

105th GRANDE PROMENADE
GRANDE VOITURE du CALIFORNIA
July 11 & 12, 2025 Stanislaus County Veterans Center, Modesto CA

The 105th Pre GRANDE PROMENADE Cheminot was called to order at 1300 by Grand Chef de Gare Michelle de la Cruz. Colors were in place. Grand Conducteur Ozan Evans led the Pledge to our Colors. Grand Chef de Train Timothy Gilbert draped the POW Chair. Grand Aumonier Fred Clegg offered the Opening Prayer. The Preamble to our Constitution was led by Grand Chef Michelle.

Roll Call by Grand Correspondant Joe Donovan: Grand Garde de la Porte Joseph « Bob » Huffman, Grand Chef Passe Robert Heinisch, and District 1 Cheminot Gary Blackburn were excused, Alternate Cheminot National Ruben Alvarado was absent.

VIP North Mildred S Wright Pearson introduced Chef de Chemin de Fer Passe Frank Campo, National Commissaire Intendant Daniel Dumas, National Advisory Committee Joseph R Donovan, Cheminot National Anthony M Castillo, Sous Directeur Carville Star Steve Villegas, Sous Directeur Loco & Box Car Dennis Matarrese, Sous Directeur POW Anthony M Castillo, Sous Directeur Special Awards (City and Voyageur) Mildred S Wright-Pearson, Sous Directeur VAVS Michelle de la Cruz. Past Grand Chef's present were Robert S Mattson, Court Bradbury, Joseph R Donovan, Frank P Campo, Steve Villegas, Will Williams, Mildred S Wright-Pearson, Joseph R Donovan, Anthony M Castillo, and Michelle de la Cruz.

Grand Correspondant Joe Donovan read the minutes from the February Grandes Cheminots. Corrected to show Mildred S Wright-Pearson was present.

Cheminot District 1 Gary Blackburn, 11875 mi = \$20015, 2909 hrs = \$30,005, donations 38814 TOTAL \$88,834 / 126 = \$705.03pcpc

Cheminot District 2 Steve Villegas 83,099 mi = \$41550, 20,203 hrs = \$101,015, donations TOTAL \$142565 / 155 = \$919.77pc

Cheminot District 3 Michael Stadnick Only 2 Locales reporting 19,600 mi = \$9800 TOTAL \$29,050 / 3850 hrs = \$19,250/95 = \$305.78pc

Cheminot District 4 Joseph Donovan 87855mi = \$43,928, 5775hrs = \$28,875, donations \$183,745 TOTAL \$256,548 / 142 = \$1806.68pc

All Grand Directeurs reported that all pins are paid for.

Grandes Cheminots adjourned at 1340.

The 105th Grand Promenade was called to order at 1345. Roll Call of officers by Grand Correspondant Joe Donovan: Grand Chef de Gare Passe Robert C Heinisch EXCUSED, Alternate Cheminot Nationale Ruben Alvarado Absent, Medicin South Teresa Moore and Organizer Howard Darter were Excused. All others were present.

Grand Avocat Robert Mattson read the Rules of the Promenade, Motion to approve, 2nd Joe Donovan, CARRIED.

Grand Chef Michelle appointed Resolutions Committee consisting of Robert Mattson chair, Steve Villegas, and Court Bradbury..

Grand Promenade Recessed till 0900 Saturday July 12 for the Business Session of the Promenade. Registration closes at 1130am tomorrow.

0900 Saturday July 12, 2025 Reconvene Grande Promenade Business Session

GRAND OFFICERS:

Grand Chef Michelle de la Cruz 8000 miles, 150 hrs. Attended Great Western, 2 Grandes Cheminots, 11 Promenades. During Run for the Wall Memorial Day in Arlington, handed out 100 prior year POW pins. It's been an honor serving this Grande Voiture

Grand Chef de Train Timothy Gilbert 152 hrs, 442 miles, \$1150 Attended 22 meetings/Promenades, 1 Memorial Service, 1 Visitation

Grand Conducteur Ozan Evans 3857 hrs, 86,209 miles, \$48,223 Supported all programs

Grand Correspondant Joe Donovan Reported as District 4 Cheminot

GRAND DIRECTEURS

Americanism Barbara JJ Lowe 100 Pins Sold, Locales report 7487 hrs, 67367 miles, cash \$14630 ONLY 6 LOCALES SUBMITTED REPORTS Where are the other 11?

