



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



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

The Grand Chef Sez

Fellow Voyageurs:

It's hard to believe my year as your Grand Chef de Gare is coming to an end. I can not believe how fast the year has gone. In a way, I hate to see it end but on the other hand, I will be glad to get some rest and pass the torch on. This being my last article, I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to the Voyageurs of the Grand du Missouri for allowing me to serve as Grand Chef de Gare.

It has truly been an honor and pleasure to serve you. The receptions and hospitality extended to Tina and I was exceptional. I can not adequately express my feelings. All I can say is **thank you, so very much!!** This is a year I will remember and cherish.

Filling out our travels, on May 7 & 8, we attended Truman Day Pilgrimage in Independence, Mo. Grand Chef de Gare Passe' Don Fligge was a most gracious host not only to me but also Chef de Chemin de Fer Ted Lang. We were privileged to have 4 visiting Grand Chefs. Those being **Joe Steil du Oklahoma, Jim Taylor du Illinois, Virgil Strecker du Nebraska and Blaine Schoolcraft du Kansas**. On the evening of the 7th, we attended an Open House at Post 21. The food and entertainment was excellent. The next morning, May 8th was

raining like a monsoon; however, Don Fligge, alias Johnson, assured me the weather would be clear and beautiful for the wreath laying ceremony. 10:00AM arrived and guess what? Johnson was right!!! It was clear and beautiful.

The following day, May 9th, Tina and I along with Ted Lang attended Voiture 333's Annual Awards Banquet in Sedalia, MO. The banquet was very well attended and a good time was had by all. I also presented the clock from my year long raffle to the winner; Jean Gallagher.

On May 14th, by myself, I attended Voiture 1292's Promenade to wreck 1 P.G. I had a most enjoyable evening! Those Voyageurs in Jeff City definitely like to have fun!! I told them that Voiture 1292 is the Grande du Missouri's **Wild Bunch**. Thank you, Voiture 1292.

On May 18th, Grand Chef Passe' Bob Eisenbath and I attended Voiture 38's Annual Memorial Service at their Chateau. It was a very pleasant and impressive evening. I even remembered my chapeau!

On May 19th, I visited Voiture 460 in St. Robert. They had a good turn-out for their Promenade. I also congratulated them for "going-over-the-top". WELL DONE!! The highlight of the evening was the awarding of a Wrestling Warm-up Sweatshirt to your Grand Chef from the local high school wrestling team. The school logo is on the front and the 40/8 emblem is on the back. Chef de Gare Tim Girard informed me that if anyone was to

ask any of the athletes in the schools what the 40/8 stands for or what the 40/8 does; these kids will gladly inform you in a heart-beat. That is fantastic!! I doubt if we could get such a response from the larger city schools. Thank you, Voiture 460. I will also contact the wrestling coach from Waynesville to express my thanks.

On another note, the Grande's membership stands at 98.49%. Just 18 short. (As of 5/20/09, Nationale had not updated the membership). I believe the Grande is only 6 or 7 short at this time. I assured the Chef de Chemin de Fer at Sedalia that the Grande du Missouri would go over the top. We WILL NOT let him down. I call on ALL Sous Grand Chef de Trains' and Voyageurs to make a final push.

GIT-R-DONE!!

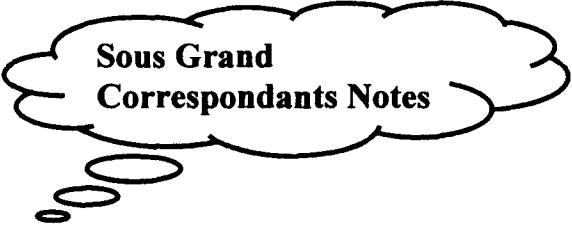
A reminder: The Grand Cheminot and Promenade will be June 26-28, 2009.
Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel
Kansas City, MO
Get your reservations is ASAP.

Remember: All reports are due to the Grande Directeurs by **JUNE 15th**.

Remember our programs and membership.

WE HAVE TO TRY!!!

Grand Chef de Gare ----- Bob Phillips



**Sous Grand
Correspondants Notes**

This is the last News Letter for this term. The next news letter will be sent out in August at which time a new slate of Officers will be taken over to start a new Year.

It has been my pleasure to serve as your Sous Correspondant this past year and I want to thank everyone for coming up with

articles for the news letter. This is a means of providing information throughout the state and needs to be taken advantage of.

See you at the Grand Promenade in June.

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 remery18@comcast.net and copy Grant Willis at willis.grant@sbcglobal.net.

**GATEWAY VOITURE #448 of 40/8
AND SALON 116
JUNE 5 & 6, 2009**

**From 11:00am to 6:00pm at
ST. LOUIS COUNTY MEMORIAL
POST 111
7300 LANSDOWN AVE.
SHREWSBURY, MO 63119**

**Voiture 1321 will have their cooker at
Buchheights in Herculaneum, Mo. on the
following dates.**

**June 13 & 14
July 25 & 26
August 8 & 9
September 19 & 20
October 17 & 18
November 27, 28 & 29**

**Voiture 38 BARBECUE's on the
following dates**

**June 13
July 11
August 8
September 5
October 10
Ferguson's Pub – 2925 Mt. Pleasant St.
63111.
Serving from 11AM til 4PM**

GRANDE VOITURE du MISSOURI

Grande Cheminot and Promenade

June 26th through June 28th, 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 June 2, 2009.

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

Friday, June 26th, 2009

Registration: 3:00 till 5:00 P.M.

Hospitality Room 3:00 P.M. – 11:30 P.M.

Saturday June 27th, 2009

Registration: 9:00 A.M. till NOON

Committee Meetings 9:00 – 11:00 A.M.

LUNCH 11:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Grande Cheminot 1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Grand Chef de Gare Passé Social Hour – 5:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

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Banquet: 7:00 P.M.

Hospitality Room: 9:30 P.M. – 11:30 P.M.

Sunday June 28th, 2009

Grand Chef de Gare Passé Breakfast – 7:00 A.M.

Grande Promenade – 9:00 A.M.

Memorial Service & Installation of Officers – 10:45 A.M.

Make checks payable to Voiture 1379

Send to

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INDEPENDENCE, MO 64052

Last Name _____ First _____ Spouse/Guest _____

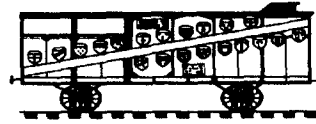
Voiture Number _____ Banquet per Person \$28.00 x No. of Guest _____ = _____

Southern Fried Chicken – Roasted Pork Loin Buffett

Registration Fee \$5.00 _____

(Voitures Only)

Total: _____



MEMBERSHIP GRAND VOITURE DU MISSOURI
as of May 1, 2009

LOCALE	2008	2009	PERCENT	Short/Over
3	101	80	79%	-21
38	145	151	104%	6
130	26	29	112%	3
292	57	57	100%	0
293	12	12	100%	0
333	111	132	119%	21
447	2	2	100%	0
448	199	181	91%	-18
460	62	64	103%	2
520	14	11	79%	-3
760	81	77	95%	-4
848	17	15	88%	-2
966	9	8	89%	-1
1292	71	78	110%	7
1321	82	80	98%	-2
1379	35	42	120%	7
1395	21	22	105%	1
1402	35	37	106%	2
1403	52	46	88%	-6
1541	64	65	102%	1
Totals	1,196	1189	99.41%	-7

7 More to go – let's get them in buy Promenade – Beat the bushes dig up the graves
- Its time to start banging on the doors and reminding those that have not yet paid to
get their dues in.

We can get ur Done.