



## A word from the Grand Chef



Hello my 40/8 Family, I hope all is well and you all enjoyed your holidays. I am embarking on the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of my visitation. I can now say that I've visited every Voiture in Grand du Georgia. I started the year with a trip to Loganville VL-499 who is also on the way to the top by virtue of work on programs. I then attended VL-567. The first Shamrock Wreck. Their first attempt was almost flawless and they wrecked 4 PG's. Kudos to Chef Mike Thorne and his staff on a job well done. Next I headed to VL-4 Cartersville. Can you believe I got there in one hour? Record time!! Where was all the I-75 north traffic?! I was accompanied by the Grand Chef De Train North and Grand Conducteur. VL-4 has changed their meeting dates to the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month at 6pm. V-1597 was the next stop.

I got up early to invade VL-719. I was well received by Chef O'Brien and the ever loving David Blystone. After a great homemade Italian lunch, they conducted a very informative promenade. They only need eight members to achieve 100% membership, which I know they will obtain. In February Loganville hosted their White Collar Wreck that was very formable and educational. They also wrecked 4 PG's. If you ever want to see and learn correct white collar procedure, visit VL-499.

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## From the desk of Grand Correspondant

As we return from attending the Mid-Winter Cheminot, a few items need to be discussed and worked on. The Mid-Winter was a fun time and Voiture and Cabane 217 were the best of hosts. The Homecoming for Chef Abbey and Madame Teresa went well. As at any promenade or Cheminot, I had a fun time and learned more.

Please ensure that we have your updated rosters of officers. I will be sending what I have as information to each of your correspondants, please ensure correctness. If you are a correspondant, please send me an email with your mailing address and email address to reesmanta@yahoo.com, or mail to Tom Reesman, Grand Correspondant, 4117 Cherokee Trl, Gainesville, GA 30504. An accurate and complete list ensures that we can effectively communicate any information.

A reminder for all that we have several Grande functions each year. These functions are hosted by a Voiture Locale, so please look to the future at your promenades and help Grande by volunteering to host an event. The sooner the information is out, the sooner we will be able to have Voyageurs planning to attend. Please remember to submit your requests to the Time and Place committee in a timely manner.

**Voiture reports for all programs must be submitted to the Grand Directeurs by June 1<sup>st</sup> to be eligible for awards.**

The Grand Promenade will be in Columbus June 12-14. Reports are what keep our tax exempt status valid. Even if you do not have anything to report, please fill out the report and send forward. Please ensure that all Directeurs both Grande and Locale are looking at their reports now. Elections for office are held at the Grand Promenade each year. Please consider running for a Grand office. Get your Voiture to submit a resolution and get the resolution sent to me. The sooner we know who is running, the sooner we know where we need to start looking to fill vacancies.

Don't forget Voiture locale elections!! Please forward results to the Grand Correspondant as soon as they are complete.

Hope to see you all soon at the Southlands Dixie in Gatlinburg.....

Tom Reesman  
Grand Correspondant  
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## Grande La Presidente

THANK YOU!!!! I

would like to thank everyone for a wonderful Homecoming. Voiture & Cabane 217 did an awesome job hosting the Mid-winter & Homecoming this year. The



fellowship on Friday and Saturday was some of the best I have seen in a long time. The food was really good and so was the entertainment, thank you Lloyd Boswell. Thank you to Cabane 217 for the beautiful basket that was in our room. Don & I surely did enjoy it. I feel so blessed to be a part of such a great group of Dames (sisters). You all mean so much to me.

We had a very good Mid-winter Cheminot with a lot of information that was put out. We have a couple of Cabanes that have met their 100% goal for the year, CONGRATULATIONS. Let's keep working on getting as many new Dames as we can. I still have a couple of more Cabanes to visit and I will see you soon.

I would also like to say WELCOME to our New Cabane 4. The officers were sworn into office in January. Congratulations Officers and Dames, welcome.

Remember we are all sisters!

QUILTS—

Quality,

Unites,

Integrity,

Love,

Trusts,

Sincerity.

God Bless our Military and our Veterans!

