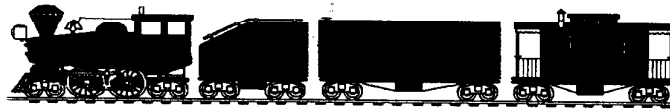




Communiqué
La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Cheveaux
Grande Voiture du Missouri



February 2007

Grand Chef de Gare Donald W. Fligge L'Editeur Terry Lanning

The Grand Chef Sez

Now that the holidays are over and winter has arrived officially, nature has complied and we have had freezing rain, sleet, and snow as well as cold weather. Welcome to Missouri. I visited Voiture 38 and the Chef de Gare Arnold Miller gave me a tour of the Chateau. He is very proud of the Chateau and with good reason. The Promenad4e facilities are great and they have room for their famous Engine. The Engine well cared for and what a way to get publicity. Very visible and free rides, what more could you ask. Due to weather conditions I have been cancelled at other visits lately. American Legion dues increase is now a fact. Please do not let it be a deterrent to new membership. We stand almost where we were last year at this time.

"HOMMES 40, CHEVAUX 8"

Roll, roll, roll, over the rails of France,
 See the world and its map unfurled, five centimes in your pants.
 What a noble trip, jolt and job and jar,
 Forty we, with Equipment "C" in one flat-wheeled box car.
 We are packed by hand,
 Shoved aboard in 'teens,
 Pour a little oil on us
 And we would be sardines.
 Rations? Ol-la-la: and how we love the man
 Who learned how to intern our chow in a cold and clammy can.
 Beans and beef and beans, beef and beans

and beef,
 Willie raw, he will win the war, take in your belt a reef.

Mess kits flown the coop,
 Cups gone up the spout,
 Use your thumbs a for issue forks,
 And pass the bully beef about.

Hit the floor for bunk, six hommes to one homme's place;
 It's no fair to the bottom layer to kick 'em in the face.

Move the Corporal's feet out of my ear;
 Lay off, sarge, you are much too large, I'm not a bedsack dear.

Lift my head up please,
 From this bag of bread,
 Put it on somebody's chest,
 Then I'll sleep like the dead.

Roll, roll, roll, yammer and snore and fight,
 Traveling zoo the whole day thru and bedlam all the night.

Two days in the cage, going from hither hence;

Willie raw, he will win the war, take in your belt a reef.

The Grande du Missouri has its
 own web site 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 Terry Lanning at t_lanning@charter.net.



**Sous Grand
Correspondants Notes**

Each of the Directeurs should write at least one article for the Grand Newsletter. Articles are due by the first of the month. The months-assigned are as follows:

March 2007 – Voiture Activities –
Directeur Ralph Turner

March 2007 – Nurses Training –
Directeur Gary Reno

March 2007 – Grand Organizer –
Directeur Virgil Morice

Directeurs and Voitures can email me their articles, announcements, or anything of interest to t_lanning@charter.net, or mail it to 2045 Granada Dr., Florissant, MO 63033.



**UPCOMING
DATES**

- Voiture 130 Washington's Birthday Party 2/17/07 at Gower Legion Post
- Voiture 1541 Night at the Races 3/3/07
- Spring Cheminot & Wreck 3/30/06 – 4/1/07 at DoubleTree, St. Louis Co.
- Central States Promenade – 5/6 to 5/8/07 in Omaha, NE

SPECIAL AWARDS

Sous Grand Directeur Jack Fink

It's that time of year to look for a **LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER** that has extended himself / or herself above and beyond his / her regular duty as well as public service to the community.

Check with your locale law enforcement agencies that have full time officers, or deputies that serve the public.

I'm sure there's one that deserves this award.

When you need the nomination forms give me a call or fax me the request. I'll get them in the mail right away.

John "Jack" Fink
Sous Grand Directeur
Special Awards - Law Enforcement
8515 Midland Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63114
Tel: (314) 423-0003
Fax: (314) 429-1839

Americanism
Directeur Sam Guenther

How many of you were the "star of the show" at a Veterans Day function? Will you be involved in the Oratorical contest? Did you attend a law and order function? How about a city/civic council meeting? Report it.

