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## Grand Voiture du Georgia

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### Au Revoir from Abbey



Hello World of Voyageurs and Dames. This will be my final salutations as Grand Chef to all of you. I want to thank Georgia for having me serve as your Grand Chef for the past year. It has

been a memorable year of fun and learning. During my travels I have met so many Voyageurs and Dames that has afforded the opportunity to create lifelong friendships. For that the First Lady and I would like to thank you. She would also like to send an enormous THANKS for who donated to the "Nickels for Nurses" drive. Martha was able to turn in a whopping \$8,187 dollars at the Grande.

I would also like to thank Teresa for being my La Presidente and working so close with me. We became one hell of a team!! We got the job done and had a ball accomplishing the task at hand.

I can proudly say that I was a Grand Chef that was seen, not just heard of. I have visited every Voiture in the Grande at least once, and some more than others. My travels amount to over 7,000 miles!

Now that I am about to embark on a new mission as Cheminot Nationale, I look forward to the journey and will definitely keep in touch. I would also like to wish Grand Chef Michael Bolig a great term and hope that his year surpasses mine.

Again, I want to thank all of you for your support and comradeship. Goodbye and God Bless the USA and 40&8.

Grand Chef Passe Abbey.

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See yourself in this photo? If not, that means you missed the Grande Promenade in Columbus. Shame on you!!

Next Grande function is the Petite Cheminot hosted by Voiture 1317 Gainesville on August 2nd at 1PM. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!

### From the Desk Of Grand Correspondant Tom Reesman

We have just completed the Grande Promenade in Columbus. Thanks to Voiture and Cabane 280 for hosting. As at any Promenade or Cheminot, I had a fun time and learned more.

Please ensure that we have your updated rosters for your new Voiture 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 communicate any information. All Grand Directeurs, please ensure that you file your reports with Nationale. Please send me a copy of the reports so that Grand has a record. Directeurs, please verify with me the number of Voitures reporting and your first, second and third place Voitures. We need the information ASAP to process awards for the Petite in Gainesville on 2 August 2015.

I have received new officer information for most of the Voitures, albeit few are complete. Please review what I have sent to your Correspondant and Chef de Gare and try to fully complete the appropriate form. If you complete them and send them to me in spreadsheet format, it will be easier for me to maintain the information.

### Au Revoir from Teresa



This year has gone by so fast. I can't believe it's over already. I have had the best time serving as you Grande La Presidente and have been so honored to do so. I want each and everyone to know how much you mean to me and how much I appreciate each Dame. Without you we would not be who we are and be doing what we are doing. I have enjoyed visiting each Cabane and the fellowship that we had so much. Also the food wasn't bad either. The things that I have learned this year will help me in the years to come in bettering myself within the Cabane, and this I am so grateful for. I would like to thank all of those who served with me for your help and encouragement. To the New Grande La Presidente Dottie Bolig and her officers, best of luck this year to you. Thank you again and hope to see you soon! God Bless Each of You!!!! God Bless each of you! Love you one and all

Teresa Smith  
Grande La Presidente Passe  
Remember your QUILTS!



## **Grand Chef de Gare**



First, I would like to thank you for allowing me the honor of serving as your Grand Chef de Gare for the 2015-2016 membership year.

I have some big shoes to fill, literally and figuratively following Abbey but, with your help, I am up to the task. I intend to continue the standard he set by visiting every Voiture in our Grande and being an active Grand Chef. I look forward to working with each of you to make this the most successful year that the Grande has had in a long time.

Voiture 1317 and Grand Chef de Train North Chef Tom Reesman saw to it that I started the year off running as he invited me to install his officers on Monday after my installation on Sunday. Thanks Tom, for the invite and hospitality. Paybacks are hell! The Grande La Presidente was invited by Cabane 1229 to install their officers and, when I informed Chef Eric Kinsey (NO 'L') he extend the offer for me to install his officers. Two installations and we still hadn't unpacked from the trip to Columbus!! I can see where this is going!!!! By the way, if you intend on taking a PG to the Hootenanny Wreck they WILL be required to wear underwear. Ask Eric, he'll tell you. Thanks for the invite Eric, really enjoyed the visit.

Next on the agenda is installation at Voiture 499 in Loganville on July 14th. Then the Petite Cheminot on August 2nd. Hope to see you all at the Petite. Then off to Green Bay in September for Promenade Nationale. Let's have a good showing from Grand du Georgia!!

