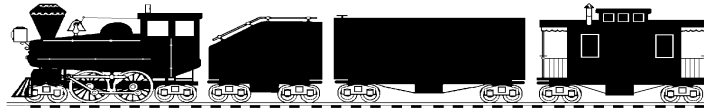


Communiqué
La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Cheveaux
Grande Voiture du Missouri



August 2009 - Grand Chef de Gare Gary Reno

- L'Editeur Grant Willis

The Grand Chef Sez

Fellow Voyageurs;

First let me say how honored I am to have been selected to represent you and the great state of Missouri as your Grand Chef. It truly is a privilege. I am very excited about visiting each Voiture Locale and meeting with all of you. A wonderful learning experience, to say the least.

The next subject I would like to address is the one where most of us stop reading here because "we have heard it all before." That's right, MEMBERSHIP. Although you may not believe this, Membership is not a dirty word. As you may already know, Grand du Missouri closed 2009 over the top. You did that! But now we are back to zero and must start all over again. During my tour of duty as a Recruiter for the US Army we were given a mission each month. If we made mission, we were Hero's. But, come the first day of the month we were back to zero. We affectionately referred to it as Hero to Zero. That is exactly where we are right now, Hero's to Zero. Are you up to the challenge of being a Hero again?

Another important issue is the new membership eligibility rules. Sadly, this has caused some bitter feelings among some Voyageurs who strongly believe that we have compromised our Honor. I can only offer my opinion here, but maybe it is all in

the way we interpret the new ruling. Only the eligibility has changed, not the honor. Wither your Locale chooses any veteran with an honorable discharge or chooses to remain with the old standard, recruiting Honorable and deserving Veterans remains your responsibility.

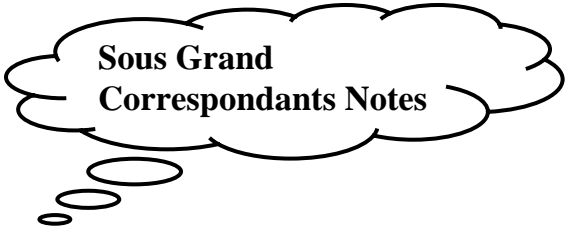
Finally, I would like to offer up a Challenge. I will donate (out of my own pocket) \$25.00 to the first Voiture that goes "over the Top" before December 31st 2009. I will also make a \$25.00 donation to the Voiture that achieves the highest percentage before the Grand Cheminot, June 2010. Lastly, a \$25.00 donation to the Voyageur who recruit's the most "New Members" also before the June Grand Cheminot.

In the event of a tie the Voyageurs will split the prize money. Each Locales Correspondant will need to track this and submit the names to me. Finally, if the Grand goes Over the Top this year, I will do a Hula.

Now, where did I put that grass skirt? Again, thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Grand Chef and I look forward to seeing each and everyone of you during the coming year.

WE HAVE TO TRY!!!

**GARY RENO
GRAND CHEF DE GARE**



**Sous Grand
Correspondants Notes**

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 September issue of the Communiqué we will have articles for Carville Star and VAVS. The following is a schedule for articles due from the Directeur's:

- October - Nurses Training and Child Welfare
- November - Ritual
- December – Youth Sports and Box Car
- January – Americanism and Voyageur Activities
- February – POW/MIA and Special Awards
- March – Distinguished Voyageur Award



**UPCOMING
DATES**

- Grande Cheminot and Homecoming October 2 – 4, 2009 at Kansas City, MO
- Sept 8 through the 12 – Promenade Nationale at Rochester NY

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.

Grand Voiture du Misouri Raffle winners.

- 1st place \$300 - Ronald Trigg
- 2nd place \$200 - Martin Fuser
- 3rd place \$100 - Clyde Eddy

Below is from the Voiture invoices received from Voiture Nationale on June 30, 2009. Most show a credit. A Voiture can use up the credit by applying their membership dues or ask Voiture Nationale to send a check. This will be put in the newsletter once a quarter and the invoices will not be mailed to the Voiture Correspondant unless otherwise requested.

Voiture 3	\$(237.53)
Voiture 38	-0-
Voiture 130	\$(45.00)
Voiture 292	\$(76.85)
Voiture 293	-0-
Voiture 333	-0-
Voiture 447	\$(30.00)
Voiture 448	-0-
Voiture 460	\$(117.50)
Voiture 520	\$(3.50)
Voiture 760	\$(5.50)
Voiture 848	-0-
Voiture 966	-0-
Voiture 1292	-0-
Voiture 1321	\$(13.50)
Voiture 1379	\$(52.50)
Voiture 1395	\$(12.00)
Voiture 1402	\$(7.50)
Voiture 1403	\$(38.00)
Voiture 1541	\$(7.50)

The truly great things happen when a genius is alone. This is true especially among golfers.

