again the La Femmes are going to hold a used book sale and would like to collect all of your used books (no text books or magazines please) that you wish to get rid of. Just bring them to the chateau and they will be held until the date of the sale which is May 29th and 30th. We wish to thank all who help with this fund raiser.

**40 & 8**

**AMERICANISM APRIL 2015 NEWSLETTER**

From the desk of Dixie Hotaling – Americanism Sous Directeur Area A

“The only man who makes no mistakes is the man who never does anything.” Theodore Roosevelt

Americanism Award – all too soon the deadline for turning in your information will be due. Have you identified the person? Look around, you'll find many community people worthy of mentioning.

Flags for First Graders – What project will you share this year. Voiture 99 will be giving out 9,000 coloring books, flags and packets to the first graders in SW Washington. We partnered with our local Lions Club, created a Memorial Day pamphlet. It is a win-win situation. Don't forget to take pictures.

Community Hours This is a good time to collect your hours. Remember, each Grande needs to turn their hours into Tom Smith. Every hour counts. Keeping the non-profit status depends on our community service.

“The best way to predict the future is to create it.” Peter Drucker

REMEMBER: one child, one family, one community, one state = ONE NATION UNDER GOD.

Dixie Lee Hotaling – Sous Directeur Americanism Area A, Grande du Washington Directeur and Voiture 99 Americanism Chairman

**Trivia Answer**

He studied birds extensively in prison and wrote two books that became very respected on works on the feathered creatures, but he did that at a different prison, and was kept without pets in his time at the Rock.

Press Release

**National Veterans Organization Celebrates 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux, translated as “the Society of Forty Men and Eight Horses” and commonly known as the 40&8 celebrates 95 years of service to Veterans, spouses and their communities this year.

La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux is an organization of select male and female U. S. veterans, more commonly known as the Forty & Eight.

The Forty & Eight is committed to charitable and patriotic aims. Our purpose is to uphold and defend the United States Constitution, to promote the well being of veterans and their widows and orphans, and to actively participate in selected charitable endeavors, which include programs that promote child welfare and nurse's training.

The titles and symbols of the Forty & Eight reflect its First World War origins. Americans were transported to the battle front on French trains within boxcars stenciled with a “40/8”, denoting its capacity to hold either forty men or eight horses. This uncomfortable mode of transportation was familiar to all who fought in the trenches; a common small misery among American soldiers who thereafter found “40/8” a lighthearted symbol of the deeper service, sacrifice and unspoken horrors of war that bind all who have borne the battle.

In March of 1920, Joseph W. Breen, a member of the newly formed American Legion and an officer of Breen-McCracken Legion Post 297, met in Philadelphia with fifteen other prominent Legionnaires where they originated the idea of The Forty & Eight. They envisioned a new and different level of elite membership and camaraderie for leaders of the American Legion. The box car of the French Railways, so familiar to American ground troops of the First World War, was chosen as the symbolic heart of the new organization. The French/Railroad theme was applied to officer titles and organizational functions.

Originally an arm of The American Legion, the Forty & Eight became an independent and separately incorporated veteran's organization in 1960. Membership is a select group of honorably discharged veterans and honorably serving members of the United States Armed Forces.

The Forty et Eight's national commander, Chef de Chemin de Fer Mike Wood, recently announced that a “birthday ritual” will be celebrated during the month of March each year by local and state units of the Forty et Eight.

Details on the 40&8 are available at the organization's national website, <http://www.fortyandeight.org/>.