



BOXCAR BULLETIN

From the Chef de Gare

Chef Golden was not able to submit his article for the Boxcar.

Correspondants Notes

At the National Convention last month in Perrysburg, Ohio, it was interesting to note that there were six Locomotives in attendance. This was the most that I have seen at any convention. They were as follows: Atlanta, Georgia V217 in Fulton County, Lansing, Michigan V946, Ft Wayne, Indiana V37, Lenawee County Michigan V997, Lee County, Illinois V409, Toledo, Ohio Lucas County V141, and Cincinnati, Ohio V29. It was fun to see that no two are alike. Hopefully, the pictures will be printable in this issue so you can get a viewing.

Eight Voiture 99 members attended the National Convention. We all had a great and enjoyable time. There are many stories being told. The Holiday Inn was a great hotel, very large (172 Rooms). They had a good dining area and food. We also found great food outside the hotel in the near vicinity. Gas prices were \$2.09.9 per gallon. Some gas prices were as low as \$1.98.9. Vancouver Washington has the highest gas price, but as we drove through some of the cities and towns, I can feel and see that Clark County has roads in great condition on the thoroughfares compared to the towns and cities we drove through.

Next year the National Convention will be held in Shreveport-Bossier City, LA. We can only pay a stipend for about 8 members to attend. We also have 8 Alternates. The Alternates would not receive a stipend and would have to pay their own way. This is a good opportunity for you to plan a vacation for the next Nationale Promenade. You learn a lot about the 40 et 8. Throughout the committee meetings you find out what the committees are doing with all the money they collect. The best part is meeting Voyageurs from around the United States. There are new friends waiting to greet you. You would need to register on-line with HQ to receive the special hotel room rate. You will be very glad you did.

When you come to the Chateau, you will observe Dan Tarbell holding onto the Paul Bunyan mallet. It weighs 45 pounds and is costly if someone is able to steal it from him. The mallet was started four years ago. The one that it is awarded to has to keep it under his or her control for one year. That year ends at the 98th National Prom. It will be an interesting year. Before I left for the Nationale Promenade, we had 150 members renewed for the 2017 year. Their names will be entered into the drawing for a Paid-up-for-Life (PUFL) membership. Remember I need you to pay your \$25.00 before Veterans Day, November 11th. If you win, I will not have to pester you for dues again.

Americanism

October 2016
From the desk of Dixie Hotaling:

No horse gets anywhere until it is harnessed. No life grows great until it is focused, dedicated, disciplined. Harry Emerson Fosdick

The new season has begun. It is time to outline our Americanism Program. Vital is funding. We will be planning a fund raiser later in the fall and possibly one in the spring. The plan is to apply for a grant. Need a grant writer – PLEASE.

A large part of our program is providing the Pledge of Allegiance Coloring Books, Flags and This Is Our Flag tri-folds. This costs money. The handouts not only educate the children but have great take home value. This year we designed a Flags for First Graders Button to pass out.

We have been focused on Community Awareness. Chef George Golden has emphasized the necessity of reaching and partnering with community organizations. Americanism has developed a good working relationship with the Lion's Clubs in Clark County. We have been able to reach thousands of public and private schools with the Flags for First Graders Program.

The Americanism Committee is open for new members. We have fun and reach the community-at-large. We also ride the LOCI when it does the children events. If you are interested in serving on it please

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contact Dixie at: rebel2@comcast.net or phone me at 360-910-8434.

A gigantic Thank You goes to Ron Fryer and Leonard Mills for their tireless work on this committee. Ron has handled printing and much publicity. Leonard has designed the handouts. We could not have such a successful year if they had not stepped up to the plate. Thank You.

Look forward to having a great 2017 year.

Dixie Hotaling –
Americanism Directeur Voiture 99
Grande du Washington
National Sous Americanism Directeur Area A

Gone but not forgotten

you will be missed

Francis Rae



Chateau Schedule for October 2016

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 8:00 am.
Chateau Manager - John Clapp (360)574-3872

Note from Manager:

We will be serving a lunch special Saturday afternoons.
Other food may be ordered from the Bingo Parlor grill all day Saturday

October 1st (Saturday)

Chateau Hours: 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Lunch Special 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm

From 1pm to 3pm we will be serving loaded Baked Potato or Taco Salad

Steak Night (New York) \$18.00 RSVP By Sept. 29th please leave message. After the 29th it is first come until we are sold out.

