

**89<sup>TH</sup> GRANDE PROMENADE  
LIONS GATE HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER  
McClellen CA**

**OPENING CEREMONIES Friday, July 19, 2009**

Grande Promenade was opened by Grand Chef de Gare Court Bradbury at Rio Linda Post 521 American Legion. The Colors were in place.

Roll call by Grand Correspondant Joseph R Donovan:  
A quorum was declared present.

Grand Chef Court welcomed everyone to the 89<sup>th</sup> Grande Promenade. The formal Ritual will be utilized tomorrow morning at 9:00AM for the Business Session of the Promenade.

VIP South Walter J “Sonny” Quinn introduced our distinguished guests: Representing the National, Organization present were Cheminot National Carl E Asher Jr, Alternate Cheminot National Victor Kestner, Sous Directeur Carville Star Gordon “Gordie” Foley, Sous Directeur Loco & Box Cars Dennis Matarrese, Sous Directeur Nurses Training Court Bradbury, Sous Directeur VAVS Hubert “Bert” Bertrand, Sous Directeur Youth Sports Robert Mattson. Past Grand Chef’s de Gare present were John M Lea, Joseph A Paynter, himself “Sonny” Quinn, James A Palsrok, Bernard Foley, Robert S Mattson, Carl E Asher Jr, and Honorary Past Grand Chefs Barney LaRue and William Siler iii. Grande LaFemmes President Cheryl Palsrok was also present and introduced her line officers.

The Promenade was recessed at 8:25PM.

The Promenade reconvened for it’s Business Session at 9:00AM Saturday July 20, 2009 at the Lions Gate Hotel McClellen CA. The Colors were advanced by the Grand Color Guard from Voiture 393. Grand Chef de Train William Reed draped the POW/MIA Empty Chair. The Pledge to our Country was led by Grand Conducteur Ronald Galvan. Grand Aumonier North Joshua Laws Sr placed the Altar Cloth and offered the opening prayer.

Roll Call by Grand Correspondant Joe Donovan. Quorum declared present. Several Voitures still owe their Delegate Fees and cannot be seated at the Promenade until such payment is made.

Grand Avocat Robert S Mattson read the Rules of the Promenade. Motion to accept the rules, 2<sup>nd</sup> Joe Donovan, CARRIED.

**GRAND OFFICERS REPORTS:**

GRAND CHEF de GARE Court Bradbury reported on the recent Great Western Promenade in Kanai Alaska. He had a great time although it was very expensive. He is looking forward to hosting the Great Western in the Sacramento Area in 2011. Court has travelled over 6000 miles, spent over \$3500.00 and about 500 hours on Grande Voiture activity. He “wouldn’t trade the experience for anything!”

GRAND CHEF de TRAIN William J Reed submitted 7 pages of notes, albeit on Hotel notepad. The bottom line is he travelled 6291 miles of behalf of the Grande Voiture.

GRAND CONDUCTEUR Ronald A Galvan submitted his report.

GRAND AVOCAT Robert S Mattson read the Proposed revised Grande Constitution, By-Laws, and Standing Rules. This constitutes the FIRST reading. Notion to Accept, 2<sup>nd</sup> John Fee. Bob discussed the lack of activity from Voitures 573 and 799 and the surrender of the Charter from Voiture 282.

GRAND DIRECTEURS:

AMERICANISM Robert C Brown Only 18 reports have been received, This is UNSAT!

CARVILLE STAR Gordie Foley 475 pins were sold by 20 Locales, 85 Star Subscriptions, and 15 Buy a Country participants. Special thanks to Voiture 365 for their \$7,000 donation and former Voiture 1509 for their donation of \$1000. 400 pins available for next year

CHILD WELFARE Ray Alli Only 22 reports have been received. UNSAT! The best and most comprehensive report was from V-365. It was suggested that more money be allowed for Blood Donations. Ray will check with Nationale. V-1406 submitted a claim for reimbursement of \$430.95 for their shoes & socks program for indigent children. Notion to approve report and claim, 2<sup>nd</sup> Richard Edgecomb, CARRIED 400 pins available for next year.

LOCO & BOX CAR's Dennis Matarrese is promoting the NBCA Pins @ \$5, Crew and Associate Cards @ \$1 Money helps all aspects of the National 40 & 8 Programs. The NBCA also supports the Hobo's. National Hobo's President Gordie Foley and Secretary Pat Bertrand were acknowledged. The California Pin, V-1203 this year, helps subsidize Rolling Stock Insurance. Each Locale with Rolling stock must participate by selling 25 pins to receive the subsidy. Next year's pin will be V-912. The year a Locale has their loco on the pin, they must take and sell 50 pins. Only two Locales remain in CA without their pin – V 512 and 1303. The Vest raffle was won by Stanley Fimowicz from V-365.

