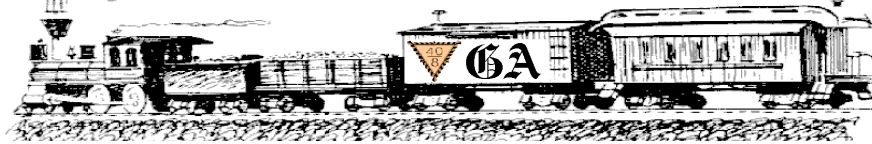


# Georgia on Track



Award winning publication

**Grand Voiture du Georgia**

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## Grand Chef de Gare



HAPPY SPRING, I think!! Seems like Mother Nature isn't quite sure what season she wants to leave us with!!

I certainly hope this newsletter finds everyone doing well and looking forward to the Grand Promenade. VL/CL 909 are going to host the Grande Promenade June 10-12!!

If you missed the Homecoming hosted by VL/CL 1229 first, shame on you and, second you missed a GREAT time!! The Voyageurs and Dames did a great job of making everyone feel at home. They also did an OUTSTANDING job of roasting myself and Madame La Presidente. I believe I got more roasting by the Dames than Madame La Presidente. Not fair!!! VL/CL 1229 presented me with a "Hardley A Davidson." You can see a picture of my initial ride deeper in this publication. Madame Grande La Presidente and I just returned from the Hillbilly Wrek in Gatlinburg, TN. The crowd was small due to a number of events in the month of April in back-to-back-to-back weekends. We were however able to successfully WREK two new Voyageurs Militaire. Congratulations to those 40&8'ers!

We are in the most trying time of the membership year. Those active Voyageurs have already renewed and the "inactive" Voyageurs always straggle in by ones and twos. As of the writing of this article we are at 96.00% and down 20 Voyageurs for the year. We lost 50 last year so we're not down quite so far, but still down. I urge you to reach out and get the "stragglers" involved in your Voiture.

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## From the Desk Of Grand Correspondant Nadine Asberry

Hello All,  
Let me start off by saying I had a great time meeting some and enjoying time spent with others at our Petite Cheminot in Calhoun, Georgia last month and I'd like repeat a few "shout out's!" Congratulations to:

Voitures that reached 100% membership goal;

Voiture 1229 Chef de Train for their \$212.00 donation to Carvel Star; Monsieur Roger Decker was Sous Directeur Nation Box Car Area "C" and placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in contributions at the Nationale Promenade last year. Sadly, he announced that he is stepping down this year.

Voiture 1229 and Legion Post 47 for such a fine job planning and hosting this event.

There were many issues discussed and pretty much all taken care of. The main issue of instruction was to "get all reports completed ASAP and submitted by June 1<sup>st</sup>."

We enjoyed a hearty lunch of Brunswick Stew, Sliders, chips, beverages, and deserts. There were several photo ops; a dinner (featuring the best tasting chicken ever). I hope our Grande Chef and La Grande Presidente were able to fit all gifts received at Homecoming in the truck. Talk about being showered with gifts! Then it was time for music, Karaoke, dancing, and more fun.

I was captivated with Voiture 47's Post history. The photographs, news articles, and various documents of achievements were amazing – but that's another story.

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## La Grande Presidente

Hello to All  
You Georgia  
Dames.  
First let me  
thank  
Cabane and  
Voiture  
1229 for the



great, wonderful Homecoming. The Dames were great and La Presidente Jean Hampton is an absolute marvel at decorating. Everything was beautiful. The food was great, as was the music & dancing. But most of all, all of the Dames and Voyageurs that came, you are The Best of The Best!! So many to thank: Jean & Marvin Hampton, Dames Voyageurs for all the gifts that were all so great. THANK YOU. I love you all, you are truly special.

Well, it's almost that time again, for our Grande Rendezvous. I want to encourage all of you to do your best to come to Albany and join in the fun, but most important, be there to voice your opinion on our officers and leaders for next year. This is a time when we need all of you to give input on why we are losing members. Our membership numbers are very low. Georgia is currently number 27 out of 35 nationally. We are 66 members short to make 100%, which I believe we have not done since Janet "Moose" Walsh was La Presidente. Dames this is sad. Please look at your numbers and talk among yourselves and make some plans to get more renewals or bring in new members.

