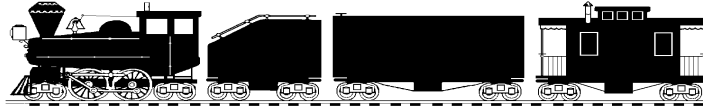


Communiqué
La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Cheveaux
Grande Voiture du Missouri



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

The Grand Chef Sez

Fellow Voyageurs;

By the time this newsletter reaches you, my term as your Grand Chef will be half over. It's hard to believe how fast the year is passing.

Tina and I attended my home Voiture's (1541) Christmas Party on December 17th at Post 313 in St. Peters. The party was well attended and a good time was had by all. Santa Claus even stopped by to spread Christmas cheer. Santa being Tony Benskin in disguise!!

On the 21st we traveled to Leadington, MO (Post 39) for Voiture 1321's Christmas Party. Once again the reception I received was fantastic! The smoked turkey prepared by "Bear" and Sam Rogers was delicious!! So much so, I even brought some home.

Membership for the Grande is doing pretty well. Currently, we stand at 86%. I would like congratulate the following Voitures for going "over the Top": Voiture 130 – 3 over, Voiture 333 – 2 over, Voiture 460 – 1 over, and Voiture 1379 – 3 over – WELL DONE!!

I would like to see the Grande at 95% or better by the Spring Wreck and Cheminot. I feel this goal is very attainable. In order to achieve this goal; the Sous Grande Chef de Train's need to visit your respective Voitures or start making phone calls. A

suggestion you might want to pass along to the Voiture Locales might be to send letters of invitation for membership to their local Legion Post Commanders. Voiture 448 and 1541 has done this and has had some success with it. All it will cost is a postage stamp! It's worth a try. We are losing Voyageurs at an alarming rate. We must do something to correct this trend.

I would very much like to see at least (6) P.G.'s for the Spring Wreck. It's very hard to conduct a Wreck (active or white collar) without PG's. If any Voitures have potential or confirmed PG's at this time; you might consider bringing them to the Spring Wreck. It's an experience they will NEVER FORGET.

Contact Grande Chef de Train Gary Reno or Grand Conducteur John Wieland with the names of any PG's you may be bringing to the Wreck. We know "they" are out there; just find them!!

Remember our programs and membership.

WE HAVE TO TRY!!!

BOB PHILLIPS
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.

New E Mail address for our Grande Chef de Gare, and this one is correct.
tibo5635@charter.net

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

Russell Owenby Chef de Gare Voiture 520 passed away, Dennis Van Bibber has taken over as Chef de Gare Voiture 520. Dennis can be reached at 34615 State Highway W, Warrenton, MO 63383. His phone is 636-456-4544. Voiture 520 will now have their Promenade on the 1st Tuesday at Post 122 (Warrenton) starting at 6:00pm.

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 following is a schedule for articles due from the Directeur:

March – Distinguished Voyageur Award

**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 remerv18@comcast.net and copy Grant Willis at willis.grant@sbcglobal.net.

Correspondant Nationale

Effective January 1, 2009 there was a price increase for all Chapeaus. Due to cost increases the price for a Chapeau will be \$33.50 plus .95 per letter.

Yours in service;
Bernie Sampson
Correspondant National

AMERICANISM

All 40 & 8 Americanism reporting begins with the Voiture Locale Americanism Directeur. He is the key to accurate reporting and is responsible for submitting a Voiture Locale Americanism Program to the Grand Americanism Directeur.

“WHAT SHOULD BE REPORTED?” This is a never ending question. This is found in the official definition of the Forty & Eight Americanism: “Americanism is the activity of any Voyager or Voiture in service to the public.” Just about everything you and your Voiture do within the scope of the above definition may be included on your Americanism report. No active Voiture should submit a report that says, “NO REPORT”.

Americanism includes, but is not limited to, the following activities: all meetings of any veterans’ organization, community programs, our own Flags for First Graders Program, school support such as PTA, Get out the Vote and Poppy sales, just to name a few. Several reportable activities overlap with other programs such as VAVS, Hero of the Year, Law Officer of the Year, and Youth Sports. These activities should be reported on both the Americanism report and on the report for the appropriate program. Be sure to report both time and miles to and from these events.

Sam Guenther
Grande Americanism Directeur

Tony Pochon
Sous Directeur Nationale
Child Welfare

Seven of the twelve Grandes I was assigned are working the program. I want to thank you! For the others, please contact me to let me know what I or anyone else at the Nationale level can do to assist you in making this program work. I have attached a copy of the chart on the current pin sale provided by the Director Child Welfare Nationale, Nick Pulver. If you find any errors or have questions, please contact me or Nick.