RECESS for visit from LaFemmes President Cheryl Palsrok. The Altar Cloth was removed. Cheryl touted La Grande is at 106% of membership goal. Cheryl introduced here entourage, and departed.

The Altar Cloth was replaced and the Promenade continued.

MEMBERSHIP William J Reed presented 100% Certificates to those locales deserving. The Grande Voiture is 25 short at this time (several Locales stated they had sent transmittals but they were not noted on the National report dated July 16). It was suggested the those in attendance dig into their pockets to try and get the funds for the Grande to make their goal.

NURSES TRAINING Freddie Sisario reported only Voitures 36, 358, and 1406 have submitted claims for the Boland Fund. They have been processed and forwarded to National. Voitures 31, 36, 47, 93, 104, 394, 395, 653, 912, 1406, and 1450 have submitted claims for the Stanley Fund. 800 pins were sold this year. Only 25 reports have been received. Notion to approve report and Stanley Claims, 2<sup>nd</sup> Richard Edgecomb, CARRIED

POW/MIA Stanley Fimowicz reported only 9 reports have been received. UNSAT! V-365 submitted the best report. Notion to send \$4500 to the National POW Scholarship Fund, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bill Reed, CARRIED

**PUBLIC RELATIONS** Peter Ducnan reported he had no challengers to his offer of \$100.00 for a printed copy of a Radio PR announcement by a Locale. Therefore he donated the \$100 to the Grande Membership fund.

**RITUAL** Jerry Wilcox reported receiving 25 reports. UNSAT! All openings of Promenades constitute Ritual. Surly, ALL Locales have Promenades! The best report was from V-257. There was discussion concerning the need to update the Ritual Manual due to the Constitution Changes. (New Manuals are available!) No suggestions for a new password have been received by him.

**SPECIAL AWARDS** Carl E Asher Jr thanked his Sous Directeurs Jim Carpenter and Veryl Wortell for their assistance in judging California winners. Law Officer is Rodney Walter Redlands PD, Hero is Deputy John Ebert LA Sheriffs Dept, City is Santa Maria, Voyageur of the Year is Bob Mattson. Carl suggested that IF a Grande Voiture recipient is selected at Nationale, the Grande Special Awards fund that person and spouse their transportation, one night lodging, and two banquet tickets. Next year's reporting deadline is MAY 1!!!

**VAVS** Barney LaRue reported no new Reps or Deputies in quite a while. Help is needed at VA clinics, hospitals, and our State Veterans Homes. Reporting figures continue to decline. California did well because of reporting in the Keep the Wheel Chairs Rolling Contests.

**VOITURE ACTIVITIES** James Hadley has received 17 reports. UNSAT! Best report V-104. Best report with rolling Stock V-395

Jr Past Department Commander Al Lennox visited the Promenade and brought his greetings. He acknowledged the loss of San Joaquin Voiture 282 due to inactivity.

**YOUTH SPORTS** Don MacDonell has received 16 reports UNSAT! Voitures need only to submit requests for funds. Pins are still available for next year. Grants of \$200 approved for V-31 and \$1235 for V-912.

**TIME & PLACE** Joe Paynter reported the 2010 Promenade at the Doubletree in Monrovia is all set for July 15 – 18. Rates \$139 inc tax. Banquet \$35. Chairman Sonny Quinn. Fall Cheminot in Palm Springs Oct 10 & 11. Full details later. Chairman John Lea Spring Cheminot in Santa Clara at the Biltmore Feb 19 & 20, 2010, Rates \$100 tax inc, banquet \$25. Chairman Will Carney. 2011 Promenade to be decided in Palm Springs. Both V-466 and 653 have expressed interest.

**GRAND PUIBLICISTE** Paul Terry reported the Department of the American Legion has been told by the National Legion Organization that the Forty and Eight IS NOT an affiliated organization of the Legion. Thus, they will not publicize our information articles in the Legionnaire unless we pay the commercial rate of \$900 per ¼ page. A survey of Locales in California showed that in spite of the National Forty and Eight Constitution Change in 2008, there are NO non-Legionnaire Members in the Grande du California. Paul is still working on a solution, and looking into the possibility of our own newsletter.

