



## Grand Voiture du Georgia

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# Grand Chef de Gare 2018-2019 Tom Reesman

Hello!

Hope this

issue of Georgia on Track finds everyone well. First of all, I would like to Thank everyone for their confidence in me by electing me Grand Chef de Gare du Georgia this year. I hope that I can attain a successful year.

I hope that everyone is well! We have a busy next couple of years. In addition to our regular events we have the responsibility of Southland Dixie 2020. One of my goals this year is to have our events planned out further, in order to have a plan for the future. As we have three Grand events each year and three regions of Georgia, we would like to see that by 2020, each region is hosting one event each year. This will allow for less travel for all Voyageurs across Georgia, and/or allow for those that do not travel far to be able to attend a Grand event. I have appointed a Time and Place Committee of well experienced Voyageurs to help make this happen. But they need help and bids from the Voitures, so, VOITURES, please think about hosting an event and get with the Time and Place Committee.

With every organization, membership is key and that is no different than with ours. As soon as the year ended, we started sending out notifications for dues for this year. The Goal is to get all your renewals in by 31 December 2018. We need to encourage all members to start paying their dues in August, September, October. This is the beginning of the membership year. If we get a Voyageur paying his dues in June or July, he will be receiving a dues notice in August, at some point you need to encourage the Voyageurs to get on track with the membership year. Then the Voiture can focus on new members for three quarters of the year. The Societe has not shown membership growth since 1993, let's show Nationale that Grand du Georgia can show growth for 2018-19.

En Service

Tom Reesman

## Membership Notes

*To all those who work so hard to get their Grands to the quarterly goals.  
Especially the Locales that have an aggressive program to get their memberships in.*

**Now go after the holdouts.**

**GOOD LUCK GUYS!**

Thanks to all of those out there who put out the extra effort to get the membership moving. If the membership teams are the Coaches, those of you who recruit and chase dues are the 40 & 8. Don't give up, just keep on calling.

I do know personally how difficult it can be to get renewals in your own Voiture, but the best advice I can give is to not give up on any of them, keep trying. To all Voyageurs, thank you for everything that you do for La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux. God Bless



**La Grande Presidente  
2018-19  
Debra Coody**

I would like to thank everyone for voting me in as La Grande Presidente 2018-19. It took me a long time to decide to run and I am honored that you gave me this chance. I will do everything possible to earn the confidence you have shown me.

For those of you who were not able to attend Grande, you missed a wonderful time! I will tell you what I told the attendees at the banquet as to what they can expect from me in the coming year. I want to help everyone to S-I-N-G.

- S - Simply encourage the best in everyone.
- I – Identify the needs around you and work to improve things.
- N – Never forget that there are many ways to resolve an issue.
- G – Gather your resources to make a difference.

In addition to helping everyone to sing, I am particularly interested in Child Welfare. I worked as a Victim’s Advocate for 11 years with the Monroe County Sheriff’s Office C.A.R.E. Cottage, which is also a Child Advocacy Center. The stories of the children who have been molested or abused can touch anyone’s heart.

I know we have a great many Dames with talents that can encourage and help to brighten the lives of others. That is what we are all about. We have Veterans and their families who are in need. We should be there for them. We should also use our experience and knowledge to teach our new Dames so they will feel confident in their roles as Dames. A sense of purpose and confidence, along with friendship and sisterhood, can go a long way toward helping our organization grow.

I hope to travel to each of our Cabanes during this year. If I can do anything to help, just contact me and let me know. I don’t pretend to know everything, but together we will find a solution to any problem you may have. Thank you again,

Debra Coody  
La Grande Presidente de Georgia



**La Grande Presidente Passe  
2017-18  
Charlotte Fordham**



Well my year has come to an end. I enjoyed every day of it. I had a great team beside me that made it easier. I was not able to visit all of the Cabanes due to work and other things that pop up and for that I am sorry.

Our homecoming/ midwinter in Savannah was awesome! Thanks to Voiture 567 for everything!!! All of the support from the Voyageurs and Dames from Georgia was outstanding. Then we were off to the Southland Dixie in Gatlinburg. I love the mountains, but missed having my bike with me. From there we went to the Gator Wreck in Goose Creek, SC. Always a good time in the creek! If you haven't been, you need to go.