Love y'all,

Teresa Smith

La Grande Presidente

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On February 20<sup>th</sup> VL- 217 hosted the mid-winter Cheminot and Homecoming, and it went great! We even resolved the location of the 2015 Grand in Columbus and The Petite in Gainesville.

My homecoming was a riot. Jean Molen and her "5 Abbey's Party Girls" totally scared the hell out of me with a "Liquid Toast" full of confetti, that was thrown at my face! To all that didn't attend, you missed out on a memorable event. Thank you Georgia!

**Remember!!! All reports are due to the Grand Directors by June 1, 2015.** Final note to VL-1229, I cannot attend your Promenade if you all keep forgetting to inform me of the location changes. For those that haven't seen me, look for me soon!

Robert "Abbey" Abbensett  
Grand Chef de Gare

### S U V

Sign Up Veterans

### HAVE

Help A Vet Everyday

### National Past Chef de Gare Club

Are you a Current or 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:

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

Dues for a new member are only \$15 and then \$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.

## L'Editeur

With my first edition of Georgia On Track in the books, so to speak, I would like to thank everyone for the kind words and encouragement. Kent warned me that this is not an easy task and he was not kidding!!

This is YOUR newsletter. This is your way of communicating to the Grand, and some outside the Grand, of your activities past, present and upcoming. The GOT is an opportunity for you to "toot your own horn!" Have you attended an event, awarded Nurses Training Scholarships, conducted Flags for First Graders programs, held a wreck? Whatever you have done—Let people know about it!!!

I don't like having to fill "white space" and with everything I know is going on in the Grand, I shouldn't have to.

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**.

If you send pictures please provide a brief description of the content and identify the folks in the picture. And please **DO NOT** send screen captures from phones, iPads or computers.

Thanks to all for assisting me in making the GOT—YOUR NEWSLETTER!!

L'Edituer

Michael



## Grand Aumonier

Bible prophecy. Is it real? Throughout the ages, a lot of people have said they believe the Bible. Are you part of that group? Did you know that one third of the book consists of prophecy? Consider the Bible table of contents. Out of the 66 books, 18 are named after profits. Other books contain numerous prophecies. Matthew, for example, contains the Olivet prophecy, which talks about the four Horsemen. Genesis contains prophecies about Israel inheriting the Promised Land. I Samuel contains prophecies of Jesus Christ and his ring over earth, and who can forget the book of Revelation, which is essentially a book about prophecy? Unfortunately today there are three beliefs about prophecy. First people believe that the profits are crazy. Second some people believe Bible prophecy is for old times that is before Christ. Third, Bible prophecy equals doomsday prophecy. All of these are misconceptions. Bible prophecy is real and applies today just as it did 2,000 years ago. I would suggest that you read Isaiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, and some of the lesser-known prophets. Verse 15 in the seventh chapter of Matthew Jesus says "Beware of false prophets which come into you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves." I can think of two recent false prophets that led many to their doom specifically David Karesh of the Branch Davidian in Waco Texas, and Jim Jones of Georgetown in South Africa. Those two convinced their followers that they were Jesus and led them to commit suicide. You must determine in your own mind what the prophecies mean to you. Should you have questions, I suggest you discuss them with your clergyman.

Charles 'Nick' Nicholson  
Grand Aumonier

# Grand Chef de Trains

Hello from Savannah Ga.

I am reporting to you about our Grand Voiture membership. Right now Georgia is at 82.59%. Our goal is 551 and we are -94. That puts our Grande #33 out of 55 total Grands. We only have two Voitures in our Grand with 100% membership and I think that is great but, I know that we can do a lot better. WE CAN DO BETTER!

I know you have heard this hundreds of times before but, look around your Voiture. How many members do you **have**, and how many are **participating** in your Promenades. You know the answer: That it could be a lot better. Please talk to your Correspondant and try to get your renewals up to date. It is important to remember that if a member has not paid 2015 dues they are not "legally" authorized to attend any 40&8 functions, especially promenades.

The Grand Promenade will be hosted by Voiture 280 in Columbus, June 12-14. Watch for the information and registration form on the grand website. If you have never been to a Grand function now is the time to start. You will learn things about The Forty & Eight that you probably did not know. You will meet fellow Voyageurs from all over the state and, hopefully, make a lot of new friends.

