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Voiture Installation

The annual Installation of Voiture Officers will be held on July 12, 2009 at the Escondido Veterans Memorial Building. Installation will begin promptly at 2 O'clock PM. Refreshments will be served following the installation.

Officers wear formal “Forty and Eight” attire: (Red blazer, white shirt, red tie and socks, black trousers and shoes, chapeau.) All others may dress in California casual, All Voyageurs, please wear your chapeau.

“Private feelings must always be sacrificed for the public service”

Fredrick Marryat: Peter Simple, 1834

Palomar Voiture Officers for 2008

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
Jim Cooper (Acting)

Drapeau
Mark Stephenson

Commis Voyageur
Howard Haworth

Avocat
Harvey Benne

Lampiste
Bernard Homberg

Aumonier
Lanny Peterson

Cheminot
Joe Donovan
Tom Rauscher
Larry Lynch

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Membership: The membership year has closed. Sadly we did not make our goal of 77 members.

However, I believe we are reaching a plateau where we will be gaining “useful” members. Ones who will abide by the obligations of the Forty and Eight.

We have a couple of proposed members waiting for a Formal Wreck. I anticipate the wreck to come at the Promenade in August. Just a guess on my part, not scheduled by any means.

Palomar Voiture remains a very active Voiture in Grand du California and Voiture Nationale. To those who are active, or have agreed to become more active, I express my appreciation for your stepping up and helping to ensure the continuance of our great organization and Palomar in particular.

Our members are involved in our individual communities, in various other Veteran, fraternal and civic organizations. When attending those organizations meetings and functions, we should speak of our association with the Forty and Eight and tell a little about what it is.

At a recent Post Installation I was ask to talk a little about the Forty and Eight. Caught me by surprise. I gave a very brief overview and since have been requested to return to that post for a more in-depth explanation of the “Honor Society of Veterans”. Talk about opportunity knocking on the door of membership, this is certainly a fine example.

Voyageurs, I find that every where I travel, whether within my community or state or across this great land, people are interested in our story and what we do within our respective communities to promoted veterans affairs, care for children and provide for nurses in training. Among the other fine programs of La Société.

Actively seek qualified veterans for membership in our Voiture. They are out there, we just need to familiarize the public of our programs and qualifications for membership. Go for the producers, the men and women veterans who work in our communities for the good of the community or other veterans organizations.

Let’s make a splash in membership this coming year and get our Voiture growing again. But grow with quality before quantity. It is one thing to have a Voiture with a small membership of 25-30 where nearly everyone participates, it is another to have a Voiture membership of 77 and only 10-15 members are active.

Remember, recruit Value not Volume.

Carl

THOMAS JEFFERSON, THE FIRST LIBERAL DEMOCRAT, IN SOME CASES COULD BE CALLED A PROPHET.

“When we get piled upon one another in large cities, as in Europe, we shall become as corrupt as Europe. The democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work and give to those who would not.

It is incumbent on every generation to pay its own debts as it goes. A principle which if acted on would save one-half the wars of the world.

I predict future happiness for Americans if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them. My reading of history convinces me that most bad government results from too much government.

No free man shall ever be debarred the use of arms.

The strongest reason for the people to retain the right to keep and bear arms is, as a last resort, to protect themselves against tyranny in government.

The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants.

To compel a man to subsidize with his taxes the propagation of ideas, which he disbelieves and abhors, is sinful and tyrannical.

I believe that banking institutions are more dangerous to our liberties than standing armies. If the American people ever allow private banks to control the issue of their currency, first by inflation, then by deflation, the banks and corporations that will grow up around the banks will deprive the people of all property until their children wake-up homeless on the continent their fathers conquered.”

You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich.

You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong.

You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift.

You cannot lift the wage earner up by pulling the wage payer down.

You cannot further the brotherhood of man by inciting class hatred.

You cannot build character and courage by taking away people's initiative and independence.

