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## Chef de Gare's Corner Morris Giesler

This will be my last Bulletin for my term as Chef de Gare for Voiture 99 runs from September 1, 2018 thru August 31, 2019.

This will finish my Grand Chef de Gare for the State of Washington for this year.

This has been a good year, we were able to get membership to gather supporting the sale of the BINGO Hall. The membership has supported the mission of the organization and worked very hard as well as the staff to support the mission. We have used the Chateau and the Boxcar room with a number of organizations which is why we fixed the Loci shed up so the community world have a place to meet.

The incoming Chef Bob Brennan, will require all members to support the mission of Voiture 99, And support the Chair people who are working the programs.

### A 100 Years and Going Strong!

Who would suspect that this vibrant young man would turn 100 years old? He's now old enough to collect his own life insurance! And he still drives a car, and walks without a cane; I thought I saw him skipping across the parking lot the other day! What a guy!



Naturally Carl Lingenfelter is an honored WWII veteran who served in the US Navy. His last ship was the Vicksburg. His Cruiser was directed to accompany the Battleship USS Missouri into Tokyo Bay to witness the surrender of the Japanese Forces in 1945.

“Cruiser USS Vicksburg when it was directed to accompany the Battleship USS Missouri into Tokyo Bay to witness the surrender of the Japanese Forces in 1945.”\*

Carl grew up on a fruit farm in the Castle Rock area. His family always had plenty to eat, but no money. They did everything by hand and just eeked out a living. Carl joined the Navy in April of 1942 and served on three ships before the Vicksburg. That's where the action began. Carl witnessed the raising



of the flag on Iwo Jima, as well as the taking of Okinawa, the bloodiest battle in the Pacific. (When I was in Okinawa in the 1960's, it was a peaceful island nation with seven little towns along the main road. I saw nothing to remind me of the WWII battle.) Carl “had enough service points to leave the Navy following the war. He could have re-

enlisted but decided to return home with the rank of gunner's mate 2nd class.”\* Carl spent 30+ years as a cross country trucker

*Look for your Service Branch throughout the Boxcar*



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# Chateau Schedule

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 8:30am.- 10:00am

Chateau (360)574-3872

Voiture 99 Meeting Reminders:  
Prom September  
Cheminot 7/16/19

## August 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Coffee & Donuts 7:00 -9:30am Bingo Hall Closed for holiday	2 Member &Guest Breakfast 7am	3 Chateau Open BBQ 12pm
4	5	6 BNI Networking 6:30am Boxcar  Cruze-in 4-9pm	7	8 Coffee & Donuts 7:00 -9:30am	9 Member & Guest Breakfast 7:30am-9am  CMAC 8:30am	10 Chateau Open BBQ 12pm
11 Private Event Boxcar	12	13 BNI Networking 6-9am Boxcar  Cruze-in 4-9pm	14	15 Coffee & Donuts 7:00 -9:30am	16 Breakfast 7:30am-9am	17 Chateau Open BBQ 12pm
18	19	20 BNI Networking 6-9am Boxcar <b>CHEMINOT</b> Cruze-in 4-9pm	21 KWVA meeting. Boxcar 10am	22 Coffee & Donuts 7:00 -9:30am	23 Member & Guest Breakfast 7:30am-9am  CMAC 8:30am	24 <b>40et8 MEMBER'S PICNIC Chateau</b>
25	26	27 BNI Networking 6-9am Boxcar  Cruze-in 4-9pm	28	29 Coffee & Donuts 7:00 -9:30am	30 Member & Guest Breakfast 7:30am-9am	31 Chateau Open BBQ 12pm

**Chateau Lounge** is open Saturday, 12-7pm---Grill is open 12-3pm for lunch

## La Femmes

The 2018-2019 year is coming to end and we have had a great year. We will soon be sending our reports to National. We should be proud of all our efforts this year to support the Voiture Programs. All our fundraising activities were a great success. The Dames in our Cabane are always working tirelessly to find ways to help out with the Voiture Programs. Congratulations and Thank You to all the Dames who have volunteered to make all of us successful.

The LaFemmes have just concluded our 3rd Annual SW WA Health Fair, which benefited the Nurses Training Scholarship Program. We hosted 41 vendors from the Health and Safety fields in our community. To name just a few, there were representatives from Safe Kids of Clark County who hosted a car seat clinic, AMR (American Medical Response) brought in their emergency vehicle and gave demonstrations on CPR. Bloodworks Northwest, brought their bus for taking blood donations, the total blood donated will be able to save 27 lives. Responses from the community indicated the it was a great event with high-quality vendors and a great day to make connections with some of the best professionals in their fields.

This was a huge event that would not have happened without the important physical help

of the LaFemmes Dames and Voyageurs here at #99. A special thank you to those who helped the day of the event: Elaine Meis, Marsha Keen, Barbara Yasson, Mary Snyder, Judy Mead, Judy Bailey, Hailey Cannon, Virginia Wenzinger, Jerry Hull, Pete Kandratieff, and Boyd Andring. Also thanks go out to Voyageurs Patrick Locke, Jim Resleff, Anne Beaton, and Marc Lacy.