Yours in Service,  
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**L'Editeur's note:** 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—mebolig@att.net

## Page 3 New Voiture

### Installs Officers



The newest Voiture of Grand du Georgia, **Voiture 1635** recently installed officers. Pictured (L-R): Christian Roberts (Garde de la Porte), Walt Cusick (Chef de Train), Dick Hill (Commissaire Indendant), David Gardner (Chef de Gare), Jerry Hallman (Conducteur), Amador Rodriguez (Correspondant), Pete Woodruff (Correspondant), Charlie Dowick, Ken Buechel

**CONGRATULATIONS and WELCOME!!**  
Promenade last Wednesday at 7:00  
American Legion Post 29—Marietta

### Voiture 909 Nick Nicholson Public Affairs

A lot has happened since the winter edition. We found out our locoi has a bad radiator and we had a fish fry to raise money to get it fixed. We have several parades requests don't know if will be able to make them until the Loco is fixed. It seems that most of the parades are scheduled on a Saturday when we have other 40 and 8 functions. Such as Southland Dixie, grand Promenade and Memorial Day functions. We will persevere and somehow make some of them. We only have three people that will drive the train as it is awkward around corners, but we will try. We were graced by the Grand Chef and his bride, Grand La Presidente and her bagman, the Chef de Train North and Grande La Sous Presidente, at our March Promenade followed by the fish fry the next day. We recruited a new member and also a Dame at the fish fry. Hope to see you at Southland Dixie in Gatlinburg Tennessee.

## Shamrock Wrecks

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January 16-17 Voiture 567 in Savannah initiated 4 new Voyageurs Militaire. This was done via the first Shamrock Wreck. A good time was had by all. The Grand Chef de Gare was on hand to ensure that the PGs had the appropriate "qualifications." Congratulations to the new Voyageurs and to the Savannah Voiture for a very successful wreck. Keep your eyes open for another edition of the SHAMROCK WRECK coming this fall.

### Grand Webmaster

The granddudgeorgia.org website is back online. Please take a look and give me feedback for information that is missing or incorrect. Please verify that the officers listed for your Voiture and Cabane are correct and current.

If you have any information that you think should be on the website, please get me the information and I can get it uploaded. Please verify the time and place of your Voiture and Cabane Promenades and Rendezvous.

Please provide a list of any known events that you and your Voiture have planned for the next year (i.e. wrecks, fund raising events, etc.).

We will soon have a Grand Calendar on the website and we want to ensure that we have your events captured. The sooner we at Grande get the correct information the sooner we can have an accurate Grande Calendar and plan visits accordingly.

Tom Reesman Grand Webmaster  
Michael Bolig—Sous Grand Webmaster



## **Volture 1317 Tom Reesman Chef de Gare**

Greetings from Gainesville! The BIG news again for us here in Gainesville is that it looks like the Petite Cheminot for the Grand du Georgia will be hosted by Voiture and Cabane 1317. Gainesville and Voiture 1317 have again been given the opportunity to excel. The Petite will be held at the VFW in Gainesville on the 2nd of August 2015. Lunch will be served promptly at 1200 and the Cheminot will follow at 1300. Meal and hotel information will be released at the Grand Promenade. The VFW in Gainesville will be open to all the Grand's members and guests on Saturday 1 August as well. So come to Gainesville early and enjoy some fun and friendship.

We have the Train ready to participate in the Gainesville Chicken Parade in April. That parade is the beginning of several parades over the next few following months in which we and the Train participate. We had three members that just returned from the Grand Mid-Winter and Homecoming. Thanks for an outstanding time hosted by Voiture and Cabane 217. Our promenades are held on the third Monday of each month at 1830 at VFW Post 8452 in Gainesville. Please drop by and visit. We look forward to seeing you all at the Petite in August.

