



Communiqué

La Société des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux

Grande Voiture du Missouri



April 2020 - Grand Chef de Gare Janice Hartley L'Editeur Robert C. Emery



It's April Fools Day today, but I'm not going to be joking around with all the seriousness of the COVID-19 currently effecting Missouri and the rest of the states and world. Voyagers I hope everyone is staying at home if at all possible – be safe.

As you know I had Terry Lanning send out the message to cancel all promenades for March and April, but it looks like we may need to cancel May's as well.

Now to touch on a sensitive subject: MEMBERSHIP. We are still 66 short of the goal of 100%. We need to get those renewals in and start asking veterans that we know to join us. If each of us just brings in one new member, we'll surpass our 100% goal. I know you can't get out, but there's always the telephone, call you fellow voyagers, you veteran buddies ask them to renew or join with you.

I need to address National Box Car Association. Missouri owes \$105 for 5 crew cards and 100 associate cards. Whichever Locale got these on consignment, you need to either pay for them or return them to Ernie Parker out Grand Box Car Directeur. Otherwise if Nationale has our annual convention, we will not be able to vote on the floor.

I hope to be able to visit some more voitures if and when this quarantine is finally lifted. If you want me to visit just let me know when and where. Don't forget time.

God bless you; your family and God bless America. Pray for all our servicemen and women, first responders, and all the essential people that are trying their best to keep us safe. Keep them safe.

**Janice Hartley
Grand Chef de Gare
Grande du Missouri**

Sous Grand Correspondants Notes

Now is a good time to get a jump start completeting your forty and eight year end reports.

Many of the forms are aviable from FortyandEight.org just click on Forms & Petite Communique link on the main page.

Spring Grand Cheminot, March 8, 2020

Oasis Hotel, Springfield Missouri

With a rap of the gavel, Grand Chef de Gare Janice Hartley, opened the Spring Grand Cheminot at 9:00 AM with a salute to the Flag, the Pledge of Allegiance, and a great prayer by Grand Aumonier Rose Noonan.

Roll call of officers showed some were there. Roll call of Grand Chefs de Gare Passe showed that eight answered. Roll call of Grand Cheminots showed that we had a quorum. Voyageurs don't know how to answer roll call and many paid fines for it. Absent were Voitures 3, 966, 1321, 1402 and 1403.

Stand in Grand Avocat, David Voyles said we will follow Constitution and Roberts Rules of Order.

Notion offered by Kevin Johnson, seconded by David Christian, that the Fall Grand Cheminot minutes are accepted as printed and sent out...passed.

Grand Correspondant Terry Lanning said Jim Hartley had passed away after the Fall Cheminot. Grand Chef de Gare Janice Hartley made the following appointments to fill Jim's positions: Jim Christman for Grand Sous Chef de Train and Rose Noonan for Grand Nurses Training Directeur. The Executive Committee approved these appointments. Terry offered a notion to approve the Executive Committees actions, seconded by Kevin Johnson and passed.

Grand Correspondant Terry Lanning stated he received the following correspondence, notifications that Jim Vissers from Wisconsin and William Simpson are candidates for Chef de Chemin de Fer; letter from Special Olympics about a fund drive to raise money for tornado damage, Terry has passed information on filing not for profit tax returns and proper protocol; Central States Promenade will be in Williamsburg Iowa on April 30 to May 3, 2020; there is a Ritual of Celebration Program for the birthday of the 40/8 see Terry for it or on the Grande web site.

Grand Correspondant Terry Lanning received the following resolutions, Robert Emery for Grand Chef de Train, Frank Angelo for Grand Chef de Gare, and Hallie Williams for Grand Commissaire Intendant.

Grand Commissaire Intendant, Bob Emery, stated the finance report was passed out and discussed it. Notion offered by Kevin Johnson to accept the Finance report, second by Forrest Johnson ... passed.

Grand Chef de Train Frank Angelo has not showed up yet. Grand Chef de Gare Janice Hartley called on the Sous Chef de Trains to report on their Voitures, to which Mike Scruby and Don Barbour stated what the membership was for each of their Voitures. The Grand has a total membership of 730, and is at 87%. Voiture 292 and 1402 were at or over 100%.

