



The Observer

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The Observer is the official publication of Palomar Voiture 1406 of the Grand Voiture du California de La Société des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux, The Forty and Eight.

Chef de Gare Rene Cortez: Voyageurs,

I attended Grand Promenade and banquet Saturday the 19th of July. There were twelve Palomar 1406 Voyageurs in attendance.

The Promenade started at 9:00am. First on the agenda was the business side. We broke for lunch at 11:00am and returned at 1:00 pm to continue with business and the election of new officers.

I also attended the ladies installation at 5:00pm.

Social hour started at 6:00pm and dinner at 7:00pm. The raffle started at about 8:45pm. I was real lucky to win two prizes. We left at 9:00pm. While I was there I met a lot of dedicated Voyageurs.

All in all I had a great time with other Voyageurs in attendance.

See you all at our Promenade July 27th.

Palomar Voiture Officers for 2009

Chef de Gare

Rene Cortez

Chef de Train

Freddie Sisario

Correspondant

Carl Asher
Grand Chef Passé

Comm. Intendant

Ivan “Ernie” Pyle

Conducteur/ *Chef de Cuisine*

Richard Cross

Guard de la Porte

Art Ramirez

Drapeau

Mark Stephenson

Commis Voyageur

Howard Haworth

Avocat

Harvey Benne

Lampiste

Bernard Homberg

Aumonier

Howard Haworth (Acting)

Historien

Cheminot

Joe Donovan
Tom Rauscher
Larry Lynch

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Chef de Train Freddie Sisario: I thank you for electing me to serve as your Chef de Train for 2008 / 2009; I will do my best to serve our Voiture.

So let's get started, remember it's time to pay your dues for 2009! Dues are still just \$25.00, so send your dues in early and save our Correspondant some gray hair. Also don't forget Perris Wreck August 23rd.

Conducteur/Chef de Cuisine Richard W. Cross Sr:

Sunday 27 July @ 0730 Palomar Voiture will host its monthly breakfast consisting of Steaks and eggs to order, hash browns, fruit, coffee and juice. Cost is \$7.00

Volunteers are always needed for setting up the hall, serving the food and clean up after the breakfast. Please come join your fellow Voyageurs in this worthy monthly function.

Wednesday 30 July @ 1800 Palomar Voiture will host the mid-week dinner. The menu is:

Pulled pork sandwiches, Cole slaw, sweet potatoes fries and dessert. Cost is \$5.00

As always, your help in setting up, serving and clean up after the event is always appreciated. Come out and support your Voiture.



Mira Hombre

ACTIVE WRECK AUGUST 23, 2008

Perris Post 595
600 S. D. St. Perris, CA
(909)657-6275
For
Riverside Voiture 394
P. G's. At
11:00 AM
Lunch @ 12:00 PM
Wreck @ 1:00 PM

Correspondant: We returned from Grand Promenade in fine condition, none the worse for wear. First and foremost I want to say a special word of thanks to Freddie Sisario for taking over as the Chairman of the Grand Promenade. His tireless effort was evidenced by the success of the Promenade. Thanks too to Lanny Peterson who also jumped in to help. The Voyageurs who came down Thursday through Sunday provided valuable assistance in insuring a success. Team work did abound.

Congratulations to: Freddie Sisario who was re-appointed Grand Directeur Nurses Training; Joe Donovan as Grand Correspondant and to Carl as Grand Directeur Special Awards and elected to represent Grand du California as Cheminot Nationale for 2008. Lanny was also re-appointed to the Time and Place Committee. As the Jr. Grand Chef Passé, Carl joins the Budget and Finance Committee, 3 yrs. Special congratulations to Freddie Sisario, Grand Voyageur of the Year; to the City of Escondido as Grand City of the Year, accepted by Ed Gallo.

After 3 years of sitting up front, it does feel odd sitting in the audience with the fellows who really do the work of La Société and Grand du California. Kind of feels good too.

I have the new membership cards for 2009 and you can now send in your 2009 dues, STILL JUST \$25.00. I will get your card in the return mail as best I can. I would really like to see you put in an extra \$2.00 for a Star subscription. I intend to look around San Diego County to locate proper beneficiaries of the magazine. For example: hospitals, clinics etc. You can designate your local public library if you want, up to you. Did you know that California has one of the highest rates of Hansen's disease? I didn't until Sous Nationale Directeur Foley told us in the Carville Star meeting.

FYI: Child Welfare. Palomar submitted a total of \$550 in claims for Child Welfare support. We received the total amount claimed. Do not know of another Veteran's Service Organization that reimburses its local chapters for donations to local programs. May be wrong, but none comes to mind.

Many program pins were picked up at Grand Promenade, Lanny did the deed. We are going to need members to sell those pins as well as purchase them. Lanny will be happy to provide you with them to sell. I don't know what pins he accepted on account. He will advise us of that I am quite certain.