Did you attend any function where the Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Nationale Anthem sung? Did you salute the Flag? Report it.

Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays are the time of year we do things for others without ever thinking about it. Did you do something nice for someone else? Did you treat someone to a meal? Did you shovel snow from someone's front path or their driveway? Sure you have lived next to this person for twenty years and yes you probably consider all this a favor. Report it.

Remember, good reporting procedures ensure the proper recognition for you Voiture.

Americanism awards at school, high school, college, Jr. ROTC, Sr. ROTC, community organizations, citizens, fire prevention, law enforcement.

Americanism speeches and flag activities. Flag presentation, flag raising ceremonies and flag retirement ceremonies.

Youth activities such as baseball, band support, boys and girls state, oratorical contests, scout (boys and girls), FFA, 4-H and PTA.

Community activities such as blood donor,

community services, national security, senior citizens, Special Olympics, meetings/proms/wrecks and activities in other fraternal organizations.

Voyageurs belonging to the VFW, DAV, Navy Club, Marine Corp League and NCOA; when you attend their meetings, do you still salute the flag? And aren't you still a Voyageur of the 40/8? So why not report those hours also?

Memorial Day, grave decorations, memorial services, funerals, memorial dedications, parade participation, patriotic events and attendance at funerals.

Veterans transportation to VA hospitals and Doctor appointments and Veterans Home activities. Lets not forget flags for first graders: how many flags, hours and miles.

Good reporting procedures ensure proper recognition for your Voiture and for the good of La Societe.



BASS Tournament

See attached for Voiture 38's Bass Tournament. Information on the Bass Tournament is also posted on the Grand du Missouri Web site. Each Voyageur Militaire and their friends may now download this Bass Tournament announcement from the Web site, and forward the completed application to Ray Brodzinski. Upon receipt of the completed application and entry fee, an acknowledgment of entry and an entry number will be returned to the participant. The entry number will determine the boat take-off sequence at Take Off Time: 7:00 AM May 5, 2007.

This Tournament will support the Nurses Training, Child Welfare and Americanism

programs of Voiture 38 and will have a 70% payout in plus a separate Big Bass Contest. We are asking each Voyageur Militaire to help spread the word to all those that would like to participate in this Catch and Release Tournament that is open to all who like to fish.

Looking forward to seeing a good number of friends on May 5, 2007.

From Correspondant Nationale

The meeting between the Chef de Chemin de Fer Terry Sims and the National Commander of The American Legion Paul A. Morin has taken place on January 5, 2007.

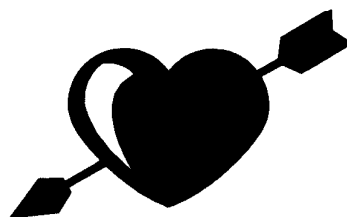
In this meeting the National Commander recommended to the Forty and Eight that we get a resolution about a 3 person committee together and get it in to The American Legion National convention.

Go to

http://www.fortyandeight.org/dave's_desk.htm

for a copy of a sample resolution that The Forty and Eight would like each Voyageur Militaire to take to his or her American Legion Post and get it passed, then take it to the District, then to The Department.

If you have any questions feel free to call Voiture Nationale at 317-634-1804 we will try to answer your questions.



