

A word from the Grand Chef



Hello World, I'm sure by the time you will have received this, the holidays will have passed. I wish you happiness throughout the upcoming year. I want

to thank you for your hospitality during the first half of my tenure. It has been a wonderful and enlightening experience for the first lady and I. I can now say that I have attended all of the Voitures in the state of Georgia minus one. So far, I have put three-thousand eight hundred fifty seven miles on my car. You definitely don't want to know my expenses (SMILES)! Since you know I have visited you, there is no need to exploit each travel. Just highlights of some. I've had the honor of various installations, and commencing with the establishment of our new Voiture #4. The first lady and I went to Rome, Georgia for 1229 Annual Picnic, enioved the meal, and bid in the silent auction which I didn't win. I lost to Dean (DARN IT)! have had the great pleasure of visiting V-1145 with Chef Moody and staff. I also presented them with a one-hundred percent award. I was amazed that I was the first white Chapeau they have seen in years. Nationale at Virginia Beach weather wise was a complete bust, but thank god for the comradeship of all attending. It was a great learning experience for me along with the Georgia Delegation and yes, Georgia was WELL represented. Our La Femmes shined presenting a check to the Nationale President. Back home, then on the road again, we were invited to V-280 for the Halloween Gala. We were honored with a special guest appearance by none other than "Si", from Duck Dynasty, drinking and singing. (Continued on Page 2)

Not Goodbye, Just "So Long"



Thanks All!!! It has been a blast. My motto has always been, *"I plan to live forever, so far, so good".* But then there is a time when reality sets in. I am still kick'en but

that voice in the back of my head says, its time to step aside and pass the torch. I will not dwell on my health issues or hide behind my age but 2014 has not been a good year for me, as my odometer rolls over 83 I just thank the Good Lord that he has chosen to keep me around for a while longer. Jean and I made a decision a long time ago that we will get **older** but we will not get **old**. We will keep going as long as possible.

I have enjoyed being your Grand L'Editeur for the past fifteen years. (Where did the time go?) There have been times when I have wondered if people are reading the newsletter. But since I announced that I was stepping down, I have received a lot of heart warming feedback. Now starting the new year 2015, and Michael Bolig takes over the reins as your editor, I look forward to reading the GOT rather than writing it. I sincerely hope that you will all give Michael the same support that you have given me. The key is keeping the editor informed of happenings in you Locales. As I have said so many times before, it is your newsletter, the editor just puts it together.

Again, THANK YOU all for fifteen years of love and support.

As the old golfer says "Keep it in the short grass"

Grande La <u>Presidente</u>

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to all ! These last 6 months has gone by really fast and has been so much fun. I have really enjoyed getting to meet everyone in the



Cabanes that I have visited so far and can't wait to visit the ones I haven't been to yet. Thank you Cabane 1226 for the wonderful Thanksgiving dinner that we had on our visit. We had a great time. Also to Cabane 280, thank you so much for the beautiful basket and warm welcoming you showed to us while we were there. Oh the fun that was had by all! D. Can't wait to visit to rest of the Cabanes.

On a sad note we lost our sister Dame Jackie Davis. She is going to be dearly missed by anyone who knew her. Jackie was one of the strongest ladies that I knew and came to love and respect as I am sure many of you did.

R.I.P. our dear Sister.

With the New Year 2015, I hope that the Ga. Cabanes can be one of the best in National this year and to do this we have to work on our membership. We can do this with everyone's help so let's get started! If anyone has any questions please let me, Dottie Bolig or Shirley Hayes know. We will be glad to help in any way that we can. Don't forget about your "QUILTS" and what

it stands for! <u>Q</u>uality <u>U</u>nites, <u>I</u>ntegrity, <u>L</u>ove, <u>T</u>rusts, <u>S</u>incerity.

Please keep our Military in your Prayers! God Bless each of you! Love you one and all ♥?♥?♥?