Selling pin is not the only thing this program is about. It is helping children in need. We all know they are out there, now it is our job to go out there and find them. Some come to us, but most of them do not know about our program. We all read the newspapers or watch the news. I don't think a day goes by without see someone that needs help. I'm not saying we should help them all because we can't. But there are those that could truly use a hand, those are the one we need to assist. I have attached a copy of the guideline and application on how the process works. If you require any assistance, please contact me.

Below is additional info you may need to work our program.

- Pin Availability: Contact Nick Pulver, Directeur Child Welfare Nationale. Consignments of pins are available.

Nick Pulver
311 La Celle
Deerfield, MI 49238
(517) 447-3245

E-Mail: npulver@cass.net

- Payments: Contact Bert Coon, Treasurer Child Welfare Nationale.

Bert Coon
12 Brainard ST
Whitesboro , NY
(315)736-3323

E-Mail: bae1339@gmail.com

Again, I look forward to continue working with you and make this an outstanding year for Child Welfare and the Charles W. Ardery Trust Fund. If you have any questions or need any assistance, please call or email me.

Tony Pochon
1503 Resca de la Palma
Pascagoula, MS 39567
(228) 762-1557 Home
(228) 623-7261 Cell

E-Mail: pushininc@bellsouth.net

Thank you,

A.W. Pochon

Tony Pochon

WANTED: Nominations for Hero of the Year and Law Officer of the Year

I know I sound like a broken record, but I have received no nominations for either Hero of the Year or Law Officer of the Year, thus far. Missouri is a big state. We have 20 Voitures in the state, surely, there is at least one person in the state who has done something heroic, and at least one Law Enforcement Officer who has gone beyond the ordinary in his or her job.

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

Dave Brazie
Grand Directeur of Special Awards
Phone: 573-374-2787
E-Mail: dbrazie@charter.net

Support Box Car

40/8 VOITURE 1541

PRESENTS A NIGHT AT THE RACES

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

BEER SET-UPS SNACKS ATTENDANCE PRIZES

WHEN: MARCH 7TH, 2009

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 63376

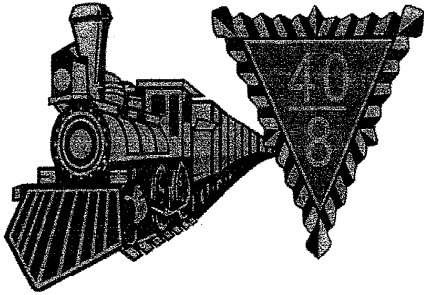
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT LEON HILL (636) 397-2850.

**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!

88th 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 21, 2009

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 Veterans who are prospective voyageur Militaire.

Send Reservations to:

Orval Jensen

P.O. Box 82

Gower, MO 64454

Name: _____

Number of Persons: _____

Send Remittance with reservations

RSVP February 17, 2009

THE 40 & 8 - CHARLES W. ARDERY MEMORIAL CHILD WELFARE TRUST FUND CLAIM APPLICATION GUIDELINES

1. Charles W. Ardery Memorial Child Welfare Trust Fund (hereinafter called “program”) claim application forms are available from Voiture Nationale, or can be printed off the internet by accessing “http://www.fortyandeight.org/forms/Charles_Ardery.pdf.”
2. The program claim application form specifically states the following.
“The primary function of the Charles W. Ardery Trust fund is to provide reimbursement of funds expended by a Voiture Local or Grand, in the emergent needs of children 17 years old or younger.”
3. For the purpose of the program, the term “emergent” is defined as;
“A situation which has developed of a serious nature, which demands prompt action.”
4. For the purpose of the program, a situation is an event that is;
“... caused by natural disasters, flood, tornado, hurricane, fire, volcano, etc. Additionally, those situations caused by society may be considered. For example: loss of parental support, inability of civil agencies to act, civil disaster, etc.”
5. Voiture Locale claims, **MUST** be submitted through the applicable Grand for signature and approval or disapproval recommendation. The Grand is required to submit **ALL** Voiture Locale originated claims regardless of recommendation, to Voiture Nationale. Grand originated claims should be submitted directly to Voiture Nationale.
6. Program claims are currently limited to \$200.00 per individual child, with a maximum claim limit of \$800.00 per single family. However, the established claim limits are discretionary and may be waived if, in the opinion of the Disbursement Board majority, the facts and circumstances of the situation warrant such action. In such instances, discretionary consideration will be exercised, if specifically requested by the applicable originating Voiture or Grand. If requested, discretionary action will be based totally on the facts and circumstances of the situation, as explained by the claim, and exceptionally justified by the documentation and evidence submitted, at the time of the claim.
7. The total amount of program claims that can be approved for any single Grand is limited to \$5,000.00 per program year. Once a Grand reaches the \$5,000.00 limit, the Disbursement Board will accept no further claims from the Grand, regardless of the originating Voiture Locale. Once a Grand reaches the established program limit, any claim(s) received by Voiture Nationale from the Grand, will be returned without Disbursement Board consideration. However, the Grand limit is discretionary and can be waived if, in the opinion of the Disbursement Board majority, the facts and circumstances of the situation warrant such action. In such instances, discretionary consideration will be exercised, if specifically requested by the applicable Grand. If requested, discretionary action will be based totally on the facts and circumstances of the situation, as explained by the claim, and exceptionally justified by the documentation and evidence submitted, at the time of the claim.
8. The program Disbursement Board has established the following listed **MINIMAL CRITERIA**, for all claims. Failure to meet any of the listed criteria could result in disapproval of the claim.
 - a. Program claim **MUST** be submitted on the correct form; they **MUST** be complete and legible and; **ALL APPLICABLE AND REQUIRED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION AND EVIDENCE MUST BE ATTACHED** (see paragraph g)
 - b. Completed claim form must be original. Forms may be copied or printed from the internet. However, **ONLY** original completed claims (not copies) will be accepted by the Disbursement Board.
 - c. All signatures on a claim form **MUST** be original. Rubber stamp and other such copies of signatures will **NOT** be accepted.
 - d. All applicable and supporting purchase receipts **MUST** be submitted at the time of the claim. Only original receipts will be accepted.
 - e. Copies of **ALL** cancelled checks (front and back) associated with the purchase receipts presented, **MUST** be submitted at the time of the claim.
 - f. If purchase or other financial obligation was satisfied by cash, the originating Voiture or Grand **MUST** attach a statement attesting to the fact. Statement must be signed by the applicable Chef or