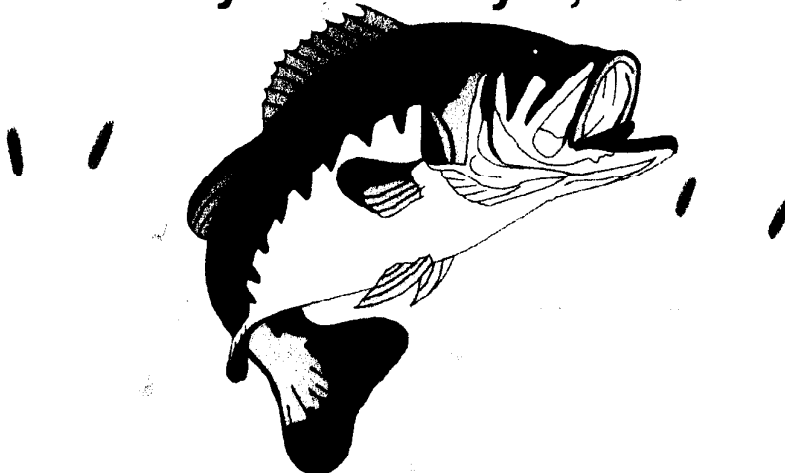
**Don't Forget About
Your Valentine**

**You are never too old
to be a romantic.**

Missouri Veterans Open Bass Tournament

Sponsored by Local Chapter 38 - 40 & 8 Society

Saturday - May 5, 2007



CONTRIBUTING SPONSORS

To support: Nurses Training, Child Welfare and Americanism Programs

Lake of the Ozarks Public Beach # 2

Catch and Release Tournament

For more information, call Emil (314-771-2089),
Ray (314-352-1367) or David (636-931-3568)

Denny Dennis
Sporting Goods

\$110.00 per Boat
70% Payback

Includes \$10.00 Big Bass
100% Payback Big Bass

American Legion
Post 525

LAKE OF THE OZARKS Take Off - 7:00 a.m.
PUBLIC BEACH # 2 Weigh In - 3:00 p.m.

American Legion
Post 1

VFW
Post 877

Midwest
Bass Masters

After Weigh In. . . **Delicious Hot Dog meal**
Raffles **Available**
50/50 Drawing

The Missouri Veterans Annual Open Bass Tournament May 5, 2007
Lake of the Ozarks Public Beach # 2 Osage Beach, Missouri 65065

Fishing and/or Watercraft event Waiver Release and Consent

Safety is the primary concern of La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux or the Society of 40 Men and 8 Horses. The 40 & 8 Society request that you wear appropriate clothing and protective gear. Additionally, the 40 & 8 request that you read, understand and abide by all applicable U. S. Coast Guard, Missouri Lake Patrol and Missouri Department of wildlife Conservation requirements, rules, regulations and safety laws, all of which are available for your review at the event registration table(s). The 40 & 8 also request that you do not participate in the below referenced event while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

We have read and understand the rules and enclose this completed application and our entry fee payable to: **Voiture 38 - 40 & 8 Society**. In signing this application, we hereby waive and release all other contestants, the host, sponsors, club officers and tournament officials from all claims for injury and/or damage incurred in connection with this tournament. We further agree and understand that the tournament committee reserves the right to refund entry fees, if they shall choose for any reason, not to accept this application. **VERIFICATION OF LIABILITY INSURANCE:** I further state that I maintain at least \$100,000 liability insurance on the boat that I will use in this tournament.

Boat Owner's Name:

Social Security Number:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone Day:

Evening:

E-Mail Address:

Signature: X

Date:

Partner Name:

Social Security Number:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone Day:

Evening:

E-Mail Address:

Signature: X

Date:

Entry Fee \$110.00

Entry by Mail Only

Entries accepted by mail and must be postmarked by Wednesday, April 20, 2007. Your entry number will be mailed to you upon receipt of your entry form and fee. Time of entry determines your take-off number. Checks, money orders and cashier checks will be accepted. Make Checks Payable to: **Voiture 38 - 40 & 8 Society**.

Mail to: **Attn: Raymond J. Brodzinski, Voiture 38 - 40 & 8, 4417 Ellenwood Avenue, St Louis, MO 63116**

