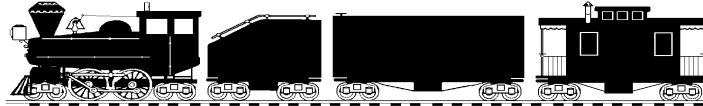


Communiqué
La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Cheveaux
Grande Voiture du Missouri



April 2009 - Grand Chef de Gare Robert Phillips - L'Editeur Grant Willis

The Grand Chef Sez

Fellow Voyageurs:

Over the past weekend, March 27 thru 29, the Grand Voiture du Missouri held it's Spring Wreck and Cheminot at the Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel in Kansas City. It was a MOST INTERESTING weekend.

The weather was short of incredible to say the least!! Friday evening the wind was "hurricane force" right out of the north accompanied by freezing rain and sleet. Saturday, it snowed all day. Luckily, Sunday, the weather cooperated much better and the good job done by the highway departments allowed for clean roads home.

The Grande Wreck and Spring Cheminot was very well attended. Most importantly, 7 P.G.'s became Voyageur Militaires. Voiture 1379 had 4, Voiture 1292 had 2 and Voiture 3 had 1. Several Voitures will be conducting Locale wrecks in the upcoming weeks. Our membership is moving forward. GIT-R-DONE!!!

The Grande had (2) guests attend the Cheminot and Banquet. Father Fortenberry, Nationale Aumonier Passe' 1976 and Allan "Sully" Sullivan, Grand Directeur POW-MIA du Kansas were our distinguished guests. The Grande was honored to have you in attendance.

The Grande also had 2 unexpected

visitors. 2 soldiers in route from Fort Sill, OK to Fort Leonard Wood ended up somewhat stranded due to the weather. Donations were collected and the 2 were sheltered for the night and attended the Banquet. It would be interesting to see what they thought of "this bunch of Vets".

During my term as Grand Chef, I have been selling raffle tickets across the state for a Handcrafted Clock I built to help with expenses. The support I received was fantastic. I wish I could give a clock to each and every individual that supported the raffle; however, there is only 1 winner. The winning ticket was drawn at the Cheminot Banquet. The winner of the clock is Tony Gallagher's wife, **Jean**, from Voiture 333.

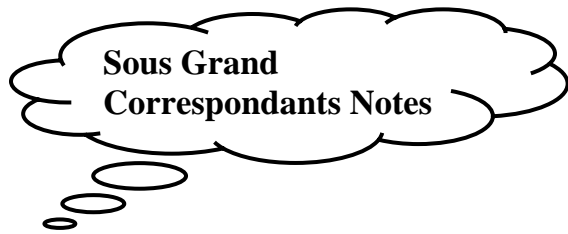
I want to thank Voiture 1379, their Voyageurs, wives and anyone who helped with the hospitality room for the weekend. The Spring Wreck and Cheminot was OUTSTANDING!!!!

Remember, Central States Promenade in Wichita, Kansas will be held from April 30 thru May 3rd. Hope to see the Grande du Missouri well represented.

Remember our programs and membership.

WE HAVE TO TRY!!!

Grand Chef de Gare ----- Bob Phillips



If you have something that your Voiture is holding please send me a flyer and I will see that it is put into the newsletter. We do have certain months when the newsletter is limited to space, such as this month, November and April, but I will see that they get into the previous month if given enough time before the event.

Address changes are always needed to keep the mailing list updated along with deaths within your Voiture.

Articles for the newsletter are needed by the end of the month, which you can send to e Mail willis.grant@sbcglobal.net or mail to Grant Willis, 8 Shireford, Ferguson, Mo. 63135.

**The Grande du Missouri web site is at:
grandedumissouri.com**

If anyone has anything they want to add or comments on the web site send it to Robert Emery at his e-mail address remery18@comcast.net and copy Grant Willis at willis.grant@sbcglobal.net.

SUPPORT BOX CAR

Some up coming activities from around the State:

May 7 and 8 Truman Days in Independence Mo.

