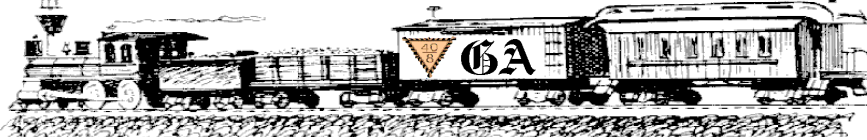




# Georgia on Track



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## Grand Chef de Gare



Hello 40&8 Family. This has been a whirlwind of a quarter for Madame Presidente and myself. We just returned from a fantastic trip to Green Bay, WI

for Promenade Nationale. If you have never been to a Nationale, you NEED to go!! So much to learn and so many great people in our organization to meet.

2016—Perrysburg (Toledo), OH

2017—Bossier City (Shreveport), LA

2018—Louisville, KY

It started with a visit to VL 1317 for installation of officers. Then off to VL 1229 for installation of officers and a fantastic meal. Another installation at VL 499, assisted by Grand Chef de Train East Tommy Fordham. Tommy presented outgoing Chef George Hinkle and Correspondant Jack Wade with their pins for 100% membership for the 2014-15 year. Congratulations gents. Thank you Chef Roger and Voyageurs for the train pen. It has been put to great use! At Petite Cheminot we discussed the Grand Voyageur of the Year program.

More to follow on that as the Chef de Trains finalize the procedure. Then a "visit" to VL 4 in Cartersville. It was supposed to be a visit but, thanks to traffic, I arrived **AFTER** the promenade. Sorry folks. I'll do better next time! Attended the white collar wreck in Loganville (VL 499) and was honored to obligate two (2) new Voyageurs. Welcome Comrades! After returning from Promenade Nationale (info elsewhere in the GOT) attended a white collar wreck at VL 1597 and obligated seven (7) more Voyageurs Militaire. Great work Chef Nadine and crew at Mableton and Merci pour l'hospitalité. Will be attending the Shamrock Wreck in Savannah, hosted by VL 567, in a few weeks. Current count of PGs for that wreck is 8 for VL 567 and 5 from Grand du SC. Should be a great time!! We lost 40 to non-renewal last year so we have a lot more work to do!!

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## From the Desk Of Grand Correspondant Nadine Asberry

Greetings All, This is your Grand Correspondant, Nadine Asberry. It is an honor to serve and it is my hope to even widen the communication highway between our Voitures, Locales, and Grandes all the way to Nationale. I am proud Chef de Gare of Sweetwater Voiture 1597 in Mableton, GA.

A few days ago we hosted a fund raiser for the Nurses Training Scholarship, selling fish dinners in conjunction with a White Collar Wreck to initiate our PGs. Our guests included Grand Chef de Gare Michael Bolig; La Grande Presidente Dottie Bolig; the 40 & 8 Train of Voiture 217 in College Park, Georgia with the conductor and crew; and local business leaders. Though the weather was dreary a good time was had by all. It was great meeting others and exchanging interesting stories.

On another note, the 96<sup>th</sup> Promenade Nationale was held earlier this month (September 15-19, 2015), Green Bay, Wisconsin. I would like to share a few key excerpts:

Avocats (all levels), should get a copy of the current National Constitution dated. 27 Sep. 14. There are some minor administrative changes since but they were administrative matters not needing National Promenade approval. However, they will be included in cases where major constitution changes are made. Current constitution copies are sold through Emblem Sales. The 27 Sep. 14 document is from which your proposed changes will be judged, so it is needed to do the job. Thoroughly check your list of officers in your constitutions. Our National Constitution has a list for each entity. This list is found in Articles X and XI of the National Constitution for Grandes and Locales. \*\*\* Most DO NOT have all officers listed.

Visit our Nationale website; click twice on News and Notes; click 40&8 Headlines for this article.

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## La Grande Presidente

Hello to all you beautiful Georgia Dames. What an exciting three months I have had. WOW



I started off with a bang, going to Cabane 1229, Northeast Georgia in Rockmart to install new officers my very first weekend as your new La President.