Grande La Presidente Teresa Smith La Grande Presidente

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Next stop Lexington, Georgia. Those Dames can cook! One especially created a grape concoction that was off the chain! She wouldn't give me the recipe, but instead she gave me a jar of it, which was good enough for me. Birmingham, Alabama Veterans Day Parade was my next stop. The train was there in the parade scaring everyone with its cannon. I was honored to be the first Grand Chef in the parade. The third weekend of February 2015, V-217 will host the Midwinter Conference, Grand President, and my homecoming. I sure hope to see you there! Until next time, God bless you and 40/8.

S U V H A V E Sign Up Veteran Help A Vet Everyday



National Past Chef de Gare Club Are you a past Chef de Gare? Are you a member of the Past chef de Gare Club? Why not?

The Past Chef de Gare Club was formed:

- To honor those Voyageurs who have served their Voiture Locale or Grand Voiture as Chef de Gare.
- To directly support the Forty & Eighter magazine with revenue derived from NPCC membership dues, donations, gifts and other special fund raising projects
- To increase comradery between NPCC members who have common bonds, and who are "Etiam Servans."

Dues for a new member are only \$10 per year and serve a very worthy cause within the 40&8.You can contact your Grand NPCC or go to the forty and eight website to signup.

Georgia Grand NPCC Deputy is Michael Bolig.

Page 2 L'Editeur Michael Bolig

As some of you may already know, Kent Molen has taken leave of his senses!!! He has turned the Georgia On Track newsletter over to yours truly. What was he thinking!!! I am truly humbled by the opportunity and hope that I can continue the legacy that Kent began 15 years ago. Monsieur Molen, I want to personally **THANK YOU** for the effort you have put in to making the GOT what it is today. You have done magnifique!! I hope I don't let you down.

I would ask that everyone exercise a little patience as I get my feet on the ground with this undertaking. I have NEVER done a newsletter before so please bear with me.

Please remember that the GOT is published 4 times a year: January, April, July and October. The deadlines for article submission will be: March 15, June 15, September 15 and December 15. These deadlines give us the opportunity to gather and format the information, send to publisher and in the mail in the first week of the month. You may submit your articles to me via email: mebolig@att.net; or via snail mail for those electronically challenged: 115 Feno Drive, Westminster, SC 29693. I can also be reached via phone at home-(864) 647-7122 or my cell-(573) 842-8312.

Looking forward to the opportunity and the challenge!!

Michael



Grand Aumonier

GOSPEL "<u>G</u>ods <u>Only Son P</u>rovides <u>E</u>ternal <u>L</u>ife."

I am sometimes asked, "when one dies and is buried, when does one go to heaven and what body will we have." It is plainly stated in several books in the bible "dust to dust, ashes to ashes". This means that the physical body will decay but the spirit (soul) goes back to the father from which it came. So what body will we have after the resurrection? In Paul's 1st letter to the Corinthians 15:35-51 he talks about the body. He references a seed. A plant such as corn grows and produces an ear full of grain. The original plant dies and returns to the ground. However, the kernel seed is planted and behold a new stalk appears to repeat the process. We will not come back as a plant but a new body as verse 49 states as we have borne the image on the earthly, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. And we know (Genesis 1:27) that we were created in the image of God. As far as the when we will have a new body. Thessalonians 4:16-17 states the lord shall descend from Heaven with a shout and the dead in Christ shall rise first, and presumably get a new body and then we which are alive shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the lord in the air and shall ever be with the lord. (Some call this the "RAPTURE".) I am not sure exactly when this happens as there is no timeline in the bible but it has to be after the 1000 year reign mentioned in revelations.