Voiture 333 will be holding its annual Banquet on May 9, 2009 at the VFW Hall in Sedalia. The cost is \$15.00 per person. The guest speaker for the night will be Chef de Chemin de Fer Ted Lang. If you want to attend please call Tony Gallagher at 660-827-4016.

Voiture 333 will hold their annual Memorial Day service and picnic on May 25, gathering at Liberty Park for a flag retirement ceremony followed by the Picnic.

If any Voiture has any activities that you may have coming up, please send to me and I will see that they get put into the Grande Newsletter. Articles are due on the first of the month, so give yourself time to get it out to the other Voiture in the Grande.

GRANDE VOITURE du MISSOURI

Grande Cheminot and Promenade

June 26th through June 28th, 2009

Will be held at the
Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel
7301 Tiffany Springs Road
Kansas City, MO 64153
Phone: 816.268.1600
FAX: 816.268.1607

Hotel Rates are as follows:

\$75.00 for Single and Double Occupancy

\$75.00 for Triple and Quad Occupancy

Make all reservations directly with the Hotel by June 2, 2009.

When you make reservations please mention you are with the 40et8 Honor Society.

Friday, June 26th, 2009

Registration: 3:00 till 5:00 P.M.

Hospitality Room 3:00 P.M. – 11:30 P.M.

Saturday June 27th, 2009

Registration: 9:00 A.M. till NOON

Committee Meetings 9:00 – 11:00 A.M.

LUNCH 11:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Grande Cheminot 1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Grand Chef de Gare Passé Social Hour – 5:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

Social Hour: 6:00 P.M.

Banquet: 7:00 P.M.

Hospitality Room: 9:30 P.M. – 11:30 P.M.

Sunday June 28th, 2009

Grand Chef de Gare Passé Breakfast – 7:00 A.M.

Grande Promenade – 9:00 A.M.

Memorial Service & Installation of Officers – 10:45 A.M.

Make checks payable to Voiture 1379

Send to

Robert C. Emery

11501 E 14th ST S APT Q

INDEPENDENCE, MO 64052

Last Name _____ First _____ Spouse/Guest _____

Voiture Number _____ Banquet per Person \$28.00 x No. of Guest _____ = _____

Southern Fried Chicken – Roasted Pork Loin Buffett

Registration Fee \$5.00 _____

(Voitures Only)

Total: _____

Neuf Compte' Voiture Locale 1379

La Societe 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux



PROMENADE 4th WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH

Resolution

Whereas: Neuf Compte' Voiture Locale 1379, Grande du Missouri, La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux, has a Voyageur Militaire who is deserving of your consideration for the high office of:

Grand Chef de Gare

AND

Whereas: Voyageur Gary Lee Reno was initiated into Voiture 1379 in 1997, served as Lampiste, Directeure Nurses Training, Directeure POW/MIA, Correspondant and four years as Chef de Gare. Voyageur Gary Reno is currently serving as Chef de Train and

Whereas: Voyageur Gary Lee Reno has served the Grand Voiture du Missouri as Grand Sous Directeur POW/MIA, Grand Sous Directeur Nurses Training, Grand Directeur POW/MIA, Grand Commissarie Intendant and is currently serving as Grande Chef de Train.

Whereas: Voyageur Gary Lee Reno has been a member of the American Legion for 16 years and a member of Robert H. Baker Post 95 having served on numerous committees and as Post Commander and

Whereas: Voyageur Gary Lee Reno has served the 3rd District, The American Legion, Department of Missouri, as District Cadet Patrol Chairman, District Service Officer, and District Commander in 2003 to 2005. Voyageur Gary Lee Reno was also responsible for dedicating Interstate 35 as the Missouri POW/MIA Memorial Highway and creating the Missouri POW/MIA Scholarship Fund. He is currently serving as the District Judge Advocate and Northern Vice Commander, and

Whereas: Voyageur Gary Lee Reno has served the American Legion Department of Missouri on various committees and as Chairman POW/MIA and


Whereas: Voyageur Gary Lee Reno has served the American Legion National as Vice Chairman of the American Legion National Security Council.

