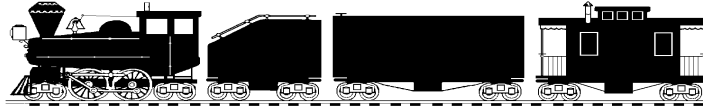


Communiqué
La Société des 40 Hommes et 8 Cheveaux
Grande Voiture du Missouri



June-July 2014 - Grand Chef de Gare Ralph Turner

- L'Éditeur Grant Willis

The Grand Chef Sez

Fellow Voyageurs:

This past year has gone by fast, much faster than I could have ever dreamed it could. As I sit here typing my last article as your Grand Chef, I must admit it is difficult to decide what to write about. No matter where I have gone this year, you have welcomed me as though I was part of your Locale and I thank you for that. I am extremely honored to have been Grand Chef de Gare. It was my goal to move La Société forward in some small way. If that occurred, there are many people that deserve to be commended and thanked. I appreciate all their hard work. Thank you all very much. The experience has left me a better more rounded Voyageur and given me a greater appreciation of those that have gone before me. I know that I did not get a chance to visit with everyone but time is short. The learning experience is fantastic and the hospitality is far more than I could ever expect. For those of you who have hosted the Grand Chef, I thank you for the warm receptions.

Do not forget about the year-end reports. Get them prepared and turned in to the Directeurs as soon as possible. We need to get a 100% participation in reporting for the Grande this year. It will let everyone know how hard your Voiture is working to

advance the programs of La Société.

I think we are going to be very close on membership this year however being close is good enough only if we are playing horseshoes or throwing hand grenades. I sure wish someone could figure out this membership problem. *I love* this organization and I truly believe in its programs. We are slowly drifting away into the sunset. If you have ideas then bring them before the Grande. I can tell you right now that the old ways are not working. We are 58 Voyageurs short of 100%. There are several Voitures only a few short of achieving 100%.

I will be handing the gavel over to Leon Hill of Voiture 1541 at the Grande Cheminot and Promenade that will be held at the Doubletree Hotel in St Louis— 18-20 July, 2014. I hope to see everyone there. Let's embrace the incoming Officers and Directeurs and give them our full support. Thanks for all the hard work that you do for *La Société des Quarante Hommes et Huit Cheveaux!*

Ralph Turner
Grand Chef de Gare



Sous Grand Correspondants Notes

Articles for the Newsletter are due at the end of each month. The next issue will not go out until August 1st.

**“LET’S GET ALL THE REPORTS
TURNED IN TO THE GRANDE
DIRECTURS”**

COMING EVENTS

Voiture 38 is having their first BBQ on June 7, 2014 at Lindner's Pub (formerly Ferguson's Pub), 2925 Mt Pleasant Street, St. Louis, MO 63111, 11:00 – 4:00 pm (or until sold out).

Voiture 448 is having their BBQ on June 14, 2014 at Cabala's, 5555 St. Louis Mills Blvd, Hazelwood, MO 63042, 11:00 – 6:00 pm

July 18-20 Grande Voiture du Missouri Grand Promenade.

August 16 Voiture 38 Trivia Night at Genesis Banquet Hall 2651 telegraph Road St Louis Mo.

August 16 Voiture #1541's annual Car show at Purina Farms Grey Summit Missouri 11AM-3PM. Below is a link to the events web site:

<http://v1541carshow.org/index.html>

GRANDE PROMENADE

Voyageurs,

As of May 22nd we only have a total of 30 signed up for the July 19-21 Grande Cheminot and Promenade. At your next Promenade I'd like to ask all Locale Chef de Gare's to encourage your Voyageurs to attend this event. A registration form is included in this Communiqué. Those who attended the Spring Wreck and Cheminot know that Voiture #1541 had top shelf liquor, beer, soda, and food in the hospitality room Friday evening and Saturday. Where else can you get a light

meal Friday evening, lunch Saturday, and refreshments for a \$5 registration fee? The sit down banquet is \$35 and includes a choice of grilled flat iron steak or chicken marsala. Again, lets get those registrations in. Remember, the deadline for registration is July 11th. Absolutely no registrations for the banquet will be accepted after this date. Since this is a sit down meal, the caterers need a definite count ahead of time. Thank you very much for your cooperation and consideration.

Allen J. Schultz
Correspondant
Voiture #1541

FINAL MAVO REPORT

The Final Report for the 2014 Legislative Session for Missouri. Fifteen bills were passed that affected veterans and our military. Three were budget bills, five were Concurrent Resolutions, one was a Joint Resolution and six were regular bills that will go to the Governor for signature. In addition, there were eleven other bills that were not passed by themselves but were included in the bills that did pass. All in all, it was a very successful session for veterans. HJR 48, the Lottery Ticket bill was passed on the fourth try and will now be presented to the voters at a general election for approval. We will now need your help to educate the voters of Missouri on the benefits of voting for the bill. In addition to getting the Gaming Boat admission fees back last year, we succeeded in getting the legislature to add an additional \$8 million from General Revenue to the Missouri Veterans Commission budget for this year. All General Revenue was dropped last year when the admission fees were returned to the veterans and getting some of the money back this year was the purpose of our Rally at the Capitol this past April. This money is critical in keeping the programs of the Missouri Veterans

Commission, other than the Missouri Veterans Homes, operating. Overall, I think it was a good year and I hope this weekly update was informative to all interested in veterans legislation. As more develops on the support for HJR 48 voting, I will use this report to issue updates.

