



# The Bull Sheet



Bull Run Voiture 380

11 - 12 Chef de Gare – Klaus Dahlke

*All Voiture 380 Proms will be held at Manassas Post 114, 9509 Prince William St. Manassas, VA*

**December Prom and Christmas Party will be on Friday, Dec. 17, 2011, 1 pm, at Manassas Post 114.**



*Hear Ye, Hear Ye!  
It's Time To Celebrate*

## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

From your Chef de Gare

It was decided at our November Promenade to hold our annual Christmas Extravaganza-Party on Saturday, December 17th, at 1 pm. It will be held in the Hall as it had been in past years. Ray and Marty have been busy working with the Management and Staff of Patrick Henry Boys and Girls Plantation to purchase the desired Christmas presents for the 40 to 50 residents and House Parents at the various cottages that make up the "Plantation".

All Voyageurs regularly attending the monthly Promenades of Voiture 380 have been donating throughout the year to the Mike Siwik Memorial Christmas Fund. This year we ended up with \$ 1,062.00. We found that by donating a little at each Promenade it would not hurt so much as a one-time request just before Christmas.

If any of our member Voyageurs not able to attend the monthly Proms because they are unable to drive at night or live too far away, but still wish to be part of the Christmas Fund, may send a donation to our Correspondant, Jim Kampanos, at 7807 Kalorama Road, Annandale, Virginia, 22003 and kindly mark it for the Christmas Fund. Jim will pass it on to the Commissaire Intendant Walter Podolny, Jr. to add it to the account.

We are fortunate this year in that our Grand Chef de Gare William "Bill" Englert will be attending our "Party". He and his wife Liz have agreed to accept our invitation and come to Manassas.

You have honored me four months ago when you elected me as your Chef de Gare for this 2011 - 2012 year. I thank all of you for that. Now, as I sat down to write the Bull Sheet Flyer to announce and invite all Voiture 380 Voyageurs to come and have fun and fellowship at our soon to be here Christmas Party. Grand Chef de Gare Bill Englert accepted our invitation and he, accompanied by his wife Liz, will be joining us in our merry making.

We have had some lean Proms in the past, until Jim Wright had the bright idea to have a theme dinner before each get together. Since October is synonymous with the German Oktoberfest, he offered to organize this special meal and I was allowed to assist. Everyone in attendance enjoyed a great meal. Thanks to a robust Ritual, no one had time to fall asleep. This extravaganza was followed with a full-featured Turkey Dinner in remembrance of Thanksgiving, put on by our hard working Correspondant Jim Kampanos and wife Paula. He was assisted by Loretta Smith and Leon. Thank you all for this fine event. No one was asked to take December as that is traditionally the job of the Chef de Train D.D. Carter, and wife Alice was pressed into service "to make it all happen". Knowing A.D. and Alice, I'm convinced that we have nothing to worry about. Thank you all for coming up to the plate. I see our attendance increasing. What a great Bull Run Voiture 380 we have.

*For God and Country, and La Societe,  
Klaus Dahlke.*





# Minutes

 of our last Promenade

MINUTES of Nov. 18 Promenade, 2011, for Voiture 380, Grand du Virginie.

The Voiture members were called together at 8:08 pm to open the Cheminot. There was no business to come before the Cheminot and Chef de Gare Klaus Dahlke closed the Cheminot.

The Promenade of Voiture 380 was opened in due form at 8:09 pm. Roll call by the Correspondant showed four voyageurs absent or excused. There were no minutes to report as the recorder had been shut off 20 seconds into the October Promenade by person or persons unknown. The **Correspondant** Jim Kampanos reported on various mailings from Nationale and from the Grand, all urging us to increase our recruiting and membership renewal effort. Jim Kampanos made a notion to have Commissaire Intendant Passe go over the books and perform an in-house audit of our book and finances, just in time for the 990's etc.

**Chef de Train** was asked for his report on progress for the Christmas Party. He reported that he knew nothing about it, but was quickly clued in and advised that we had set aside \$250 for him to get the party going. We were promised that Alice would do her best to pull off the Christmas Party (with A.D.'s help and guidance, of course). The date for the party was set for Saturday, December 17, at 1 pm at Manassas Post 114, as in past years. 1 pm, because many will have trouble driving when it starts to get dark outside.