Now, Therefore be it Resolved:

that we, the members of Neuf Compt' Voiture Locale 1379, at a regular Promenade assembled this 25th day of March 2009 do enthusiastically and unanimously endorse Voyageur Gary Lee Reno for the high office of Grand Chef de Gare Grand Voiture du Missouri for the year 2009 - 2010 to be voted on at the Grand Promenade du Missouri, held on June 27th, 2009.

Adopted Unanimously,

this 25th day of March, 2009 by Neuf Compt' Voiture Locale 1379, Caldwell County, Missouri, at it's regular Promenade assembled.


Robert C. Emery, Correspondant
Neuf Compt' Voiture Locale 1379


Paul Ellison, Chef de Gare
Neuf Compt' Voiture Locale 1379



La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux
Grande Voiture du Missouri

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: The Grande Voiture du Missouri, La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux, has an outstanding Voyageur Militaire who is deserving of your consideration for the high office of

Vice President of the Central States Promenade

And

WHEREAS: Gary Lee Reno is now serving as the Grand Chef de Train du Missouri and has served in numerous jobs in the Grand du Missouri.

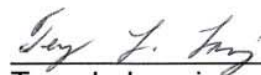
WHEREAS: Gary Lee Reno is wanting this job because of his unbridled enthusiasm to have a great Central States Promenade when it comes to Missouri in the year 2011, and he had no choice.

WHEREAS: We in Missouri feel that Gary Lee Reno can make a very obtrusive Vice President of the Central States, and

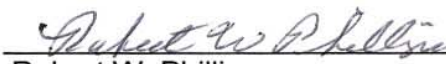
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That we, the members of Grande du Missouri, in a Cheminot assembled, do hereby indorse, Voyageur Gary Lee Reno, for the office of Vice President of the Central States Promenade, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to each Grande Voiture in the Central States for their favorable consideration.

This resolution was enthusiastically and unanimously endorsed and adopted at the Spring Grande Cheminot duly assembled on March 28, 2009.



Terry L. Lanning
Grand Correspondant du Missouri



Robert W. Phillips
Grand Chef de Gare du Missouri

SPRING GRAND CHEMINOT, MARCH 28, 2009
Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel BANQUET ROOM, Kansas City, Missouri

With a rap of the gavel, Grand Chef de Gare, Robert W. Phillips, opened the Spring Grand Cheminot sharply at 1 PM with a salute to the Flag, the Pledge of Allegiance, and a much needed prayer by acting Grand Aumonier, Grant Willis.

Roll call of officers showed more absent than excused and the rest were a pain in the rear. Doc Buzzard Ebersold was not present and Grand Commissaire Intendant Ebersold blamed it on the Grand Chef de Train Reno and Reno should pay the fine. This comment lead to a lot of voyageurs saying Reno should pay their fine also. Roll call of Grand Chefs de Gare Passe showed that ten-answered roll call. Roll call of Grand Cheminots showed that we had a quorum. Will the Voyageurs ever learn how to answer roll call? Therefore there were many fines collected. Absent were Voitures 292, 293, 333, 447, 460, 520, 848, 966, 1395, and 1402.

Notion offered by Don Fligge, seconded by Virgil Morice, that the Grand Fall Cheminot minutes are accepted as printed and sent out...passed.

Grand Correspondant Terry Lanning reported he received a notice that Joe Ser III from Grande du Virginia is a candidate for Chef de Chemin de Fer. Terry sent out to all Grand Directeurs and top Grande Officers a request that they create a job description for their office. There are several that have not submitted theirs yet, and should do so right away. Terry announced there is a folder to be picked up by each Grande Directeur concerning Locale Voiture reports. Each Locale Voiture also has a folder concerning their reports, new officers and delegates for the Grande Promenade.