Loci & Box Car Gary Blackburn: Hobo's are retired – no Loco's in Grande, may participate in a parade in AZ per Freddie Clegg. Maintenance Fund request has been submitted by Joe Donovan, Sous Directeur Dennis Matarrese has various items that support the total National Box Car (and all Voiture programs). This year's pin (designed by him) depicts the SS Magellan used to transport the box cars from France to New York. Please see him for items. Grand Chef Michelle de la Cruz noted that her motorcycle group is planning a tour to visit various Merci Box Cars (including California's)

Carville Star Steve Villegas 7 reports received, Subscriptions to Star \$2annually. A new PowerPoint presentation depicting the program is available

Child Welfare Freddie Clegg 200 pins sold. 9 Child Welfare reports received. \$1,000 Grand requested from Ralph W Lingle Child Welfare Fund for Voiture 36 for Childrens and Youth Organizations. Notion to approve, 2nd Steve Villegas, CARRIED

Membership Tim Gilbert: Certificate's and Pins were passed to Voitures at or above 100% Voitures 557, 36, 1179, 338, 268, 257, 527, 1450, 36, and 653. WELL DONE! (Some had no pins yet)

Nurses Training Barbara JJ Lowe (Sous Directeur) 325 Pins were sold. Reports requesting Stanley Fund Grants from Voitures 36. 338, 395, 653, and 1406. Notion to approve, 2nd Robert Mattson, CARRIED

POW/MIA Anthony Castillo 6 Reports received. 250 pins sold+ 25 Bolo Ties. The scholarships honor past survivors. The application process will be updated to reduce redundancy.

Ritual Court Bradbury 6 reports received. Any new password suggestions ? Local Chef's should use a written script (or large print manual) during Promenade to follow the proper guidelines.

Special Award Mildred S Wright-Pearson: No Award packets for any of the 4 programs were submitted by ANY Locales in California. Pretty sad!

VAVS Mildred S Wright-Pearson 7 reports received. Veterans Affairs and Voluntary Services Each Locale VAVS Rep or Deputy should transmit his or her hours to Grand Directeur so that the annual report of the VAVS program is correct! Use the internal VAVS form.

Youth Sports: Grand Correspondant Joe Donovan: Reporting 100 pins sold

Constitution & By-Laws Robert Mattson: Still only 8 Locales have submitted their updated Constitutions. Recommendation from Voiture 1406 that Grand Districts be re-aligned to North, Central, and South. Referred to Fall Grandes Cheminots Mtg based upon action of National Promenade.

Finance Committee Mildred S Wright-Pearson/Commissaire Intendant Daniel Dumas. Proposed Budget discussed line by line. Notion to approve, 2nd Steve Villegas. CARRIED

Memorial Service by Grand Aumonier Freddie Clegg and Correspondant Joe Donovan: 12 Deceased Voyageurs during this period, 26 YTD

1100 Recess Grande Promenade

1230 Reconvene Grande Promenade. Grand Correspondant Joe Donovan read the final Credentials Report. 20 Grand Officers, 12 Past Grand Chef's 142 Delegate Votes possible. 11 Locales present, Total voting strength is 91.

Avocat Robert Mattson: Notion to set aside Rule 10 (Candidates must be present) and proceed with election. 2nd Michael Stadnick, CARRIED

10 minute Recess for District Caucus

.Nominations: Grand Chef de Gare Timothy Gilbert V-653, Chef de Train Ozan Evans V-1450, Conducteur Gary Blackburn V-395, Garde de la Porte Michael Stadnick Jr V-1179, Cheminot Nationale Michelle de la Cruz V-527, Alternant Cheminot Nationale Anthony Castillo. Cheminot District 1 Court Bradbury, District 2 Barbara JJ Lowe, District 3 Michael Stadnick, District 4 Paul Pfeifer, Sous Cheminot District 1 Will Williams, District 2 Steve Fimbrez, District 3 Richard Kalk, and District 4 J. C. Padilla

Notion by Avocat Robert Mattson that nominated candidates be elected by acclamation. 2nd Michael Stadnick. CARRIE

Budget & Finance Committee: Grand Commissaire Intendant Final Budget presented. Notion to approve, 2nd Bob Mattson, CARRIED

Unfinished Business None

New Business

Correspondant Joe Donovan Notion to accept cancellation of Voiture 47. 2nd Ozan Evans CARRIED

Correspondant Joe Donovan Motion to accept cancellation of Voiture 557. 2nd Ozan Evans CARRIED

Good of the Grande Voiture

Avocat Robert Mattson presented the B&B Certificates to Voiture 653 and the Hampton Inn with the thanks and appreciation of all present.

1400 105th Grande Promenade Adjourned

1405 Open Grande Cheminot

Correspondant Joe Donovan read the list of newly elected Grand Chef Tim Gilbert's appointments. Motion to ratify the appointments. 2nd Robert Mattson, CARRIED

1415 Grand Cheminot Adjourned

Fines collected \$61.00.

Ways & Means: 50/50 \$115, Printer \$80, Wine Basket \$60

Special Awards: 50/50 \$95, Products \$120

27 attended, Voitures 36, 47, 394, 557, 1119, 1203, and 1303 WERE NOT PRESENT

Joseph R Donovan

Grand Correspondant

Intended travel to Promenade Nationale: Mildred S Wright-Pearson, Dennis Matarrese, Court Bradbury, Steve Villegas, Michelle de la Cruz, Daniel Dumas, Anthony Castillo, Tim Gilbert, Michael Stadnick, Dan Candwell, and Joe Donovan. Delegate credentials will be filed by Grand Correspondant Joe Donovan. Frank Campo will attend as a National Delegate. Committee Meeting Assignments at Promenade were assigned. Grand Recommendations from Chef, Cheminot National and Correspondant were agreed upon to be filed with National HQ.