

La Societe de Femme  
Grande Cabane de Illinois  
Fall Cheminot Minutes  
Bloomington, Illinois  
October 25, 2025

La Grande Presidente Susie opened the Cheminot by Ritual at 9:32 a.m.

Roll Call of Officers and Presidentes Passe.

Notion to accept the minutes of the Grande Rendezvous as e-mail and printed. 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Notion carried.

Reading and acceptance for the 2025-26 Budget. Notion to accept the Budget, 2<sup>nd</sup> and  
Notion carried.

Presidente Susie reported on the Nationale Convention in Gettysburg, PA the week of  
September 21-27. They seen and learned a lot about Gettysburg history with it being  
only 7 ½ miles from the Mason-Dixon Line. They took the auto tour of the battle  
grounds and cruised around after the Museum. Wednesday started the Convention.  
Cheryl Boswell was elected 2025-26 La Presidente Nationale. Susie also brought back  
our Certificates from Nationale. Great job Illinois.

Commissaire Intendante Louise informed us that she prepares an annual budget and a  
report at each Cheminot and Rendezvous.

Conducteur – Carol reported that she present the guest and march them forward and  
back to the door when they are done.

Aumonier Irene reported that she says prayers at opening and closing of Cheminots and  
Rendezvous.

Garde de La Port Karen reported that so far there is nothing to report except that she  
sits at the door and check credentials.

Cheminot Nationale Susie reported that she goes to Nationale and votes at Nationale.

Correspondante Ethellynn reported that it is her job to keep the Grande Presidente  
informed of new news and send out the Call and the minutes.

Avocat Ethellynn reported that it is up to her to answer your questions and if she doesn't  
know she will find out and report on it at a later date.

Drapeau Alena reported she is in charge of the Flags being in place and taking them  
down.

Aide to Voiture Louise reported that the trophy awarded to Cabane Locale giving the most support to a Voiture Locale or Grand Voiture in any Voiture Program and activity. This includes the information provided on the reports for Americanism, Nurses Training, Child Welfare, Carville Star, and Youth Sports. For Awards you get to claim Vehicle Mileage: driver only. Keep an accurate record of round trip miles, multiple the amounts by \$1.00 for cash value, DO NOT count Rendezvous. Hours of Work: keep track of all hours worked for the entire year this gets multiple by \$10.00 per hour. Events must be a Voiture Grand or Locale sponsored program. Blood Donations: Figured @ \$35.00 per pint of blood donated. Materials Utilized or Donated: Use actual cost of all new items utilized or donated.

Carville Star chairman Carol reported that it is a magazine about Hanson disease.

Child Welfare Louise reported that the trophy focuses on the submission of the best Child Welfare report in assistance to a Voiture Locale in support of its program. Do Not Include: Flag presentations, Scouting (Boy, Girl, Cubs, or Brownies), Boy's State or Girls State.

Constitution and By Laws chairman Ethellynn reported that the new Constitution is for sale at Nationale and that each Cabane should get a copy.

Finance Louise reported that she holds the Finance meeting.

Nurse's Training Odie reported that Voiture and Cabane 1170 work together to do Turkey shoots to raise money for their nurses training program. The Cabane provides food, raffle baskets, door prizes, bake sales, and have an annual meat raffle during the shoot season. It is the first weekend of the month November thru April.

POW/MIA Odie reported that she hopes everyone has gotten all their POW/MIA Scholarship jars out for collecting even if it is just to the kitchen counter to save spare change in. For general knowledge the scholarship fund was created in 1996 and 1997 and was named after Lance Corporal Dewey Killen 11 USMC who was reported missing while serving on the Third Reconnaissance Battalion in South Vietnam, he was only one of many MIA's.

Resolutions Karen reported it is her job to turn in all resolutions sent to her regarding Grande business. She has not received any resolutions.

Ritual Chairman Irene reported that the Ritual is being followed as directed by protocol.

Rules and Order chairman Jane passed out the finished Rules and Orders. Please read them over and any question please bring them to the Spring Cheminot. (I have attached the final print out.)

