

Voiture Nationale 40&8

# VOYAGEUR BRIEFS

## Bill Simpson – Chef de Chemin de Fer



Since the last publication of the Voyageur brief, my travels have taken me to the frozen tundra of Manitowoc Wisconsin for the Grand Petite Promenade and Rendezvous. I will admit that it was cold for this southern voyageur from South Carolina but the warm reception we received upon arrival made things nice and comfortable. We (Dell and I) were greeted by Grand Chef de Gare Larry Winger, Grand Correspondant Tom Orval and Chef de Chemin de Fer 2016 Don Emley. They got us checked in and we relaxed before heading off to dinner. I had my first taste of Walleye and it was absolutely delicious. Friday morning it was off to breakfast and a little sightseeing and picture taking at the Maritime Museum and Manitowoc Light House on Lake Michigan. Saturday met with the past Grand Chefs for breakfast then back to the hotel for the Cheminot meeting. Program directeurs gave their reports and ideas for the coming year. Sounds like Grand du WI is going to be very busy. I was escorted over to where the La Femmes were having their rendezvous. I thanked them for the opportunity and praised them for what they were doing in support of the Voiture. Madame Presidente thanked me for addressing the Dames and asks if I had forgotten to mention anything else of importance. I said I didn't think so and was then fined for not introducing



my wife. It was money well spent. The evening came to a close with the banquet. To remember my visit, I was presented with a beautiful plaque by the Grand Chef and a special gift from past 1st Lady Faye Emley with a pair of long johns (lol). The fun and camaraderie was excellent the entire visit.

It was back home for a few days to unpack the cold weather gear and pack for my trip to sunny California for the Grand du CA Spring Cheminot meeting in Santa Clara. I was met at the airport by Grand Correspondant Joe Donovan and Sous Directeur Carville Star Steve Villegas. After relaxing from the flight I was taken to Post

419 for some adult beverages and camaraderie with fellow voyageurs. Saturday morning began with a meeting with the District Cheminots who gave their outline and proposals of their programs for the coming year. Looks like California is going to have a busy year also. Sunday the cheminot meeting reconvene and a formal wreck was had to bring in 4 new members. It was time to relax and get ready for the banquet. I expressed by gratitude for the invitation to Grand du CA and praised everyone for the outstanding work they are doing in our programs of La Societe.

Returning from California I had to get busy with the final preparation for my homecoming. Didn't have much to do for the committee had everything under control. As of the writing of this article my homecoming was an outstanding event. The Voyageurs and Dames of my Voiture 1067 Goose Creek made sure that everyone in attendance wanted for nothing. I thank everyone for the gifts and well wishes for the rest of the year. It was outstanding fun and fellowship.

I will close by saying that from what I have seen thus far, La Societe is moving forward again after being slowed down by this pandemic the past 18 months or so. Our programs are being worked and I thank everyone for your continue support of our programs. Stay safe and God Bless.

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## Little Chef's 50/50 Raffle

*Here's your chance to determine who you think the shorter Chef is between Chef de Chemin Der Fer Bill Simpson and Chef de Chemin Der Fer 2003 John Digilio.*

*Proceeds Benefit the Boxcar ASSOCIATION \$1.00 Donation. Drawing to be held September 16, 2022*

*For tickets contact Terri Taylor at Nationale (317) 634-1804 or ttaylor@fortyandeight.org*