Yes, our Grande will be in Albany, hosted by Voiture & Cabane 909. I remember the last Grande there and we all had a great time. So, do come on out and join us. (continued on page 2)

## Grand Chef de Gare (continued)

I also urge each of you to begin developing a history for your Voiture to keep track of your significant events, accomplishments and activities. I have been asked by numerous new Voyageurs "What have we done, or what are we doing?" We need to get better at "on-boarding" our new Voyageurs. It has always been one of my pet peeves that we are all expected to learn by osmosis instead of direct interaction. Think about how you were on-boarded to this fine organization!! Set aside some time during your Promenade or Cheminot for training. Have someone talk about one of the programs; or program reporting; or the organization Constitution. We have got to ensure that new members are feeling like they are a part of something special, otherwise we are "JUST ANOTHER MONTHLY MEETING."

WE ARE RESPONSIBLE for the longevity of the 40&8. We accepted that responsibility by becoming a member!! Our actions reflect the kind of Voyageur we are. What kind of Voyageur are you? What kind of Voyageur do you want to be? Are you the Voyageur you want to be? If not, ONLY YOU can make that happen.

Remember the Grande Promenade coming to Albany in June. Register early. Hope to see a great turnout!

**NOTE: Grand Directeurs have set June 1st as the due date for ALL program reports. If your reports are not to the Grand Directeur by this time you WILL NOT be eligible for a Grand award!!**

Keep Steamini!!!!

A la prochaine (Until next time),

Michael Bolig

Grand Chef de Gare

LEGACY

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## L'Editeur

We are looking into the possibility of having the GOT printed in color!! If you know of a printer that could provide a bid, please let me know!

If you are receiving a hard copy of GOT and would prefer electronic copy, let me know.

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). 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 costs 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.**

Michael Bolig  
Grand La Editeur



## La Grande Presidente (continued)

I understand that we are again having a pocketbook silent auction, as well as some other great items for auction. A little bird told me they are hoping to have another train item also.

Before I forget, congratulations to Cabane 719 on reaching 100% in membership. We also have another Cabane that is only short 1 to reach that goal.

I'm sure you know who you are, so come on, get another one.

Remember, **LEGACY.....Lets all get another, can you? YES WE CAN!!!**

Prayers for all in sickness and in need.

If I can help, please call me, my number is on the list that was passed out.

Thank you and take care.

God bless our troops & families, our veterans, all of you and  
**GOD BLESS AMERICA.**

Dottie Bolig

Grande la Presidente de Georgia



## Grande Promenade/ Grande Rendezvous

Voiture & Cabane 909 Albany are hosting the Grande Promenade/ Rendezvous. It will be held June 10-12 at Albany American Legion Post 30. See the flyer on Page 6 of this issue.

Come out and support our leaders for next year. Let your voice be heard!!!



## Grand Directeur Nurses Training

Greetings fellow Voyageurs Militaire  
I would like to start out by thanking all of the Voitures in Grande du Georgia that have been, or are planning to participate in the Nurses Training program this year. The deadline to turn in reports so that you may be considered for the awards this year will be no later than June 1, 2016.

Well Ladies and Gents the time is coming soon for my departure from this Grand as I will be moving to Pennsylvania in the summer of 2017. With that said, I won't be seeking another term as Grand Directeur of Nurses training this year. I will be concentrating on preparing for the move so I feel that I will not have enough time in my schedule to do justice for my current position. I would however like to express my sincere appreciation for this Grande allowing me to serve what I consider the most outstanding bunch of people that I have ever had the honor to meet. I will always and forever keep you in my mind and in my heart. For most of you, I consider myself your Legacy. I hope, with all of the positions in the Grande I have held, that in your mind I've served our organization well. I will take the mentoring and the lessons that you have taught me wherever I go. Thank you all for your friendship.

Sincerely

Mike Thorne

Grand Dir. Nurses Training du Georgia  
145 Crystal Drive Rincon, Georgia 31326  
(912) 655-4026,

## Grande Correspondant (continued)

Voyageurs and Dames, we've sprung ahead so our days are longer and warmer. Remember to stay hydrated and take proper precautions when exposed to the sun.

In closing, I wish all of you and your

family **Happy Easter** 



## Americanism

From the Desk of:  
Grand Directeur of Americanism

Eddie Asberry  
easberry@comcast.net

Our Voiture Year is rapidly coming to a close....  
Don't forget to submit your reports in a timely manner. Below is the procedures and due date for all Americanism reports.

### AMERICANISM

All forms and information needed for Americanism reports are on line at:

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

On top of that page select Resources tab.