Trophy and Awards Odie reported that it is a fun position and is looking forward to seeing what other Cabanes are doing when they turn in their reports this year.

Don't have the final count for Ways and Means at this time. It will be reported at the Spring Cheminot.

Grande Presidente Susie installed Jane as our La Sous Grande Presidente.

At Nationale they have a new program, which is Box Car Program, so it was offered to have Suzie Weiss be our chairman, Notion 2<sup>nd</sup> and Carried. Which also means since we don't have Historian anymore that Suzie will not be the chairman?

Cheminot closed by the Ritual at 10:32 a.m. We will go to lunch and have the drawing there.

Respectfully submitted  
Ethel Lynn Neville  
Correspondante

## Grande Rules and Orders

Insure that proper procedures are in order to conduct a smooth Rendezvous. This Chairman reads said rules to the session and reminds Grande Presidente when these rules are not being carried out. This Chairman considers all recommendations for improvement and/or changes to these rules and offers recommendations for approval.

1. Notions And Voting: Motions shall be described as "Notions". Via voice voting thereon shall be "Oui" for Yes, "Non" for No.
2. No person may be duly accredited as a delegate or alternate delegate unless registered for Grande Rendezvous.
3. Delegates must vote with their Locale as certified and will not be permitted to change.
4. Obtaining The Floor: A delegate desiring to propose a notion or to address the Rendezvous shall arise, and address the Chair as, "La Grande Presidente". Upon her recognition by the Chair, she shall state her name and her Cabane Locale and may then proceed with the matter to be presented.
5. Time Limit For Speaking: No delegate shall be permitted to speak for more than five (5) minutes on any one subject or more than twice on any one subject; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, the chairman of the Rendezvous Committee shall be permitted to speak as frequently as necessary in connection with the report of the committee. A notion which would curtail debate shall not be in order until the chairman of the Rendezvous Committee involved shall have had an opportunity for the last rebuttal. The said Committee chairman shall not have the right to yield her time to La Presidente or any other person.
6. Limitation On Debate: Debate on any one (1) subject presented to the Rendezvous floor shall be limited to thirty (30) minutes.

7. Limitation Of Number Of Speakers: Only one (1) delegate from any Cabane shall be permitted to debate on any one (1) subject, unless there be a disagreement within the delegation, in such event two (2) delegates are entitled to be heard, presenting opposing positions on the subject.
8. Appeals From The Ruling Chair: An appeal from the ruling of the Chair on any matter before the Rendezvous may be taken upon the request of three (3) or more Cabanes and such appeal shall take precedence over any pending notion or question. The question to be put to the Rendezvous on such appeal shall be "Shall the ruling to the Chair be sustained".
9. Nomination Of Officers: Nomination of Officers shall be made by resolutions or on the floor.
10. Resolutions: Any resolution emanating from a Cabane shall be forwarded to La Grande Correspondante and a copy to the Resolution Chairman postmarked at least fifteen (15) calendar days prior to the opening session of Grande La Rendezvous. All resolutions must show date, place of origin and must carry the signed certification of the proper officers. Resolutions originating within a Rendezvous Committee shall be received and acted upon by Grande Rendezvous.
11. Order Of Business: The order of business of La Grande Rendezvous shall be as officially outlined in the Call unless, in the opinion of La Grande Presidente, a change is for proper conduct and orderly business of La Rendezvous.
12. No candidate's name shall be placed in nomination unless endorsed by her Locale for a particular office and the resolution is received by La Grande Correspondante and Resolution Chairperson postmarked at least fifteen (15) calendar days prior to the opening session of La Grande Rendezvous.
13. All cell phones and pagers must be turned off or turned to vibrate before entering Grande Rendezvous sessions. If it rings there will be a fine of \$5.00.
14. Suspension Of The Rules: These rules may be suspended by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) or more of the voting strength of the Grande Rendezvous. These rules remain in effect until such time as they may be changed by a subsequent Rendezvous Nationale.