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

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## **L'Editeur**

With this being the third edition that I have done, I must say there has been some fantastic feedback. Thank you all for your support as I have taken on this endeavor. Been FUN so far!!

As most of you know I have been reviewing the snail mail list. The list is now reduced to about 625 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!

If you are receiving a hard copy and would prefer electronic copy, let me know. That is such an easy switch.

I would ask that if you submit an article with pictures please identify the individual(s) in the picture. Let's make sure we recognize those that deserve it. Also, look at the picture BEFORE you send it to make sure it has the content you intended.

I would love to see input from all of the Voitures & Cabanes showcasing your activities. As Kent has said before, and I will continue to say: THIS IS YOUR NEWSLETTER! The less white space I have to try and fill, the better YOUR newsletter will be. It will be your activities not stuff that I've come up with.

Remember that the GOT is published 4 times a year: January, April, July and October. The deadlines for article submission will be: March 15, June 15, September 15 and December 15. These deadlines give us the opportunity to gather and format the information, send to publisher and get in the mail in the first week of the month.

You may submit your articles to me via:

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

I can also be reached via phone at **home—(864) 647-7122** or my **cell—(573) 842-8312**.

Michael

## **La Grande Presidente**



I would like to thank you all of you for giving me this wonderful honor of serving as your La Grande Presidente. I am so very excited!

I would like for us all to work together to bring our membership up, increase attendance, and to just make our Grande the best that it can be. I believe we can!

So lets start with membership. Let's see who can reach 100% first and begin adding new members. There may be a "surprise" for that first 100%.

I was fortunate enough to be asked by Cabane 1229 to install their new officers on Sunday June 21st. I do love going there. Always good food (great southern fried chicken!) and lovely Dames. They are a great Cabane. Thank you Dames for having me and for the gifts. Yes, I got three new ducks. WOW! I will be calling to set up visits with all Cabanes and am really looking forward to that.

As I said at my installation, I promise to do my very best. I will not ask anymore of you than I am willing to do myself. Remember my motto for this year—**LEGACY—Let's Everyone Get Another, Can YOU?** Yes I can!!



**Of course I talk to myself.**



**Sometimes I need expert advice.**

## Grand Aumonier

First I would like to thank you for allowing me to be your Aumonier the past two years. It has been an honor to serve where needed. I hope I can do as good a job as your Commissaire Intendant.

In the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter of the Gospel of John three times Jesus asked Peter "do you love me" Peter responded "Lord you know I love you", Jesus then said "feed my sheep". In Matthew and Mark Jesus charged his disciples to go into the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He also said he that believe in him and baptized and you shall be saved. I believe that all who have confessed Jesus as their Savior and have been baptized in his name are also his disciple. In Matthew chapter 7 during his sermon on the Mount, Jesus said "ask and it shall be given to you, seek and you shall find, knock and it will be opened unto you". I think Jesus meant to ask for forgiveness of your sins, seek the kingdom of God and knock and heaven we be opened unto you. Salvation is not complicated, it is very simple, all you have to do is to confess Jesus as your Savior asked for forgiveness of your sins and knock on the door and salvation will be yours. Therefore, each of us should preach the GOSPEL (Gods only Son Provides Everlasting Life) to everyone who will listen and become his disciples on earth.

Charles 'Nick' Nicholson  
Grand Aumonier—Passe

Lee Hogue  
Grand Aumonier



## From the Desk of L'Webmaster Tom Reesman

The granddugorgia.org website is currently being updated to reflect the new officers for Grand and Locale. 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. Please provide a list of any known events that you and your Voiture have planned for the next year. The information for the Petite should be on the website in Upcoming events before this letter is published.

## Voiture 280 Columbus

We have started working with a program to get wounded veterans out hunting. This has been very successful so far. We are planning a hog hunt in the near future.

I would like to thank everyone for coming to Grande. It was a pleasure to host it. Once again thanks.

John Aprill  
Chef de Gare

## Americanism

Front the Desk of:  
Grand Directeur of Americanism  
Eddie Asberry

Americanism is the heart and soul of La Societe....and is one of the most important programs we support.

In a couple of weeks we will be celebrating our Nations birthday, the 4th of July. Remember to document the parades you, your Voitures and Voyageurs attend. This is one of the reportable events on your Consolidated Americanism Report (Holidays and Memorials).

