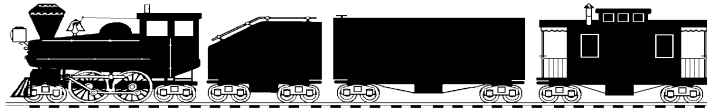


Communiqué
La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Cheveaux
Grande Voiture du Missouri



January 2013 - Grand Chef de Gare Edward Jones

- L'Editeur Grant Willis

The Grand Chef Sez

Fellow Voyageurs:

Racked up a few travel miles this month and enjoyed every moment of it. Chef de Gare Robert Lee, with members of V-292 and I had a very enjoyable Christmas dinner at the Golden Corral in Columbia, Mo on 12-05-12. The service was excellent. I then attended the Christmas Party for approximately 105 Special Children at the American Legion, Post 5 sponsored by Chef de Gare Richard Pack and V-1292 on 12-11-12. An exciting day was had by all especially when Santa Claus arrived. On 12-12-12 I returned to Post 5 and enjoyed an excellent Christmas dinner with Chef de Gare Richard Pack and members of V-1292. On 12-16-12 I and my grandson Noah went to Park Hills, Mo and attended a Christmas dinner sponsored by Chef de Gare William Hoppe and members of V-1321. Many thanks for the Christmas gifts. Noah was surprised that he received a gift (a pocket knife). All he did was talk about it for the 300 miles home. Thanks guys. I went to Wentzville, Mo. on the 12-19-12. I had a very enjoyable evening with Chef de Gare James Hartley and members of V-1541. Leon Hill, Grand Commissaire Intendant and

his lovely wife Linda kept me entertained all evening. Ms. Laura Mosby, Department Auxiliary President was also in attendance. Her presence was truly appreciated. I received a wonderful gift from a special lady that I will call my secret Santa. The meal was cooked by Ms. Marsha Peotti who received many raves for her delicious meal. She was assisted by her daughter Ashley, who is going to college to become (yes, you guessed it) a Nurse. The next day, 12-20-12 I went to Brentwood Post 101, St. Ann, Mo and had another Christmas Dinner with Chef de Gare Hallie Williams (Thanks Hallie) and members of V-448. I even participated in a Christmas Skit. It was fun. To all the 8/40 members that I met in my travels, I want to say "Thank You" for being there. You all do so much. Last but not least, I attended 2 Christmas parties with the 509 Security Group, Whiteman AFB on 12-21/22-12.

Just had a phone call from Nationale about our membership being below the norm. Please get your membership papers into Nationale as soon as you received them. Each and every Correspondant needs your help in attaining 100% plus in Voiture Membership. Our current goal is 75% by January 15, 2013. We need your help.....

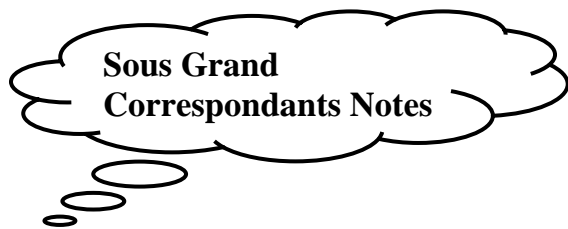
Put this date on your Calendar. April 13-14, 2013, Spring Grande Cheminot and Wreck, Ramada Inn, Springfield, Mo. Let's start out the New Year by all Voyageurs throughout the state of Missouri attend and participate in the Spring Wreck. Let's see our numbers grow by bringing in as many PG's as possible.

It was suggested that each Voiture submit a newspaper ad to your local paper explaining what is Forty et Eight. I find this suggestion could only be helpful in increasing our numbers. The more people that know about us, the better chance of getting more veterans to join us.

Hope everyone had a great Christmas and a safe New Year.

God Bless You and God Bless America

Ed Jones
Grand Chef de Gare



Articles for the Newsletter are due at the end of each month. The schedule for articles due from the Directeur's will be as follows:

February – POW/MIA and Special Awards
March – Distinguished Voyageur Award
Do not forget to send in any address changes to the Grand Correspondant.

Humorous

You may have heard that Hostess Bakery plants shut down due to a workers' strike. But you may not have heard how the company was split up. The State Department hired all the Twinkies, the Secret Service hired all

the Ho Hos, the generals are sleeping with the Cupcakes, and the voters sent all the Ding Dongs to Congress.

On a Serious Note

To all who know George Powell

George fell and broke his hip Nov. 16th and had hip replacement the next day. Along with a bout with pneumonia and urinary infections he has been in and out of St. Luke's East Hospital in Lee's Summit 2 times.

He is now in rehab at St. Mary's Manor in Blue Springs, Mo.

The rehab is very slow and he may be there through the Christmas holidays.

I know he would covet your thoughts and prayers during his recovery.

If you would like to send a card I pick his mail up at the apt 3 times a week.