I'd like to see the fairways more narrow. Then everybody would have to play from the rough, not just me

GRANDE PROMENADE, JUNE 28, 2009
Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri

Grand Chef de Gare, Robert W. Phillips, opened the Grande Promenade at 9:00 AM with a salute to the Flag, the Pledge of Allegiance, and a much needed prayer by Grand Aumonier, Marvin Harper. The Grand Garde de la Porte George Ridley closed the door so hard that the phone fell off of the wall.

Roll call of officers showed a few more excused, a few more absent, and the rest were the same good old Voyageurs. Many paid their fines for acting up. Roll call of Grand Chefs de Gare Passe, showed there were 8 present. Roll call of Voitures showed there was a quorum present. Absent were Voitures 130, 293, 333, 447, 460, 520, 848, 966, and 1395. Grant Willis, sat in or is that stood in, for Grand Avocat, Richard Heigert, and offered a notion to follow the Rules of Procedure, seconded by George Ridley ... passed.

Notion offered by Virgil Morice, second by Don Fligge, that the minutes of the June 29, 2008 Grande Promenade be accepted as printed and sent out...passed.

Grand Chef Phillips called on the Grande Promenade Committees starting with the Audit Committee chaired by Raymond Brodzinski with the help of Sam Guenther and Robert Eisenbath. Also present were Grand Commissaire Intendant, Larry Ebersold, visitor David Christian, and Grand Correspondant Terry Lanning. Ray stated that the Audit took place on June 27, 2009 on the 11th floor of the Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel at 9:00 AM. The Committee viewed and examined all manners of money entries and funds distributed for the year. They were found to be correct and acceptable after a minor register book update. They also reviewed the Money Market account reflecting a balance of \$2,202.15, plus 4 CD's. One CD will mature on August 18, 2009, another on September 20, 2009, and another on September 23, 2009. Audit Committee recommends that these CD's be renewed at the best rate possible, but only for a short period of time. The committee feels that rates will rise in the next 12 months and we'll be in a better position to renew them at a much better rate of return. The committee also believes that we should "ladder" the certificates in the future so that every year a certificate will mature giving us the option to redeem it, if cash or funds are needed. Ray commended everyone involved in the audit and Grand Commissaire Intendant, Larry Ebersold, for the fine job he did and also the Grand Correspondant. Notion offered by Brodzinski, second by Virgil Morice, to approve the Audit Committee Report as presented and to accept yesterdays finance report...passed.

Grand Chef Phillips called on the Resolutions Committee chaired by Grant Willis. Grant reported that he opened the committee at 9:00am; there were seven other representatives that attended the meeting. Grant stated he had resolutions for Gary L. Reno for Grand Chef de Gare, Larry R. Ebersold for Grand Chef de Train, David Christian for Grand Commissaire Intendant, and Terry L. Lanning for Grand Correspondant. The committee approved these resolutions. There were no other resolutions. It is the recommendation of the committee that the four resolutions be read by the Correspondant during the election of officer's and voted on by the floor for a favorable vote. The committee adjourned at 9:01am. Grant offered a notion for the Resolutions Committees report to be accepted, seconded by Virgil Morice...passed.

Grand Chef Phillips called on the Chairman of the Credential Committee, Gary Reno. Gary reported that there was one other in attendance at the meeting. Gary gave the voting strength for each Voitures and the overall for the Grand Voiture (67) and offered a notion, second by Virgil Morice, that the report be accepted as given...passed

There was nothing submitted to the Constitution Committee, so Chairman Don Fligge had no report. Don offered a notion for his no report to be accepted, seconded by Virgil Morice ... passed.

Distinguished Voyageur Award Committee, Ray Brodzinski, stated an award was given at the banquet to Leon Hill.

Under New Business Grand Correspondant Lanning asked that all Directeurs send him a copy of their final report and for all Directeurs to make sure they clean up their pins and cards and turn in the money.

Grand Chef Phillips called on the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Chubs Buckley. Chubs reported that the meeting was held in Room 1102 of the Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel and started at 10:00 AM. There were six other representatives that attended the meeting. The Nominating Committee

recommends to the Grande the elected officers. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 AM.
 Chubs read the recommendation of the Committee for elective officers for
 2009-2010.