Official Rules: The Missouri Veterans Annual Open Bass Tournament May 5, 2007

- 1. Rules:** The following rules for this tournament will be used. These rules will be interpreted solely by the Tournament Officials, and all decisions are final. Violations of Department of Conservation or State Water Patrol regulations shall be reason for disqualification. Failure to read these rules is no excuse for violating them. Knowledge of rules is your responsibility. Violation of the rules is reason for disqualification.
- 2. Eligibility:** All individuals, 18 years of age or older, with paid entry fee. Individuals under 18 years of age must be accompanied by parent of guardian. Two fisherman per boat are required.
- 3. Entry Fee:** \$110.00 entry fee per boat, which includes the Big Bass Pool. Entries will be accepted by mail postmarked no later than April 20, 2007. Any entries received with a postmark later than April 20, 2007, will be required to pay a late entry fee of \$25.00. Late entries will also be accepted at the Lake of the Ozarks, Public Beach 2 (PB2) dock between 5:00 AM and 6:30 AM on Saturday May 5, 2007. The late entry fee at PB2 dock is a \$135.00 **Cash Only** fee, which includes Big Bass Pool.
- 4. Prizes:** Tournament prize winners will receive winnings by check at the conclusion of the final weigh-in at Tournament Headquarters, PB2. Prize monies for ties will be combined, and divided evenly for the Big Fish Contest. A boat is limited to only one Big Bass prize. We are required by law to issue a Form 1099 to any person winnin more that \$600.
- 5. Headquarters, Date, Time:** Lake of the Ozarks, PB2, May 5, 2007, Fishing take-off time is 7:00 AM. Sunrise is 6:10 AM. Weigh-in time is 3:00 PM.
- 6. Live-Well Checks:** Live-well checks will begin at 5:00 AM at PB2. All entrants must participate in live-well checks.
- 7. Departure:** Will be in number sequence determined by date entry fees are received.
- 8. Tackle & Equipment:** Only artificial baits or lures may be used. Pork style baits are allowed. No live bait allowed. No trolling allowed. All bass must be caught alive on rod and reel during tournament hours from a boat in a sporting manner.
- 9. Boats & Equipment:** any boat 14 feet or longer will be accepted if powered by an engine of 10 horsepower or more. Boats must be equipped with a functional aerated live-well. Boats may not be trailered during tournament hours. Boats may not have motors which exceed the horsepower rating or B.I.A. rating placed on the boat. All Missouri Water Patrol Laws and regulations shall apply.
- 10. Safety & Sportsmanship:** Safe boating and fishing practices must be observed at all times. Life jackets must be worn and ignition kill switches must be on during departure and at anytime the big motor is running. **No boater will be allowed to fish alone.** Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated and will be grounds for disqualification. All Missouri Department of Conservation laws and regulations shall apply. No alcoholic beverages, stimulants or depressants are allowed to be used during tournament hours. **REMEMBER** This is a tournament for charity.
- 11. Permitted Fishing Locations:** Anywhere on the lake, except within 50 yards of a public gas dock, or another contestant's boat, tied or at anchor with trolling motor up; at PB2 or any area designated by the tournament officials prior to take-off. No contestant may leave their boat to land fish.
- 12. Scoring:** Largemouth bass, Kentucky Bass, Smallmouth bass and Mean Mouth Bass will be counted. Total stringer weight per team will determine place. Any bass under 15 inches presented for weigh-in will cause two(2) pounds to be subtracted from total stringer weight, plus the loss of the short fish. The Official Ruler is the "*Gator Grip Golden Rule.*" Any bass determined dead when presented for weigh-in (as determined by Tournament Officials) shall result in one half (½) pound penalty per dead fish, to be subtracted from the total stringer weight. Five (5) fish per boat may be weighed in. Any frozen, iced or mangled fish presented for weigh-in will result in immediate disqualification.
- 13. Protests:** Signed protests must be submitted in writing to the Tournament Director within 15 minutes of the conclusion of final weigh-in.
- 14. Truth Verification:** By the signature on this entry form and/or participation in this tournament, each contestant agrees to submit to a polygraph test. Anyone failing to pass will be disqualified and anyone refusing to take the test will be disqualified.
- 15. Check-in & Late Penalty:** Each entry must check-in, anyone weighing-in fish that did not check-in will be disqualified. Late penalty is one (1) pound per minute up to 10 minutes. After 10 minutes, team will be disqualified. **NO EXCUSES.** All participants are requested to check-in, regardless if weighing fish or not.
- 16. Tournament Cancellation:** If tournament is cancelled due reasons of safety, etc., the entry fee will be refunded. No refunds will be made for any other reason unless authorized by Tournament Sponsor, the 40 & 8 Officials.
- 17. Waiver:** Through our entry fee, you waive and release all other contestants, the host, the sponsor, 48 & 8 Society, and tournament officials from all claim and/or damage incurred in connection with this tournament. By signing the entry form, you acknowledge you have \$100,000 boat liability insurance.
- 18.** This is a Catch and Release Tournament.

