



# Boxcar Bulletin



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**Election Night - Monday May 5th**  
**As Voyageurs, it's your duty to attend and vote!**



## From the Chef de Gare

“Good of the Order, General Good and Welfare, or Open Form”.

“This heading, included by some types of societies in their order of business, refers to the general welfare of the organization and may vary in character. Under this heading (in contrast to the general parliamentary rule that allows discussion only with reference to a pending motion) members who obtain the floor commonly are permitted to offer informal observations regarding the work of the organization, the public reputation of the society or its members”.

Robert Rule of Order 11th Edition (pocket book)  
page 362 line 4 to line12  
(our open forum for speaking, is under The Good of the Voiture)

Bob Brennan  
Chef20013/2014

## **CHEFS SURVEY OF MEMBERS**

While this is a small token of members. I want to thank the members who took the time to send in their information.

**WE HAD LESS THAN 10% OF MEMBERS RETURN SURVEY.**

**YOUNGEST IS 50 YEARS OLD-SERVED 1981 TO 1991**

**OLDEST IS 93 YEARS OLD-SERVED 1939 TO 1953**

**PERCENT BY YEAR SERVED YEARS**

26.9	SERVED	1951 TO 1956
19.2	SERVED	1956 TO 1960
15.3	SERVED	1961 TO 1965
19.2	SERVED	1966 TO 1970

**RETIRED FROM SERVICE BY BRANCH**

**26.9 OF ALL SURVEYED ARE RETIRED**

30.7	ARMY
19.2	NAVY
23.0	MARINES
26.9	AIR FORCE

**NOTHING WAS TURNED IN FOR THE COAST GUARD**

**BOB BRENNAN  
CHEF 2013/2014**

## Correspondents Notes

Come to the May 5th Prom and enjoy an opportunity to listen to Vancouver Mayor Tim Levitt thank us for what we do for the community.

The Finance Committee has been churning and burning to get a usable budget in place. This new budget will be different than any of our past budgets. Instead of telling a committee chairman that he has two thousand dollars to spend for the year, he or she will be given a percentage of the income that is received from bingo last month. In doing this, we will not be scrambling for dollars to meet our donations when the chips are down.

We will be voting for our 2014-2015 officers at the next prom on May 5th. It would be a good idea for everyone to be in attendance to make sure your vote is for the person of your choice. Notice that not all positions have just one nominee. On the ballet for Chef de Gare is Bob Brennan and Jerry Keen, Chef de Train Jim Renton, Garde de la Porte Bob Bean and George Golden, Correspondant Frank Falbee, Commissaire Intendant Karla Bean, Commis Voyageur Mike Stacey, Lampiste John Root, Aumonier Dr. Jim Meade, and for the Cheminot we will vote for two of these five Brian Brown, Dave Shattuck, JW Bailey, Tino Renon, and Frank Cooley. Come and make your vote count. The Correspondant will enter one vote for those unopposed candidates. The new officers will take their posts in September.

We will also be voting on additional nominees for membership. We will not have another wreck until the 2015 cards arrive.

Phil Yasson  
Correspondent

## Attention La Femmes



The Dames' used book and bake sale will be held on June 6 – 7 in the Boxcar Room. Please donate your used books and DVDs to the cause. Leave your donations in the Boxcar Room or at the Chateau Lounge entry. No textbooks or magazines please. The proceeds from the sale will go to the Medical Technician Scholarship fund.

Dale Alblinger, the first student to receive the Medical Technician scholarship was introduced to the Dames at the April Rendezvous. He is a Clark College student and will finish

his degree in December.

Thanks to all of the voyageurs and dames for your donations to the VA Transplant Lodge. The facility is at capacity and those donations greatly help the veterans awaiting their transplant. Contact Norma Cooley at home at 360-687-4107 if you have perishables. Fruit and vegetables and bottled water are always welcome as well as non-fat yogurt and sour cream, low fat cream cheese and unsalted butter.

## Grande Promenade

This year the Grande Promenade will be held in Spokane Washington .

Anyone planning to attend, I have posted a copy of the registration on the Events page on our website at

[www.voiture-99.com](http://www.voiture-99.com)



## **Saluting Future Military Service Members**

**You are cordially invited to attend a special recognition ceremony honoring local young men and women who have enlisted in the U.S. Military.**

**Please join us and show your support for future military service members who have made a commitment to defend and serve our country.**

**Ceremony to be held at  
Skyview High School Auditorium  
1300 NW 139th Street  
Vancouver, WA 98685  
Saturday, April 26, 2014  
At 12 p.m.**

**Cake and ice cream social to follow**

**Please e-mail your RSVP to  
[nwcommunitysalutes@gmail.com](mailto:nwcommunitysalutes@gmail.com)  
or call 503-256-1436**

The Community Salutes Committee is comprised of local veterans, educators, community and business leaders interested in recognizing local young men and women who have answered the call to duty.