## **Grande La Sous Presidente's**

Hello Dames,  
So it is just around the corner; that Big Date for us, MARCH 31<sup>st</sup>. The last day that your 2014 cards are valid. So, if you have not renewed, please do so now so your Correspondante can get it to Nationale on time. And if your Locale has any members that may need help with dues, please consider what the Cabane may do to help out. It will help membership, but most of all it will help a Sister Dame know that we care, and that is most important. Don't forget the Dames that may not be able to attend every rendezvous for various reasons. Give them a lift when needed, until we reach that position in life we will not know what it is like. I feel sure that we all know someone that is eligible to become a Dame, look around at family, friends, and ladies in other Veterans organizations. "Just ask." You won't know until you do. Do not forget our Grande Rendezvous in June, looking forward to seeing you all there. Let's make this the best ever with a great attendance. And don't forget we will be electing new officers so come out and be counted.

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## **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

### **Southlands Dixie:**

April 16-18, 2015; Gatlinburg, TN

### **Hootnanny Wreck**

May 2, 2015, Chatsworth, GA

### **Grand/Grande Promenade & Rendezvous:**

June 12-14, 2015; Columbus, GA (see page 5 for registration form)

### **Petite Cheminot:**

August 2, 2015; Gainesville, GA

### **Promenade/Rendezvous Nationale:**

September 15-19, 2015; Green Bay, WI

### **April 30, 2015 - 100% Membership Goal**

April 17, 2015—Articles for 40&8er due to L'Editeur Nationale

### **Shamrock Wreck**

October 9-11, 2015, Savannah, GA

Check the websites for registration forms and information:

[granddugeorgia.org](http://granddugeorgia.org)

[fortyandeight.org](http://fortyandeight.org)

## **Stolen from the Chef de Chemin de Fer**

We are all men and veterans and we owe it to ourselves and this Great Organization to work together for the success of the Forty and Eight. I can assure you that if we don't all work together for success we will all surely fail together. Consider this "Ten Commandments of the Forty and Eight;"

- 1.) The Voyageur Militaire is the lifeblood of the Voiture and La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux.
- 2.) My fellow Voyageurs and I are La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux, without our active support it ceases to exist.
- 3.) As a Voyageur Militaire, I am the representative of my Voiture Locale, Grande Voiture and Voiture Nationale, La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux. Whatever I do or say reflects directly upon myself and my fellow Voyageurs Militaire.
- 4.) As a Voyageur Militaire, I am responsible for what my Voiture Locale, Grande Voiture and Voiture Nationale stands for and represents. It can be no more than what my fellow Voyageurs and I, together make it.
- 5.) As a Voyageur Militaire, I should not criticize what my fellow Voyageurs do for the Forty and Eight unless I have a better suggestion and I am prepared to do it myself.
- 6.) As a Voyageur Militaire, I must remember that the fact that I bear the title of a Forty and Eight Voyageur is not enough. I must continue to be an active member and support all of our programs.
- 7.) As a Voyageur Militaire, I should treat my fellow Voyageurs with the respect, honor and understanding that I would like to receive from them.
- 8.) It is not my right to be a Voyageur Militaire, it is an honor. I should respect that honor by abiding by all Forty and Eight precepts.
- 9.) La Societe does me an honor by calling on me. I am not doing my Voiture a favor by serving. It is both an obligation and a privilege.
- 10.) Whatever differences my fellow Voyageurs and I may have, we are all bound together by the bonds of our loyalty to our Voiture, to La Societe, and to all American Veterans.





**Voiture & Cabane 280  
is proud to welcome you to the  
Grand Promenade & Grande Rendezvous**

**June 12-13-14, 2015  
Columbus, Georgia**

The registration fee is \$50 per person. This covers the Hospitality room throughout the week-end and Banquet Saturday night.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Voiture# \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cabane# \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to: **Voiture 280**

Mail Registration to: **John Aprill,  
Attn: Grand Promenade du Georgia  
3361 N. Lumpkin Road  
Columbus, GA 31903**

**Reservations must be made directly with the Hotel prior to **May 13, 2015** and please mention "40/8" to receive the special rate of \$69.00 plus tax per night. The hotel offers a complimentary breakfast.**