October 3rd (Monday)

V99 Prom /C99 Rendezvous

Chateau opens at 4:00 pm

Dinner At 5:30 pm

Meetings At 6:30 pm

Menu: South of the Border night: Taco and Fajita Bar Bread Pudding

Cost \$8.00

October 6th (Thursday)

Members & Guest Coffee

8:30 to 10:00 am

October 7th (Friday)

Members & Guest Breakfast

Menu: Breakfast off the Grill and eggs to order

7:30 am to 9:00 am

Cost \$8.00

October 8th (Saturday)

Chateau Hours: 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Lunch Special 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Meat Loaf or Grilled Chicken

October 13th (Thursday)

Members & Guest Coffee

8:30 to 10:00 am

October 14th (Friday)

Members & Guest Breakfast

Menu: Breakfast off the Grill and eggs to order

7:30 am to 9:00 am

Cost \$8.00

October 15th (Saturday)

Chateau Hours: 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Lunch Special 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Taco Casserole/Cheesy Garlic Bread

After 3pm Cordon Bleu Chicken/Mashed potatoes/creamed Corn

October 17th (Monday)

SALT in the Boxcar room

11:00 am

October 18th (Tuesday)

V99 Cheminot / C99 Cheminot

Dinner At 5:30 pm

Meetings At 6:30 pm

Menu: Beef Roast/Potatoes/ Veggies/ Pumpkin Pie

Cost \$8.00

October 19th

Korean War Veterans Association

10:00 am

October 20th (Thursday)

Members & Guest Coffee

8:30 to 10:00 am

October 21st (Friday)

Members & Guest Breakfast

Menu: Breakfast off the Grill and eggs to order

7:30 am to 9:00 am

Cost \$8.00

October 22nd (Saturday)

Chateau Hours: 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Lunch Special 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Sea Food platter French Fries Pulled Pork Sliders

October 27th (Thursday)

Members & Guest Coffee

8:30 to 10:00 am

October 28th (Friday)

Members & Guest Breakfast

Menu: Breakfast off the Grill and eggs to order

7:30 am to 9:00 am

Cost \$8.00

October 29th (Saturday)

Chateau Hours: 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Lunch Special 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Chicken Stir Fry with Egg Roll Asian Chicken Salad

November 5th (Saturday)

Chateau Hours: 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Lunch Special 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Steak Night



The rain was pouring and there was a big puddle in front of the bar just outside the American Legion Post. A salty old Coastie Chief was standing near the edge with a fishing line in the puddle.

A curious young Marine fighter pilot came over to him and asked what he was doing.

"Fishing," the grizzled Chief said.

"Poor old fool," the Marine officer thought to himself, and he invited the old Coastie into the bar for a drink. As he felt he should start some conversation while they were sipping their whiskey, the haughty fighter pilot asked, "And how many have you caught today?"

"You're number thirteen," the Chief answered. "2 Air Force, 3 Navy, 3 Army, & 5 Marines."

**Voiture 99
Membership
Goal for
2016 - 2017
346 (Estimated)
100%**

90 %

80 %

70 %

60 %

50 %

40 %

30 %

20 %

10 %

42.5%



Help me welcome the newest Cabane 99 Dames who were initiated at the Rendezvous in September. They are Shawn McAleer, Judy Mead, and Rexanne Shults. We look forward to meeting you and working with you, as well as having great fun. We hope you enjoy your membership in La Societe de Femme.

The Veterans' Car Show on Labor Day was a quite successful event that benefitted the Veterans' Assistance Program. Thanks to all of the Dames who helped with the food and beverages for the event. Thanks to Norma Cooley who organized the Dames and the food and beverage concessions. Everyone's contributions helped to make it the successful event it was.

Congratulations go to Elaine Meis who was elected La Sous Presidente Nationale at the 53rd Rendezvous Nationale in Perrysburg, OH. We wish her success as well as the three other La Sous Presidentes Nationale. They are in charge of membership for La Societe de Femme, a very important job in these challenging times for membership.

A hearty welcome back to the delegation we sent to Perrysburg, OH. Elaine Meis, Judy Mead, Marsha Keen, and Barbara Yasson attended the 53rd Rendezvous Nationale. It was a fun and interesting learning experience. We look forward to sharing what we learned.

The La Femmes Thursday morning Social is held in the Chateau every Thursday. It begins around 7:30 a.m. and runs until 9:30 a.m. Feel free to join us and bring a friend. There is always very good company not to mention coffee, tea, and pastries. The more the merrier.

The new membership year started in July. Approximately half of the dames have renewed their membership and received the flashy new 2017 cards from La Correspondante Elaine Meis. Plan to renew your membership at the next Rendezvous on Monday October 3. Dues are \$25.00. Contact Elaine for any membership questions.

The Cabane 99 Holiday Bazaar will be held on November 4 – 5 in the Boxcar Room. Start saving your nickels and dollars for all of those nifty items you can purchase. Co-chairs of the Fund Raisers committee Judy Bailey and Mary Snyder have already started booking vendors for the event.

The Dames have agreed to hold our annual Book Sale on May 5 – 6, 2017, in the Boxcar Room. Start your discarded book stash so we have something to sell in May. More information will be available as the date approaches.

The next Rendezvous will be on Monday October 3. The next Cheminot will meet on Tuesday October 20. We meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Boxcar Room for both. Come for dinner at 5:30 p.m.