Some of the highlights of the Grand Cheminot reports are: Voiture 38 had their loco out on Veterans Day for St. Louis City's parade and Florissant's parade, hosted the annual Christmas Party for the Patch neighborhood, on September 7th held their Trivia Night and raised \$2700, they are selling their 2020 Calendars; Voiture 292 has 3 nurses in training, sponsored 1 girl to girls state and 1 boy to boys state, participated in Jamboree at VA Hospital as well as other activities at the VA Hospital; Voiture 333 sells rolls of stamps for a fundraiser, has a fundraiser for downtown flags, will be celebrating the 100th anniversary 40/8, 8 nurses in training; Voiture 448 had their kids xmas party at Marygrove on 12/1/19 and ester party on March 29th ; Voiture 460 membership is at 73%, with 3 PG's wrecked yesterday, has various fundraising such as bake sales, soda sales and raffles, participated in the 2019 Veterans Day, had a Martin Luther King Dinner with Post 331, has a raffle for a smoker, life is truly good in Central Ozarks; Voiture 760 has 2 nurses in training; Voiture 1292 had their golf tournament and raised \$6,000, has 17 nurses in training, had a Special needs Christmas party, had a sausage sale which raised \$1,200; Voiture 1379 has one nurse in training; Voiture 1541 in October lost Voyageur Jim Hartley and had a Memorial service at the Promenade, he will be missed, had a Christmas party on 12/18/2019, have 4 Nurses in Training, are at 100% membership, donated \$100 towards the Moolah Shrine Circus, sent in a full page ad for Central States Promenade, Night at Races will be March 14, 2020 at St. Charles Post 313 at 6:00 pm.

Grand Medicin Tommy Thomas stated he inspected 12 PG's yesterday.

Grand Historien Allen Schultz said to send him pictures and information for the history book.

Grand Directeur Child Welfare Terry McDonald said he got 100 pins and all but one Voiture has paid for their pins. Everyone

should keep track of their time and miles that they do and have their reports turned in by June 15th. Send the reports to Terry and not the National Directeur Joe Donovan. Last year 9 Voitures turned in reports. The pins and reports are just the mechanics of the program. The real benefits are the things your Voiture and members do for the children. Sous Director Robert Lee succumbed to his battle with Leukemia this last January. Bob remained in good spirits and grace. He had been my roommate at some Grand Promenades and I will miss him.

Grand Directeur Voiture Activities Charles Kuehnel stated reports are due to him by June 15, 2020.

Grand Directeur Nurses Training Rose Noonan said she has nurses training pins for sale, so if you want any let her know.

Grand Aumonier Rose Noonan said to send her the Voiture deceased for the Grand Promenade.

Grand Drapeau East C. J. New said Baue Funeral Home will be putting on a memorial service on May 24, 2020 and they requested to have the Grand colors.

Grand Directeur Americanism Bob Emery said you need to collect your hours, miles and dollars and put them on the report and send it to him.

Grand Directeur Box Car Ernie Parker has pins to sell.

Grand Directeur Carville Star Mike Scruby said to get your reports in.

Grand Directeur Ritual Kevin Johnson said the wreck went well, and thanks for those that stepped in.

Grand Directeur Special Awards Ben Sargent said he has one application for Law Officer of the Year for Brian Taylor Voiture 1321, offered a notion to have Brian Taylor be the Grand Law Office of the Year, seconded by Kevin Johnson, passed.

Grand Chairman VAVA Chip Berkley said there is a contest through VA to get money. Make sure you send in your reports.

Sous Grand VAVS Chairman Gary Puck said he meets and greets at the VA. Volunteers are priceless.

Grand Directeur Youth Sports Ann Roberts said Youth Sports pins for sale. In the last issue of the Grand newsletter she talked about what is going on in Youth Sports so read it. Make sure you send in your reports.

Sous Grand Directeur Youth Sports Forrest Johnson said that any youth activity counts so turn it all in on your reports.

Sous Grand Correspondant Robert Emery said he needs the Directeur's articles.

Time and Place Committee Committeeman Kevin Johnson said Grand Promenade and Cheminot will be June 19th- 21st here at the Oasis Hotel and Convention Center Rooms are \$99.00 plus tax per night. The 101st Promenade Nationale will be held in Sandusky, Ohio September 13th -19th 2020. Grand Chef de Gare's Homecoming and Fall Cheminot will be October 30th -31st 2020 it also will be conducted here at the Oasis Hotel and Convention Center again the rooms will be \$ 99.00 plus tax per night. Spring Wreck and Grand Cheminot 2021 will be March 26th – 28th, 2021 at Four Points by Sheraton Kansas City Airport room rates will be \$109.00 plus tax per night. Grand Promenade and Cheminot 2021 will be held June 25th – 27th, 2021 at Four Points by Sheraton Kansas City Airport room rates will be \$109.00 plus tax per night. The 102nd Promenade Nationale will be held in Springfield, Missouri September 14th – 18th, 2021 at the University Plaza Hotel and Convention Center Springfield Mo. Room Rates will be 106.00 plus Tax. Grand Chef de Gare's Homecoming and Fall Cheminot will be held October 1st -3rd 2021 at Four Points by Sheraton Kansas City Airport room rates will be \$109.00 plus tax per night.

Distinguished Voyageur Award Committeeman Terry Lanning said this year's nomination is Billy Kretzer (V130); Terry offered a notion to make Billy Kretzer the Grand Voyageur of the Year, seconded by Kevin Johnson and passed.

