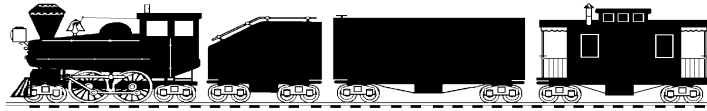


Communiqué
La Société des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux
Grande Voiture du Missouri



December 2016 - Grand Chef de Gare Chip Berkley

- L'Éditeur Grant Willis

The Grand Chef Sez

Fellow Voyageurs,

It is hard to believe we have now entered the six month of my tenure as Grand Chef. Time has been flying by. I have attended more memorial services than I would have preferred to attend. We are losing friends and members way to fast.

As this article goes to print the Grand is at approximately 68% if V-333 submitted the 75 additional names to Nationale as they said they were going to do. That still leaves us a little short of the goal of 75% of the membership total by November 30th. Don't let up, give them a call and ask the holdouts to get their dues in. If you need help with renewals or recruiting, please contact your Sous Chef de Train and let them know. They are there to help with membership.

If you have new recruits (PG's) and want to have them wrecked in Springfield in April don't forget to let Dave Voyles know. He is beginning the behind the scenes process of making our Spring Wreck a success. Don't forget to get your room reserved and your registration submitted as soon as possible.

Lora and I have received several invitations to holiday functions and we are about to embark on the fun part of this journey. It is a pleasure to attend the children's parties and Voiture Christmas

dinners. This is one part of my duties that I can say I really enjoy, eating and socializing.

Please don't forget our Veterans in the State Nursing Homes and the VA Hospitals during the holiday season. They do appreciate your visits. I will be taking the ladies from recreation on a shopping trip next week for the patients on our Community Living Center at the Truman VA Hospital.

Take time this month to share with those that can't get out and about. There may even be that one person that keeps popping back into your thoughts. Make the call. Have a Merry Christmas and may the Universe be kind to you and yours.

Yours in Service,

Grand Chef de Gare



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**Sous Grand
Correspondants Notes**

Articles for the next Newsletter are due at the end of each month. **I would like to see articles for Voiture Activities and Ritual for the January issue of the Communiqué.**

The annual 40 & 8 Voiture #1541/ Salon #771 Christmas Party will be Wednesday December 14th lower level at American Legion Post #323 Wentzville. Happy hour will be 6-7PM. Meal at 7PM followed by a visit from jolly old St. Nick. We usually wrap up between 8:30-9PM. The cost is \$10 per person which covers cocktails and meal. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Jim Hartley at (314)607-1433 or email kc0wdb@yahoo.com . You may pay at the door that evening but you must RSVP. The last day to RSVP is December 9th.

Jim Hartley
Voiture #1541
Correspondant

E.L. Eickhoff of Voiture 333 passed on November 17th.

A reminder to everyone to get your reservations made for the Spring Wreck and Cheminot. The form with all of the information can be found later in this communique. Let's 'ot wait until the last minutes to get reservations turned in.

If you have anyone that would like to receive this communique electronically please provide their email address to:
willis.grant@sbcglobal.net.

CHILD WELFARE

Greetings Voyageurs,

Thanksgiving has past and the Christmas Holiday season has begun, I would like to wish all Voyageurs and their Families a Merry Christmas and thank you for all you do in support of the Programs of La Société. This is always a busy time for our Locale Child Welfare programs. Many Children are in need of assistance during the holidays either for food or gifts. I encourage all Locales to reach out and assist these needy families if possible. I would also encourage thorough investigation and follow up into assistance request's to ensure the need is valid and these hard earned funds are used to assist needy Children as this season, unfortunately, also brings out the worst in some people in the form of scams and just plain dishonesty. If you have not purchased 2017 child welfare pins please contact me msgsgt2@yahoo.com or the National Directeur. The pins are still of the angel design this year and are white in color. I have a about 40 pins left from my original consignment so if your locale would like to participate in supporting The Artery Trust fund please feel free to contact me . As most may know, the primary function of the Charles W. Ardery Trust Fund is to provide reimbursements of funds expended by a Voiture Locale or a Grande Voiture in meeting the emergent needs of children 17 years of age or younger. Emergent is defined as: "A situation which has developed of a serious nature demanding prompt attention." This situation may arise out of natural disasters, i.e., floods, tornadoes, hurricane, fire, etc. Emergent cases are given prime consideration and are undertaken by the Local Voiture where established agencies, (Red Cross, churches, welfare, etc.), are unable to move rapidly or cannot act at all. However, this aid is not intended to replace or supplement that assistance which may be available through established agencies. If you have a large case such as house fire or flooding, these funds can be requested from the National Directeur. These funds will be converted to another specified program if not used during

the year. In closing I again wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I thank you for your service to this great country and your continued service to your communities.