You cannot help people permanently by doing for them, what they could and should do for themselves.

Rev. William J. H. Boetcker

(From La Whaler Voiture 713, Bay Shore, NY)

The History of the Middle Finger

Well, now...here is something I never knew before, and now that I know it, I feel compelled to send it on to my more intelligent friends in the hope that they, too, will feel edified. Isn't history more fun when you know something about it?

Before the Battle of Agincourt in 1415, the French, anticipating victory over the English, proposed to cut off the middle finger of all captured English soldiers. Without the middle finger, it would be impossible to draw the renowned English longbow and therefore they would be incapable of fighting in the future. This famous English longbow was made of the native English Yew tree, and the act of drawing the longbow was known as "plucking the yew" (or "pluck yew").

Much to the bewilderment of the French, the English won a major upset and began mocking the French by waving their middle fingers at the defeated French, saying, See, we can still pluck yew!

Since 'pluck yew' is rather difficult to say, the difficult consonant cluster at the beginning has gradually changed to a labiodentals fricative F', and thus the words often used in conjunction with the one-finger-salute!

It is also because of the pheasant feathers on the arrows used with the longbow that the symbolic gesture is known as "giving the bird."

IT IS STILL AN APPROPRIATE SALUTE TO THE FRENCH TODAY!

And yew thought yew knew every plucking thing!



WHAT CAN I SAY?

Isn't the Internet a wonderful teacher.

Birthdays



July 2009

- 11 Rene Cortez
- 15 Ed Landis
- 16 Joe Kennedy
- 22 Howard Haworth
- 26 Tom Rausher

"Some people spend an entire lifetime wondering if they made a difference in the world. But, the Marines don't have that problem." --- Ronald Reagan

"It's God's Job to Forgive Bin Laden -- It's Our Job to Arrange the meeting" – USMC



Formal Wreck

Palomar Voiture will conduct a Formal Wreck on July 12, 2009. We have 4 candidates for the initiation. The Wreck will commence at 12:30 PM followed by our annual installation of officers.

Palomar Salon 621 will be joining us in a joint installation. The ladies will go at about 2 PM and we will follow shortly there after.

Come join us for these 3 great events. Wear your chapeau.

Carl

We have had a good year in Palomar Voiture. We participated in our usual programs, attended our Promenades and special events. Now we move on to a new year, with new officers with fresh ideas. It is incumbent on all the Palomar members to lend their support of the Voiture and the new officers.

Our Voiture will only continue to grow and prosper through the cooperation of all our members, attending Promenades, special functions like helping at our monthly breakfast, participating in our fundraisers and fun activities, like the Appreciation Dinner.

Comrades it is time to break away from your mundane life and join the fun and activities of Palomar Voiture 1406, La Société des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux.

I am hoping we will have a good representation at Grande Promenade in Sacramento the 16-19 of July. Chef Rene, Grand Correspondant Joe, Grand Dir. Freddie, Grand Medicin Jim, Past Alt. Cheminot Nationale Lanny and others (I hope) will join me in celebrating another fine Grand Voiture Year.....Carl

Congratulations to our newly elected and appointed officers: Chef de Gare Freddie Sisario, Chef de Train Howard Darter, Conducteur Brock Thompson, Com. Intendant Ernie Pyle, Comm. Voyageur Howard Haworth, Drapeau Mark Stephenson, Garde de la Porte Jim Cooper, Lampiste Bernie Homberg, Avocat Rene Cortez, Aumonier Louis Miller, Correspondant Carl Asher

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY - The Encinitas Senior Center is seeking volunteer drivers to take senior residents to the pharmacy, senior center, doctor and grocery store. You will be responsible for transporting seniors in your private vehicle and will be reimbursed the annual IRS rate per mile. Call the Encinitas Senior Center – Out & About Transportation Program at (760) 943-2256 to request an application to be a volunteer driver.

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