



Communiqué

La Société des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux

Grande Voiture du Missouri



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



Happy Valentine's Day everyone,

I hope everyone had an enjoyable New Years Day with their family and friends and I mustn't forget the Super Bowl this Sunday.

I have been kind of lazy this past month with this Missouri weather – Mother Nature just can't seem to make up her mind!

Now to touch on a sensitive subject: MEMBERSHIP. We are still 159 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. Remember the Spring Wreck is coming up soon. We need some PGs. Are you denying entrance to 2019 card holders to your Promenades? Well if not, you should. Have them pay their dues at the door, then let them in. Thanks for all that you do for Grande du Missouri.

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

Rose Noonan took over the position of Directeur of Nurses Training, so if you need pins or info be sure to give her a call.

God bless you and God bless America. Pray for all our service-men and women, keep them safe.

Janice Hartley

Grand Chef de Gare

Grande du Missouri

SPRING WRECK HILLBILLY GOLF

The Grande is once again going to have a fundraiser at the Spring Grande Cheminot & Wreck.

Each Voiture that is represented at the banquet will have a voyageur dressed up like a Hillbilly Golfer.

The more realistic and the more colorful the better. There will be a \$50.00 per Voiture entry fee. If a Voiture does not participate there will be a \$50.00 fine. At the banquet the men or women, dressed as Hillbilly Golfers, will go around the audience to collect money. The Hillbilly Golfer who collected the most money will win a prize. Polish up your golf balls and get out your Hillbilly clothes and let's have some fun.

Terry Lanning

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Articles for the newsletter are due before the end of the month.

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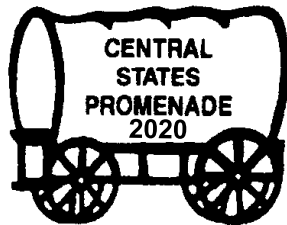
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January 3, 2020

Monsieur Voyageurs, Dames and Guests:

Greetings from all the Voyageurs and Dames of the Grande du Iowa. We would like to extend to each and every one of you an open invitation to attend our Central States Promenade 2020.

All the fun and festivities will start on Thursday April 30th, and run through Sunday May 3rd. Festivities will take place at the Ramada Hotel and Wasserbahn Waterpark in Little Amana (Williamsburg), Iowa.

We have decided again to keep prices the same as last year. Individual registrations for this event will still be \$80.00 per person and registration kit includes our Friday evening B-B-Q meal, our Saturday evening banquet, your Central States Promenade 2020 Pin, your Souvenir Program Book, and of course, the Hospitality Room. Please fill out the registration form completely when returning your reservations. All the meals will be in the hotel.

For those of you who have never been to Amana and want to strike out on your own, we will have maps of the famous Amana Colonies. Maps of the local area will be available.

For those of you who intend to fly into Cedar Rapids please let us know arrival times and we will pick you up and give you a ride to the hotel.

The form for placing ads in our Souvenir Program Book is enclosed. The special events are shown on your Registration Form and you are requested to fill these out if you intend to participate in any of the special events. Unauthorized raffles, or similar types of fundraising activity, will NOT be allowed at this event. **Make all checks payable to Central States Promenade 2020.** If you have any questions, contact me at the address, phone number, or email shown on the front of this sheet. Thank You and "Merci."

Bob Feiereisen

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**HOTEL ROOM RESERVATIONS
FOR
CENTRAL STATES PROMENADE 2020**

APRIL 30 TO MAY 3, 2020

**RAMADA HOTEL & WASSERBAHN WATERPARK
2211 U AVENUE WILLIAMSBURG IOWA 52361**

Telephone (319-668-1175)

Email sales@ramadawasserbahn.com

www.ramadawasserbahn.com

Interstate 80 Exit 225

Cutoff date for guaranteed reservations for these rooms is **April 1, 2020**. After this date, rooms are on first come, first served basis. To guarantee a room call prior to the cutoff date. Be sure to mention **40 & 8 CENTRAL STATES PROMENADE 2020** when you are making your room reservations. All rooms are \$91.00 for 1 to 4 persons, plus tax.