And it is such a pleasure to visit with those Dames. They are all so sweet and fun. Had a great time and added to my duck collection with big time. Thank you 1229 Dames. Unfortunately, 1229 has lost 2 Dames. Carolyn Owens and Carolyn Bryant. RIP Dames. As La Grande Presidente I was invited to Cleveland, TN, Voiture & Cabane #735 to attend their July 4<sup>th</sup> cookout and had a great time. Thank you Cleveland.

Next I went to visit Cabane 499, Loganville. They always have a great fellowship time and very good food before Rendezvous begins. Always a pleasure to be a part of their Rendezvous as I learn each time I visit. They do good work and I had the honor of installing their new officers.

August started off with a visit to Cabane # 4 at Cartersville. Due to a traffic accident in Atlanta we were late arriving, but the Dames waited for me. We had a good round table discussion on recruiting new members and on attending Grande functions and why.

We were invited to Rock Hill, SC wreck but due to death of Charlie Spigelmir it was cancelled. Charlie was a very nice man, a great Voyager and will be missed.

And then off to Savannah Cabane #567. First a memorial was held for another great Voyager and man lost to us in Georgia, Jimmy Smith. RIP Jimmy. After a delicious dinner, Rendezvous was held and new member, Joann S. was introduced. Good going Dames.

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## Grand Chef de Gare (continued)

Have confirmed visits to VL 217 and VL 280 scheduled. If you haven't seen me yet, patience my friends, I'll get you. Madame La Presidente and I have been invited to several functions in the near future. VL 280 has invited us to their annual Halloween Party. VL 735 Grande du TN has invited us for a military unit welcome home celebration hosted by the City of Cleveland, on Oct 18. We also received a call from Grande du Alabama to participate in the National Veterans Day program in Birmingham. We will represent well, I promise. They have asked us to lead the parade!! How's that for an honor. I would like to thank all of you for your support, hospitality and comradeship. This has been such an enjoyable year thus far. Keep Steamini!!!!

A la prochaine (Until next time),  
Michael Bolig  
Grand Chef de Gare

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## Grand Correspondant (continued)

For those of you who have responded to the request for submittal of the name of your Voiture Correspondant, "Thank you." It would sure look good having Georgia's list complete and up to date!  
Dues – Remember dues are paid annually in advance of October 20<sup>th</sup> each year. They entitle the Voyageur to a membership card and certify him to be in good standing until the end of the following current year, expiring on October 19<sup>th</sup>.  
In closing, I wish you all a great year. You can contact me at:

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## L'Editeur

As most of you know I have been reviewing the snail mail list. The list is now about 630 folks. Please, please, please, if you know of someone that has moved or passed on, let me know. We don't need to pay for issues that go nowhere! Also for Locale Correspondants, when your Voiture wrecks in new members please ensure that I receive their information so that they can begin receiving the Georgia On Track. Let me know if they want to receive it in hard copy (provide current mailing address) or electronically (provide valid email address). On last thing, the GOT is available on the Grande website!  
If you are receiving a hard copy and would prefer electronic copy, let me know. That is such an easy switch.

Cannot tell you how much I truly enjoy putting together YOUR newsletter but as I have said before I need input. Let people know what you are doing or have done! The deadlines have been published before so look at your past issues.

I would love to see input from ALL of the Voitures & Cabanes showcasing your activities. The GOT goes out, via email, to Nationale officers and all Grand Chef de Gares and Grand Correspondants that I have email addresses for. In turn I receive the newsletters of Grand du FL and Grand du VA. I pass them on, electronically, to all GA Locale Chefs and Correspondants. Ask to see them!!

Each issue of Georgia On Track cost about 70 cents per copy to print and mail. If you would like to make a donation to help with these costs please send a check to me, made out to Grand du Georgia. I will document the donation and ensure your receive the appropriate recognition.