Correspondant.

g. All documentation and evidence supporting the fact(s) and circumstance(s) presented by the claim **MUST** be submitted at the time of the claim. Claims resulting from natural disasters such as flood, tornado, hurricane, fire, volcano, etc., **MUST** include one or more of the following evidentiary items. Picture(s), newspaper article(s), copy of Police, Fire or other Local, State or Federal Government Department, Agency or Administration report(s), insurance company report(s), verified witness statement(s) and affidavit(s), etc.

9. The Disbursement Board realizes that these guidelines will not cover all possible occurrences and situation that may arise. In such instances, the Disbursement Board expects the originating Voiture or Grand to implement the necessary decision process, to accurately determine if the situation in question is emergent, as defined by the program. If determined to be emergent, then the originating Voiture or Grand should submit the claim to the Disbursement Board, in a timely manner and justify both its decision and the associated claim.

10. Above all, an originating Voiture or Grand **MUST** always remember that it is *spending its own money first* ... and the rules of the program *carry no guaranteed reimbursement of expenses, in any instances*.

Questions, concerns or requests for additional information or claim forms should be directed to Voiture Nationale at telephone number (317) 634-1804, or by fax at (317) 632-9365. You can contact me directly by e-mail bmiller@fortyandeight.org.

Thank you for your interest and continued service to La Societe.

Butch Miller
Program Coordinator



MEMBERSHIP GRAND VOITURE DU MISSOURI
as of January 23, 2009

LOCALE	2008	2009	PERCENT	Short/Over
3	101	75	74%	-26
38	145	141	97%	-4
130	26	29	112%	3
292	57	46	81%	-11
293	12	8	66%	-4
333	111	113	102%	2
447	2	2	100%	0
448	199	152	76%	-47
460	62	63	102%	1
520	14	11	79%	-3
760	81	64	79%	-17
848	17	11	65%	-6
966	9	4	44%	-5
1292	71	62	87%	-9
1321	82	69	84%	-13
1379	35	38	109%	3
1395	21	15	71%	-6
1402	35	33	94%	-2
1403	52	43	83%	-9
1541	64	55	86%	-9
Totals	1,196	1034	86.45%	-162

GRANDE VOITURE DU MISSOURI

Spring Wreck and Grand Cheminot

March 27 through 29, 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 March 3, 2009.

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

Friday, MARCH 27th, 2009

Registration: 3:00 till 8:00 P.M.

Hospitality Room 3:00 P.M. till ????

Saturday MARCH 28th, 2009

Registration: 9:00 A.M. till NOON

Spring Wreck 9:00 A.M.

LUNCH 11:30 A.M.

Cheminot 1:00 P.M.

Cocktails 6:00 P.M.

Banquet: 7:00 P.M.

Hospitality Room opened after Banquet

Sunday MARCH 29th, 2009

Donuts – Coffee 7:00 A.M. till 9:00 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 _____

BBQ Buffett

Registration Fee \$5.00 _____

(Voyageurs only)