ELECTIVE OFFICERS	NAME	VOITURE
Grand Chef de Gare	Gary L. Reno	1379
Grand Chef de Train	Larry R. Ebersold	1292
Grand Commissaire Intendant	David S. Christian	38
Grand Correspondant	Terry L. Lanning	448
Cheminot Nationale	Leslie G. Willis	448
Alternate Cheminot Nationale	Robert W. Phillips	1541
Voitures (3-333)		
Sous Grand Chef de Train	Julio Bambini	3
Voitures (293-447-760)		
Sous Grand Chef de Train	Sam Pickens	760
Voitures (38-448-966-1541)		
Sous Grand Chef de Train	Robert W. Fletcher	38
Voitures (130-1379-1402)		
Sous Grand Chef de Train	John Paul Kopp	1379
Voitures (292-520-1292-1403)		
Sous Grand Chef de Train	Thomas (Chip) Berkley	292
Voitures (460-1321-1395)		
Sous Grand Chef de Train	John Wieland	1321
Grand Medicin	Errol Wilson	760
Sous Grand Medicin	Clarence L. Koon	460
Grand Garde de la Porte	George W. Ridley	448
Grand Historien	John Kopp	1379
Grand Avocat	Richard A Heigert	1321
Sous Grand Avocat	Raymond O. Money	3
Grand Commis Voyageur	Edward R. Jones	130
Grand Directeur Child Welfare	Thomas Goodin	1292
Sous Grand Dir. Child Welfare	Jim Schaller	1292
Sous Grand Dir. Child Welfare	Hallie Williams	448
Grand Directeur Voiture Activities	Norman P. Gentry	448
Sous Grand Dir. Voiture Activities	Howard H. Engelbrecht	130
Grand Directeur Nurses Training	Clarence C. Buckley	760
Sous Grand Dir. Nurses Training	Larry Owen	3
Sous Grand Dir. Nurses Training	George W. Ridley	448
Grand Aumonier	Marvin E. Harper	1402
Grand Drapeau East	Virgil Morice	1321
Grand Drapeau West	Don Fligge	3
Grand Lampiste	Orval L. Jensen	130
Grand Cheminot-at-Large	Raymond O. Money	3
Grand Cheminot-at-Large	George W. Powell	1379
Grand Cheminot-at-Large	Ira A. Hassenpflug	130
Grand Cheminot-at-Large	Raymond J. Brodzinski	38
Grand Cheminot-at-Large	Richard A. Heigert	1321

Gary L. Reno was elected by acclamation as Grand Chef de Gare. Larry R. Ebersold was elected by acclamation as Grand Chef de Train. David S. Christian was elected by acclamation as Grand Commissaire Intendant. Terry L. Lanning was elected by acclamation as Grand Correspondant. Notion offered by Virgil Morice, second by George Ridley, that the balance of the officers be elected by acclamation....passed. Chubs Buckley read the appointed officers with permission by Grand Chef de Gare Elect, Gary Reno, and they are.

APPOINTED OFFICERS	NAME	VOITURE
Sous Grand Correspondant	Leslie G. Willis	448
Grand Publiciste	William W. Hilker	1403
Grand Organizer	Virgil C. Morice	1321
Sous Grand Organizer	Thomas W. Hanks	1321
Grand Conducteur	Robert C. Emery	1379
Sous Grand Conducteur	Noel Barlows	38
Sous Grand Conducteur	David Bexten	1292
Sous Grand Conducteur	Earl Trube	1292
Grand Directeur Americanism	Sam M. Guenther	1403
Sous Grand Dir. Americanism	Morgan Walker	1292
Grand Directeur Box Car	Bill J. Evans	760
Grand Directeur Carville Star	Leon L. Hill	1541
Grand Directeur POW/MIA	David Diaz	38
Grand Directeur Ritual	John Partin	38
Grand Directeur Special Awards	David L. Brazie	1403
Sous Grand Dir. Special Awards Law & Order	Arnold Miller	38
Grand Directeur VAVS	Thomas (Chip) Berkley	292
Sous Grand Directeur VAVS	Donald J. Newman Jr,	1541
Sous Grand Directeur VAVS	William H. Hoppe	1321
Grand Directeur Youth Sports	David Voyles	130
Sous Grand Dir. Youth Sports	Art Wilson	448
Executive Committee "Advisory" & "Protocol"	Raymond J. Brodzinski	38
	Richard A. Heigert	1321
Time & Place Committee (chair)	Arthur L. Wilson	448
	Robert G. Eisenbath	1541
	Richard A. Heigert	1321
Distinguished Voyageur (chair)	Norman I. Reichel (2)	1403
	Terry L. Lanning (2)	448
	Robert G. Eisenbath (1)	1541
	Raymond J. Brodzinski 1)	38
	Virgil C. Morice (3)	1321
	Leslie G. Willis (3)	448
Grand Aid de Camp	Robert C. Emery	1379
Distinguished Guest Committee	Don Fligge	3
	Terry L. Lanning	448
	Richard A. Heigert	1321