You may submit your articles via email and donations to me at:

email: mebolig@att.net  
snail mail: **15 Feno Drive,  
Westminster, SC 29693.**



## La Grande Presidente (continued)

Then on 13<sup>th</sup> September Michael and I left for our road trip to Green Bay and the Nationale Promenade and Rendezvous. Beautiful drive and my first time in that part of the country. We arrived Monday afternoon and were met by many Voyagers and Dames. On Tuesday I met for the first time with the "Together Team" of which I was asked to be a member. It is an honor to serve with Dames determined to keep our great organization going with their ideas and initiative. The early bird party was a success, almost everyone was wearing team jerseys or shirts. As always there was lots to learn but I will be sending out a letter on that. Enjoyed seeing old friends and making new ones. If you have never been to a nationale or a grand, please try to attend as this is where we all share and learn.

Our new Nationale Presidente is Lorinda Keyes of WI. She has an outstanding resume and lets all keep her and this organization in our prayers as we work to honor and help all veterans. Good luck Lorinda!

And then we attended a white collar wreck at Mableton Voiture #1597 along with a fish fry. Course I could not attend wreck but wasted some time with Grande Guard de la Porte Martha Abbensett and then had some great fish and even better company. This Voiture does not YET have a Cabane but there is interest and as I spoke with their 7 PG's heard a lot of interest so I will be back to visit soon. Thank you to Chef Nadine and her husband Eddie for entertaining us on Friday night.

So I have been having a great time and am planning on visiting all our Cabanes in the future. Please call me if you have a date in mind. Our membership numbers are elsewhere in this issue so please check that out and get to work and call if I can help. We do already have 3 Cabanes over 50% and 4 that have not reported any renewals.

And a great big CONGRATULATIONS to Savannah for their membership numbers.

## Mid-Winter Cheminot and Homecoming

Voiture 1229 has submitted a bid to host the Mid-winter Cheminot and Homecoming.

It will be held February 19-21, 2016 at the Clarion Inn in White, GA. Negotiated room rates are \$71 per night plus tax. More information to follow as it becomes available.

# Nurses Training

Hello Voyageurs Militaire, this is your Grand Directeur of Nurses Training. I would like to take this time to thank all of the Voitures that participated with the Nurses Training Program last year and to let everyone know that I am very excited about this year's events.

I myself have just started the process of initiating a Co-sponsorship idea, where I will be inviting corporations to donate to our Nurses Training program and in turn, any solicitation that we do for our locales nurses training program, and with the co-sponsors permission, we will be listing them as a co-sponsor for our Voiture. So far I have raised 1000.00 dollars which will be presented to a nurse at the end of the year. I think that this idea may work for the other Voitures in our Grande that do or want to have a Nurses Training Scholarship program. I truly believe there are plenty of corporations out there that would be excited to donate to an amazing Veterans organization. With the knowledge of where the money was going to. Also, as you may know, V-567 raised over 9800.00 on a fireworks sale this past Fourth of July. Let me tell you it was a lot of work but if you have enough volunteers it can be well worth it. The company we sold for was TNT INC. based out of Atlanta, Ga. and can be easily accessed via the internet. If any Voiture is interested and wants more information, please feel free to contact me personally.

Thank you all for everything you do for our organization and also for the friendship that you have shown me throughout these past years.



# VACANCY L'Webmaster

The granddugeorgia.org website is currently unattended. Our previous webmaster had to focus on family health matters. If you know of someone, WITHIN the 40&8 family that would like to take the position, please have them get in touch with me.

There are a number of areas of the website where the information needs to be updated. I don't like that it is not current so this is an urgent need.

Merci,  
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# Voiture 909 Albany

Charles "Nick" Nicholson  
Chef de Gare

Parade season is again here and the "Rambling Rose" Loci of V909 is rearing to go. We have a minor water leak somewhere but haven't had the time to locate it to date. We carry plenty of H2O to replenish while on the road. Starting at Andersonville on 3 Oct we continue with 12-15 parades between now and Christmas. V909 along with Post #30 and the SOWEGA Veterans Coalition are sponsoring our 14<sup>th</sup> "Salute to Veterans" at Veterans Park in Albany on the 14<sup>th</sup> of November with color guards, bands, speeches, and a 21 gun honor to a returned MIA "Col Cooper" from Vietnam whose name is on the Memorial in Veterans Park in Albany. If you are in the area, or wish to attend, come on down, we will be happy to have your presence. The festivities will adjourn to Post #30 for entertainment, auctions and "Cold Beer" if you wish to partake.