Calendar of Events

🚩 AUGUST 23-RIVERSIDE VOITURE 394 ACTIVE WRECK

PLACE: POST 595 PERRIS CALIFORNIA
TIME: PG'S AT 10 AM-WRECK AT 1 PM

AUGUST 24-PALOMAR VOITURE PROMENADE
ESCONDIDO VETERANS MEMORIAL BLDG.
230 PARK AVE., ESCONDIDO.
BREAKFAST @ 7:30 AM PROMENADE @ 11:30 AM

Nurses Training: At the Grand Promenade, I informed the Nurses Training Committee meeting that the sale of Nurses Training Pins have decrease in the past year, which is only one of two sorts of income for Harry C. Stanley Memorial Nurses Fund, the other is interest generated from that fund. The good news that Grand Voiture du California was 1st in sales of Nurses Training Pins for Nationale with 900 pins and 2nd was Grand of Wisconsin with 600 pins. As always Palomar Voiture was 1st in grand with 108 pins sold. I informed the Grand my goal for the coming year is to provide 10 addition scholarship grants. Just a friendly reminder voyageurs, when you purchase a 2009 Nurses Training Pins it helps support our Voiture scholarship program. One of the many good programs that we do in the 40/8 is sponsoring young nurses, as they work toward receiving their degrees. After their long awaited graduations they often accept job assignments throughout the country where they eagerly ply their trade, i.e. that helping and nurturing the sick and in firmed, hopefully back to health. This work that we have taken upon ourselves is truly a gift that keeps on giving as many of these nurses will undoubtedly care for many veterans as they journey through their life's work and career.

Each of us may someday be helped by the same nurses that we are now helping.

Freddie Sisario, Grand Directeur Nurses Training

Forty and Eight History Year 1947

The Forty & Eight began its long association with the Hanson's Disease (leprosy) research hospital in Carville, Louisiana, by funding all publication costs for the hospital's patient-published magazine "The Star". The Forty & Eight purchased a printing press and other equipment to help the patients carry on "their fight against the ignorance which surrounds this disease."

1947 Forty & Eight membership rose to 95,000.

We still sponsor the Star Magazine. Your subscription can be donated to any facility or person of your choosing.

Birthdays for August 2008

13 Kirk Prohaska
25 Fred Sidebottom
29 Larry Lynch



There's always a lot to be thankful for if you take time to look for it. For example, I am sitting here thinking how nice it is that wrinkles don't hurt

The Boy Bathing

A BOY bathing in a river was in danger of being drowned. He called out to a passing traveler for help, but instead of holding out a helping hand, the man stood by unconcernedly, and scolded the boy for his imprudence. "Oh, sir!" cried the youth, "pray help me now and scold me afterwards."

Counsel without help is useless.

General information articles:

Voyageurs, the Observers vast staff of one could use your assistance. Please provide any article of general interest to your fellow Voyageurs. Remember, articles are time sensitive. Tell about future events that begin the following month.

Mark Stephenson: Drapeau/VAVS Rep.

This is my first input to the Palomar Observer. This was my first Grand Promenade. I had a great time, & became more familiar with fellow Voyageurs I have met at the wrecks, & last October's Cheminot. The accommodations were very good, & the staff at the Ramada was very nice & quite helpful.

I took great interest in the meeting with the Voiture Activities Directeur. We had a very informative roundtable discussion about activities reporting, how to report & downloading forms from La Petite Communiqué. I actually learned that my Americanism reports count towards some activities that can easily be overlooked.

I have little to report as far as VAVS activities, but it was voted that \$5000.00 was spent to help fund/sponsor the Summer Sports Clinic where disabled Veterans will have an opportunity to enjoy water sports like kayaking, surfing, body boarding to name a few. Another \$7000.00 was voted to purchase specialty food carts for the patients on 4 South. These carts are there to provide a variety of small food items & beverages in addition to regular scheduled meals.

On Saturday, August 30th I am scheduled to put on a Fish Taco dinner at Encinitas Post 416, representing our Voiture 1406, as well as SAL in their Squadron, it is an effort to help them with their programs. {Cont'd}



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{Cont'd from Stephenson}

It is my intention to do the same at Vista Post 365. I would also like to do the same at Post 149 if this venture proves successful.

P.R. - Ever stop to think of the ramifications of "putting off until tomorrow what should be done today"?

Public Relations: Taken from an article from the Nationale Directeur Public Relations Tony Gallagher:

Procrastination: A Deadly Practice

- (1) Make that call
- (2) Write that letter
- (3) Send that apology
- (4) Speak with that prospect
- (5) Share your present thoughts with your Chef de Gare
- (6) Send Tony your thoughts
- (7) Have a fund day meeting and serving others
- (8) Celebrate your victories
- (9) Re-strategize your failures
- (10) You're a 40 & 8er, be proud of your Voiture, Grande, and Nationale organization

"Procrastination" is no longer a word in your vocabulary. Do what needs doing. *And do it now.*

[Edited as it applies to 40 et 8, but good advice for all!
Carl]

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