The hotel features an on-site restaurant, indoor and outdoor pools and spacious rooms with free WiFi. Each hotel room has a 43" LED flat screen TV, microwave, refrigerator, coffeemaker, hairdryer, iron and board, and voicemail. The hotel has a delicious complimentary hot breakfast in the hospitality room.

There is NO elevator in this hotel. If you need a first-floor room be sure to get your reservation in early.

Please note that unlike Promenade Nationale, you are responsible for your own room reservations.

Ladies, bring your poodle skirts. Guys, slick back your hair. A 50s-60s sock hop will take place Friday night.

The hotel has an 18-hole miniature golf course on site.

Candidates for Chef de Chemin de Fer 2020-2021 are Jim Vissers, from Grande du Wisconsin and William "Bill" Simpson, from Grande du South Carolina.

CENTRAL STATES PROMENADE 2020
THURSDAY APRIL 30TH TO SUNDAY MAY 3RD
Registration Form

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ CELL/WORK PHONE: _____

Voiture/Cabane #: _____ GRANDE DU: _____

Will Spouse/Guest attend? YES ___ NO ___ NAME: _____

HIGHEST OFFICE HELD: VOYAGEUR: _____

DAME: _____

REGISTRATION AND ACTIVITIES REMITTANCE

Registration Fee: _____ X \$80.00 = \$ _____

Voyageur's Saturday Luncheon: _____ X \$10.00 = \$ _____

Ladies' Saturday Luncheon: _____ X \$10.00 = \$ _____

Booster: _____ \$2.00 each Name _____ X \$ 2.00 = \$ _____

Booster: _____ Booster: _____

(Mr. & Mrs. Counts as 2 Names) If you are submitting Booster names they have to be in by April 1, 2020.

Total amount of Remittance \$ _____

Friday May 1st. 2020: Breakfast served. Lunch in the Middle Amana room.

Dinner 6 P.M. Grill Out Buffet BBQ Pork & Grilled Chicken, Buns, assorted cheese, relish condiment tray, baked beans, french fries & cole slaw. Coffee & water & choice of iced tea or lemonade.

Saturday May 2nd. 2020. Time 9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. Bloody Mary / Salty Dog party in the Wasserbahn Pool area.

Noon Luncheon. Men in the East Amana Room, Ladies in West Amana Room. Separate buffet line in South.

Saturday Dinner 6:00 P.M. to be held in the South & East Amana rooms. 2 Meat Family Style Sit Down Dinner: Fried chicken, pork chops, corn & fried potatoes with gravy, cole slaw, cottage cheese, pickled ham, dessert, brownies. Coffee, water & choice of iced tea or lemonade.

Let us know if you need a vegetarian meal and we will arrange to have one for you.

MEMO: Your registration fee includes a personal set of Credentials, the 2020 souvenir Central States Program book, the Official Central States Promenade 2020 Pin, your Friday evening barbeque, your Saturday evening banquet and the hospitality rooms of your host the Grande du Iowa.

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS REGISTRATION FORM CLEARLY AND RETURN TO: Central States 2020, P.O Box 144, Walford, Iowa 52351. Promenade registrations need to be received prior to April 1, 2020. The hotel needs a number by that date for the food. The sooner you send in your registration the better. If you are coming, please let us know. If you have any questions, please call 319-560-1412 or email us at centralstates2020@gmail.com. Registration may be emailed if you so choose.

MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Central States Promenade 2020. Checks must be mailed.

CENTRAL STATES PROMENADE- 2020

Advertisement Request Form

It is requested that the *attached ad copy* be included in the Central States Promenade – 2020 Souvenir Program Book. Circle the size of the ad that you wish to be printed: (Don't forget to send in your ad with your money.)

Full Page Ad (5 ½ x 8 ½) ----- \$100.00

Half Page Ad----- \$ 50.00

Quarter Page Ad----- \$ 25.00

Business Card Ad----- \$ 10.00

Booster Club Ad (Per name) ----- \$ 2.00
(Mr. & Mrs. counts as 2 Names)

Booster Name: _____ Booster Name: _____

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(Please print booster names. Use another sheet if necessary.)