# Americanism

From the Desk of:  
Grand Directeur of Americanism  
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Patriotism is fading in America. Almost daily you hear of, or see the desecration of our Flag. Most individuals do not know the history of our great flag or the proper etiquette.

We, as Voyageurs and Dames have a golden opportunity to change this and one way is to inform and inspire our youth at an early age. Our program "Flags for First Graders" is an outstanding way we can educate them. Let's contact our local schools and seek permission to present this program. These guidelines can be found at the link below:

<http://www.fortyvandeight.org/americanism> (click)  
40&8 National Outline **Flags for First Graders**

After you've completed presenting flags to your school, don't forget to document on your Americanism Report.

# TAPS



- Jimmy Smith VL567
- Reginald Abbott VL567
- William Frazier VL1229
- Paul Moore VL1145
- Carolyn Owens CL1229
- Carolyn Bryant CL1229

Please keep the families, of these that have passed to Voiture and Cabane Everlasting, in your thoughts and prayers



# Promenade Nationale

In my opinion the most disturbing thing to come out of Promenade Nationale this year was the fact that **26, YES 26**, Locale charters were revoked by Nationale!! I don't know how many Voyageurs that consists of but I'd bet it's a big number. Another piece of disappointing info—The cost of a chapeau is increasing by \$2 per unit!! As if they aren't expensive enough already. It was announced the 26,000 is the "critical" point for La Societe'. We ended the 2015 year at 26,753!

There were **NO nominations for City of the Year**. We need to be supporting the Special Awards programs!!

Roger Decker, Sous Nationale Directeur Boxcar, received an award for his work in support of the Boxcar program. Great Job Roger!!

VL 499 received the Paul L Landry award for performing the greatest work in the Flags for First Graders program. Congrats and Job Well done!!

John Pizzo was elected to serve a three year term as President of the NPCC! Congrats!

Grand du Georgia appointments:

Roger Decker—Sous Directeur Boxcar  
Larry Butts—Sour Directeur Carville Star  
John Aprill—Sous Medicin

**Chef de Chemin de Fer:** Don Emley WI

**Program:** Youth Sports

**Goals:** Lead By Example, Step up and do the job, Prepare new Voyageurs to move up



## Voiture 1229 NW Georgia

Voiture 1129 in NW Georgia recently awarded their annual Nurses Training Scholarship. Pictured above is the presentation. Marvin Hampton, Locale Nurses Training Directuer presents a check to Stephanie Dempsey. Ms. Dempsey is currently attending Georgia Northwestern Technical College in Rome. Congratulations and best of luck to Stephanie!

Below you will see the Early Bird Party at Promenade Nationale. This year it was a tailgate party. As you can see, it was a great turnout. We were asked to wear the colors of our favorite team. There was a wide assortment of teams and sports from high school teams to professional teams of all sports. Lots of fun was had by all.

## La Sous Presidente Nationale Area 1

**Brenda Pizzo**

As John and I left Rendezvous Nationale and drove through the beautiful countryside, land of the great cheese makers in Wisconsin, I pondered the subjects of the messages that I would be sending to our Dames who are the most valuable assets in this organization. Please let me know what I can do for you. What I ask of you is that you:

- #1- pay your dues on time (by October 20th)
- #2- track your donations (time, material, money and miles driven)
- #3- ask someone to join



# History, Humor and What-Not

**October 24, 1901**—63 year old Civil War widow and school teacher, Annie Edson Taylor, becomes first person to take Niagara Falls in a barrel. She survived.

**November 12, 1954**—After processing more than 12 million immigrants since 1892, Ellis Island closes. 40% of all Americans can trace their roots through Ellis Island.

**December 17, 1843**—Charles Dickens classic story "A Christmas Carol" is published. Dickens was born in 1812 and at 12 years old he had to go to work in a factory after his father was thrown in "debtors prison."

