



VOYAGEURS

A new year has begun. I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. With the holidays in the past, it is time to get down to business and start working on Membership. With the Mid-Winter Conference in Faribault, February 1-2-3, it would be nice to have a Good Turn-in. Hope to see you there. **Chef de Chemin de Fer Barry Bovee from Michigan will be our Guest of Honor.**

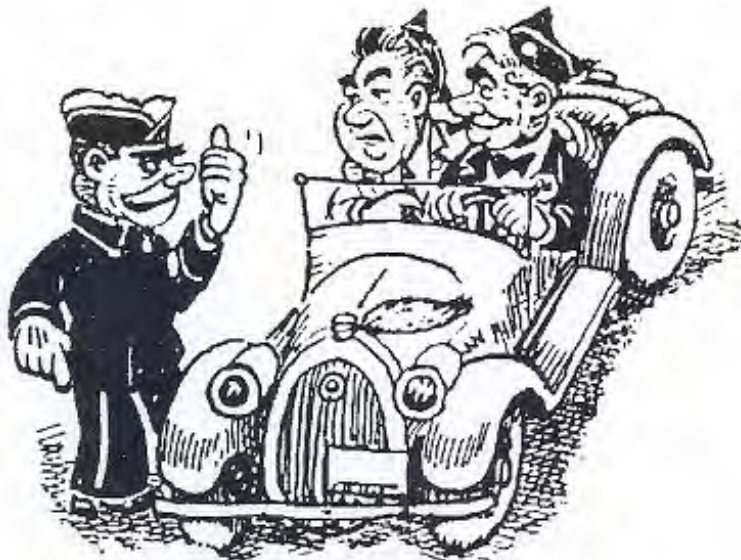
I will keep this short as I have not had to do any travelling since the last news letter. However, I have a pretty full schedule coming during January.

Valentine's Day will be here pretty soon. Be good to your sweetheart.

A short note on the upcoming Grand Wreck in Grand Rapids on Sunday, March 10, 2013. If you will have any Goof's please contact me, as I am the Correspondant Locale Voiture 806. Phone 218-326-1163. Leave a message.

Don Snow

Grand Chef de Gare





**Calendar
Of Events**

Voiture Locales- Events/Functions to be published in the Grand Voiture Newsletter must be submitted to the Editor as soon as you know the Dates. They will run in this Column as long as possible before the event/function. Get them in and spread the word so many others will know about the event.

- 2/1-3/13 Mid-Winter Faribault, MN-Rice County 1324 — Hotel; Americinn & Suits — 507-334-9464
- 3/10/13 Grand Chef's WRECK GRAND RAPIDS
- 5/3-5/13 Minn-Dakota More information to follow as received



**MINNEAPOLIS
VETERANS HOSPITAL
VISITATION**

ENDORSEMENTS 2013-2014
Endorsements for Grande Voiture Office must be submitted in writing and signed by The Chef de Gare & Correspondent Locale. Please submit a **Separate Letter for each Office Endorsed**. Letters which do not meet with mandate will be returned.

The below listed order of visitation will be a Permanent article in the monthly newsletter.

Chef's de Gare and Correspondants Locale are asked to review it each month and get your Voyageurs Militiare committed to attending the monthly assigned visitation. A minimum of six Voyageurs are requested. La Femmes are welcome and encouraged to attend the Visitation.

- 23 Jan. Voiture 390, Anoka County**
- 27 Feb. Voiture 1281, Minnetonka**
- 27 Mar. Voiture 44 Forest Lake**

Voiture 33, St. Paul No Show
Voiture 39, John Torma, Jim Hamilton, Terrance Johnson, from V-45 Dave Adam.

Voyageurs out for the Visitation are to meet John Torma, Richard Hammond, VAVS Representatives at the Center in the main Atrium at 6:50 P. M. The Visitation can be completed in less than one hour. LaFemmes are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Big Chef BARRY BOVEE

Chef de Chemin de Fer Barry Bovee of Michigan , will be in attendance at our annual Mid-Winter Conferences, in Faribault on February 1-2-3, 2013.

ENDORSEMENTS

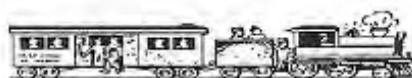
V-415 ST. CLOUD	STEVE DIRCKS	GR. CHEF DE TRAIN
V-1281 MINNETONKA	TOM ALLEN	GR. GARDE DE LA PORTE
V-806 GRAND RAPIDS	DONALD SHOW	CHEMINOT NATIONALE
V-1281 MINNETONKA	BRUCE HARMS	ALT. CHEMINOT NATIONALE
V-415 ST. CLOUD	MEL. STOPPELMAN	6TH DIST. GR. CHEMINOT
V-415 ST. CLOUD	PAT WOLNEY	6TH DIST. S. GR. CHEMINOT
V-1281 MINNETONKA	JOHN TORMA	10TH DIST GR. CHEMINOT
V-390 ANOKA	BOB LOCKER	10TH DIST. S. GR. CHEMINOT