Promenade Nationale Vice President Chip Berkley stated several of on the 102nd committee met with the hotel to look at the meeting rooms. We will need help from everyone to put on the 102nd Promenade Nationale.

Old Business – none

New Business – The PG's collected \$368.07. Fines collected were \$84, but Terry said he had some additional ones to add to that.

Ben Sargent stated since our Grand Chef de Train Frank Angelo did not show up then he should be fined \$50.00, seconded by David Voyles and passed. (After the Cheminot Terry talked to the Grand Chef de Train Frank Angelo and he said he over slept and paid his fine.)

Grand Chef de Gare Janice Hartley closed the Spring Grand Cheminot in the proper manner at 10:30 AM.

Submitted by,

Terry L. Lanning

Grand Correspondant

Central States Promenade Change

Greetings fellow Voyageurs. The United States Army has many unofficial mottos and traditions. One of these is "Semper Gumby," meaning "Always Flexible."

Due to the coronavirus, we who are organizing Central States Promenade 2020 have decided to move the date back by a period of time. This will hopefully allow our nation to heal from this and restore the ability of more people to travel.

Central States Promenade will be held May 21-24, 2020. It will still be held at the Ramada Wasserbahn Hotel, 2211 U Avenue, Williamsburg, IA 52361. The hotel's phone number is (319) 668-1175. The best thing to do to change your hotel reservation is to call that number between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m Central Time Monday through Friday. Ask for Faye or Sarah, as they are the ones in charge of this conference on the hotel's end.

The hotel has some other room blocks in place during that time but they will be released April 22 and April 23, respectively. Still, I would call as soon as possible, especially if you need a first-floor room since this hotel has no elevator.

If you are not able to get in at the Ramada, we suggest the Days Inn in Williamsburg, Iowa. It is only about 5 miles from the Ramada. Their phone number is (319) 668-1000. Their room rate is \$74.25 per night, but unfortunately they do not have an elevator either. For either hotel, please mention that you are with the 40 & 8.

We regret making this change. We are giving as much notice as we can. In any case, since CSP 2019 was cancelled despite Colorado's best efforts, we want to have a Central States Promenade. We especially want to make sure this happens because it is La Societe's 100th anniversary.

For any questions about this, please contact CSP 2020 President Bob Feiereisen, PGC. His best phone number is (319) 560-1412, and his email is csp2020@gmail.com.

Yours in 40 & 8 Service,



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

OFFICIAL CALL

TO: ALL GRAND CHEMINOTS
ALL GRAND OFFICERS
ALL GRAND CHEFS de GARE PASSE
ALL VOITURE'S CHEFS de GARE & CORRESPONDANTS
ALL VOYAGEURS OF GRANDE VOITURE du MISSOURI

This is the OFFICIAL CALL for the Grande Promenade and Cheminot to be held June 19th to June 21st, 2020 at the Oasis Hotel & Convention Center, 2546 North Glenstone Avenue, Springfield, MO 65803, phone (417) 866-5253, or (888) 532-4338.

There will not be an Executive Board Meeting. If one is needed, it will be posted in the Hospitality Room. The Grande Promenade Committee Meetings will be held on Saturday morning and the time and place will be posted in the Hospitality Room. A meeting of the 102nd Promenade Nationale will be held on Friday at 7:00pm.

The Grande Cheminot will be held on Saturday, June 20th, 2020 at 1:00 PM at the Oasis Hotel & Convention Center. The Grand Chef de Gare, Janice Hartley, urges all Grand Directeurs that are giving out awards to the Locales to do it during the Cheminot on Saturday.

The Grande Promenade will be held on Sunday morning, June 21st, 2020 starting at 9:00 AM sharp. Chairmen of the Grande Promenade Committees, Audit, Credentials, Constitution, Nominations, and Resolutions, will give their reports at this time along with the election of new Officers, Delegates and Alternates for the 101st Promenade Nationale in September 15th-19th, 2020 in Sandusky, Ohio.

ALL GRAND OFFICERS AND GRAND CHEMINOTS ARE EXPECTED TO GIVE A REPORT OF THEIR ACTIVITIES AND SUBMIT A COPY IN WRITING TO THE GRAND CORRESPONDANT.

All Voyageurs are to be in proper attire. The following male Officers are expected to be in coat, tie, shirt, long pants, socks and shoes, whereas female Officers are expected to be in a dress or skirt and blouse or slacks and blouse and shoes: Grand Chef de Gare, Grand Chef de Train, Grand Commissaire Intendant, Grand Correspondant, Grand Garde de la Porte, Grand Lampiste, Grand Conducteur, Sous Grand Conducteurs, and Grand Aumonier.

Terry L. Lanning
Grand Correspondant

Janice Hartley
Grand Chef de Gare