Also by the time you read this article, many of you may have participated in activities in other Fraternal organizations (i.e. Department of Georgia's American Legion/Auxiliary Convention).

Don't put it to memory, document and put it in a folder. Our goal this year is to improve our data by 25%. So document all events as they occur.

Let's be number one at Nationale. We can do this but we need everyone's participation.

Grand Directeur Americanism  
Eddie Asberry  
easberry@comcast.net



## VOITURE 567—SAVANNAH

June 2, 2015 La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux Voiture Locale 567 (Savannah) conducted their annual Nursing Scholarship Award Ceremony. Grand Sous Director of Nurses Training John Parker presented history of the Forty and Eight Nurses Program, explained that this year the recipients were selected from Georgia Southern in honor of 5 Nurses who died in auto accident on I-16. Sous Director Parker then introduced the scholarship recipients Julie Oetjen and Kara Usher; presented each with a \$1,000 scholarship check. Julie and Kara are both currently working at St. Joseph's/Candler Hospital in Labor and Delivery.



## **Voiture 1317 Gainesville**

Greetings from Gainesville! We have been busy trying to work in the community. We participated in the Annual Chicken Parade with our train. A lot of good chicken was eaten. We entered the train in a car show that was a fundraiser for a wounded veteran. We also participated in the fundraiser by providing help. Our train won the award for the vehicle that could most benefit by being hit with a tree....

Once again the Petite Cheminot for the Grand du Georgia will be hosted by Voiture and Cabane 1317. Gainesville and Voiture 1317 has 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.

Hotel Info: Fairfield Inn and Suites 1755 Browns Bridge Road, Gainesville, GA, 30501 678-971-4670. Mention that you will be attending the veteran's event at the VFW for the military rate of \$83.

Free, hot, breakfast is provided. This property is practically next door to the VFW. You will be able to walk between the hotel and the VFW this year. The VFW is a private canteen and will have a band on Saturday the 1st of August. The canteen will be open starting at 1200 until 2300 or so. All 40 & 8 Voyageurs and Dames are invited guests on Saturday the 1st and Sunday the 2nd.

Please come and enjoy, and if you let me know what your favorite beverage is, I will try to ensure it will be available..... There will be a 50/50 raffle and a liquor basket raffle; tickets will be \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

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The Voiture 1317 committee requests that each Voiture/Cabane let them know how many of their members plan to attend, and a hard number of attendees who are going to eat. Meal menu will be steak, chicken , salad, vegetable, bun, dessert, iced tea. The price will be the same as last year \$9.00. **Again we will be ordering the meals by preorder basis as we cannot afford waste.**

For more information contact Tom Reesman at: [reesmanta@yahoo.com](mailto:reesmanta@yahoo.com). Or Leon or Gail Marable at: [gimarabl@bellsouth.net](mailto:gimarabl@bellsouth.net)

Tom Reesman—Correspondant  
Joe Carroll—Chef de Gare



## **Grande Promenade Columbus, GA**



## History, Humor and What-Not

**July 7, 1930**—Construction of the Hoover Dam begins. Over the next five years, a total of 21,000 men would work ceaselessly to produce what would be the largest dam of its time, as well as one of the largest manmade structures in the world.

**August 8, 1918**—The Allies launch a series of offensive operations against German positions on the Western Front during World War I with a punishing attack at Amiens, on the Somme River in north-western France.

**September 9, 1776**—The Continental Congress formally declares the name of the new nation to be the "United States" of America. This replaced the term "United Colonies," which had been in general use.

Bill just couldn't seem to get to work on time. Every day, 5, 10 minutes late. But he was a good worker, real sharp, so the Boss was in a quandary about what to do about it. Finally, one day he called him into the office for a talk.

"Bill, I have to tell you, I like your work ethics, but your being late often is bothersome."

"Yes, I know Boss, and I'm working on it."

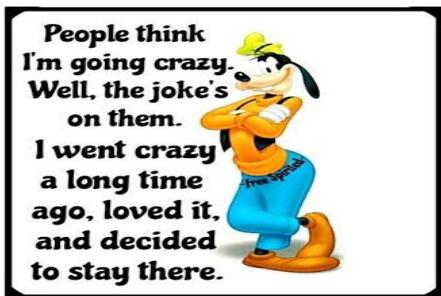
"Well good. That's what I like to hear. It's odd though, your coming in late. I know you're retired from the Coast Guard. What did they say if you came in late there?"

