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From the Chef de Gare

I am looking forward to the picnic on August 22nd. It should be a fun time with burgers, hot dogs and games. Bring the whole family.

As we wind down the year I look forward to turning the reins over to Jim Renton and I'm sure he welcomes a productive year as your Chef De Gare.

The Correspondent reports that with the Wreck to be held Saturday, July 25th, we will reach our goal of 100% Membership..

I look forward to spending the next year as your Passe Chef and will continue to work for the benefit of the Voiture.

Jerry Keen

Correspondant Notes

August is here and so begins the new membership year drive. Your 2016 membership cards are available at the Chateau at Friday Breakfast and during the Cheminot (and Promenade beginning in September). They will also be available at the Picnic on the 22nd of August. However, if you are in the area and the Chateau is open, John Clapp or one of the other members of the staff can issue you your card and accept your renewal dues. Remember, it's our goal to have all dues paid prior to the 31st of December 2015. Membership in the 40/8 has not been increased in many years. It remains at \$25.00 per year.

Set aside the 22nd of August on your calendar for our annual Picnic. There will be Free Beer, Soda Hamburgers and Hot Dogs. Plus I'm told that there will be a number of outdoor activities, provided the weather cooperates. So make plans to come down and enjoy yourself in the company of your fellow voyageurs. And don't forget to bring your "GOOFS". What better way to introduce them to our extended family.

Attention La Femmes



The summer months are here and hope you are all staying cool with the hot weather. Not a lot going on during the summer but we still have our Cheminot meetings and look forward to all of you attending that are in town and able to do so. Our new officers are in place and will take over their duties in September, give them all the support that you can. Let Marsha know what committees that you would like to work on this next year. We would like to see as many of you on a committee as we can, each committee should have at least three members.

You can start paying your 2016 membership dues at any time, they are still only \$25.00 for the year, we made over 100% this past year and would like to continue that into 2016. See either Elaine or Roberta to pay your dues.

We are always looking for new members so if you know of anyone that would be interested in knowing more about the La Femme's or in joining contact any of the members and they should be able to give you the information to pass on. There are membership applications in the box above the sign in stand in the Chateau and Roberta almost always carries some with her.

Have a great summer see you all at Cheminot on the 18th of August.

**40 & 8
Americanism
Newsletter - Area A
August 2015**

From the desk of Dixie Lee Hotaling -
Americanism Sous Directeur Area A

August has arrived. It brings with it heat, humidity and lazy days. Fireflies dart back and forth, the swimming hole is crowded with people trying to stay cool. Evening stars are brighter than ever. Amidst mid-summer, voyageurs are preparing for the National Prom in Green Bay Wisconsin. Hope to see many of you there. I will be bringing a limited supply of Americanism folder samples and the latest tri-fold "Flags of Our Country" printouts.

Midsummer Historical Moments

August has important historical events to remember: August 10, 1945 Japan unconditionally surrendered to the allied powers. President Truman announced the surrender on August 14. The ratification took place September 2 onboard the USS Missouri anchored in Tokyo Bay.

Did you know that August 14 is a Navajo Nation holiday honoring the Code Talkers of World War II? The Code Talkers used the Navajo language to transmit military messages, and the Axis powers never succeeded in breaking the code.

On August 18, 1920, the Nineteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, giving women the right to vote.

August 30, 1963 marked the day that a direct hotline was opened between the Pentagon in Washington D.C. and the Kremlin in Russia. Its intent was to provide direct communication and thereby eliminate the possibility of the countries going to war accidentally.

A Hearty Thank-You

Thank you for all of your support this year. Americanism met its goals of reaching children across America and promoting Patriotism. We did this as a team. Thank you for allowing me to be part of that team. Thank you States for getting your consolidated report into Tom Smith. That, perhaps, is one of our most important tasks.

See you at National!

Remember: One Child, One Family, One Community, And One State =

One Nation Under God

Gone but not forgotten

John Davies, a 12 year member passed away on June 23, 2015

you will be missed



August
2015

Chateau Schedule for August 2015

Members and guests allowed on Friday for breakfast and . 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

REMEMBER the Lounge will be open on Fridays Hours of operation will be

Noon to 5:00 pm

(We will stay open longer if we have customers). This is a test run for the summer, if we can make a profit then we will consider serving some food in the future.

