



# Boxcar Bulletin



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## From Your Chef de Gare

I am trying to get a profile of our members. This information will help us present our self to the community at large and when speaking about our organization at dinners or speaking to groups. Lets see who we are.

YOUR AGE TODAY \_\_\_\_\_

BRANCH OF SERVICE \_\_\_\_\_

DATES OF SERVICE YEARS  
FROM \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_

RETIRED FROM SERVICE  
YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Please return your survey by the end of March.

The request is not mandatory and strictly voluntary . I hope that we can get close to 100% return of the information. Please take 5 minutes of your day and do this

There will be a drop box at the bar for you to leave the information or you can mail it to

Voiture 99  
7607 Northeast 26th Avenue  
Vancouver, Washington 98665  
Attention: Chef

or E-mail  
to: [idaho412003@yahoo.com](mailto:idaho412003@yahoo.com) (this is my E-mail in Yahoo)  
Subject line CHEF SURVEY

Bob Brennan  
Chef de Gare  
2013/2014

## From Your Correspondant

Be sure to fill out and return your registration for the Grande du Washington Petite Promenade being held at Voiture 99 on March 21 and 22. This is an excellent prom for gaining knowledge of the 40 et 8 and also a chance to meet other members from around the state. The program begins on Friday 21 March at 5 p.m. when the Cheminot is held. On Saturday the General membership Prom begins at 9 a.m. followed by an initiation at 10. Then the Prom reopens at 1 for the final touches.

The Nominating Committee of Jerry Keen and George Cox are hard at work collecting names of Voyageurs that would like to become officers of Voiture 99. Here is a short run down of the offices:

**Chef de Gare** –is in charge of all Voiture activities and functions. He/she needssould be aware of the proper conduct of the Voiture and promote membership.

**Commissaire Intendant** –is responsible for financial reports, collecting and depositing money, and paying bills as required by the Voiture.

**Commis Voyageur** – is responsible for the property of the Voiture not otherwise delegated to other officers or committees. He/she also performs as Drapeau or Flag Bearer advancing and retiring the colors at Proms and other functions.

**Conductor** –is the Master of Ceremonies. He/she is responsible for the proper conduct of the Ritual and attendees.

**Garde de la Porte** – shall be present at the inner door and examine all membership cards and ask for the password. He/she also collects meal money and oversees that each voyageur signs in on the log.

**Lampiste** –is the assistant to the Garde de la Porte and performs duties as the Chef de Gare may direct. The Lampiste is the outer door guard.

**Aumonier** – gives the invocations, benedictions and offers all supplication to the deity, He/she attends to the spiritual needs of the Voiture.

**Correspondant** – Is the Secretary of the Voiture Locale. He/she must keep a true and accurate record of all Promenade, Cheminot, and House Committee proceedings, conduct the correspondence, maintains a listing of all members. He/she keeps all members in the know.

Phil Yasson  
Correspondent

## Attention La Femmes

Please join me in welcoming the two newest dames to Cabane 99. Frances May and Diann Stacey who were initiated at the February 18 Rendezvous. Welcome aboard, Dames; we are glad to have you among us and look forward to getting to know you.

Thanks to Voiture 99 for including the Dames of Cabane 99 in their contribution to the Memorial Day boosters. We appreciate that you included us in your list of sponsors in support of Memorial Day at Arlington Cemetery. In addition, the Dames voted to send a modest sum of money for the flags that are distributed to those in attendance that day.

The Grande du Washington Petite Prom will

be held at Voiture 99 on March 21 – 22. There will be meals for those in attendance on Friday and Saturday, but you must reserve your place and pay for the dinner in advance. There are registration forms at the Chateau to use to make your reservation. The La Femmes will hold their 50/50 raffle and a silent auction for charity. All dames are welcome to attend the Saturday Cheminot and Rendezvous.

Spring is coming and with it more activities and fun. The next Cheminot will be held at 6:30 on Monday March 3 and the Rendezvous will be at 6:00 on Tuesday March 18. Contact Judy Bailey at 798-5166 or Barbara Yasson at 574-1152 if you have questions about La Societe de Femme or are interested in joining the Dames of Cabane 99.



Voyageur Fiorin Zeviar

We've reached the membership goal set by Nationale . Now we strive on towards the goal of 389 Chef de Gare Brennan has set as his own goal for the Voiture for the year.



## Membership Goal for 2013 - 2014

100% + 353

90 %

80 %

70 %

60 %

50 %

40 %

30 %

20 %

10 %

# Chateau Schedule for March 2014

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

## March 1st (Saturday)

Chateau Opens 2:00 pm

Dinner 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm served in  
Box Car Room

Menu: Salad bar /Brisket or Chicken \$8.00

## March 3rd (Monday)

Dinner: 5:30 pm

**V99 Prom - C99 Cheminot**

Meetings 6:30 pm

Menu: Salad bar / London Broil \$8.00

## March 6th (Thursday)

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

## March 7th (Friday)

6:30 am to 8:30 am

Members & Guest Breakfast

**(IN LOUNGE)**

Menu: Buffett and eggs to order \$8.00

## March 8th (Saturday)

Chateau Opens 2:00 pm

Dinner from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm in  
Box Car Room

