



Boxcar Bulletin



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Chef de Gare's Corner

Chef de Gare's article not available at this time.

A Special Promenade has been called to convene on Saturday morning, August 11th at 10:00 am.

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Correspondants Notes

August is upon us and there are a number of important things going on at the Voiture. First and foremost is membership. The new 2019 Membership cards are in and available. Our goal at the Voiture is to have all members renewed as soon as possible. Not only does this help in our Grand and National standings, but it more importantly allows time to recruit new members and build up a solid membership base of voyageurs who will participate in our monthly activities. Our dues are still only \$25.00. If you cannot come into the Chateau you can mail in your check and I will get your new card out to you immediately. Or you can drop off your check either at the Chateau or over at the Bingo Hall and they will get it to me. A third option is that I have had a mail box installed at the entrance to the Chateau. It is checked daily, even if the Chateau is closed. **Chef Kadow has announced that the Friday "Happy Hour" has been cancelled as of the end of July.** I have been asked by a number of people "why". The only answer I can give is lack of participation. Even if we are working with volunteers, it still costs money to open the doors. If enough of you feel strongly about having Happy Hour on a Friday afternoon, maybe it can be revisited in the fall. Most everyone will be back from vacation by then and normal routines will return.

Ever hear the term "Volunteers are needed"? At every meeting we have, it seems someone is always asking for volunteers to help with some project, function or chore. Unfortunately, this is the only way we have to help keep some of our operating costs down. One example is the cleanup of the kitchen in the Chateau. This will cost upwards of \$1,000.00. What will help keep the cost under control is having people help move everything out of the kitchen area so the professionals can clean it properly. Then, of course, put everything back. If everyone could find the time to help out, just on occasion, not every time the call goes out, we could really get a lot done, have some fun and save a buck or two. So next time the call goes out for help, think about it. If we continue to rely on the same few individuals time and time again,

eventually they will turn us down and we will have to hire someone to do the job. So, if you can find the time, help out.

Frank Falbee
Correspondant
Voiture 99

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La Femmes



Another month has just about passed us by and the La Femme's are busy as usual planning for our fall activities. We had our annual Meet and Greet in July and we well welcome another new member, Heidi Moore. Looking forward to getting to know her and include her in all of our activities.

Picnic time is coming up and hope to see all of you there for the pot luck and for those of you who have not paid your dues it will be a great time to get your new cards for the year 2018-2019.

September is Nationale so we will have both the Rendezvous and Cheminot on the same night (September 4th) hope to see all of you in attendance.

The Dames will be cooking at the Car Show on Labor Day so come out and enjoy great food while you check out all of the cars.

For any of you who might want more information about the La Femme's call Judy Bailey at 360-798-5166 or Judy Mead at 360-828-1558.

We are looking forward to working with the Voyageur in the coming year support and promote their programs.

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Voiture 99 History Book

Hope everyone is having a good summer. Keep taking pictures and we will continue to update the 2018 Voiture 99 history album.

From: Historian – Dixie Lee Hotaling

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Voiture 99 Annual Picnic

Todd Boyd announced that the annual 40/8 Picnic will be held on the 11th of August, beginning at noon. He would like some help pulling things together so if you have some time he would appreciate any help.

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Historian

Hello All, We are into the hot August nights. Hope everyone is staying cool. I am gearing up for the next level of collecting the stories for the 2019 edition of the History Book. We captured the history of Voiture 99. The next phase to pen the Voyageurs stories. SO... I am asking everyone to think about something you want to share with others. It can be a paragraph or full page. A photo would nice to go with it. I know this is a lot to ask but let's face it each and everyone of you deserves recognition for your service.

More to come later.
Historian - Dixie Hotaling

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Marketing News

The Marketing Committee is focusing on community outreach, to identify funding opportunities. We will place a box listed ad out in the Chamber of Commerce publications. The Chamber has a vast outreach network involving all aspects of the media. Having exposure in their network will afford us business connections – possible – future sponsors for some of our fundraising events.

CHATEAU SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 2018

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 8:30 am.