## Hail and Farewell

You will be missed  
Robert Dean



# Chateau Schedule for May 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**

## May 1<sup>st</sup> (Thursday)

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

## May 2<sup>nd</sup> (Friday)

6:30 am to 8:30 am  
(IN LOUNGE)

Members & Guest Breakfast  
Menu: Buffett and eggs to order \$8.00

## May 3<sup>rd</sup> (Saturday)

Chateau Opens 2:00 pm  
Come celebrate Cinco de Mayo  
Dinner from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm in Box Car Room  
Menu: Salad bar/Prime Rib \$15.00  
Music

## May 5<sup>th</sup> (Monday)

*V-99 Prom - C99 Cheminot*

### ELECTION NIGHT

Dinner: 5:30 pm  
PROM: 6:30 pm  
Menu: Salad bar/Tacos/ Enchiladas \$8.00

## May 8<sup>th</sup> (Thursday)

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

## May 9<sup>th</sup> (Friday)

Members & Guest Breakfast  
6:00 am to 8:30 am  
Menu: Buffett and eggs to order \$8.00

## May 10<sup>th</sup> (Saturday)

Chateau Opens 2:00 pm  
Dinner 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm  
Salad Bar/Meat Loaf or Lasagna \$8.00

## May 15<sup>th</sup> (Thursday)

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

## May 16<sup>th</sup> (Friday)

Members & Guest Breakfast  
6:00 am to 8:30 am  
Menu: Buffett and eggs to order \$8.00

## May 17<sup>th</sup> (Saturday)

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

## May 19<sup>th</sup> (Monday)

*S.A.L.T.*

11:00am

## May 20<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)

*V99 Cheminot - C99 Rendezvous*

Dinner at 5:00pm  
Meetings at 6:00 pm  
Menu: Salad Bar/\$8.00

## May 22<sup>nd</sup> (Thursday)

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

## May 23<sup>rd</sup> (Friday)

Members & Guest Breakfast  
6:00 am to 8:30 am  
Menu: Buffett and eggs to order \$8.00

## May 24<sup>th</sup> (Saturday)

Chateau opens at 2:00 pm  
Dinner served 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm  
Menu: Salad Bar/Chicken Fried steak \$8.00

## May 29<sup>nd</sup> (Thursday)

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

## May 30<sup>th</sup> (Friday)

Members & Guest Breakfast  
6:00 am to 8:30 am  
Menu: Buffett and eggs to order \$8.00

## May 31<sup>st</sup> (Saturday)

Chateau opens at 2:00 pm  
Dinner served 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm  
Menu: Salad Bar/Fried Chicken or Ribs \$8.00



## A short excerpt from the most recent letter from the 40 et 8 Nationale Public Relations Directeur Robert Cearlock

Voyageurs All,

Over the last couple years I have to admit that I have been disturbed by some things that I put aside. I have attempted to justify this by telling myself that it was a generational thing and that has existed since long before I was born. Here lately I have heard and seen an escalation in the behavior and I believe silence is a disservice to my fellow Voyageurs.

All of us have served in the Armed Forces. Some of us have even risen to leadership roles as NCOs or Officers and I know we were all taught a cardinal rule of leadership; Praise in public, admonish in private. We have worked hard to bring the next generation into La Societe but we have to remember that they are two, sometimes three generations different than our oldest Voyageurs. This is a great thing but it presents a great deal of opportunity for what I call generational miscommunication.

There are those among us that believe that the young Voyageurs coming into our ranks have no respect for our traditions and institutions. I am afraid that they may be correct on some level. I am more afraid that the reason is our traditions have not grown with the times and our institutions have lost much of

the social and moral impact they once enjoyed. Take a long look with an open mind at our programs and I think you will see what I mean. Now think about the last time you looked at new young Voyageur with distain because of the way he or she dresses, addresses elders or misses promenades. Think of how many times you have made disparaging remarks to one of the other voyageurs about how you feel. Worst case of all, how many times have you called out a younger Voyageur for an infraction publicly or in a Promenade?

If we are truly the organization we say we are; the Honor Society of American Veterans, then above all else we must conduct ourselves with honor, respect and comradeship. We all must remember that these new young men

and women were invited to join because of something they did that demonstrated to us that they were worthy..... Or were they simply "recruited" to fill our membership quota? Either way, we are responsible! We do not recruit! We observe, evaluate, nominate, discuss and investigate, and then we invite. If they accept, we mentor, initiate [wreck] and elevate as participation and performance warrants. This is OUR responsibility as Voyageurs Militaire.

As always, yours in service to La Societe,  
Bob "OB 1" Cearlock  
National Directeur, Public Relations  
La Societe 40 et 8

## Loci Information

With the arrival of Spring the Loci schedule is quickly filling up. If you want to get involved as a driver or assistant driver **contact Jim Resleff**.

If you want to ride on the Loci on one of the events contact the driver or assistant driver listed so they know how many are coming and there's enough room for everyone. Some trips are very popular.



## Proposed Loci Schedule

May 4 <sup>th</sup>	Long Beach, Loyalty Days	/ Jan
10 <sup>th</sup>	St. John's Parade	Bo /
17 <sup>th</sup>	Hazel Dell Parade	Ed / Frank
27 <sup>th</sup>	Memorial Day	George /
31 <sup>st</sup>	Starlight Parade (4 pm)	Ed / Jim
31 <sup>st</sup>	Hockinson Fun Days	Bo /