Ben Sargent
Grand Directuer, Child Welfare

YOUTH SPORTS

Grand du Missouri-Youth Sports- In the New Year ☺

What's New? What IS going on?
What can Expect!!



<http://somo.org/Calendar-Bowling;Basketball>



Kansas City
January 28

LOCAL/STATE

**TEAMS
NEED**



Our *Training for Life Campus* will serve current and future generations of individuals with intellectual disabilities, and will be the largest such facility in scope in the United States. The 44,000-square-foot campus will be located in Jefferson City, and will offer [year-round training opportunities](#) for athletes, coaches and volunteers from throughout

Missouri. <http://somocampus.org/-->

HOW ABOUT "COINS FOR S.O. TRAINING FOR LIFE CAMPUS," JUST LIKE ONE IN Grad du OK. Each Voyageur/Locale can help. ☺

Thank ALL!!

Ann Roberts, Y.S. Director

PS: Don't forget to order Youth Sports Pins! It helps keep our youth active! ☺

SPRING WRECK

Could all Voiture's Locales please provide me with how many PGs your Voiture will be bring to the Spring Wreck or an estimate thereof. They can send their responses to me as I am helping Tommy Goodin with this.

Vince Rost
vince.rost@yahoo.com
757-754-1112



GRANDE VOITURE DU MISSOURI

SPRING GRAND CHEMINOT and WRECK

MARCH 31 TO APRIL 2, 2017



RAMADA PLAZA HOTEL OASIS CONVENTION CENTER
2546 NORTH GLENSTONE AVE
SPRINGFIELD, MO. 65803
Phone: (417)-866-5253
1-888-532-4338

Room Rate is \$84.00 (plus tax) per night
 For Standard King or Standard Double Queen Occupancy

So Register EARLY

Handicap rooms available

Make Hotel reservations directly with Ramada Plaza by **March 2, 2017**.
 Mention 40 & 8 Honor Society, for special rates when making reservation.

Friday, March 31, 2017

Registration: 3:00 until 6:00 P.M. (In Sahara Room)
 Hospitality Room 3:00 P.M. - ????

Saturday, April 1, 2017

Registration 9:00 A.M. until Noon
 Wreck 9:00 to 11:30AM
 LUNCH 11:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. in Sahara Room
 1:00 – Wreck Continues.
 Hospitality Room opens after Wreck until 5:00PM
 Grand Chef de Gare Passe' Social Hour – 5:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.
 Social Hour 6:00 P.M. – Cash Bar
 Banquet: 7:00 P.M. in the Maui Ballroom
 Hospitality Room: After Banquet – ???????

Sunday, April 2, 2017

Grande Cheminot 9:00 AM to 12:00PM

Deadline for registration for the banquet is March 2, 2017 NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

Make your Check payable to Voiture 130 for registration and Banquet

Send to:

DAVID VOYLES
PO BOX 36
AMAZONIA, MO. 64421

Last Name _____ First _____ Spouse/Guest _____

Title: _____ Voiture Number _____

Banquet Buffet/Person \$30.00 X No. Guests _____ = _____

Registration Fee \$10.00 (Voyageurs Only) _____

Total \$ _____

**MEMBERSHIP
December 1, 2016**

Grande du MISSOURI

Voiture	2016	2017	2016	% of	short/over	Goal	% of	Short/over
	YTD	YTD	Year					
	Total	Total	End	Quota				Goal
3	23	32	42	76.19%	-10	45	71.11%	-13
38	61	49	88	55.68%	-39	93	52.69%	-44
130	16	24	30	80.00%	-6	32	75.00%	-8
292	40	38	40	95.00%	-2	42	90.48%	-4
333	78	129	166	77.71%	-37	175	73.71%	-46
448	66	59	96	61.46%	-37	101	58.42%	-42
460	69	58	69	84.06%	-11	73	79.45%	-15
760	37	25	56	44.64%	-31	59	42.37%	-34
966	4	4	4	100.00%	0	5	80.00%	-1
1292	42	47	73	64.38%	-26	77	61.04%	-30
1321	49	59	66	89.39%	-7	70	84.29%	-11
1379	42	39	55	70.91%	-16	58	67.24%	-19
1395	15	15	15	100.00%	0	16	93.75%	-1
1402	13	21	22	95.45%	-1	24	87.50%	-3
1403	22	11	22	50.00%	-11	24	45.83%	-13
1541	63	44	86	51.16%	-42	91	48.35%	-47
TOTALS	640	654	930	70.32%	-276	985	66.40%	-331

Way to go Voiture 333 with 68 membership cards turned in this week, which brought the Grand du Missouri up to 70.32%. We missed the 75% goal, but we gave it one hell of a try with a total of 93 membership cards being turned in by the Grand du Missouri Voiture's. Now we need to push for the next goal of 100% by December 31st, let's "Get-R-Done".