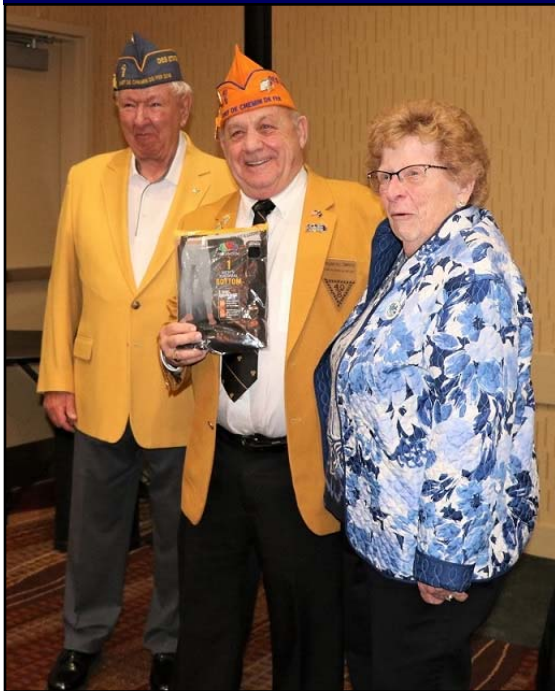
## Terry Sims -Correspondant National

Registrations for the 103rd Promenade Nationale and the 59th Rendeuous held September 13-17 in Green Bay Wisconsin are rapidly being processed by Office Manager Terri Taylor at Voiture Nationale. The beautiful hotel has added rooms and other renovations. Come and join us in Green Bay in September.

On the National Website under the Promenade National tab, there is a drop down tab that has the booster and ad book information for Green Bay. I have been talking to Voyageurs that are sending a separate check for the boosters. That same page has information about placing an ad in their ad book. Since the Heritage Cor-

poration, which did our advertising, has gone out of business, Grande Voitures that host Promenade Nationale have to solicit their own ads. This was a huge loss in revenue. It sure helps if a Voiture Locale, Grande Voiture Voyageur or LaFemme would support the host Grande by placing an ad and sending booster monies.

## Chef's Travels



Left: Besides other gifts and awards, Don & Faye Emley present "Big Chef" Bill Simpson with a set of long underwear to remember his and Dells trip to the Frozen Tundra of Wisconsin.



Right: Chef de Chemin de Fer Bill and First Lady Dell see the SS Cobia submarine at the Manitowoc Wisconsin Naval Museum in conjunction with the 2022 Grande de Wisconsin Midwinter Petite Promenade.

## Youth Sports Randall Shrader -Nationale Directeur



*Greetings Grandes,*

*I know we are having a tough winter making outdoor activities for our youth a bit difficult.*

*I would like to push Special Olympics as a point for us to focus on. What has your Grande or Locale done to volunteer? We as a volunteer organization work to meet many of the Forty and Eight goals. Youth Sports is one of those goals. Special Olympics is very active helping our disadvantage youth across the USA. Volunteering at some of the activities by our voyageurs not only meets our goals but helps out those*

*youths in our communities that need the extra help. Now is the time to contact Special Olympics in your state and see where they need help.*

*Did you know that every year the Special Olympics National Games are held somewhere in the US? This year it will be held in Orlando, Florida from June 5-12th. The games will involve 4,000 or more athletes with 125,000 fans attending. This requires 10,000 volunteers to make this event successful.*

*I would like to see our Grandes down south to jump in the game and help the National Games. Grande du Florida, this is in your front yard.*

*Let's help those youths who participate in the Special Olympics, Randall Shrader*

## The 51st Annual Joint Carolina's Promenade



*Special Guest Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer Paul Emmert admiring a token of appreciation from V1067 Goose Creek*

The 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Joint Carolina's Promenade, hosted by Voiture 1067 from Goose Creek, SC and was held January 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 in North Charleston, SC with a ton of help from Cabane 1067.

After being canceled last year due to covid and some last-minute changes to plans, we had a larger crowd than expected and appreciate all who attended. We had Voyageurs and Dames from Grande du New York, Maryland, Ohio, and Georgia joined Grande du North & South Carolina for a weekend of comradery and fellowship, as well as a small bit of business mixed in!

Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer Paul Emmert and his wife Christine were a pleasure, and we hope they had as much fun as the rest of us. If things go as planned, we will see y'all in Winston-Salem, NC next year!



*Wreck Captain "Turkey" Todd Walker showing the PGs just how far they must travel to become Voyageur Militaire!*

From the desk of  
**THOMAS J. ORVAL**  
**GRAND CORRESPONDANT**  
**GRANDE VOITURE DE WISCONSIN**



### Voyageurs and Dames

There seems to be a lot of confusion as far as the deadline for each issue of the Forty et Eighter magazine. Deadlines for the spring and summer editions are April 23rd and July 23rd.

The definition of deadline is the latest time or date something should be completed. Many of you are sending pictures or articles after the date.

For each upcoming issue I do work on it almost every day setting up the layout and coping and pasting pictures and articles as they come in. By the deadline with the exception of the Chef de Chemin de Fer and National Cabane Presidente (who I set aside space for) the magazine set all set to proofread and sent off to the printers. If anything comes in late, then I have to resize pictures and or move articles around.