Gateway Voiture Locale 448

La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux



PROMENADE 3RD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH
ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI

Resolution

Whereas: Gateway Voiture Locale 448, Grande Voiture 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 du Missouri

And

Whereas: Voyageur Leslie Grant Willis was initiated into Voiture 448 in May 1979, served as Directeur of Voiture Activities, is a member of the Ritual Team, Commissaire Intendant, Chef De Gare and is currently the Correspondant for the Past six years, and

Whereas: Voyageur Leslie Grant Willis has served the Grand Voiture de Missouri as Grand Cheminot, Grand Sous Chef de Train, Grand Sous Correspondant for five years, Grand Aumonier for four years, Grande Commissaire Intendant, and is currently serving as Grand Chef de Train, and

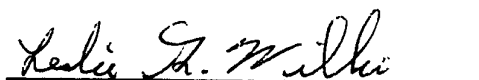
Whereas: Voyageur Leslie Grant Willis has served Voiture Nationale as Alternate Cheminot Nationale, Sous Conducteur, and


Whereas: Voyageur Leslie Grant Willis has been a member of the Arthur Williams Post 161, The American Legion, for 30 Years and served on various committees and holding the office of Finance Officer for the past 14 years, Adjutant for eight years, and Post Commander in 1997-1980, and

Whereas: Voyageur Leslie Grant Willis had served the 10th District, The American Legion, Department of Missouri, as Recording Adjutant for four years, Adjutant, Northern Zone Vice Commander, External Vice Commander and various committees, and

Now, Therefore be it Resolved: that we, the members of Gateway Voiture Locale 448, at a regular Promenade assembled this 16th day of November, 2006 do enthusiastically and unanimously endorse Voyageur Leslie Grant Willis for the high office of Grand Chef de Gare, Grande Voiture du Missouri for the year 2007 – 2008 to be voted on at the Grande Promenade du Missouri, held in June, 2007.

Adopted Unanimously, this 16th day of November, 2006 by Gateway Voiture Locale 448, St. Louis County, Missouri, at its regular Promenade assembled.


Leslie Grant Willis, Jr., Correspondant
Gateway Voiture Locale 448


John "Jack" Fink, Chef de Gare
Gateway Voiture Locale 448

Grande Raffle

To all Correspondents in Grand Voiture du MO.

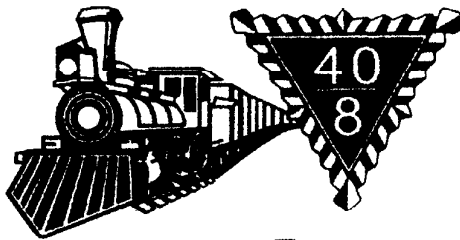
I need address for the following Voyageurs. Could you please send them to Arthur Wilson, 725 Beardsley Ct., Ferguson, MO 63135.

Robert Weeks	Frank M Sullivan
O Dean Nelson	Earl L King
William S Miller	Edward L Miller
Charles J Gregovich	Brant A Bradford
Phillip W. Conner	Jack Holden
Benno V Tourdelle	Howard Dampier
Jack C. Strickland	Anton Benda
Wayne Manning	Donald Carlson
Larry Newman	Philip A Grimes
Richard L Fulton Jr.	James Flowers
Vernon Poole	James Halloran

Just a reminder that the letters have gone out to all Voyageurs asking for donation to the Grand Voiture du Missouri. The Grand Voiture needs these funds to continue their programs. The Grand is asking for volunteer funds rather than raising dues. If we can continue to maintain our funds we won't have to raise any dues. So if you feel like parting with 5 or 10 dollars please fill out the raffle ticket on the bottom of your letter and send them in. Anything that you feel you can help with will be gratefully appreciated.