Central States Committee Chair	Gary L. Reno	1379
	Robert C. Emery	1379
	Don Fligge	3
	Terry L. Lanning	448
	Richard A. Heigert	1321
	Leslie G. Willis	448
	Robert W. Phillips	1541
	Bill J. Evans	760
	Arthur L. Wilson	448

Notion offered by Virgil Morice, second by George Ridley, that the appointments by the Grand Chef de Gare Elect, Gary L. Reno, be approved as read...passed.

Grand Chef Phillips relieved the members of the Grande Promenade Committees.

The Promenade was recessed at 9:45 AM to let the families and friends in for the Memorial Service and installation of officers.

The Grande Promenade came back to order at 10:00 AM. Grand Chef Phillips turned the podium over to Grand Aumonier, Marvin Harper. He was assisted by Grand Chef de Train, Larry Ebersold, and Grand Correspondant, Terry Lanning for the Memorial Service.

The history book was presented to Grand Chef de Gare Robert Phillips by his wife Tina, who had put the book together. The Grand Historien Kevin Gurlen took picture, when he could make the functions. Grand Chef de Gare Robert Phillips thanked both for their efforts.

After the Memorial Service, Grand Chef Phillips asked that the installing officer come to the podium. The installing officer was Don Fligge, Grand Chef de Gare Passe 2007. He installed the newly elected Grand Chef de Gare, Gary L. Reno, first. Afterwards he installed the rest of the elected and appointed officers.

Installing Officer, Don Fligge, took out the Past Grand Chef de Gare Phillips and presented him with a Past Grand Chef's pin. Robert Phillips's wife came forward and placed his new chapeau on his head. Robert Phillip's then spoke to the membership thanking them for the great year he had.

Installing Officer, Don Fligge, then gave the gavel of authority to the new Grand Chef Gary L. Reno. Grand Chef Reno had his new chapeau put on his head by his wife.

Grand Chef de Gare Reno, stated whoever coined the phase that behind every successful man is a good woman, he thinks whoever stated that phase had to be a past Chef de Gare. He will do everything he possibly can to meet every ones expectations. He can't think of anyone else he would want to be with than those here today.

At this time, the families and friends were asked to leave so that we may proceed in closing the Grande Promenade. Grand Correspondant Terry Lanning passed out the job duties of the various Grand Officers and Directeurs. Grande Chef de Gare Reno said his theme this year is "One Country, One Language, and One Flag".

The new Grande Chef de Gare Reno, closed the Grande Promenade in the proper manner at 10:50 AM.

Submitted by
Terry L. Lanning
Grand Correspondant

The Grande Executive Committee voted between July 1 to July 3, 2009 to approve the following actions.

1. The Grande delegates to the Promenade Nationale in Rochester, New York will be Leslie G. Willis, Jr., Clarence Buckley, Gary Reno, Terry Lanning, and Tony Gallagher. Gary L. Reno will be chairman of the delegation with the right to appoint any further delegates or alternates or any other changes as are necessary. The Grande gets 5 Delegates and 5 Alternates to Promenade Nationale. These five are the only ones that are known to be going to Promenade Nationale.
2. A resolution was received on July 1, 2009 from Voiture 848. The resolution stated there was a vote at the 2008 Promenade Nationale to open membership to any honorable discharged Veteran of the US military and no longer requires membership in the American Legion to be a member of the 40 et 8. In a regular promenade on Jun 14, 2009 Voiture 848 voted to approve the cancellation of Osage Voiture Locale 848's charter effective July 15, 2009. Voiture 848 encourages any of the Voyageurs of Voiture 848 to transfer to another Voiture Locale of their choice. After discussion of this resolution with Voiture 848 and among members of the Grande Executive Committee. The Grande Executive Committee reluctantly accepts Voiture 848 request to cancel their charter. The Grande will retain Voiture 848's number for future use.

HAVE YOU HEARD: Puns for the educated?

- The roundest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference . He acquired his size from too much pi.
- I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian .
- She was only a whisky maker, but he loved her still.
- A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class because it was a weapon of math disruption.
- The butcher backed into the meat grinder and got a little behind in his work.
- No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.
- A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.
- A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blownapart.
- Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.
- Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.
- A hole has been found in the nudist camp wall. The police are looking into it.
- Atheism is a non-prophet organization.
- Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway. One hat said to the other, "You stay here; I'll go on a head."
- I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.
- A sign on the lawn at a drug rehab center said: "Keep off the Grass."
- A small boy swallowed some coins and was taken to a hospital. When his grandmother telephoned to ask how he was, a nurse said, "No change yet."
- A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.
- The short fortune-teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.
- The man who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.
- A backward poet writes inverse.
- In democracy it's your vote that counts. In feudalism it's your count that votes.
- When cannibals ate a missionary, they got a taste of religion.
- Don't join dangerous cults: Practice safe sects!