A new soldier was on sentry duty at the main gate. His orders were clear. No car was to enter unless it had a special sticker on the windshield. A big Army car came up with a general seated in the back. The sentry said, "Halt, who goes there?" The chauffeur, a corporal, says, "General Wheeler." "I'm sorry, I can't let you through. You've got to have a sticker on the windshield." The general said, "Drive on!" The sentry said, "Hold it! You really can't come through. I have orders to shoot if you try driving in without a sticker." The general repeated, "I'm telling you, son, drive on!" The sentry walked up to the rear window and said, "General, I'm new at this. Do I shoot you or the driver?"

The Marines were backing-up LAPD on a call that someone had broken into a store. At the scene, the cop told the Marines to "cover" him as he approached the store (to police, "cover" means to point your weapons in the direction of the threat, to Marines it means lay down a base of fire!). The Marines promptly laid down a base of fire. The Marines fired 178 rounds before they stopped shooting. The thief, probably a little scared at this point, called 911 and reported, "They're shooting at me!"

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<b>ROGER DECKER NATIONAL SOUS DIRECTEUR BOX CAR 03/17</b>	<b>ABBEY &amp; MARTHA ABBENSETT VOITURE &amp; CABANE 217 07/16</b>

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**People think I'm going crazy. Well, the joke's on them. I went crazy a long time ago, loved it, and decided to stay there.**



**Ever time I think I have my ducks all in a row, the damn ducks waddle off in all directions.**



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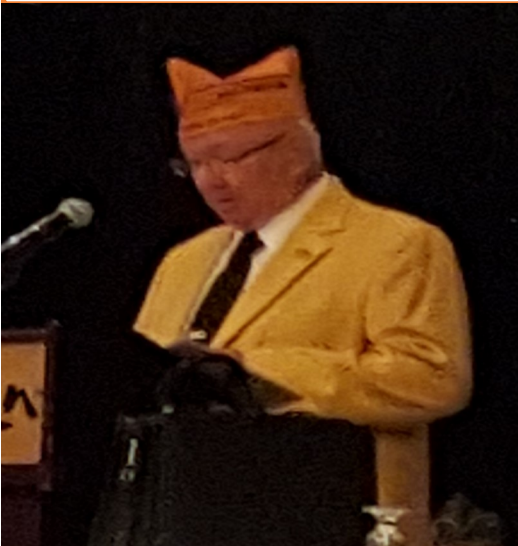
Roger Decker receives award for his work as Sous Directeur National Boxcar. GREAT JOB, ROGER!!!!



The Georgia delegation presents a check to the Hobo Party in the amount of \$1,800. Fantastic Georgia Voyageurs & Dames!



John Pizzo, Voiture 909, Columbus, elected President of National Past Chef de Gare Club. Congratulations John.



Chef de Chemin de Fer 2015-16 Don Emley addresses the delegates. Best Wishes Don!



Our hosts for Promenade Nationale 2016 try to tell us where it's going to be: O H I O—Perrysburg, Ohio. Hope to see you there!!!

## GRANDE VOITURE MEMBERSHIP

As of October 1, 2015

Grande du Georgia ranks 28th of 54 Grandes

Voiture	2015	2016	% of Goal	Short/Over
4	17	1	5.88%	-16
217	58	2	3.45%	-56
280	29	12	41.38%	-17
499	76	47	61.84%	-29
567	45	18	40.00%	-27
711	0	0	0.00%	0
719	42	15	35.71%	-27
867	5	0	0.00%	-5
909	49	14	28.57%	-35
1145	24	0	0.00%	-24
1226	10	10	100.00%	0
1229	89	27	30.34%	-62
1317	17	3	17.65%	-14
1597	12	7	58.33%	-5
1631	11	3	27.27%	-8
1635	16	17	106.25%	1

## GRANDE CABANE MEMBERSHIP

Grande de Georgia ranks 9th of 36 Grandes

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Short</u>
Cabane	2015	2016 Reported	2016 Goal	% of Goal
4	8	0	11	0.00%
217	37	21	40	52.50%
280	24	14	33	42.42%
499	18	8	23	34.78%
567	13	13	16	81.25%
719	13	1	14	7.14%
909	15	0	16	0.00%
1226	15	9	20	75.00%
1229	28	20	28	71.43%
1317	17	0	18	0.00%
1631	4	0	10	0.00%

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