Voiture 99 Meeting Reminders:
Prom-
Cheminot- TUESDAY 8/21/18

Special Promenade (Saturday) August 11th at 10:00 am

<u>(Sunday)</u>	<u>(Monday)</u>	<u>(Tuesday)</u>	<u>1 (Wednesday)</u>	<u>2 (Thursday)</u>	<u>3 (Friday)</u>	<u>4 (Saturday)</u>
					Member & Guest Breakfast 7:30am – 9:00am	Chateau Open 12:00pm-7:00pm Lunch 12:00pm-3:00pm
<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u> Military Appreciation Day Clark County Fair (Visit our booth at the Fair) BNI Networking 6:00am-9:00am	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u> Member & Guest Coffee & Donuts 8:30am – 10:00am	<u>10</u> Member & Guest Breakfast 7:30am – 9:00am CMAC 8:30am-10:00am	<u>11</u> Special Promenade 10:00am Members Picnic 12pm - 3pm Chateau Open 12:00pm - 7:00pm Lunch 12:00pm - 3:00pm
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<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u> *Cheminot Dinner 5:30 pm Meetings 6:30pm *Alzheimer's Bingo Fundraiser Bingo Hall BNI Networking 6:00am-9:00am	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u> Member & Guest Coffee & Donuts 8:30am – 10:00am	<u>24</u> Member & Guest Breakfast 7:30am – 9:00am CMAC 8:30am-10:00am	<u>25</u> 40 et 8 Veterans Car Wash 12pm – 5pm
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<p>Chateau Lounge is open Saturday, 12-7pm--Grill is open 12-3pm for lunch ** New Saturday lunch MENU available! Come check it out!!</p> <p>** Military Appreciation Day, 8/7/18. Come check out our 40 et 8 booth! ** 40 et 8 Membership Picnic, 8/11/18. ** 1st Annual Veterans Car Wash, 8/25 & 8/26 at 40 et 8. <u>Need volunteers!!</u></p>						

Americanism

Dear Voyageurs,

It has been my pleasure to serve you this year as your Chair of Americanism. A big thank you to all of those who turned in your time and travel sheets. You deserve recognition for all of the things you do for our programs! This information has been forwarded on to the Grande Officer for compilation.

I attended Beaches Car Show this month where I and the Loci crew handed out about 20 flags to kids and visited with lots of car enthusiasts.

One of my coworkers mentioned that her first-grade daughter got a flag from our program and was really stoked about it. It is so heart warming to see the kids

having a positive reaction to our community outreach programs.

I attended the one year memorial Mass for the passing of Voyageur Tom Dombek. I feel Americanism is not just flag-waving, but helping educate future generations and remembering the generations that have helped to pave the way for Patriotism and Peace to flourish.

On a somewhat related note, I really want to continue to serve our Voiture on the Americanism Committee. Last year as a new member I did not want to see this committee not have a Chairperson. But our policies and procedures as currently written do not permit it. Policy 12 section B. states "Any Voyageur of Voiture 99 will not be named to any Voiture 99 committee. The exception is the finance committee."

Our active membership is dwindling and it is a shame that people who are able and willing to serve

are unable to do so because of this policy. I feel all should be able to participate, but if there is a vacancy I feel any Voyageur in good standing can be named to a committee. Next Cheminot meeting I will propose legislation in the proper format for due consideration.

I'm sorry I could not be with you at Cheminot to share this with you in person, but some of us have to work so you can get your Social Security checks!

I still have pins from both years for sale and RED t-shirts.

Thanks again for being so supportive of the Americanism fundraising and Educational Programs.

Yours in Service to the Voiture,
Annie Beaton

Presentation One given by
Ron Fryer

Voiture 99 is a business with several areas of creating revenue to achieve our goals. The main areas of creating these revenues are:

1. The Bingo Hall
2. The Chateau kitchen (Friday Breakfasts and Saturday dinners)
3. The bar
4. Rental of the Boxcar Room

There are also additional sources of income that produce small amounts, such as raffles, car shows, dinners and events.

When a business is losing revenue, it must look at all sources of revenue and decide which are making money and which are losing money. Common sense tells us that the areas that are producing revenue should be kept and the sources that are losing money should either be fixed or be shut down.

Chateau:

Uses by outside groups of lounge or boxcar room: 192 times last year. Revenue: \$9000 Many were not charged anything. Could be charged minimal amount and increase revenue. Kitchen and bar activities need review to determine efficiency and profitability.