WE ARE SERVING DINNERS

ON SATURDAYS

Saturday Dinner Menus

Hours 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm

August 1st (Saturday)

Chateau opens at 2:00 pm

Dinner @ 5:00 pm

Brat's/Sauerkraut

Salad Bar \$8.00

* **Remember: No Prom until** *
* **September.** *

August 6th (Thursday)

Members & Guest Coffee

8:30 am to 10:00 am

August 7th (Friday)

Members & Guest Breakfast

7:30 am to 9:00 am

Menu: Breakfast off the Grill and eggs to order

\$8.00

Chateau Opens @ Noon

August 8th (Saturday)

Chateau opens at 2:00 pm

Grill Opens at 4:00 pm

No Dinner

August 13th (Thursday)

Members & Guest Coffee

8:30 am to 10:00 am

August 14th (Friday)

Members & Guest Breakfast

7:30 am to 9:00 am

Menu: Breakfast off the Grill and eggs to order

\$8.00

Chateau Opens @ Noon

August 15th (Saturday)

Chateau Opens at 2:00 pm

Dinner: Turkey

And salad bar at 5:00 pm

\$8.00

August 18th (Tuesday)

V99 Cheminot / C99 Cheminot

House Committee at 4:30 pm

Dinner at 5:30 pm

Meeting at 6:30 pm

August 19th (Wednesday)

Korean War Veterans

10:00 am

August 20th (Thursday)

Members & Guest Coffee

8:30 am to 10:00 am

August 21st (Friday)

Members & Guest Breakfast

7:30 am to 9:00 am

Menu: Breakfast off the Grill and eggs to order

\$8.00

Chateau Opens @ Noon

August 22nd (Saturday)

Members Picnic!!

Pot Luck Bring Your Favorite Dish

WE provide hamburgers and hotdogs

We will serve at 1:30 pm

Beer/Pop/Wine

Chateau Opens Noon

Members may bring one guest and remember because of the alcohol no one under 21 please.

August 27th (Thursday)

Members & Guest Coffee

8:30 am to 10:00 am

August 28th (Friday)

Members & Guest Breakfast

7:30 am to 9:00 am

Menu: Breakfast off the Grill and eggs to order

\$8.00

Chateau Opens @ Noon

August 29th (Saturday)

Chateau Opens 2:00 pm

Dinner: **Steak Night**

RSVP with John 936-5505

\$12.00

Free is a Very Good Price

Anyone have a need for handicap equipment? Free for the asking: wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, and canes and much more. Contact Rev. Jerry Keesee at 360-573-1035 or Jay Loosey at 360-695-3266.

Remember, it's Free!



VAVS News

In July eight volunteers from V-99 gave out \$300 to 24 patients at the Veterans Hospital in Vancouver. The next bingo night at the VA Hospital is the fourth Thursday in September. Come on down if you want to help. Contact John Lan-dahl if you have any questions.

Trivia



Question: Who signed legislation that officially designated "The Star-Spangled Banner" as America's national anthem?

(Answer on page 3)

Proposed New Jacket Emblem

Need Voyageur Militaire feedback on a new jacket emblem. This design would be embroidered on the jacket not as a separate patch as the old design is. If anyone has a better idea I am open to any and all suggestions. No jackets have been ordered in over a year because of a problem using the patch emblem. Looking to get as much feedback as possible on this subject so that we can move forward for anyone wanting to order a 40 and 8 jacket. Robert A Giesler, email rmgiesler506@comcast.net or phone 360-909-5124



Upcoming Loci Schedule

August -
4th Kelso, National Night Out - Jim
12th Beaches Cruise In - Jim/Jan

September -
9th Beaches Cruise In - George
12th Brush Prairie, Spirit Parade - Marc

October -
Post 14 Children's Halloween Party - Jim

November -
7th Vancouver, Veterans Day Parade - George
27th Vancouver, Xmas Tree Lighting/Santa - Jim
28th Festival of Trees (9am-Noon) - Jim/Marc
28th Uptown Village - George

If you haven't ridden the Loci you really should, it's a lot of fun. Plus your children and grandchildren will have fun.

If you want to ride on the Loci in one of these events contact the driver listed to make sure there is room. Watch the schedule posted in the entryway at the Chateau for last minute cancellations or additions.

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

Answer: On March 3, 1931, U.S. President Herbert Hoover signed legislation that officially designated "The Star-Spangled Banner" as America's national anthem. For more than a century, the song had grown in popularity among Americans and by the third decade of the 20th century had already become the nation's de facto anthem, but with a stroke of the pen, President Hoover made it official. Here are some trivia questions to test your knowledge of our national anthem and how it came to be.

"O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave."

In the words of Red Skelton

"I've been listening to you boys and girls recite the Pledge of Allegiance all semester," Said Mr. Laswell, "and it seems as though it is becoming monotonous to you. May I recite it and try to explain to you the meaning of each word?"

"I" — me, an individual, a committee of one.

"Pledge" — dedicate all of my worldly goods to give without self-pity.

"Allegiance" — my love and my devotion.

"To the flag" — our standard, Old Glory, a symbol of freedom. Wherever she waves, there's respect because your loyalty has given her a dignity that shouts freedom is everybody's job!

"Of the United" — that means that we have all come together.