"They said, "Good morning, Chief."

### The Five Most Dangerous Things in the Army

1. A Private saying, "I learned this in Basic..."
2. A Sergeant saying, "Trust me, sir..."
3. A Second Lieutenant saying, "Based upon my experience..."
4. A Captain saying, "I was just thinking..."
5. A Warrant Officer chuckling, "Watch this \$#!+..."

An air force officer arrives in heaven. St Peter asks him if he has ever done anything in his life that he believes makes him worthy of admittance to heaven. The officer flyboy replies; yes, I once went into a bar with four of my pilot friends and saw two Seabees harassing a young girl at the bar, so being a gentleman I went up to the biggest one and told him to leave this young lady alone. When he refused I told him again more forcefully. This time I slapped him across the face and told this Seabee to stand down. St Peter said this was a very good thing to do and asked when the pilot did this great act. The pilot replied; about 5 minutes ago! My friends should be here shortly!



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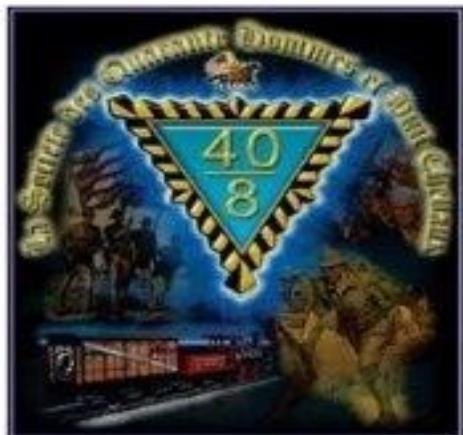
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Michael Bolig, L' Editeur

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## **Savannah Shamrock Wreck**

**Hosted by Voiture 567**



**Oct 9th, 10th and 11th**

**American Legion Post 135**

**1108 Bull Street Savannah, Georgia**

**Registration Fee. \$50.00 Hospitality Room and Banquet included**

Hotel Accommodations: Best Western Plus 155 Bourn Avenue Pooler, Georgia 31322

Phone: 912-330-0330

Please State you are with the Forty and Eight Group for proper rate

Hotel Rate: 89.00 per night plus tax

Must make your reservation prior to September 18th 2015 for room rate.

Any questions please call Tommy Fordham Chef de Gare 912-507-2271 or Jim Vejar Chef de Train 912-604-2531

**Outside PG's welcome with 30 days notice and \$20 fee**

## GRAND VOITURE MEMBERSHIP

As of June 25, 2015

Grand du Georgia ranks 34th of 54 Grandes

<b>Voiture</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>% of Goal</b>	<b>Short/Over</b>
<b>4</b>		17		17
<b>217</b>	61	58	95.08%	-3
<b>280</b>	35	29	82.86%	-6
<b>499</b>	75	76	<b>101.33%</b>	1
<b>567</b>	45	45	<b>100.00%</b>	0
<b>711</b>	6	0	<b>0.00%</b>	-6
<b>719</b>	48	42	87.50%	-6
<b>867</b>	6	5	83.33%	-1
<b>909</b>	51	49	96.08%	-2
<b>1145</b>	28	24	85.71%	-4
<b>1226</b>	16	10	<b>62.50%</b>	-6
<b>1229</b>	125	89	<b>71.20%</b>	-36
<b>1317</b>	15	17	<b>113.33%</b>	2
<b>1597</b>	19	12	<b>63.16%</b>	-7
<b>1631</b>	10	11	<b>110.00%</b>	1
<b>1635</b>		16		16

## GRANDE CABANE MEMBERSHIP

Nation Wide Georgia ranks 24th of 36 Grandes

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Short</u>
<b>Cabane</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015 Reported</b>	<b>2015 Goal</b>	<b>% of Goal</b>
<b>4</b>	0	8	10	80.00%
<b>217</b>	39	37	40	92.50%
<b>280</b>	33	23	33	<b>69.70%</b>
<b>499</b>	21	18	23	78.26%
<b>567</b>	15	13	16	81.25%
<b>719</b>	13	13	14	92.86%
<b>909</b>	14	15	15	100.00%
<b>1226</b>	19	15	20	75.00%
<b>1229</b>	28	28	25	112.00%
<b>1317</b>	16	17	17	100.00%
<b>1631</b>	9	4	10	<b>40.00%</b>