Host Hotel is the  
**Holiday Inn North**  
**2800 Manchester Expressway**  
**Columbus, GA 31904**  
**Phone: 706.324.0231 or 877-859-5095**

## Grand Directeurs

Locale Program Reports are due to the Grand Directeurs by June 1 to be eligible for an award and to ensure proper reporting at the Grand Promenade. Grand Directeurs are:

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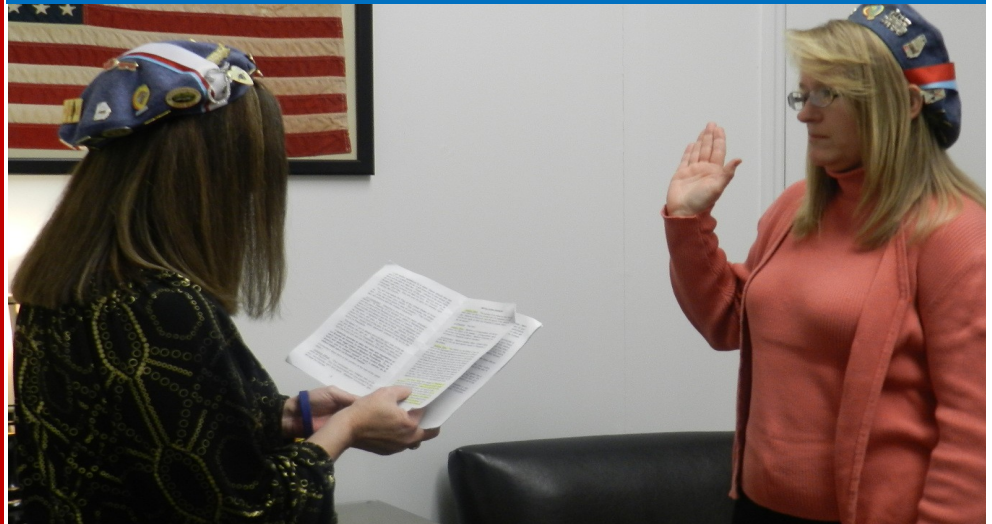
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## WELCOME CABANE 4!!!!



Grande de Georgia's newest Cabane, Cabane 4 Etowah Valley, recently had their officers install by Grand La Presidente. The top photo shows Grande La Presidente Teresa Smith installing La Presidente Locale Shannon Myers.

In the bottom photo (L-R)  
Shannon Myers—La Presidente  
Camille Meyers—La Sous Presidente  
Linda Shelton—La Conductuer  
Betty Thompson—La Correspondante  
Jill Deering La Commissaire Intendente

Congratulations and WELCOME sister Dames.

Have a Happy and Blessed Easter



### **SUGGESTED CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**APR- Plan a membership event**

**MAY- Complete and submit year end reports**

**JUN -Attend Grand Promenade**

**PLAN YOUR WORK & WORK YOUR PLAN**



## Shenanigans at The Shamrock





## Hootin' at the Homecoming





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ETOWAH VALLEY VOITURE 4

## GRAND VOITURE MEMBERSHIP

As of March 19, 2015

Grand du Georgia ranks 37th of 54 Grands

2014	2015	Short/Over	%
540	454	-86	84.07%

Voiture	2014	2015	% of Goal	Short/Over
4		17	N/A	17
217	61	47	77.05%	-14
280	35	29	82.86%	-6
499	75	72	96.00%	-3
567	45	45	100.00%	0
711	6	0	0.00%	-6
719	48	40	83.33%	-8
867	6	5	83.33%	-1
909	51	47	92.16%	-4
1145	28	21	75.00%	-7
1226	16	10	62.50%	-6
1229	125	75	60.00%	-50
1317	15	11	73.33%	-4
1597	19	9	47.37%	-10
1631	10	11	110.00%	1
1635		15	N/A	15

## LA FEMME MEMBERSHIP

Nationwide Georgia ranks 24th of 38 Grandes

2014	2015	%	Short
207	86	41.55%	-121

Cabane	2014	2015	2015 Goal	% of Goal
		Reported		
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%
1229	28	16	25	64.00%
1317	16	17	17	100.00%
1631	9	0	10	0.00%