## Correspondants Notes

Madame et Monsieur's  
It's that time of year again where I get to bug everyone to renew their dues for the coming membership year. We go through this gyration every year, so, I guess it's kind of expected. Our (Voiture 99) goal is to have the entire membership renewed by the end of October at the latest. I know that that's not going to happen because we have any number of voyageurs out there that believe that their dues are good until 12:59 PM on December 31st and refuse to pay anything prior to that. And they are correct. That's when the membership for this current year expires. As of

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## Carl Lingenfelter

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after leaving the service. He has a son in Vancouver and a daughter in Barberton.



*Carl's cake with the "100th" section cut out for Carl.*

Carl still walks the Vancouver Mall for exercise and is very active. He has never smoked, even though it was popular in the military. "To be a healthy old man, you have to be a healthy young man," he said. "And I have to think that not smoking had something to do with it."\*  
Carl is a fixture at the Friday morning breakfast in the Chateau. He's got a quick wit and a delightful sense of humor. Come sit with him at breakfast and be delighted by his stories and jokes.



## Correspondants Notes

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January 1st, you are considered delinquent. The primary reason I like to have the membership completed and out of the way is it gives us one less headache to worry about and allows extra time for recreating new members and making sure that our programs get the attention they deserve. Hopefully, this year we will see some movement in the sale of the Bingo Hall. If that's the case, we will need all the time we can gather to ensure we get it done properly. So, please don't drag your feet on this. \$25.00 shouldn't bankrupt your budget. However, if it does put a strain on it that gives you some concern, get ahold of me and we can always work something out. Now, if you're really tired of paying your dues each year, think about getting a PUFL. There really not that expensive. If you're 65-69=\$346.00, 70-74=\$290.00, 75-79=\$236.00 and 80-84=\$189.00. Think about it.

Our annual PIC-NIC will be held on the 24th or August. I'm sure that our Chef de Train has a few surprises in store for us this year. I know that he is looking for volunteers to help him out, so, if you have the time, contact Voyageur Ron Powers and lend him a hand to make this year' PIC-NIC a really big and fulfilled event. It's going to be a pot luck affair with prizes maybe an auction or two.

## Americanism



**BUTTONS ARE HERE!**

The new buttons for Flags for First Graders are now here.

Contact Dixie for yours.

Doctor to patient:

"I'm prescribing these pills for you," said the doctor to the overweight patient who wanted to lose weight without exercising.

"I don't want you to swallow them. Just spill them on the floor twice a day and pick them up, one at a time."



My birthday gift to Carl: matching T-Shirts, one red, one blue, with white printing. I wanted to use red, white and blue to honor Carl's patriotism.

## Welcome Merchant Marines



# Vet Cruise Inn



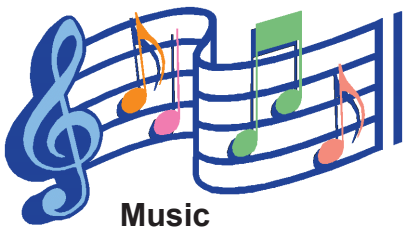
## at 40 et 8



**Cars  
Trucks  
Scooters  
Motorcycles**



**Every Tuesday Evening from June 4, 2019 through September 3, 2019  
4:00pm to 9:00pm at the 40 et 8 parking lot  
(next to the BINGO hall on 78th st.)**



Music

**\$5 entry per car  
Free Parking  
Benefits Veterans Programs**

Contact & Vendor info:

Cliff 360-901-8671

Earl 360-513-8251

Ron 360-608-4443

Dale: 360-907-6144

**Ice Cold Drinks**



FOOD



First 100 vehicles



Ice Cream



**SNACK BAR**



# WHAT IS 40 ET 8?



*La Société des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux*  
(The Society of Forty Men and Eight Horses)



We are a non-profit fraternal organization supporting our community and other veterans' charities. Programs include POW/MIA, Nurses Training, Youth Sports, Veterans Assistance, Americanism, and much more. Since January of 1985, our local chapter of 40 et 8, (Voiture 99) has raised and donated more than 6.5 million dollars that goes to civic groups and organizations in Clark County.

The 40 et 8 story begins with World War I American soldiers who were transported to battle in French railway box cars that were half the size of American cars. The French cars could hold either 40 men or 8 horses. Riding in them was horrible. They were often cold, drafty, dirty and rough riding. Packed in these cars, the American doughboys bonded and developed a sense of humor to laugh at their bleak conditions.

After the war, the soldiers returned home and founded the American Legion to fight for veterans' rights and benefits. They

also discovered a need to recreate the camaraderie and sense of humor that carried them through the tough times in France.

In 1920, a group of Legionnaires meeting in Philadelphia formed La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux (translated: the Society of 40 men and 8 horses). They called their chapters Voitures and their idea spread like wildfire to Legion posts throughout America.

Vancouver's Voiture 99 was chartered in 1922.

**Friday Breakfast**  
**7am-9am**

**in the Chateau**

**\$9.00**

**Veterans 1st time free**



**Saturday Lunch**  
**Noon-3pm**

**in the Chateau**

**Burgers/Dogs**

**BLTs & Fries**

Come and be our guest, meet some great veterans, make new friends, and see if the 40 et 8 is an organization you might be interested in.

**40 et 8 Chateau is located next to the Bingo Parlor on 78th St. Look for the Loci**

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