Grand Correspondant Terry Lanning announced he had a resolution for Gary Reno for Vice President of the Central States Promenade. Notion offered to approve the resolution by George Ridley, seconded by Grant Willis .. passed. Terry also has a resolution for Terry Lanning for Grand Correspondant.

Grand Commissaire Intendant, Larry Ebersold, reported that the finance report, with a few minor incorrect dates, which he will pay for, was placed on the chairs and asked if there were any questions. Notion offered by Art Wilson, second by Rich Heigert, to accept the Finance report subject to audit... passed.

Grand Chef de Train, Gary L. Reno, reported on the current Grande membership. Gary stated that the Grande has 1,109 members, 90%. There are seven Voitures that are at or over 100%. Great job.

Grand Cheminot reports were given or turned in by Voitures 38, 130, 333, 448, 760, 1292, 1321, 1379, and 1541. Some of the highlights are Voiture 38 has 4 or 5 PG's ready to wreck and they will be starting up their BBQ's, in April, so come by and get some; Voiture 130 had hosted the Washington Birthday Party and everyone had a great time; Voiture 333 distributed 200 flags to school children, they visit the VA Hospital in Columbia twice a week and the Veterans home in Warrensburg each week and donate items, their annual patriotic banquet with the Chef de Chemin de Fer will be on May 9, on Valentines Day they gave 2,000 signed valentines to the VA Hospital in Columbia, they gave \$1,200 worth of trophies to the Smith-Cotton JROTC; Voiture 448 will have a BBQ at Post 111 on June 5 and 6, 2009; Voiture 760 has 4 nurses in training, they assisted a family that had a fire, buying \$800 of clothing for the kids, adopted 10 vets at Mt. Vernon Veterans Home for \$500, and paid the insurance for a Veterans Parade for \$500; Voiture 1292 has 6 nurses in training and will have a BBQ on June 20, 2009, and one boy in Boys State; Voiture 1379 has 2 nurses in training and wrecked 4 PG's today; Voiture 1541 had their Xmas party, coon supper, and night at the races, they have 3 nurses in training, and 3 boys going to Boys State.

Grand Directeur Voiture Activities, Norm Gentry, reported he put some information in each of the Locale Voitures packets concerning Voiture Activities. Note that on one of the documents it states the Voiture reports are due to the Grande on July 25, 2009, that should be June 15, 2009.

Grand Chef de Gare wanted to complement everyone for their help in putting on a good wreck. There were 7 PG's wrecked.

Grand Directeur Box Car, Bill Evans, stated he has pins if anyone needs any. Also those Voitures that have not sent their money in for their pins needs to do so.

Grand Directeur POW/MIA, Dave Diaz, stated the most controversial issue of all veterans' topics is the POW/MIA issue. Those who are missing or captured must be accounted for, to give some comfort to their loved ones. While in reality the POW/MIA symbol has become the standard for those who served and those who are now serving. The POW/MIA flag flies in the rotunda of our nation's capitol. We as voyageurs should encourage everyone to fly the POW/MIA flag at their homes, offices, and businesses. This important issue will never go away as long as we have comrades unaccounted for. When we fail to get accounting for our brave men and women, then we as a nation are doomed.

Current statistics for MIA's in Southeast Asia 1,742, Korea 8,056, Cold War 123, WWII 78,773 (74,384 unaccounted for 6,043 buried at sea) WWI 4,452. The 40/8 has a POW/MIA survivors scholarship program that is available to those dependents who qualify. POW/MIA pins are now available and have emailed the Directeur Nationale POW/MIA but have not received a response.

Grand Directeur Ritual, John Partin, stated Nationale has asked for help in creating a new Nationale password. Let him know of any ideas you have.

Grand Directeur Special Awards, David Brazie, sent his report in. Terry read it. Wanted: Nominations for Hero of the Year. I know I sound like a broken record, but I have received no nominations for Hero of the Year. We have 20 Voitures in the state, surely, there is at least one person in the state who has done something heroic. I realize that there are far more important things on your agenda than this, but this is important. Please think about it. If you need the forms necessary, feel free to contact me. (Note there has been one nomination for Law Officer of the Year and it has been approved and forwarded to Nationale).