Memorial Service by Grand Aumonier Joshua L Laws Sr. Grand Correspondant Joe Donovan read 41 names of deceased Voyageurs since the February Grandes Cheminots Meeting for a Year to Date total of 91 Voyageurs transferring to Voiture Everlasting.

WAYS & MEANS Ronald A Galvan received \$500 from District 4 and \$500 from V-365. A total of \$4000 has been raised this year. Southwest Airlines tickets will be awarded to the winner, runner-ups will receive cash.

Recess for lunch at 11:15AM. The Altar Cloth was removed.

Reconvene at 1:00PM The Altar Cloth was replaced.

Grand Correspondant Joe Donovan read the final Credentials Report. There are 40 Voitures in the Grande, 2 are not eligible, as they have no membership. 27 Voitures were represented by 214 Delegates.

GRAND AVOCAT Bob Mattson read for the Second Reading the proposed changes to the Grande Constitution. Notion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jack Pressey, CARRIED. Bob read for the second Reading the proposed changes to the Grande By-Laws. Notion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> Richard Edgecomb, CARRIED. Notion by Bob to accept the Charter of V-282. 2<sup>nd</sup> Richard Edgecomb, CARRIED. Notion by Bob the Grand Correspondant write the National Correspondant and urge the Cheminot Nationaux to revoke the Charter of Voitures 573 and 799. 2<sup>nd</sup> Richard Edgecomb, CARRIED

GRAND COMMISSAIRE INTENDANT Daniel Dumas read the finance report. Notion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> John Fee, CARRIED

GRAND Web Site is [www.ca40and8.org](http://www.ca40and8.org) National Web Site is [www.fortyandeight.org](http://www.fortyandeight.org) Send pertinent information to Kevin Panet, Grand Webmaster

Nominations and Elections:

Grand Chef William J Reed V-104 by Bernie Foley

Grand Chef de Train Ronald A Galvan V-257 by John Fee

Grand Conducteur Peter Duncan V-109 by Sonny Quinn

Grand Garde de la Porte Ralph Duncan V-1450 by Bob Brown

Cheminot National Court Bradbury V-858 by Bill Reed

Alt Cheminot National Robert C Brown V-1450 by Bill Reed

Cheminot 1 Gary Wright V-557

Alt Cheminot 1 Robert H Kitchen V-1203

Cheminot 2 Larry Leonardo V-365

Alt Cheminot 2 Jerry Redford V-393

Cheminot 3 Ralph Bivings V-31

Alt Cheminot 3 Gordon Pickett V-466

Cheminot 4 Henry Hicks V-104

Alt Cheminot 4 James Carpenter

Cheminot 5 Lee Quarcelino V-512

Alt Cheminot 5 Gary Olsen V-1341

Cheminot 6 Dennis Alexander V-912

Alt Cheminot 6 Jesse Taylor V-395

Delegates to National Promenade: Grand Chef de Gare, Jr Past Grand Chef de Gare Passe, Grand Correspondant, Joseph A Paynter V-393 and Walter J Sonny Quinn V-104.

Alternate Delegates to National Promenade: Gordon L "Gordie" Foley V-104, Victor Kestner V-395, Joe Handy V-858, and final two to be named by Grand Correspondant at Rochester.

Notion by Jack Pressey that the Grande Correspondant case one ballot for all unopposed Candidates. 2<sup>nd</sup> Bob Mattson, CARRIED and so done by the Grand Correspondant

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Good of the Grand Voiture:

Grand Correspondant Announcements:

1. All newly ELECTED Grand Officers, please see the Correspondant for paperwork completion BEFORE leaving the room. It is needed for tonight's Installation.
2. Grande LaFemmes Installation at 5:00PM. Please Attend!
3. All Past Grand Chefs de Gare please remain after the close of the Promenade Business Session for Committee Assignments at National Promenade.
4. Past Grand Chef's Breakfast tomorrow 7:30AM in the dining room upper section.
5. Newly elected Grand Conducteur Peter Duncan and Garde de La Porte Ralph Duncan will host their hospitality room following the close of business.
6. Grand Officers Installation following the banquet tonight.

There being no further business, the 89<sup>th</sup> Grande Promenade was adjourned at 2:35PM. Grand Chef de Train William Reed removed the POW Chair Drape. Grande Aumonier Joshua L Laws Sr offered the closing prayer and removed the Altar Cloth. The Colors were retired by the Grand Color Guard from Voiture 393.

Joseph R Donovan  
Grand Correspondant