George Powell
1098 NE Independence Ave.
Apt. 105
Lee's Summit, Mo 64086

He is not able to respond to your E-Mails

Thank you
Mario Powell
son

On Wednesday December 19th, 40 & 8 Grande Chef de Gare du Missouri Ed Jones attended 40 & 8 Voiture #1541 and 8 & 40 Salon #771's Christmas Party at Wentzville American Legion Post #323. He was one of our honored guests along with American Legion Department of Missouri Department Commander Art Wilson, Auxiliary

President Laura Mosby, and Sons of the American Legion Department of Missouri Commander Jay Marsden. I have attached a couple pictures I took of the event. It is truly special that all of these organizations got together and that they find a way to work hand in hand.

Allen J. Schultz
Correspondant & Historien Voiture
#1541
Adjutant American Legion Post #312



**God Bless AMERICA
and
Happy New Year**

Grande Voiture du Missouri

GRANDE CHEMINOT AND SPRING WRECK

April 12-14, 2013



Ramada Oasis Hotel and Convention Center
2546 North Glenstone Ave.
Springfield, Mo. 65803
(888) 532-4338
(417) 866-5253



Room Rate is \$ 75.00 per Night
For Single or Double Occupancy

Make reservations directly with Hotel by March 1, 2013

Inform the Hotel you are with the Society of 40/8 when making reservations.

Friday , April 12, 2013

Registration: 3:00 - 6:00 P.M.

Hospitality Room 3:00 P.M. UNTIL

Saturday , April 13, 2013

Registration: 9:00 A.M. - Noon

2013 Spring wreck 9:00 A.M. Until Completed (There will be a break in the
Wreck from 11:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. for lunch).

Hospitality Room will open upon completion of the wreck until 6:00 P.M.

Grand Chef de Gare Passe Social Hour: 5:00 - 6:00 P.M.

Banquet will begin at 6:00 P.M. with a Social Hour

Hospitality Room will reopen following the completion on the banquet

Sunday , April 14, 2013

Grande Cheminot: 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

All Guests Try To Check-out By 11:00 A. M.



To Register for the Wreck & Cheminot make Check payable to Voiture 460

Send To:

Kevin Johnson
605 Wildwood Lane
Waynesville, Missouri 65583

Last Name _____ Frist _____ Spouse/Guests _____

Voiture Number _____ Banquet \$25.00 per Person/ total number _____ = _____

Registration Fee \$10.00 (Voyageurs Only) _____

TOTAL AMOUNT \$ _____

40 & 8 Voiture #1541

“Coon Supper”

When: Saturday January 19, 2013

Time: 6-7PM Happy Hour. Meal 7PM

Location: Wentzville American Legion

Menu includes BBQ and plain coon, Ham,
German Potato Salad, Green Beans, Dessert

Donations accepted after the meal

All proceeds benefit Child Welfare and Nurses
Training programs. For any questions contact
Chef de Gare James Hartley at (314)607-1433.

Thank you in advance for your support

Grand Voiture du Missouri

Membership

December 27, 2012

Attached is the excel spreadsheet for membership. If you see something wrong or need to make any recommendations for improvement please let me know ASAP. Also if someone else would like a copy please let me know. This report keeps Missouri in 30th or 66.02%. The next goal is 75% by January 15, 2013. Please get your memberships submitted ASAP.

Voiture Name	Voiture	2012 Year End	2013 To-date	2013 Quota	Sh/Ov Quota	% of Quota
HEART OF AMERICA	3	58	44	58	-14	75.86%
SPIRIT OF ST. LOUIS	38	125	75	125	-50	60.00%
JESSE JAMES	130	30	30	30	0	100.00%
HEART OF MISSOURI	292	52	49	52	-3	94.23%
CROSSROADS OF MISSOURI	293	11	10	11	-1	90.91%
RUSSELL H. MILLER	333	277	109	277	-168	39.35%
TABLE ROCK LAKE	447	2	2	2	0	100.00%
GATEWAY	448	117	88	117	-29	75.21%
CENTRAL OZARK	460	63	57	63	-6	90.48%
COON COOKERS	520	12	10	12	-2	83.33%
KICKAPOO	760	80	58	80	-22	72.50%
MARK TWAIN	966	6	5	6	-1	83.33%
CAPITAL	1292	80	43	80	-37	53.75%
MINERAL AREA	1321	69	51	69	-18	73.91%
NEUF COMPT	1379	46	37	46	-9	80.43%
HEART OF THE OZARKS	1395	17	15	17	-2	88.24%
ATCHISON NODAWAY HOLT Counties	1402	25	26	25	1	104.00%
LAKE OF THE OZARK	1403	37	21	37	-16	56.76%
TWO RIVERS	1541	70	47	70	-23	67.14%
Missouri Total		1177	777	1177	-400	66.02%