**TAPS
VOITURE EVERLASTING
DECEMBER 2012**

Fredrick W. Cline	Owatonna	
James Downey	Apple Valley	V-1457
Robert Jarvi	Lakeville	V-1457
Leon A Kaber	Burnsville	V-1457
Robert Kleinschmidt	Brownton	V-414
Joe Kuntz	Apple Valley	V-1457
Steven Miller	Burnsville	V-1457
Donald J. Schmidt	Pierz	V-1329
Russell Stoffer	Litchfield	V-414
Forest Vanlandingham	Good Thunder	V-281

Space permitting TAPS will be published in the newsletter as taken from the Web Page of Voiture Nationale on a monthly basis. Names of deceased Voyageurs submitted to Voiture Nationale will be published. Correspondant Locales should use the form from the Voiture Nationale Web site to send them to Voiture Nationale



VOYAGEUR OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Donald J. Theis Voyageur of the Year Award applications for 2013 are again available to any Voiture Locale wishing them contact the Grand Correspondant and they will be sent out.

GRAND CHEF'S WRECH
SUNDAY MARCH 10, 2013
GRAND RAPIDS

START TO LOOK FOR THOSE NEW "PG'S" now, lets have a good turn out.

There will be lodging available for those that wish to come early and stay over on Saturday March 9, 2013 before the Wreck. The Budget Host Inn 311 East Hwy 2, is the Location, the phone # is 218-326-3457, the cost is \$44. 95 per night. When making reservations mention you are with the 40/8. More information to follow later.

ENDORSEMENTS 2013-2014

The time has come to start to Submit those Endorsements for the 2013-2014 for those Grand Voiture Offices.

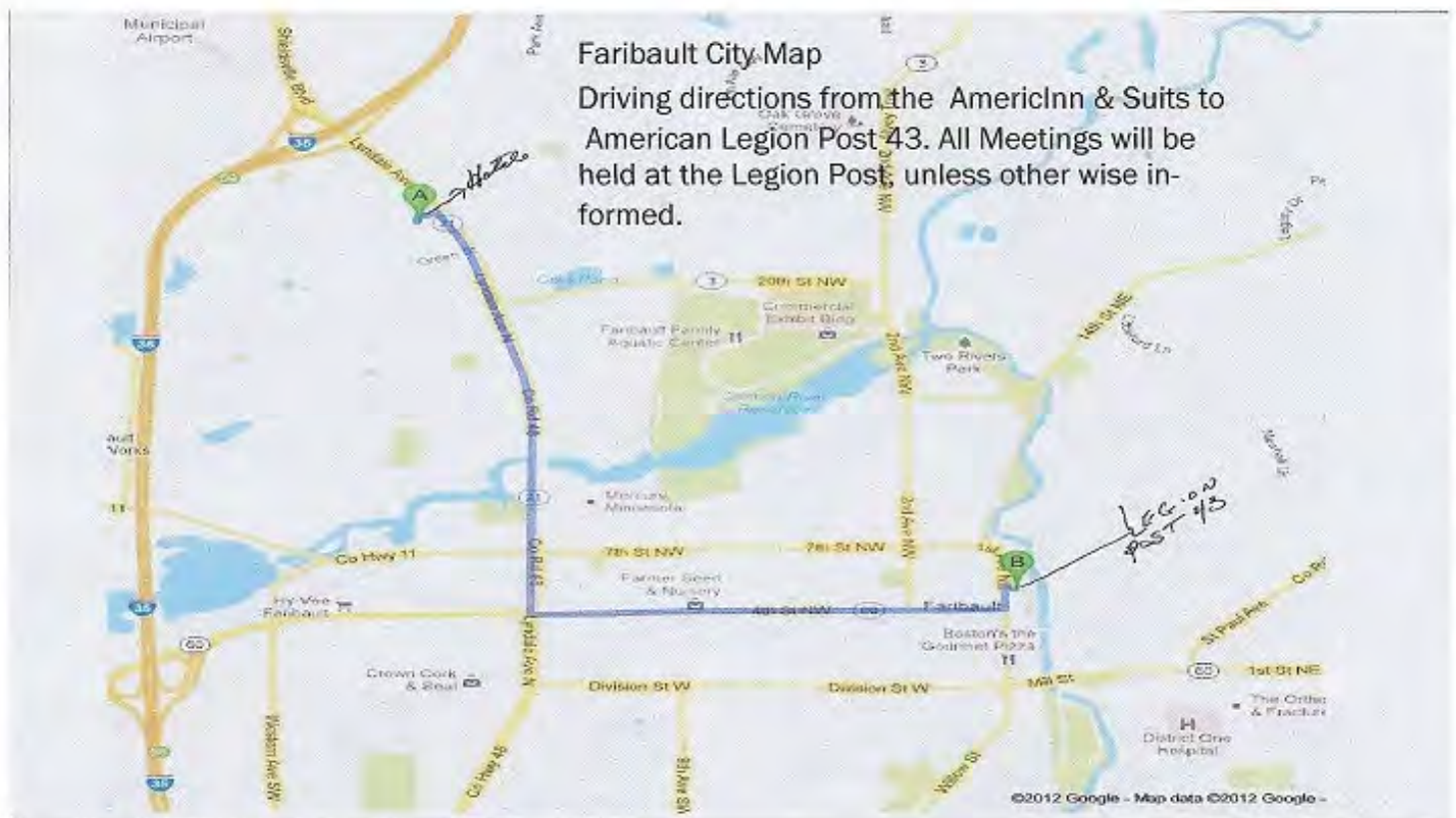
They must be Submitted in writing and signed by the Chef de Gare and Correspondant Locale. Each office Endorsed must be on a separate letter. Those not meeting the mandate will be returned. Lets start to get them in. Mail endorsements to: Mel. Stoppelman Grand Correspondant 2609 Goettens Way # 205, St. Cloud, MN. 56301