"States of America" — individual communities that have united into 48 great states. Forty-eight individual communities with pride and dignity and purpose; all divided with imaginary boundaries, yet united to a common purpose, and that's love for country.

"And to the republic" — a state in which sovereign power is invested in representatives chosen by the people to govern. And government is the people and it's from the people to the leaders, not from the leaders to the people.

"For which it stands, one nation" — one nation, meaning "so blessed by God."

"Indivisible" — incapable of being divided.

"With liberty" — which is freedom — the right of power to live one's own life without threats, fear or some sort of retaliation.

"And justice" — the principle or quality of dealing fairly with others.

"For all" — which means, boys and girls, it's as much your country as it is mine.

Since I was a small boy, two states have been added to our country and two words have been added to the Pledge of Allegiance...

"UNDER GOD"

Wouldn't it be a pity if someone said that is a prayer and that would be eliminated from schools too? God Bless America!

"I Pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible with Liberty and Justice for all."

Grande du Washington

Voiture - 99 Officers for 2015

Officer Title	Officer Name	Officer Title	Officer Name
CHEF DE GARE	Dunkle, Ed	CHEF DE GARE	James Renton
CHEF DE TRAIN	Tarbell, Daniel	CHEF DE TRAIN	George Golden
GARDE DE LA PORTE	Sara Lee	GARDE DE LA PORTE	John Root
CORRESPONDANT	Yasson, Phil	CORRESPONDANT	Phil Yasson
COMMISAIRES INTENDANT	Taylor, Roy	COMM. INTENDANT	Karla Bean
CONDUCTEUR	Landahl, John	COMMIS VOYAGEUR	Bob Bean
AUMONIER	Metzger, Jerry	LAMPISTE	Marc Lacy
AVOCAT	Taylor, Roy	AVOCAT	Bob Kadow
COMMIS VOYAGEUR	Bean, Bob	AUMONIER	James Meade
DRAPEAU	Locke, Patrick	PASSE CHEF	Jerry Keen
LAMPISTE	Lee, Sara	CONDUCTOR	Frank Falbee
CHEF DE GARE PASSE	Kadow, Robert	LOCI	Jim Resleff
CHEMINOT NATIONALE ALT.	Kadow, Robert	DIR. AMERICANISM	Hotaling, Dixie
CHEMINOT NATIONALE	Yasson, Phil	DIR. BOX CAR	Patrick Locke
DIR. AMERICANISM	Hotaling, Dixie	DIR. CARVILLE STAR	Richard Fox
DIR. BOX CAR	Plous, Tiffany	DIR. CHILD WELFARE	Dunkle, Ed
DIR. CARVILLE STAR	Severin, Hank	DIR. NURSES TRAINING	Frank Cooley
DIR. CHILD WELFARE	Giesler, Morris	DIR. POW/MIA	Steve Slegers
DIR. MEMBERSHIP	Tarbell, Daniel	DIR. PUBLIC RELATIONS	Bill Hauser
DIR. NURSES TRAINING	Cooley, Frank	DIR. RITUAL	David Foslien
DIR. POW/MIA	Sleger, Steve	DIR. VAVS	Landahl, John
DIR. RITUAL	Foslien, Davie	DIR. VOITURE ACTIVITIES	Marlene Varga
DIR. SPECIAL AWARDS	Radovich, George	DIR. YOUTH SPORTS	Jonathan Edwards
DIR. VAVS	Landahl, John	SOUS DIR YOUTH SPORTS	Earl Edwards
DIR. VOITURE ACTIVITIES	McNaulty, Denny	HISTORIEN	Randy Warneke
DIR. YOUTH SPORTS	Kadow, Robert	VETERANS ASSISTANCE	Clapp, John
DIR. PUBLIC RELATIONS	Hauser, Bill	LEROY BURNS SCH.	Grooms, Sam
SOUS BOX CAR	Stewart, Charles		Parker, Jerry
SOUS COMM. INTENDANT	Bean, Karla		Treosti, John
SOUS CORRESPONDANT	Taylor, Roy		
SOUS VAVS	George, Fred		
SOUS AVOCAT	Severin, Hank		
SOUS GARDE DES PRISONNIERS	Fender, Eric		
GARDE DES PRISONNIERS	Grooms, Sam		
MEDICINE			
Historian			
PUBLICISTE & IMP.	Clapp, John		
L'ARTISTE			
L'EDITOR	Hauser, Bill		
PHOTOGRAPHE	Hauser, Bill		
AIDE DE CAMP	Taylor, Roy		
PROTOCOL			
INTERNAL AFFAIRS	1 Year Metzger, Jerry		
	2 Year Clapp, John		
	3 Year		
TIME AND PLACE	1 Year Severin, Hank		
	2 Year Clapp, John		
	3 Year		
MASTER OF CEREMONIES			