Charles 'Nick' Nicholson Grand Aumonier

Grand Chef de Trains

For those of you that have known me for some time you know that I am not a numbers man when it comes to membership. However the Big Chef and one of our own Locale Chefs have given me a little perspective on membership and La Societe. The Chef de Chemin de Fer's motto for this year is "One More" and his theme is "What can I do". One more membership invite, one more promenade, one more office, etc. The Big Chefs motto and theme fit in with the point I would like to get across. Grand du Georgia, at this writing, is at 56.85%, #42 of 54 Grands. ONLY 3 of our Locales reached 100% in 2013-14. WE NEED TO DO BETTER. As a Grand our membership has not been this low since 1945!! If we would each sign up "one more" member, we could achieve 100% plus!! We are ALL responsible for membership, whether it is signing up a new member, reinstating a lost member or getting dues for existing members. We are all responsible. If we, together, do not work membership then our great organization will at some point cease to exist. As a Locale Chef expressed to me "What kind of legacy do we want to leave?" Our founders began this legacy in 1920. It is up to us to continue the legacy. We ALL know someone that would be a good or great 40&8er. ASK 'EM. That is all we have to do is ask. Just imagine where we could be and what we could do if we all invited "One More." We could DOUBLE or membership and outreach just by inviting "One More."

What I, and Grand Chef de Train East, can do is help you. Help you recruit new members, help you retain existing members and, in general, HELP YOU. We are available to you whenever needed. All you have to do is reach out.

Until next time, we wish everyone safe travels. Hope to see you at the mid-winter in Atlanta!!

Yours in Service,

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Page 3 Voiture 909 Chef Scott Hemmings



This was our parade season, We took the "Rambling Rose" or as the Kids call it the "Polar Express" along with Santa sometimes to over 10 parades this season. We as always are the 1st float in the Albany Parade after all the police cars and firetrucks. Every one was thrilled with the look of the Loco as it was decked out with over 1000 lights and of course the diesel horns and train whistles. I think the Voyagers enjoyed the attention more than the kids enjoyed the rides. Hope to see some of you at the mid-winter and other Grand events.

Chef Scott Hemmings

Grande La Sous Presidente's

It is mid- year Dames and as you will notice in the Membership Report, we are at -96. We have ONE Cabane at 100%, and only 5 over 50%. We are not looking good!! We are better and we CAN DO better. Come on, let's get busy and make us ALL proud. If you have any problems or need, please call us. Thank you for all that you do. Happy New Year to all.

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IMPORTANT DATES

TO REMEMBER

GALA: Unknown

1st Annual Shamrock Wreck:

January 16-18, 2015; Garden City, GA (See enclosed flyer)

Mid-Winter Cheminot & Homecoming:

February 20-21, 2015; Voiture 217 Chateau

Southlands Dixie:

April 16-18, 2015; Gatlinburg, TN (See enclosed flyer)

Promenade/Rendezvous Nationale:

September 15-19, 2015; Green Bay, WI



SUGGESTED CALENDAR OF EVENTS JAN - Plan a membership event

FEB - Attend mid-winter, begin compiling vear end reports

MAR -Set membership goals for new vear

<u>L'Editeur's note</u>: Support is needed to help supplement the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter. If your Voiture or an individual would like to support this cause, make check payable to Grand du Georgia and send to Michael Bolig, 115 Feno Drive, Westminster, SC 29693, so I can give you credit in the Georgia on Track.

Michael Bolig

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History, Humor and What-Not

January , 1919—18th Amendment to the Constitution ratified prohibiting the sale of alcohol (BUMMER). Later repealed in 1933 by the 21st Amendment (YAY).

February 14, 278—St. Valentine was executed, by troops under the rule of Claudius "The Terrible", for performing marriage ceremonies in Rome.

March 1, 1917—The Zimmerman Telegraph is published in United States newspapers. The telegraph was a proposal, from Germany to Mexico, for Mexico to join Germany against the United States in WWI, for significant financial gain.

The new Ensign was assigned to subs, where he'd dreamed of working since a young boy. He was trying to impress the Master Chief with his expertise learned in Submarine School. The Master Chief cut him off quickly and said, "Listen, 'sir', it's real simple. Add the number of times we dive to the number of times we surface. Divide that number by two. If the result doesn't come out even, don't open the hatch."

