



The Member That Never Came Back

A Grand Chef de Gare related a story he had received from a friend. It may help to exemplify the experience some members have on their way to being suspended for non-payment of dues for not attending Promenades.

I'm the guy who was invited to join your Voiture. I'm the guy who paid his dues and fees to be a member. I'm the guy who promised to be faithful and loyal.

After the Wreck, I'm the guy who went to a Promenade and no one paid any attention to me. I tried several times to be friendly to some of the fellows, but they had all their buddies to talk to and other things to talk about.

I sat down several times, but no one paid any attention to me. I hoped very much that someone would ask me to take part in a fund raising project or something, but no one noted my efforts when I volunteered.

I missed a few Promenades after joining because I was sick. No one asked me where I had been. I guess it didn't matter very much to others whether I was there or not.

The next Promenade I decided to stay home and watch TV. I attended the following Promenade, but no one asked where I was when the last Promenade was held.

You might say I'm a good guy, a good family man who holds a responsible job. One who loves his community and his country.

You know who I am? I'm the guy who never came back.

It amuses me when. I think back on how they were discussing why they were losing members. It amuses me now to think that they spent so much time looking for new members when there I was all the time.

"All they needed to do was make me feel welcome."

Does this happen in your Voiture?

There you have it Voyageurs. Will you accept the challenge and do whatever is necessary to stop this unnecessary loss of men who are VOYAGEURS. There is no question in my mind. **WE CAN AND WE WILL DO IT IF WE CARE ENOUGH.**