MEMO: Each Booster Club Ad Name will be printed in a special section of the Souvenir Program Book. You are not required to register nor attend the Central States Promenade 2020 in order to place an ad in the Souvenir Program Book. Likewise, the same information applies to those who only wish to place their name in the Booster Club portion of the Souvenir Program Book. Full payment for all ad material and for Booster Club Names must accompany this request form. We would like to have your ad in an electronic format of PDF or JPEG. Email the ads to centralstates2020@gmail.com.

Make all checks payable to Central States Promenade 2020.

THE FINAL DATE FOR SUBMISSION AND RECEIPT OF ALL AD REQUESTS AND AD COPY, AS WELL AS BOOSTER CLUB NAMES IS APRIL 1, 2020. Please submit all Booster Club Names, all ad requests, ad copy, and check to:
CENTRAL STATES PROMENADE 2020 P.O. BOX 144, WALFORD, IA 52351

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE: _____

HOME PHONE: () _____ WORK/CELL PHONE: () _____

E-Mail ADDRESS: _____

Battle of Heligoland Bight

The Battle of the Heligoland Bight was the first "named" air battle of the Second World War, which began the longest air campaign of the war, the Defense of the Reich. On 3 September 1939, the United Kingdom declared war on Nazi Germany after the German invasion of Poland, which started the European War. The British did not assist Poland by land or sea but RAF Bomber Command flew several missions against German targets. A number of these air raids were

directed at Kriegsmarine (German Navy) warships in German ports to prevent their use in the Battle of the Atlantic.

With the front lines static between September 1939 and May 1940, a period known as the "Phoney War" set in, with little fighting on land or in the air.

At sea, German U-boat forces were taking a considerable toll on Allied shipping. The Air Ministry decided to launch an attack on German surface ships to prevent them supporting the U-boats in the North Atlantic. On 18 December 1939,

a force of three RAF bomber squadrons was sent to engage German ships in the Heligoland Bight and sink or damage as many as possible. Originally 24 Vickers Wellingtons took off. Two turned back owing to engine trouble before reaching German airspace. The German reaction was slow, but eventually they scrambled fighter aircraft to intercept. Just over 120 aircraft, 80–100 German and 22 British, were involved but only 44 German fighters made contact with the British bombers.

The Germans inflicted more damage on the RAF than the Luftwaffe received but the battle's influence on both sides' strategy was profound. The battle led the RAF to abandon daylight missions in favor of night bombing as daytime casualties were too high. In the build-up to the war, the RAF had adopted the mantra that "the bomber will always get through" but in daylight the Heligoland battle had shown this was not the case and it forced a reappraisal of bombing operations. The failure of the raid led the Luftwaffe to believe its base in Germany proper was invulnerable to enemy attack. This belief was reinforced with the success of the Wehrmacht in 1939–1941, which meant that opposing air forces were pushed too far away for effective bombing attacks on the German homeland.

The Germans' neglecting their day fighter force had serious strategic consequences in later years. By the time the Luftwaffe High Command had begun organizing an air defense to combat the United States Army Air Forces (USAAF) strategic bombing campaign, they were already engaged in a war of attrition for which they were not prepared. This oversight was one of the contributing factors in the defeat of the Luftwaffe in the Defense of the Reich campaign. The Battle of the Heligoland Bight was later described as "amongst the most important actions of the entire war".



40/8 Voiture 1541

Presents

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Training Programs**

Beer – Soda – Attendance Prizes

Saturday March 14, 2020

**American Legion Post 312
2500 Raymond Drive**

St Charles, MO 63301

Happy Hour 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Races Begin at 7:00 pm

**\$10.00 per person For Tickets See a Member of
40/8 Voiture 1541 or Send check to:**

Leon Hill 1011 Pegasus Circle, ST Peters, MO 63376

(Make checks payable to Voiture 1541)

Questions? Call Leon (314) 406-2260

Tickets also available at the door.