I cannot say enough about Voiture 1145 and Cabane 280 for the Grand in June. Everything went very smoothly and it was well attended. Chef de Gare Dan put a lot of work into this event and it showed.

I hope to see everyone at the Shamrock Wreck in Oct in Savannah, Ga. Let's give our support to the new Grande La Presidente Debra Coody and Grand Chef Tom Reesman. Best wishes for the new year and look forward to seeing you in Savannah!

Sincerely,  
Charlotte Fordham, La Cheminot Nationale



# Grand Chef de Gare Passe 2017-2018 Tommy Fordham



Good day to all, well my year has come to a close, and I don't know where time has gone. This has been one of the most rewarding experiences in my life serving you all as Grand Chef de Gare. I did not get to visit all the Voitures in Georgia but rest assured I wanted to. There were a few medical issues that slowed me down but have now recovered from them and feeling great. I want to congratulate Grand Chef de Gare Tom Resson and all of his Grand Officers having been elected to serve Grand du Georgia for the year 2018-2019. I know that each one will do a great job and carry our organization to greater heights. I hope all of our Locales will start supporting the Grand a little better than they have in the past, it seems that there is a disconnect between the two. Start by inviting your Grand Chef to visit your Locales along with the Grand Chef de Trains in your area, show respect for them and the office that they hold. Let them know how your Locale is doing and what problems that you may have. I want to thank each and everyone of you for what you do for La Societe, again it has been an honor and privilege serving as your Grand Chef. I will still be around helping wherever I can. THANK YOU and GOD BLESS The Forty and Eight.

**En Service**  
**Tommy Fordham**  
**Grand Chef de Gare Passe'**  
**Grand du Georgia**



**FROM THE DESK OF EDDIE ASBERRY  
GRAND DIRECTEUR OF AMERICANISM**

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**Our Grande Promenade, hosted by Voiture 1145, Warner Robins was outstanding, the attendance was down, but all who attended really enjoyed themselves.**

**The following Voitures were awarded based on the information they submitted on their Americanism Consolidated report:**

**First Place Voiture 499, Loganville  
Second Place: Voiture 1597 Mableton  
Third Place: Voiture 719 Augusta**

**In the category Flag for First Graders:**

**First Place: Voiture 499, Loganville  
Second Place: Voiture 280, Columbus  
Third Place: Voiture 1317, Gainesville**

**If you haven't submitted your report, please submit them to me NLT July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018. That way I can submit an accurate report to Nationale.**

**Below is a reprint from the GOT, 2018-1. Please note policy on flying the colors (flag)**

**Let's all get to work and make this year the best ever!**

*These are the some of the things that we must keep working on:*

**Are you working on your Flags for First Grader program?**

**Are you working on your pin sales?**

**Have you found a candidate for the Nationale Americanism Award?**

**Keep track of what you do for your end of year report.**

**And remember almost everything we do falls under AMERICANISM**

**A new change to Americanism Consolidated report, under Americanism Speeches and Flag Activity. You can take credit for flying your flag at your house.**





From the desk of Tom Reesman

Grand Directeur  
Voiture Activities



Bonjour,

Please remember to record all your Voiture Activities. If you record at every promenade, you won't have to struggle to remember. Almost anything you do for Veterans can be Voiture activities. We reported more this year than last, but we can do better.

I will be available to answer any questions you have on Voiture Activities, completing the form as well as provide any suggestions or ideas for events/ activities.

Don't forget to plan to attend Nationale in the upcoming years. Myrtle Beach, SC hosts in 2019. This Nationale should be close for Georgia voyageurs to attend. Also Southland Dixie is 25-27 April 2019 in Jacksonville, Florida. Grand du Georgia will be hosting the Southland Dixie in 2020

# L'Editeur

## PLEASE READ

It was voted at the Grand Promenade that the L'Editor will publish the Georgia on Track, post it to the website, and the Voitures Locale have the responsibility to distribute to their Voyageurs and Dames.

If this process is not how the mass of Voyageurs want it, or if it is not working PLEASE provide me with feedback. Based on the feedback, we will revisit printing and distributing the Georgia on Track for 1st Quarter Calendar year 2019. Voitures Locale please ensure feedback, and don't forget your Dames.

The GOT goes out, via email, to Nationale officers and all Grand Chef de Gares and Grand Correspondants that I have email addresses for.