Grand Directeur Youth Sports, David Christian, said some of the Voitures have pins outstanding and need to send him their money.

Sous Correspondant, Grant Willis, said to send him any articles and flyers to be put in the Grand Newsletter.

Time & Place Committee, Art Wilson, reported that the Grande Promenade (June 26-28, 2009) and the Homecoming (October 2-4, 2009) would also be held here at the Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel.

Grand Chef de Gare Phillips called on Al Sullivan, Grand Directeur POW/MIA du Kansas, to speak on the Central States Promenade. The Central States Promenade will be in Wichita, Kansas in 2009 at the Best Western Hotel.

He left some Central States forms if anyone needs them. He hopes everyone comes, they are planning a good one.

New Business - Grand Chef de Gare Phillips wants to make the following Grand Promenade Chairmen appointments: Credentials Gary Reno, Constitution Don Fligge, Nominations Chubs Buckley, Resolutions Grant Willis, and Audit Ray Brodzinski with members Sam Guenther and Rich Heigert. Chubs made a motion to approve the appointments, seconded by George Ridley .. passed.

Grand Chef de Gare Phillips passed out a pin to the Chef of Voiture 1541 for attaining 100%. Bob Eisenbath accepted the pin on the behalf of their Chef.

Grant Willis stated the Grand needs a new banner for the west side of the state, which would allow one for each side of the state. Grant offered a notion to purchase a banner up to \$200, seconded by Virgil Morice ..passed. Rich Heigert offered a notion to use the fines from today and further until the banner is paid for, seconded by Art Wilson ..passed.

Don Fligge offered a notion to increase the budget for Truman Day from \$200 to \$300, since the Grande will have to pay one extra nights lodging for the Chef de Chemin de Fer. There was some discussion about the Grande paying for the extra nights lodging since the Chef de Chemin de Fer is then going from Truman Day to a function at Voiture 333. Notion was seconded by Grant Willis and passed. The Grand Correspondant offered to write a letter to Voiture 333 and explain that in the future the Grand will only pay for one nights lodging for the Chef de Chemin de Fer coming in for Truman Day.

Under Good Of The Voiture, it was reported that a law is being considered on allowing gaming devices if a veteran's organization has a bingo license. A cold war certificate can be applied for.

Grand Chef de Gare Phillips closed the Spring Grand Cheminot in the proper manner at 2:25 PM.

Submitted by Terry L. Lanning, Grand Correspondant

We Are Having A ChicNic



WHERE:

**Wallace State Park
Cameron, MO
I-35 to exit 48
Follow the green information
Signs**



WHEN:

**August 29th at 1:00 P.M.
At the
Enclosed Shelter**

Hosted by:

**40et8 Nuef Comtes Voiture
1379
A Non-Profit Fun and Honor
Society of Veterans**

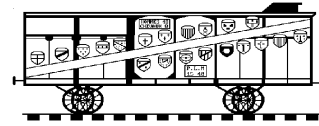
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With all of the fixings**

Donation: \$10 Adults

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Door Prizes and a Raffle

Proceeds Go Towards Nurses Training



MEMBERSHIP GRAND VOITURE DU MISSOURI
as of April 3, 2009

LOCALE	2008	2009	PERCENT	Short/Over
3	101	75	74%	-26
38	145	147	101%	2
130	26	29	112%	3
292	57	56	98%	-1
293	12	9	75%	-3
333	111	132	119%	21
447	2	2	100%	0
448	199	166	83%	-33
460	62	64	103%	2
520	14	11	79%	-3
760	81	72	89%	-9
848	17	14	82%	-3
966	9	8	89%	-1
1292	71	73	103%	2
1321	82	79	96%	-3
1379	35	42	120%	7
1395	21	15	71%	-6
1402	35	35	100%	0
1403	52	46	88%	-6
1541	64	65	102%	1
Totals	1,196	1140	95.32%	-56