Have had to bend a few times recently on a couple of my rules pertaining on just what goes in to the publication. Don't care for any pictures of Voyageurs or Dames holding drinks for the picture. I know that sometimes you have no choice when the picture is taken so please use common sense when submitting a picture. When submitting a picture I do need to know the Who is in the picture, What is the picture about, When the picture was taken, Where it was taken and Why was it taken. Who-What-When-Where and Why. Pictures should always be in good taste. "NO" picture with any political paraphernalia to include signs, hats or shirts will be allowed in the publication.

Pictures and articles can be sent to [wigrandvoiture@spectrum.net](mailto:wigrandvoiture@spectrum.net) or [voiturenationale@msn.com](mailto:voiturenationale@msn.com)

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## Voiture 1015



Our Chef de Gare, Station Master, Carl Christensen of Nebraska City, NE 40 & 8 Voiture 1015 presents a check to Ms. Lisa Connell of Nebraska City. Lisa will graduate from the Western Community College in Council Bluffs, IA, as a Registered Nurse in May.

## Voiture 1510



Voiture Locale 1510 presented two Nurses Training Scholarships at American Legion Post 370 in Overland Park, KS. The scholarships were awarded to Bailey McGrew and Mallory Martinez. 2022 Nurses Training Pins were also presented. The guest speaker was Moya Peterson, Clinician Professor at the KU School of Nursing.

L to R: Kansas Grand Chef de Gare Aaron Winkleman, National Carville Star Treasurer Tom Emerson, Grand Chef de Gare Passe Ralph Schneider, Chef de Gare Abe Revira, Bailey McGrew, Mallory Martinez, and Moya Peterson.

## Fun at the Cajun



## Fun at the Joint Carolina



## Grande du Texas



Grande Voiture du Texas welcomes new members during Spring Cheminot wreck on March 5, 2022.

Pictured from left: Richard Bless, Hank Newkirk, Larry Brown, Cyndi Miller, Kay Grososke, Acting Grand Conducteur Les Lobdell, Len Arroyo, Karen Ward, Toby Zielinski, James Pospisil and Frank Archiga.

## Forty & Eight Memorial Day Committee



Dear Voyageurs and Dames,



The National Commemoration of the Centennial of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier was held this past Veteran's Day with many solemn events. Due to this and the last 2 years being canceled, I anticipate even more Americans attending the Memorial Day Ceremony at the Amphitheater this year. Which means more visitors paying their respects to our fellow brothers and sisters, and even more Flags to pass out. One Tradition started in 2002, was handing out American Flags to all who enter the Amphitheater at Arlington National Cemetery for the Memorial Day Service. This is only done by the 40&8ers & Dames who attend and requires about 10,000 American Flags. Can you imagine the sense of Pride we feel, looking out over the full amphitheater and watching the Sea of Red, White, and Blue as the Armed Forces Band plays God Bless America and other Patriotic Songs?

Each year the Forty & Eight Memorial Day Committee hosts Memorial Day weekend events, culminating in a wreath-laying by the Chef de Chemin de Fer and La Presidente Nationale at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery.

The weekend is truly one to remember and open to all who would like to attend. The events are largely financed through the Program Book, so even if you cannot attend, please consider purchasing an Ad or becoming a Booster.

Anyone who can help this effort by making a donation will have their name listed in the Program Book, and those who attend will have a memory to last a lifetime.

For the Good of La Societe, Dave Hill, 40&8 Memorial Day Committee

Please send all Donations made out to "40and8 Memorial Day"  
To: Dave Hill, P.O. BOX 757, Walterboro, SC 29488 (517) 673-6767

## Voiture 145 Nurses Training



First Row L to R: Nena Igbokidi, Student Nurse, Angie Koller, Dean, Ivy Tech School of Nursing and Danielle Stiles-Polk, Executive Director of Development (Indianapolis Campus), Jennie Vaughan, Chancellor, (Bloomington Campus) Becky Miller, Vice President, Ivy Tech Foundation, Allyson Eberhart, Director of Development Operations (Indianapolis Campus), Susie Graham, Executive Director of Development (Bloomington Campus).