<u>Top Ways The Army Is Trying To Boost Recruiting</u> 8. Military transport flights now earn you Delta frequent flier miles

7. Where else can you shoot guns and get awakened in the middle of the night by loud explosions besides New York, Chicago and Detroit?

6. Get rid of all those creepy "Richard Simmons Wants You" posters

5. Intelligence spy satellite may be used to watch television 24 hours a day

 Superiors may now be addressed as "Dude"
Make it so every hand grenade has a creamy nougat center

2. Next mission: all-out invasion of Temptation Island

1. New slogan "Army of One" replaces "Hope You Like Scrubbing Latrines!"

Military work rules:

- Sickness: No excuses will be acceptable. We will no longer accept the Medical Officer's statement as proof of illness as we believe that if you are able to go on sick parade, you are able to come to work.
- Leave of Absence for an Operation: We are no longer allowing this practice. We hired you as you are, and to have anything removed certainly makes you less than we bargained for.
- Death: Other than Your Own: This is no excuse. If you can arrange the funeral services to be held late in the afternoon, however, we can let you off an hour early, provided all your work is up to date.
- Death: Your Own: This will be accepted as an excuse, but we would like at least two weeks notice, as we feel it is your duty to teach someone else your job.
- 5. Quantity of Work: No matter how much you do, you'll never do enough.
- 6. Quality of Work: The minimum acceptable level is perfection.
- Advice from the Commanding Officer: Eat a live toad first thing in the morning and nothing worse will happen to you the rest of the day.
- 8. The senior officer is Always Right.
- 9. When the senior officer is Wrong, Refer to Rule 8.

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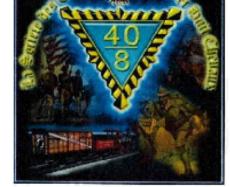
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1st Annual Savannah Shamrock Wreck

Hosted by Voiture 567



Jan 16th and 17th and 18th 2015

Georgia Air National Guard 165th Air Lift Wing Pavilion

Garden City, Georgia

Registration Fee. \$50.00 Hospitality Room and Banquet included

Hotel Accommodations: Days Inn 2500 Dean Forest Road Garden City Georgia 31408 Phone: 912-966-5000 Please State you are with the Forty and Eight Group for proper rate Hotel Rate: 59.00 per night plus tax

Any questions please call. Mike Thome Chef de Gare 912-655-4026 or Jim Vejar Chef de Train. 912-604-2531

Outside PG's welcome with 30 days notice

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MEMBERSHIP		As of December 18,	-				
	Grand du Georgia ranked 32nd of 54 Grands						
	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>Short/Over</u>		<u>%</u>		
	540	307	-233	56	.85%		
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217	61	27	44.2	6%	-34		
280	35	26	74.2	9%	-9		
499	75	54	72.0	0%	-21		
567	45	34	75.5	6%	-11		
711	6	0	0.00	%	-6		
719	48	29	60.4	2%	-19		
867	6	2	33.3	3%	-4		
909	51	39	76.4	7%	-12		
1145	28	12	42.8	6%	-16		
1226	16	10	62.5	0%	-6		
1229	125	46	36.8	0%	-79		
1317	15	9	60.0	0%	-6		
1597	19	5	26.3	2%	-14		
1631	10	4	40.0	0%	-6		
1635		10			10		

	LA FEMME MEMBERSHIP Nation Wide Georgia ranks 24th of 38 Grandes NATIONWIDE					
	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Short</u>	<u>Short</u>	
	3129	824	26.33%	-2294		
Cabane	2014	2015 Reported	2015 Goal	% of Goal		
4	0	8	10	80.00%		
217	39	26	40	65.00%		
280	33	14	33	42.42%		
499	21	17	23	73.91%		
567	15	10	16	62.50%		
719	13	1	14	7.14%		
909	14	11	15	73.33%		
1226	19	7	20	35.00%		
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