**Commissaire Intendant** Walt Podolny Jr. gave his finance report. Starting October 1 till October 31<sup>st</sup>, we started with \$5,114.22, had receipts of \$220.08, and disbursements of \$351.00, giving us a balance of \$4,982.30. Dedicated funds consisting on moneys earmarked for Nurses Training, our monthly food expenditures, and the Mike Siwik Memorial Christmas fund together for \$3,966.01, leaving us with a balance of uncommitted funds of only \$1,017.29. Additional receipts bring this total up to \$1,596.29 of uncommitted funds. Ray asked for the total of the Mike Siwik Memorial Christmas Fund and learned that it stands currently at \$1,062.00, enough to purchase the presents for the Patrick Henry Boys and Girls Plantation/Home. The report was accepted via

a notion, seconded by Ray Rhyne, to accept this report subject to audit. A unanimous vote of QUI passed the notion.

**Aumonier** Jim Wright reported that one of our members, Carleton Hughes had been in the Hospital and was now recovering in a Nursing Home. Voyageur Dewey Chastain is improving and getting better, enough so that he wants to bring his wife to the Christmas Party. Dewey had suffered a stroke a few months back. Jim Wright commented that Dewey is sure getting forgetful, to which we added that we all were having that problem. He will keep visiting Dewey.

W.J. Leonard commented that voyageur Tony Dzierski had cataract surgery and is recovering from that. We will send Tony a card. Also, Dick Vatter had fallen and broke two bones in his foot. He is walking around on a clamshell cast. Dick is 81 years young.

**Ways and Means** – no one to report

**Americanism** - no one to report

Ray reported for Marty on the progress of getting the pajamas for the Patrick Henry Boys and Girls Plantation children. Marty ids dealing with Kohls to get a good price for us.

**Public Relations** – Editeur will get the minutes out and advertise the party.

**Membership** – Jim reported that we had 51 renewals so far and two more to send in. Many of the Bull Run Voiture 380 voyageurs paid Jim at the recent Department Fall Conference in Williamsburg. Jerry Howard has moved to North Carolina to be near his favorite golf course. Voyageur Brian Mullican is doing a great job as Department Service Officer.

There were no other committee reports.

**Unfinished Business** – Voyageur Bill Durham asked how much money had been set aside for the Christmas Party? \$250.00 has been earmarked and paid to Chef de Train A.D. Carter.

Jim Wright reported that he had the honor to be marching in the Haymarket Veterans Day Parade with Post 1799. He was marching right behind the banner carrier for the Post and noticed it sagging and hanging low. So, he jumped right in to hold the middle of the banner support pole being carried by much taller Legionnaires than he, and he appeared like Kilroy with his face above the banner, from the chin up, and only his hands showing where he held the

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and only his hands showing where he held the . . . pole. Yes, I believe, Kilroy was there! His suggestion was that we march in such a parade as a unit, Bull Run Voiture 380, but that is unworkable as many of us have Veteran's Day commitments of our own at that time. We will revisit this suggestion again next year at the proper time.

**New Business** – Jim Kampanos, Correspondant, had new business. He had talked with Bonnie Crews, Auxiliary Representative to Patrick Henry Boys and Girls Plantation, about the banning by OSHA of the children from operating the power wood working machinery in the wood shop. A.D. Carter volunteered to check with his employer, WMATA, Metro, about donating some of their surplus and OSHA approved wood working machinery to "Patrick Henry".

Furthermore, the "Plantation" is trying to build up an old summer camp for their children to use. It was mentioned around the table that the Guard or Corps of Engineers, US Army, may be able to help out as a work/exercise project for them. Ray Rhyme will check on this, as will Jim Kampanos.

There being no further business, the Voiture 380 Promenade was closed in due form at 9:18 pm.

## Grande Voiture du Virginie Grand Cheminot & Homecoming for Grand Chef Bill

Jan 20th & 21st, 2012

Hosted by Newport News Voiture 976

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Voiture: \_\_\_\_\_ Cabane: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street or P.O. Box \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: Home ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Work( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Reg. Fee (Voyageurs) @\$10.00 ea \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Nr. Banquet Tkts \_\_\_\_\_ @\$30.00 ea \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amt Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make your check for Cheminot/Registration and Banquet Tickets payable to: Voiture Locale 976  
Mail NLT Jan 10, 2012 to: Jim Burden 621 Brooke St. Newport News, VA. 23605 , 757-334-2303

**Hotel Information:**  
Make your own reservations directly with the hotel. Room rates are \$45.00 plus tax.  
Deadline for hotel reservations is Jan 10, 2012, 757-825-1422, mention 40/8.  
SUPER 8 Newport News, 6105 Jefferson Ave., Newport News, VA 23605.  
Smoking \_\_\_\_\_ / non smoking \_\_\_\_\_ NO CHECKS

## Pictures from a previous Christmas Party - 2009



The pictures here represent Voyageurs, family and friends who withstood a cold and wet afternoon to enjoy our annual Christmas gathering in 2009. I will not attempt to name everyone who came, for fear of leaving someone out.