L to R: Judy Pearson, Grand du Indiana, Directeur Nurses Training, Jay Collars, Locale 145, Chef de Gare, Jennie Vaughan, Chancellor, Ivy Tech (Bloomington Campus).

*For the third time in the history of Voiture Locale 145 du Indiana the Voiture has established an Endowment with a local School of Nursing. Six years ago V-145 established an endowment with Marion University School of Nursing. Two years later V-145 established an endowment with the University of Indianapolis School of Nursing. Now, for the third time, on February 28, 2022, Voiture Locale 145 presented the Ivy Technical College, School of Nursing, with a check for Fifty Thousand Dollars to establish an Endowment in the name of the Voiture Locale. These endowments are for the sole purpose of assisting Student Nurses in need of financial need.*

—Jay A Collars, Chef de Gare, Voiture 145

**Building Donation Challenge Total \$195,588.54**  
**February– March 2022**



<u>NAME</u>	<u>VOITURE</u>	<u>GR</u>	<u>AMT</u>
Paul Emmert	155	MD	\$322.00
Gene Teague	2000	VN	\$100.00
Voiture 125	125	NJ	\$75.00
Voiture 1539	1539	AK	\$50.00
Voiture 435	435	SC	\$46.00
Voiture 1606	1606	FL	\$31.05
Voiture 1524	1524	GR	\$25.00
Voiture 502	502	NY	\$24.00
Voiture 985	985	IL	\$23.00
Voiture 841	841	NE	\$19.50
Voiture 1409	1409	ID	\$17.00

**Blue Chevaliers**



**The Blue Chevaliers honor Grundy County Sheriff's Deputy Tyler Post. –by Maribeth M. Wilson February 07, 2022. (left) Chef de Train Steve Huettemann, Deputy Tyler Post, (right) Chef de Gare Jerry Terando. Representatives of the Blue Chevaliers awarded Deputy Tyler Post with a citation of appreciation. The citation states that “in recognition of the tenacity and bravery displayed during the events of 7 October 2021. His actions and the gunshot wound he sustained in the performance of his duties reflect the highest standards of Law Enforcement and his dedication to the safety of his community”**

**Vice Presidential History**

Spiro Theodore Agnew (November 9, 1918 – September 17, 1996) was the 39th vice president of the United States, serving from 1969 until his resignation in 1973. He is the second and more recent vice president to resign the position, the other being John C. Calhoun in 1832.

Agnew was born in Baltimore to a Greek immigrant father and an American mother. He attended Johns Hopkins University, and graduated from the University of Baltimore School of Law. He worked as an aide to U.S. Representative James Devereux before he was appointed to the Baltimore County Board of Zoning Appeals in 1957. In 1962, he was elected Baltimore County Executive. In 1966, Agnew was elected Governor of Maryland, defeating his Democratic opponent George P. Mahoney and independent candidate Hyman A. Pressman.

At the 1968 Republican National Convention, Richard Nixon asked Agnew to place his name in nomination, and named him as running mate. Agnew's centrist reputation interested Nixon; the law and order stance he had taken in the wake of civil unrest that year



appealed to aides such as Pat Buchanan. Agnew made a number of gaffes during the campaign, but his rhetoric pleased many Republicans, and he may have made the difference in several key states. Nixon and Agnew defeated the Democratic ticket of incumbent Vice President Hubert Humphrey and his running mate, Senator Edmund Muskie. As vice president, Agnew was often called upon to attack the administra-

tion's enemies. In the years of his vice presidency, Agnew moved to the right, appealing to conservatives who were suspicious of moderate stances taken by Nixon. In the presidential election of 1972, Nixon and Agnew were re-elected for a second term, defeating Senator George McGovern and his running mate Sargent Shriver.

In 1973, Agnew was investigated by the United States Attorney for the District of Maryland on suspicion of criminal conspiracy, bribery, extortion and tax fraud. Agnew took kickbacks from contractors during his time as Baltimore County Executive and Governor of Maryland. The payments had continued into his time as vice president; they had nothing to do with the Watergate scandal, in which he was not implicated. After months of maintaining his innocence, Agnew pleaded no contest to a single felony charge of tax evasion and resigned from office. Nixon replaced him with House Republican leader Gerald Ford. Agnew spent the remainder of his life quietly, rarely making public appearances. He wrote a novel and a memoir; both defended his actions.