Again, I want to express my thanks to Dewey Riehn, George Newell, Bob Osborn and Ernie Lee for their assistance on the Legislative Committee and to the MAVO Executive Committee: Mike Elmore, Chairman; Tom Mundell, Vice Chairman; Lowry Finley-Jackson, Secretary/Treasurer and Lynn Dorrell, Immediate Past Chairman for their dedication and support to MAVO.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you these past few months.

Rich Heigert

MEMBERSHIP

The membership stats are shown on the last page and as you will see we are very close, but we only have two months to improve the Grande du Missouri to at least 100%. We presently have 9 Voiture Locals at 100 % or greater which equates to 47% of the Locals achieving Quota. We have one Local at 96% with 8 at less than 95%. We have 1 Voiture Local that it looks like we will be turning in their Charter this year. As a Grande we are getting close, but as the Chef claimed in his weekly report that only counts in horseshoes and hand grenades. We still have time and with one big push we could get those additional 58 members we need, so, **let's get r done.**

SOUS CHEF DE CHEMIN DE FER GRANT WILLIS

I will not be able to attend the Grand Promenade this year due to other commitments that I have for Nationale. I do want to say thank you to all the members of the Grande du Missouri for supporting me during this past year and also for accepting my resolution to run for this office. It has been a wonderful year meeting new friends and creating new memories. I think the proudest moment I had was when I attended the Memorial Day services at Arlington Cemetery and had the great honor of laying the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. I will be back with you in October for the Grand Homecoming and Cheminot, so until then have a great Promenade and God Bless everyone of you.

Grant

GRANDE VOITURE DU MISSOURI GRANDE CHEMINOT and PROMENADE

July 18, 19 and 20, 2014

DOUBLETREE HOTEL ST. LOUIS AT WESTPORT
1973 Craigshire
ST. Louis, MO 63146
Phone: (314) 434-0100
1-866-786-8088

Fax: (314) 434-0140

Room Rate is \$79.00 (plus tax) per night
For Standard King or Standard Double Queen Occupancy

So Register EARLY

Handicap rooms available

Make Hotel reservations directly with Doubletree Hotel by **May 30, 2014**
Mention 40 & 8 Honor Society, for special rates when making reservation.

Friday, July 18, 2014

Registration: 3:00 until 6:00 P.M. (In Hospitality Room)
Hospitality Room 3:00 P.M. - ????

Saturday, July 19, 2014

Registration 9:00 A.M, until Noon
Committee Meetings 9:00 A.M, until 11:30A.M.
LUNCH 11:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.
Grande Cheminot 1 P.M.- 4 P.M.
Grand Chef de Gare Passe' Social Hour – 5:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.
Social Hour 6:00 P.M. – Cash Bar
Banquet: 7:00 P.M.
Hospitality Room: After Banquet – ???????

Sunday, July 20, 2014

Grande Promenade 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.
Guests will be admitted for Installation and Memorial Ceremony around 10:15 A.M.

ALL GUESTS TRY TO CHECK OUT BEFORE 12:00 P.M.

HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME

You may make Hotel Reservations Grande Cheminot and Homecoming October 3, 4, and 5, 2014 at this time. **Deadline for registration for the banquet is July 11th, NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**

To register for the Cheminot, make Check payable to Voiture 1541

Send to:

Allen Schultz
1427 Summergate Parkway
ST.Charles, MO 63303-6384

Last Name _____ First _____ Spouse/Guest _____

Title: _____ Voiture Number _____

Banquet/Person \$35.00 X No. Guests _____ = _____

Registration Fee \$5.00 (Voyageurs Only) _____

Total \$ _____

Meal Choice (circle) Chicken Marsala or Grill Flat Iron Steak



40/8

A Veterans Organization

TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday August 16th 2014

At Genesis Banquet Hall

2651 Telegraph Road

Saint Louis, MO 63125

The Night Includes

- Full Open Bar all evening long
- 10 rounds of great trivia questions

Doors open at 6:30PM with Trivia starting at 7PM

Several silent auction items will be available

Seating is in tables of eight for \$160

For any additional information call or e-mail

Jim Dwyer at 636-296-8504 or james-dwyer@att.net

To reserve your table, complete the form below and mail it
with your check for \$160 to the address below

_____ out here _____
Team Name _____ Captain _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone Number _____ Email _____

Mail to:

Jim Dwyer

3719 Dutch Hollow Road

Arnold, MO 63010

Make check payable to: Vulture Lodge No. 38

Membership Report as of 5/22/2014

	2013	2014	2013			End of
	YTD	YTD	Year	% of	Short	Year
Voiture	Total	Total	Total	Quota		Goal
3	56	52	58	89.66%	-6	60
38	110	103	114	90.35%	-11	117
130	30	32	30	106.67%	2	31
292	52	50	52	96.15%	-2	54
293	10	0	10	0.00%	-10	11
333	200	187	211	88.63%	-24	216
447	2	2	2	100.00%	0	3
448	117	103	117	88.03%	-14	120
460	60	68	60	113.33%	8	62
520	12	13	12	108.33%	1	13
760	66	71	71	100.00%	0	73
966	5	5	5	100.00%	0	6
1292	74	77	75	102.67%	2	77
1321	69	64	70	91.43%	-6	72
1379	44	56	48	116.67%	8	49
1395	17	16	17	94.12%	-1	18
1402	26	24	26	92.31%	-2	27
1403	30	27	31	87.10%	-4	32
1541	71	72	71	101.41%	1	73
	1051	1022	1080	94.63%	-58	1102