GRANDE VOITURE du MISSOURI

Fall Cheminot and Homecoming

October 2 through October 4th, 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 September 2, 2009.

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

Friday, October 2, 2009

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

Hospitality Room 3:00 P.M. – ????

Saturday October 3, 2009

Registration: 9:00 A.M. till NOON

Executive Meetings 9:00 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 opened after Banquet

Sunday October 4, 2009

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 _____

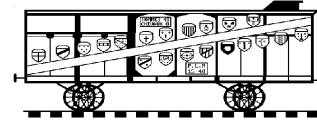
Voiture Number _____ Banquet per Person \$28.00 x No. of Guest _____ = _____

Buffett

Registration Fee \$5.00 _____

(Voitures Only)

Total: _____



MEMBERSHIP GRAND VOITURE DU MISSOURI
as of July 30, 2009

LOCALE	2008	2009	PERCENT	Short/Over
3	101	80	79%	-21
38	145	152	105%	7
130	26	29	112%	3
292	57	57	100%	0
293	12	12	100%	0
333	111	163	147%	52
447	2	2	100%	0
448	199	186	93%	-13
460	62	64	103%	2
520	14	11	79%	-3
760	81	82	101%	1
848	17	15	88%	-2
966	9	8	89%	-1
1292	71	78	110%	7
1321	82	80	98%	-2
1379	35	42	120%	7
1395	21	22	105%	1
1402	35	37	106%	2
1403	52	46	88%	-6
1541	64	68	106%	4
Totals	1,196	1234	103%	38

SALUTING the FLAG Update 04: Traditionally, members of the nation's veterans service organizations have rendered the hand-salute during the national anthem and at events involving the national flag only while wearing their organization's official head-gear. The National Defense Authorization Act of 2008 contained an amendment to allow un-uniformed service members, military retirees, and veterans to render a hand salute during the hoisting, lowering, or passing of the U.S. flag. A later amendment further authorized hand-salutes during the national anthem by veterans and out-of-uniform military personnel. This was included in the Defense Authorization Act of 2009, which President Bush signed on 14 OCT 08. All other persons present should face the flag, or if applicable, remove their headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Citizens of other countries present should stand at attention. All such conduct toward the flag in a moving column should be rendered at the moment the flag passes.

Regarding the Pledge of Allegiance another section of federal code that specifically relates to actions of those reciting the Pledge was not amended. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag (i.e. I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all), should be rendered by standing at attention facing the flag with the right hand over the heart. When not in uniform men should remove their headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Persons in uniform should remain silent, face the flag, and render the military salute. It is the belief of some that commissioned Officers of the US military, when in uniform, should not render a salute, nor say the Pledge of Allegiance, but stand at attention with their hands at their sides until the Pledge is completed. The alleged reasoning behind this is that Commissioned officers of the US military are already pledged to a higher "authority" the Constitution, in their oath of office. I could find no credible reference to support this belief. The phrase "under God" was added to the pledge by a Congressional act approved on 14 JUN 54. [Source: Various Jul 09]

HISTORY LESSON-

Out in the middle of New York Harbor stands a famous lady, the Statue of Liberty. The statue was a gift from the people of France, and the cornerstone for it was laid at what was then Bedloe's Island, in the harbor, on August 5, 1884.

Funny thing about that. The Statue, itself, as I have said, was a gift from the people of France; but the base, which was a gift from the people of the United States, cost almost as much as the Statue.

To me that is rather symbolic. Somebody else can give you liberty, but you've got to establish its base for yourself. Liberty, to be maintained, cannot be just a free ride.

We might remember the story of the base of the Statue of Liberty, just as a reminder as we look at where liberty is today.

NEWS ALERT: Did you know that the ACLU has filed a suit to have all military cross-shaped headstones removed and another suit to end prayer from the military completely?

They're making great progress. The Navy Chaplains can no longer mention Jesus' name in prayer thanks to the ACLU and our new administration.

It behoves all, who think our country is headed in the right direction, to review the history of the ACLU to see what they are doing to our culture and our Constitution. And by court order, we pay them millions from our tax-payer funds for this anti-American agenda.

Grand Voiture du Missouri
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