If you have questions about La Societe de Femme or are interested in joining the Dames of Cabane 99 contact La Presidente Barbara Yasson at 574-1152 or La Sous Presidente Patricia Running at 696-4003.

Voiture 99 Website

The new Voiture 99 website is online and ready to be viewed and used. It has a calendar that can be used to post upcoming events with times and locations with a map to the event. If you have an event or fundraiser coming up send me the information so that I can post it.

If Officers, Cheminot members and Program Directeurs will look on the Officers page you'll find a space for your photo and a short bio. Please send me a photo of yourself that I can post.

Program Directeurs, there will be a page with your program listed. You can send me information to post about your program at any time.

Go to the website and check it out.

www.voiture-99.com

Upcoming Veterans Events

- October 15th - Vietnam Memorial Dedication, Vancouver VA Hospital in the Vietnam Gardens. 11 am
- November 11th Veterans Day Parade, Officers Row-Vancouver Bar racks area. 11 am (rain or shine)
- November 11th Veterans Day Observance, Armed Forces Reserve Center, 15005 NE 65th Street, Vancouver 11 am (Indoors)

Voiture 99 - Policies and Procedures

The new Policies and Procedures for Voiture 99 are out for review. Is in the process of being reviewed by the committee and will be voted on at an upcoming Cheminot. If you haven't seen them they are posted on the website under Policies and Procedures.

Click [here](#) to open.

Loci Schedule

October

29th

Post 14 Children Halloween Party (George-)

November

12th

Veterans Day Parade (George-)

25th

Vancouver Christmas Tree Lighting (Marc/Jim)

26th

Festival of the Trees (Marc/Jim)

26th

Uptown Village (George-)

Nationale - Contact information

The Nationale 40 et 8 is having problems with address and email changes. If you move, it is imperative that you notify the Correspondant so your changes can be entered on the Nationale membership listing.

Vietnam Memorial Dedication

The public is invited to a ceremony for the unveiling and dedication of the new Vietnam Memorial Monument as well as to honor all Vietnam era veterans on Sat., October 15 at the Veterans Affairs Vancouver Campus Vietnam Veterans Garden.



Artist Rendering of the new Veterans Memorial on the VA Vancouver Campus.

A reception with light refreshments and Veteran-related information booths will start at 10:00 a.m. in the VA gymnasium, adjacent to the Vietnam Memorial Garden. The ceremony will start at 11:00 a.m. Follow the signs to the event once you enter the VA campus at 1601 E. 4th Plain Boulevard, Vancouver, WA 98663.

This new memorial will honor 59 Clark County veterans who were killed in Vietnam. Engraved plaques with the war heroes names are mounted on stone monuments under the Huey helicopter in the Vietnam Memorial Gardens. All Vietnam era veterans will be recognized and honored at the event and will be presented with a 50th Anniversary of Vietnam commemorative pin.

The keynote speaker will be Jerilyn Brusseau, a Goldstar sister and co-founder of PeaceTrees Vietnam. Jerilyn's brother, U.S. Army 1st Lt. Daniel B. Cheney, is one of the Clark County service members who was killed in Vietnam and listed on the new memorial.



October 22, 2016 6:00 PM to 10 PM

Join us for a Halloween fundraiser for the
Vancouver Barracks Military Association

Tickets requested donation of \$15.00 adults (advance), \$18 at the door. **Kid Friendly!!!** Children \$5 each, children 8 and below eat for free. Email president@vbma.us for tickets.

Events Include: *Haunted Vancouver*, a presentation by author **Jeff Davis** • **Live D-J** playing your Halloween favorites • **Door Prizes** • **Costume Contest** • **Dancing** • **Charity Raffle** • and **Silent Auction**

We have \$1 and \$5 raffle items, and silent auction items, including:
Four 1-day passes to Disneyland • Game Cards from Batcave Games • Hotel and restaurant gift certificates • Knives and outdoor gear • passes to many Northwest attractions.



**Location: 40 et 8 Chateau,
7607 NE 26th Ave,
Vancouver, WA
(see flyer back for directions
and other information)**



Celebrating **30** Years



The Lough Legacy
Veterans Parade
at
FORT VANCOUVER



Saturday, November 5, 2016

**FORT VANCOUVER NATIONAL SITE
10:00 A.M. CEREMONY | 11:00 A.M. PARADE**

Join us for the 30th Annual Veterans Parade at Fort Vancouver!

VAVS Bingo at the VA

For the VAVS Bingo at the VA on September 22nd. They had 9 volunteers that helped 18 patients and gave out \$265.00 in prizes.



Several types of Loci seen at the Nationale Convention



La Femmes at Nationale

The Vancouver contingent & the installation of La Sous Presidente Nationale, Elaine Meis, with her escort, Mr. Phil Yasson.