From drop down list, select: Forms & Petite Communiqué

Scroll down to:

A. 2016 Americanism Award Guidelines

(NOTE THIS AWARD IS DUE TO ME NLT MAY1, 2015 TO MEET NATIONALE'S DEADLINE OF JUN 1)

b. 2016 Americanism Consolidated Report (THIS REPORT IS DUE TO ME NLT JUN1, 2016)

SNAIL MAIL ME AT:

Eddie Asberry

Directeur of Americanism

1316 Cotton Gin Dr

Powder Springs, GA 30127-6453

(easberry@comcast.net)

Thank you



Apparently,

I have an  
attitude.



WHO KNEW!

**This is not a bakery, I don't  
sugar coat anything.**

**If you ask for my opinion  
then thatswhat you'll get.**

**Just don't be mad at me  
when it's not what YOU  
want to hear!**

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Beautiful handmade centerpieces

02.20.2016



Jean Hampton, Pres Locale, poses with royalty(?).

02.20.2016



Nuff said!!



Did you say hospitality room???

02.19



The "DAME DUCKS" serenade their La Grande Duck



Are we having fun yet?????

02.20.2016 19:20



Beautiful handmade centerpieces





Let the ROAST begin!!!

Duck Dynasty (??) in the house!!

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Grand Chef provides a geography lesson

02.20.2016



Inaugural "Hardley" ride!!

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Moose and Cheryl "ROAST" Madame Pres!!

02.20.2016



Gail and Nadine rockin' to the tunes.

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Abbey, Roger and Jack enjoy the festivities.

02.20.2016 19:24



2016 Georgia  
**GRANDE PROMENADE/RENDEZVOUS**  
June 10-12, 2016  
Hosted by Albany VL/CL 909



**REGISTRATION: \$50**

(Includes Saturday Lunch, Banquet, donuts & Bloody Mary's on Sunday morning)

**HOTEL – Park Inn by Radisson, 2729 Pointe N Blvd, Albany, GA**

**\$65/night plus tax**, reservation must be made before 5/20/16

Call – (229) 446-2001 and mention the 40 & 8 Grand Promenade

Hospitality: Friday at Park Inn from Noon until ?

Post 30 will be having a dinner/dance Friday evening for \$12/person

**Saturday: 10 AM** Promenade/Rendezvous will be held at American Legion Post 30 Albany

**6 PM** – Social Hour - Post 30

**7PM** – Banquet & Program - Post 30

***(Dress code for Banquet – NO SHORTS, T-SHIRTS or JEANS)***

Open bar at Post 30 from noon Saturday until after banquet

**Sunday: 10 AM** Memorial Service followed immediately by installation of officers – Post 30

Refer all questions to: Charles “Nick” Nicholson (229) 395-3258

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VOITURE NO: \_\_\_\_\_ CABANE NO: \_\_\_\_\_  
VOYAGER: \_\_\_\_\_ Office: \_\_\_\_\_  
DAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Office: \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_  
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CELL PHONE: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to **Voiture 909** and mail to:**

**Nick Nicholson  
201 Lockett Station Road  
Albany, GA 31721-4003**



## GRANDE VOITURE MEMBERSHIP

As of April 21, 2016

Grande du Georgia ranks 10th of 54 Grandes

<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>Short/Over</u>	<u>%</u>
500	480	-20	96.00%

Voiture	2015	2016	% of Goal	Short/Over
4	17	18	105.88%	1
217	58	52	100.00%	0
280	29	29	100.00%	0
499	76	76	101.32%	1
567	45	48	106.67%	3
711	0	0	0.00%	0
719	42	32	102.38%	1
867	5	4	80.00%	-1
909	49	46	93.88%	-3
1145	24	18	75.00%	-6
1226	10	10	100.00%	0
1229	89	65	73.03%	-24
1317	17	11	64.71%	-6
1597	12	19	158.33%	7
1631	11	13	118.18%	2
1635	16	19	118.75%	2
1636		2	N/A	2

## GRANDE CABANE MEMBERSHIP

Grande de Georgia ranks 27th of 36 Grandes

<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Short</u>
192	158	70.22%	-67

Cabane	2015	2016 Reported	2016 Goal	% of Goal
4	8	8	11	72.73%
217	37	30	40	75.00%
280	24	15	33	45.45%
499	18	15	23	65.22%
567	13	15	16	93.75%
719	13	14	14	100.00%
909	15	8	16	50.00%
1226	15	9	20	56.25%
1229	28	24	28	85.71%
1317	17	16	18	88.89%
1631	4	4	10	40.00%