You may submit your articles and photos via email

and donations via snail mail at:

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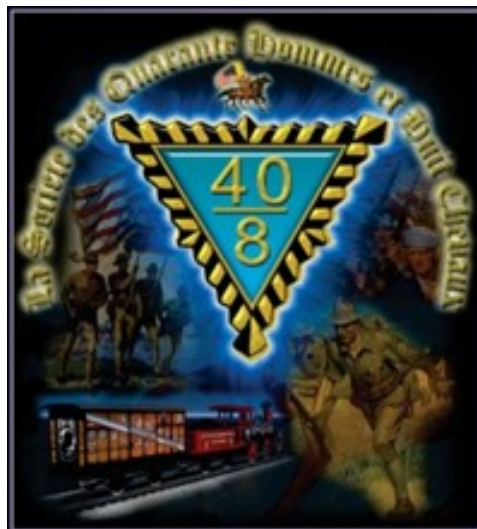
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The money not used for printing will accrue in Grand du Georgia's account and remain unspent until a relook at printing and distributing the GOT by Grand du Georgia. If no change is desired by the membership by the date of the Grand Promenade 2019, the finance Committee will recommend which of our programs would get the donations and the membership would vote to approve at the Grand Promenade

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## More Membership Notes

I know that we can achieve 100% in Grand du Georgia and want to remind everyone that MEMBERSHIP is EVERYONE's Responsibility. Please look for Quality and Qualified PG's for your Voiture. By bringing in Quality People into your Voiture, it will make your Voiture Stronger, and with New People, brings New Ideas to assist you with your chosen Programs of La Societe.

"We are the FUN and HONOR society Of the American Veteran "

**RECRUIT - RENEW - RECRUIT**

VOITURE 499 NEWSLETTER – AUGUST 2018

## VOYAGEURS AND DAMES:

This is our first newsletter of 2019 as our year runs from August 1<sup>st</sup> through July 31<sup>st</sup>. We will be installing officers at our Promenade on Tuesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>. The following will be installed:

Chef de Gare – Gordon Fox  
Chef de Train – Bobby Jack Wall  
Conducteur – Neal Savage  
Commissaire Intendant – Ken Lucier  
Guard de la Porte – Glenn Bumbelow  
Cheminot – Roger Decker  
Lampiste – Paul Williams  
Correspondant – Jack Wade  
Aumonier – Bob Simler

Please try to attend and support these voyageurs. We will be reading proposed by-Law change and will vote on this at the September Promenade. Article VIII, Section 2 reads: the regular promenade shall be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday night of each month at 8:00 p.m. Proposed change is to read: “the promenade of Voiture 499 will be held monthly, date and time to be decided monthly”.

We ended the 2018 year with 61 paid voyageurs, making us short 16 of our goal of 77. We lost six voyageurs due to death and the remaining deficit was due to non- payment of dues and resignation. We cannot survive losing voyageurs at this rate. Membership is everyone’s responsibility so let’s do better in 2019.

### Upcoming events:

Promenade/social – August 14, 2018, social hour 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM (we will be having hors d’oeuvres and not a full meal)

Promenade/rendezvous 7:34 PM

Hope to see you then.

Jack Wade, Correspondant  
Voiture 499



## Voiture Everlasting

Wayne Crockett V-217  
Dean Jarmin V-1229  
Willie Pitts, JR V-1597  
Tom Walsh V-217  
Harry Johnson V-909  
Max Howell V-909  
Rick Beasley V-217





**Grand du Georgia  
Grand Promenade 2018  
Warner-Robbins  
Random Pictures of the  
Installation**



**Voiture 567 Savannah hard at work building their new Train**







## Things to Consider

We as a Grand are supposed to have three Grand events a year. We have three regions in the Grand, (North, East, West), for travelling purposes, it would be great if we had each region step up and plan to host an event. If each region hosts one, it would reduce the attendees travel for the year. We also have the Active wreck (Shamrock) in Savannah each year. Grand du Georgia is the host for Southland Dixie 2020, and we have to figure that out in the plans as well.

Please Consider hosting and get your bids into the Time and Place Committee before the Petite in Savannah on 14 October 2018. The Time and place committee has informed me that we will be voting on the location for the Mid-Winter and Grand Promenade 2019 at the Petite.

How can we show loyalty to La Societe? The first thing that comes to my mind is "I faithfully promise to attend the promenades of my Voiture".

**Veterans helping Veterans.**