MID-WINTER OFFICER REPORTS

All officers are required to report at the Annual Mid-Winter Conference. Reports should be written, Preferably typed so they may be included in the minutes book. If you do not turn in a written report there will be no record.

The ten Grande Cheminots and ten Sous Grand Cheminots are to report at the meeting of the Grande Cheminot on Friday Evening.

If you are not planning on attending the Mid-Winter, you can mail your report to the Grand Correspondant so he receives it prior to February 1, 2013. It will be included in the minutes book.



GRAND VIOTURE DU MINNESOTA MEMBERSHIP AS OF JANUARY 10, 2013

VOITURE	#	Histly	Reptday	% of Quota	Short
ST PAUL PARK	33	25	24	96.00%	-1
ST. PAUL	39	48	3	6.67%	-42
FOREST LAKE	44	59	39	66.10%	-20
MINNEAPOLIS	45	83	38	223.53%	21
CHIPPEWA COUNTY	54	16	0	0.00%	-17
MADISON	62	26	26	96.30%	-1
MANKATO	281	79	54	72.00%	-21
ROCHESTER	327	108	58	58.59%	-41
ANOKA	390	41	24	58.54%	-17
HUTCHINSON	414	144	5	3.68%	-131
ST CLOUD	415	82	43	52.44%	-39
WINONA	580	22	0	0.00%	-23
BEMIDJI	582	38	17	62.96%	-10
VIRGINIA	634	90	37	78.72%	-10
PARK RAPIDS	712	53	19	59.38%	-13
CASS COUNTY	714	15	14	93.33 %	-1
EAST GRAND FORKS	734	38	21	55.26%	-17
THIEF RIVER FALLS	737	30	1	3.23%	-30
PEQUOT LAKES	754	39	18	60.00%	-12
CROOKSTON	772	20	19	100.00%	0
BRAINERD	778	20	23	76.67%	-7
DAYPORT/STILLWATER	791	56	59	96.72%	-2
GRAND RAPIDS	806	41	37	88.10%	-5
RAMSEY COUNTY	838	20	8	42.11%	-11
ALBERT LEA	1210	10	3	30.00%	-7
MINNETONKA	1281	108	62	60.78%	-40
FARIBAULT	1324	34	0	0.00%	-32
LITTLE FALLS	1329	56	42	77.78%	-12
WILLMAR	1413	37	19	59.38%	-13
ROSEAU	1436	34	36	116.13%	5
DAKOTA COUNTY	1457	48	52	98.11%	-1
SOUTHWEST MINN.	1468	22	22	100.00%	0
Totals			823	59.94%	-550

MINN-DAKOTA

The Minn-Dakota Wreck and Promenade is on its way, in fact MAY 3-4-5, 2013, is the date, the place is Mandan, ND.

There is a bus being planned from Minnesota. We are asking for those that are interested in riding a bus to the MINN-DAKOTA to contact either Bryce Harms at 763-442-5494 or Mel Stoppelman at 320-253-7488. The cost of the bus would be in the area of \$100.00 Per Person, but a minimum of 30 persons are needed to get this rate. The dead line is April 1, 2013, think about it and let these people know as soon as possible. There will be more information in up and coming news letters.



FELLOW VOYAGEURS

Happy New Year to all Voyageurs and Dames in the great Grand du Minnesota. We are looking forward to a productive year in our membership. Let's see if we can find some hard working veterans out there who would make good 40&8ers. I'm sure most of you know a fellow veteran who has asked about the 40&8 one time or another. Keep these people in mind and invite them to join our organization.

As another reminder the Grande Wreck is coming up in March. PG's are needed for the Wreck.

As of this writing, Grand du Minnesota is lacking 550 renewals for this year. I certainly hope we can eliminate the 3 goose eggs at the Mid-Winter in Faribault. Last year at Mid-Winter there was a turn in of 136. As you can see, we need a lot more than that this year. All we ask is you all do the best you can.

Jerry Block

Grand Chef de Train