Bingo Hall (40&8)

Bingo Gross Receipts for 2017 \$3,682,994
Minus payouts = Net receipts \$996,046
Minus Local Tax \$49,363 = Balance \$946,683

Bingo gross receipts: 2010 \$4,800,785
2017 \$3,682,994

Loss of \$1,117,791

Bingo attendance: 2010 96,961
2017 49,817

Loss of 47,144 About 50%

Statewide, Bingo has declined an average of \$7.5M statewide over the last 5 years.

Statewide, attendance was 670,531 in 2010. Dropped to 296,003 in 2017. A loss of 374,528 attendees.

Statewide, 2010 had 12 Bingo Halls in class H-J statewide. Today there are only 7 Bingo Halls in class H-J (and one more has fallen below the mark of \$1.5M)

***Data from** Washington State Gambling Commission website & 40 & 8 Sept.2017 through May 2018 bookkeeping records.

Sept 2017 – May 2018: 40&8 Bingo lost \$85,000. These are supposed to be good months.

Money from Bingo Parlor to Voiture: Fiscal year 2014-15 \$135,000 total.

The only other money came 16 months later on November 23, 2016 \$45,000. NONE SINCE. Line of credit then created for new AC unit. (\$50K).

\$42,500 supposed to be held in reserve for Jackpots (in case they all hit in the same day). We have used \$17,825 to pay our bills in the past 9 months, leaving a balance of \$24,674. This puts us a risk.

Loan against CD is now: \$72,000 (Bingo made commitment to pay \$5,000/month. Only interest payments have been made as of this date. \$181/month).

Transfer of tax exemption status from Chateau to Bingo Hall: Not possible because Bingo is retail and Chateau is non-profit. Possible: Section off a portion of the building for exclusive use of Voiture 99 with separate entrance which can be classified as non-profit. That portion can then apply for exempt status.

If Bingo was closed, we would save \$946,000 / yr

Additional costs of maintaining the Bingo Hall building:

HVAC: 3 units at \$65,000 each = \$195,000

Reseal metal roof: \$500-\$1000

Estimated cost to convert to offices: \$400,000

Other costs of closing Bingo:

Vacation Pay: \$6,600 (this could already be paid by the time we have a vote on this issue)

Severance and Insurance packages \$ Unknown

Contract for Fortunate: \$36,000 (3 months)

Copy Machine lease: \$250/mo X number of months left on the lease. (We may use the machine to print copies and flyers for events until lease is finished, since there is no option for ending the lease other than making all the payments.).

Bingo Equipment disposal: \$ Unknown - Non-operational, no interest in equipment
Pull Tabs & Bingo paper return \$ Unknown (Unopened games may be able to be returned. There may be a restocking fee.)
Disposal of tables and chairs and other unwanted equipment. \$Unknown, many tables and chairs in disrepair, old, outdated. No real value.

Appraisal fee

Survey costs

Perimeter Fence to separate Bingo Hall property from Chateau property. (Necessary if either is sold)

Summary:

Bingo is declining throughout the State, including here in Vancouver. This trend has been going on for many years according to the Washington State Gambling Commission. The number of Bingo Halls in the state is steadily declining. The number of players is also on the decline. While we are not to blame for this trend,

we will be responsible for our losses if we allow this trend to continue to affect our financial status. We need to address this issue immediately, or suffer the consequences. Bingo no longer provides a viable and sustainable income. Therefore, this committee recommends that we close the Bingo operation and sell the Bingo building and associated property, and invest the money in an income producing instrument. The income derived from this could easily sustain our charity work as well as the Chateau/Boxcar building. If we sold the bingo hall building and land, and stopped the bingo operation, we would no longer be regulated by the gambling commission and no longer be paying huge license fees, property taxes, insurance and wages connected with that property. Do we really want another business? Management? Salaries? We are on a critical timeline. Cash on hand says it all!

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Presentation Two given by Patrick Locke

Core Premise and Values:

Our goal is to restructure the business to operate at a high level of efficiency and profitability.

What we are experiencing is a classic business turnaround situation.

Our highest urgency is to evaluate the business accurately and develop a positive plan of action.

This means fully evaluating the finances and the operation.

The plan we develop must be consistent with this evaluation.

We believe our organization possesses the talent and expertise to evaluate our current situation and identify specific elements financially and operationally which will begin to move us toward financial solvency.

The first step is for the leadership to fully understand our financial status.

We have as individuals and small groups reviewed various elements of the financial picture.

The urgency is for the entire leadership to sit together review, question, clarify and evaluate the financial records until we have a full and clear understanding of our financial status.