Thank you all:
Arthur Wilson
Grand Chef de Gare Passe

**86th Annual
Washington's Birthday Party**



Wear Your Chapeau

\$22.50 per person

Jesse James Voiture Locale 130

**@ American Legion Post #393
91 N. 3rd. St Gower MO**

February 17, 2007

Social Hour.....5:00

Dinner.....6:30

Las Vegas Night.....8:00

Super Duper Auction.....10:00

The Washington birthday party will be a Las Vegas Night & Auction. Ladies are invited as well as Legionnaires who are prospective voyageur Militaire.

Send Reservations to:

Orval Jenson

P.O. Box 82

Gower, MO 64454

Name: _____

Number of Persons: _____

Send remittance with reservations

RSVP February 12, 2007

GRANDE VOITURE DU MISSOURI

Spring Wreck and Cheminot
March 30 through April 1, 2007

Will be Held at the DoubleTree Hotel
St Louis at Westport
1973 Craigshire
St. Louis Mo. 63146
Tel (314) 434-0100
Fax (314) 434-5067

Hotel rates are as follows:
\$75.00 for Single and Double Occupancy
\$85.00 for Triple and Quad Occupancy
Current Tax rate will be 7.5%

Make all reservations directly with the Hotel by February 28, 2007.
When you make reservations please mention that you are with the 40/8 Honor Society

Friday March 30, 2007

Registration 12:00 til 5:00PM
Hospitality Room 3:00PM til ???

Saturday March 31, 2007

Registration 7:30 AM til noon
Hospitality Room 7:30AM til 9:00AM
Wreck will start at 9:00 AM
Lunch starting at 11:00AM
Hospitality Room open after Cheminot
Cheminot will start at 1:00 PM.
Cocktails starting at 6:00 PM
The Banquet will start at 7:00 PM.
Hospitality Room opened after Banquet

Sunday April 1, 2007

Donuts in the Hospitality Room 7:30AM til 10:00AM

Make checks payable to Voiture 448 and send check to Art Wilson, 725 Beardsley, Ferguson, Mo. 63135 or Grant Willis, 8 Shireford Ln, Ferguson, Mo. 63135.

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Spouse Name _____

Voiture Number _____ Registration per Voyager \$10.00 _____

Banquet per Person \$25.00 _____

Total _____

40/8 VOITURE 1541

AN AMERICAN LEGION HONOR SOCIETY

PRESENTS A NIGHT AT THE RACES

**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT CHILD WELFARE AND
NURSE TRAINING PROGRAMS**

BEER SET-UPS SNACKS ATTENDANCE PRIZES

WHEN: MARCH 3RD, 2007

TIME: 6:00-7:00PM HAPPY HOUR. RACES START AT 7:00

LOCATION: ST CHARLES AMERICAN LEGION POST #312
2500 RAYMOND DRIVE, ST CHARLES MO 63301

COST: \$10.00 PER PERSON

**SEND REMITTANCE TO: LEON HILL
1011 PEGASUS CIRCLE
ST PETERS, MO 63366**

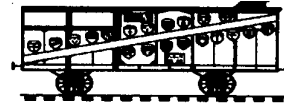
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT LEON HILL (636) 397-2850.

**FOR TICKETS SEE AND MEMBER OF THE 40/8 VOITURE #1541 OR
TICKETS MAY ALSO BE PURCHASED AT THE DOOR THAT NIGHT.**

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



**MEMBERSHIP GRAND VOITURE
DU MISSOURI**



As of January 24, 2007

LOCALE	2006	2007	PERCENT	Short/Over
3	142	122	85%	-20
38	155	138	89%	-17
130	32	30	93%	-2
292	67	59	88%	-8
293	16	15	93%	-1
333	53	73	137%	20
447	14	2	14%	-12
448	224	169	75%	-55
460	66	59	89%	-7
520	14	14	100%	0
760	133	72	54%	-61
848	16	12	75%	-4
966	15	7	46%	-8
1292	67	56	83%	-11
1321	91	74	81%	-17
1379	33	26	78%	-7
1395	18	22	122%	4
1402	43	44	102%	1
1403	58	56	96%	-2
1541	70	61	87%	-9
Totals	1,327	1,111	84%	-216

Grand Voiture du Missouri
Terry Lanning
Sous Grand Correspondant
2045 Granada Dr.
Florissant, MO 63033