Menu: Salad bar / Chicken Alfredo \$8.00

## March 13th (Thursday)

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

## March 14th (Friday)

6:30 am to 8:30 am

Members & Guest Breakfast

Menu: Buffett and eggs to order \$8.00

## March 15th (Saturday)

Chateau Opens 2:00 pm

Dinner 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Salad Bar / Pork Loin or Chicken strips \$8.00

## March 17th (Monday)

**S.A.L.T. 11:00 am**

## March 18th (Tuesday)

**V99 Cheminot - C99 Rendezvous**

Dinner at 5:00 pm

Meetings at 6:00 pm

## March 19th (Wednesday)

**Korean War Veterans Association**

10:00 am to Noon

With Lunch served after the meeting

## March 20th (Thursday)

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

## March 21st (Friday)

6:30 am to 8:30 am

Members & Guest Breakfast

Menu: Buffett and eggs to order \$8.00

## March 21st (Friday - continued)

**2:00 pm Registration starts for Grand du  
WA Petite Prom: Cheminot at 5:00 pm**

Dinner at 6:30 pm

Menu: Cat Fish, Lasagna with salad bar  
\$10.00

## March 22nd (Saturday)

**Grand du Washington Petite Prom begins  
at 9 am (please check agenda for event)**

Lunch at Noon Soup & Sandwich \$7.00

Saturday Banquet 6:00pm

Beef or Chicken \$12.00

**RSVP**

## March 27th (Thursday)

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

## March 28th (Friday)

6:30 am to 8:30 am

Members & Guest Breakfast

Menu: Buffett and eggs to order \$8.00

**KWA Dinner in Box Car Room 5:00 pm**

## March 29th (Saturday)

Chateau opens at 2:00 pm

Dinner served 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Menu: Fried Chicken and Bar BQ Ribs \$8.00

## Coming Events

Look for these upcoming events in which Voyageurs Militaire and Dames can participate.

June 6 & 7 the Cabane 99 Dames will hold a used book sale and bake sale in the Box Car Room. We need all of the used books you would like to donate to this worthy cause. No text books or magazines please. Bring your books to the Chateau and leave them in the Lounge entry or the Box Car Room so they can be picked up and stored until the sale date. By the sale date the Dames will have picked the charity to receive the money and will make the announcement.

Mid-July Family Picnic sponsored by the La Femmes. This will be a free potluck picnic at the Chateau for families including children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, etc. Closer to the date we will poll the membership so we will know how many people plan to attend and we can order the food. The Chateau will provide hotdogs and hamburgers to accompany the picnic potluck dishes everyone will bring. Stay tuned for more information about the Family Picnic in July.

## **Voiture Shirt Sales**



The La Femmes have a limited number of RED T-SHIRTS and WHITE POLO SHIRTS for sales on a first come basis. The T-Shirts have a pocket and are on sale for \$15.00 each, the white polo shirts have a pocket and are on sale for \$25.00 each. Contact Roberta Giesler (909-5124) or see her at the Chateau meeting nights, Friday morning or Saturday evening. The La Femmes also have the red polo shirts (\$30.00 each) and can special order either the letterman jackets or red wind breaker style jackets. The red jacket does come in other colors if that is what one would prefer.



Barbara Yasson

## **Great Western Promenade**

I have selected the following Members as delegates for V-99 to attend the Great Western Promenade South Dakota, that will be held April 11, 12, 13. The delegates are as follows, Ed Dunkle, Bob Kadow, Dan Tarbell, John Clapp. Bob Kadow was chosen at the 2013 Promenade held in Boise, Idaho to be in charge of the 2015 Promenade which is being held in Vancouver by Volture 99. This event will bring in people from all over the Western States to Vancouver and should be a boon to the economy of Vancouver.

Bob Brennan  
Chef 2013/2014

## **Loci News**

From the Loci Committee

The month of January and February I do a lot of maintenance on the Loci. Primarily a new front axle with air brakes. The only function planned for March is the Paddy HoughParade.

If you want to ride along, contact  
George Golden.

Jim R.  
Loci Chair



## **U.S. invasion of Iwo Jima triggers one of WWII's bloodiest battles**

FEBRUARY 19, 1945: American forces launched one of the bloodiest battles of World War II after invading the Japanese island of Iwo Jima on this day in 1945. The U.S. Marines' five-week assault - the first Allied attack on Japan's home territory - was so costly that it accelerated U.S. efforts to build the first nuclear bomb.

Of the 70,000 Americans hoping to capture a staging post to launch an invasion of the main islands 660 miles away, almost 7,000 died and 19,000 were wounded. Japanese resistance was so fierce that only 200 out of 22,000 defending soldiers surrendered despite having no hope of withdrawing or being reinforced.

Almost 19,000 were killed and 3,000 others hid in a labyrinth of caves in the eight-square-mile volcanic rock and continued to attack Americans for months afterwards.

Japan also launched 1,465 Kamikaze attacks in which pilots killed themselves by intentionally steering their planes towards Ships.

In the end, superior American might helped tipped the balance but only after almost three months of fighting on the 60-mile-long island.