This process will lead us to urgently identify and eliminate cash flow drains to the operation.

This may require:

- ◆ Overall management changes in the operation.
- ◆ Identifying and correcting operational deficiencies in processes and procedures.
- ◆ Identifying a gaming cash payout structure that will work for customers and organization.
- ◆ Reducing labor costs by the development of an effective volunteer program.
- ◆ Identifying and developing viable alternative streams of income.

Concurrently the management team must also develop and refine a strategic plan for the future. Asking the questions:

1. What do we do now?
2. What can we do now?
3. What can we do in the Future?

Elements of a Successful Turnaround:

A feasible organizational strategy which maintains and develops satisfied customers.

An effective organizational team of enthusiastic people to carry out a well designed plan.

An appropriately managed and monitored cash flow plan and structure.

Challenges to our course of action:

Evaluating the financial data to arrive at an accurate status.

Acquiring necessary data needed for developing viable courses of action:

Identifying the economic trends for the region.

Evaluating potential uses for property & buildings based on location, size, and equipment.

Evaluating property usage based on our organizational purpose.

Process and Procedure to move toward positive results.

It is our belief that there are inconsistencies in the records which must be clarified and if necessary corrected in order for the leadership to appropriately evaluate our financial state accurately.

For this reason we must schedule a meeting in the Boxcar room where we can project the financial documents on the big screen.

Bring all members who are in a leadership position together to review the records. This will include the bookkeeper and highest ranking employee of the facility.

We will review every item on the chart of accounts and have any and all detail available as well.

We must raise questions and define the contents of the financial detail.

We will have a qualified parliamentarian present to maintain order for this procedure.

We will establish ground rules for the process.

Once we have completed this review we must identify a format for the results to be presented.

When the results are published we must again bring the leadership together to again review and clarify our financial condition. From this point we will develop a cash flow spreadsheet with sufficient detail to accurately forecast current and future financial demands.

Concurrently we will have members reviewing operational policy and procedures to streamline cost of operations. All procedures and policies will be documented and a training program implemented for employees and volunteers.

We will also concurrently develop a membership program designed to target and recruit military veterans within Clark and Cowlitz counties.

We will also concurrently develop a member volunteer program to bring existing and new membership into service.

We believe that by following this full process we will be capable of turning the entire operation into a profitable business which will develop cash to sustain our charitable programs.

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Tax refunds for certain veterans under Combat-Injured Veterans Tax Fairness Act

From IRS Legislative Affairs Division

Topic: Certain veterans can claim a refund for disability severance payments included as taxable income.

Who it affects: Certain veterans (see below)

Key Points:

- If a veteran separated from military service after Jan. 17, 1991, received a one-time lump-sum disability severance payment and included that payment as income on a tax return, they may be due a refund.
- Affected veterans will get a letter from the Department of Defense with information explaining how to claim tax refunds they are entitled to.

Those veterans should file [Form 1040X](#), Amended U.S. Individual Income Tax Return, to claim their credit or refund of the overpayment attributable to the disability severance payment.

Information on what affected vets need to do and how to do it are included in IRS [News Release IR-2018-148](#).

- Vets can claim refunds (file amended tax returns) up to one year from the date of their letter from DoD or 3 years from the due date of the return, whichever is later.

Through a simplified process, affected veterans can choose to claim a standard refund amount based on the calendar year in which they received the severance payment. See news release for standard amounts and years to which they apply. Alternately, vets can submit a claim based on the actual amount of their disability severance payment if they have sufficient documentation.

Upcoming Events



David Palmer Photography



7th ANNUAL SALUTE TO VETERANS CAR & MOTORCYCLE SHOW



August 11, 2018 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Washington County Fair Complex

873 NE 34th Avenue, Hillsboro Or. 97214 (Exit 61-A off of Hwy. 26)

All cars, trucks and motorcycles welcome! FREE Admission to Spectators

Over 350 Show Cars, Trucks & Motorcycles, Car Corral, Active & Vintage Military Vehicles, Huey Helicopter landing, West Coast Ravens Fly Over, SWAT Car, Police & Fire Vehicles, Race Cars...

Food, Vendors, Trophies, Classic Tracks DJ, Corral Creek Blue Grass Band, Huge Raffle, 50/50 Raffle, and more...

ALL PROCEEDS WILL SUPPORT: Oregon Paralyzed Veterans of America (local projects), Returning Veterans Project, Salvation Army Veterans & Family Center (Transitional Housing for 80 homeless veterans and their families) and the MHRC Scholarship Fund (assisting students pursuing automotive related programs).

Registration form on back

Long Term Care Fair

In-Home Care or
Assisted Living?

Planning
for the
Future

How can the
VA help?

How to pay
for care?

You're invited to join VA staff & special guests to learn valuable information about Long Term Care on Sept. 11, 2018, at Portland VA Medical Center.

Do you need help at home?

Wondering how to pay for care?

Considering in-home care or assisted living?

Are you and your family planning for the future or wondering how the VA can help if you're a veteran?

If you're a Veteran or a family member of a Veteran, then please join us on Tuesday, September 11, 2018, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Portland VA Medical Center Auditorium located on the second floor at 3710 SW U.S. Veterans Hospital Rd., Portland, OR 97239.



VETERAN'S CAR AND Motorcycle Show

September 3, 2018 10AM to 3PM at the 40 & 8 on 78th street
next to the BINGO parlor. 1/2 mile East of Hwy 99

Goodie Bags



Contact: Earl Edwards 360-513-8251
Bob Kadow 360-606-5195
Chiff Taylor 360-901-8671

Benefits 40 et 8 Veterans Aid and Assistance Programs

CLARK COUNTY VETERANS ASSISTANCE CENTER 2018 VETERANS STAND DOWN & EXPO

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2018 0900 (9:00AM.) TO 1400 (2:00PM.)

V.A. CAMPUS (GYM) 1601 NE FOURTH PLAIN BLVD VANCOUVER WA 98661

- V.A. CLAIMS & REGISTRATION
- HOUSING ASSISTANCE
- HEALTH & DENTAL
- HAIRCUTS
- COMMUNITY RESOURCES
- EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
- COUNSELING SERVICES
- AFTERNOON MEAL PROVIDED
- TRANSPORTATION SERVICES PROVIDED FROM 13TH & COLUMBIA
 - SHARE HOUSE ON 13TH & ESTHER SHORT PARK TO THE V.A. CAMPUS

OPEN TO ALL VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Upcoming Events

Loci Schedule

If you see a trip scheduled and are interested in riding along contact Jim Resleff, Marc Lacy or George Golden for that particular event to make sure there is room for you and any guests you may have.

August	1st	National Night Out-Tam O'Shanter Park, Kelso 5:30 pm
	8th	Beaches Car Show 3:30pm
Sept	5th	Beaches Car Show 3:30pm
	8th	Highlander Parade
	22nd	Extreme Machines, Kelso

1st Annual Veterans Car Wash at 40 et 8

Date: August 25th & 26th
Time: 12pm - 5pm
Location: 7607 NE 26th Avenue
 Vancouver, WA 98664
Cost: Cars \$10 / Trucks \$15



Food & Beverages:

Hamburger w/chips	\$6.50
Cheeseburger w/chips	\$7.00
Hot Dog w/chips	\$3.50
Soda, water & coffee	\$1.00

All money raised goes back into
40 et 8 programs & our community



Spaghetti dinner and an evening of Bingo for
\$25.00

All to help fight the Alzheimers Disease.

BINGO for the BRAINS

Join us in the fight to end Alzheimer's Disease.

BINGO and Spaghetti. Fun and Fundraising.

Hosted by JEA Senior Living. All proceeds donated to the 2018 Walk to End Alzheimer's.

Public Welcome!

Tuesday ~ August 21 ~ 5:30 pm

40 et 8 Bingo Parlor *7607 NE 26th Ave*Vancouver, WA 98665

Got questions? 360-254-9442

RSVP at rachel.kohl@jeacorp.com

Tickets online or at the door (cash only)

Buy tickets online: Eventbrite BINGO for the Brains

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bingo-for-the-brains-tickets-48400199299>

Shuttle schedule leaving from the Vancouver VA
Hospital to and from the Portland VA Hospital

Depart Vancouver

(Bldg. 11, Main
Entrance)

720 AM
850 AM
1030 AM
NOON
115 PM
315 PM
410 PM
545 PM

Depart Portland

(Bldg. 100, Main
Hospital Entrance)

815 AM
930 AM
1130 AM
1230 PM
215 PM
410 PM
445 PM
615 PM