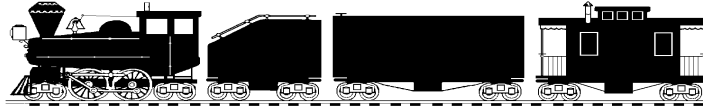


Communiqué
La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Cheveaux
Grande Voiture du Missouri



March 2010 - Grand Chef de Gare Gary Reno

- L'Editeur Grant Willis

The Grand Chef Sez

Fellow Voyageurs;

Wow! Can you believe it's March already? By now you probably have a severe case of Cabin Fever. Well, I may have a cure for that. It's an Old Home Remedy guaranteed to cure the problem and lift your spirits. If you are really sick of being shut-in all winter, then this is the elixir for you. So what is it? Just go out and invite one new veteran to become a 40/8er. I can think of nothing better for curing the blues than the sense of pride we feel when we place a Chapeau on a P.G.'s head. Maybe you are tired of having to take the same job in your Voiture year after year. Well, do something about it. Go out and recruit your replacement.

Right now the Grand is at 92.2%. That's great. We are really looking good, but to be the greatest we must recruit 92 more members. We are so close and I know there are some of you who are doing something about that shortfall, but we need more help: your help.

The Grand Cheminot and Spring Wreck is March 26, 27 and 28 and it looks like it's going to be a good one and another great cure for cabin fever, so put down that remote, pick up the phone and make your reservations now. Voiture 38 will be bringing their "Spirit of St. Louis" Locomotive. The only Locomotive still in

existence in the Grand, so come on out and have some fun.

WE HAVE TO TRY!!!

GARY RENO
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.

To all Correspondants, please use the attached form when ordering Chapeaus and Blazers.

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

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:

April – Distinguished Voyageur Award



**UPCOMING
DATES**

- Grande Cheminot and Spring Wreck March 26 – 28, 2010, Jefferson City MO at the Truman Hotel

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.

The Grande du Missouri has received two resolutions:

- 1- Terry Lanning for the Office of Grande Correspondant.
- 2- Terry Lanning for the Office of Commissaire Intendant Nationale

A reminder to everyone to please turn in the raffle tickets you received from the Grande.

This is what helps us to keep the Grande functioning for the year.

Grand Directeur of Special Awards

I know I am sounding like a broken record but I have not received any nominations for Special Awards to this point. I am sure that somewhere in the State of Missouri, someone has done a heroic act, or done something Exceptional in law enforcement to be nominated for a special award. All it takes on the part of a Voiture is to fill out the necessary forms, collect the necessary information, and send it in to me. I will take it from there.

Dave Brazie
Grand Directeur Special Awards
106 Evergreen Ct.
Laurie, MO 65037

E-Mail: dbrazie@charter.net

Public Relations Directors

The following are the annual awards from public relations presented at Promenade Nationale:

John Emerson Award: Presented to the Locale Voiture for best publication without advertising(1)

Thomas W. Fay, Jr. Award: Voiture Locale presenting the best publication for fiscal year (1)

Laverne Eccleston Award: Presented to Voiture Locale for excellence in promoting 40/8 programs and fostering effective communication with the community (2)

Don Collins Award: Presented to Voiture Locale that submits the best entry showing utilization of the public media to promote the activities of the 40 & 8 (2)

Tony Gallagher Award presented for best web site by a voiture locale: (3)

All selections JUDGED by Dept of Journalism at State Fair Community College, Sedalia, MO

(1) If you are submitting a publication for judging, you must submit last 3 editions. E.G.: April, May, June or February, April, June.

(2) Documentation must be submitted in an orderly fashion. Not just crammed into an envelope. A detailed sheet should accompany all entries for this category.

(3) Submit a letter explaining why you think your web site is best. There will be a first place for the best voiture web site as well as the best Grande site. Be sure to include web site address.

All entries must be received via United States postal mail no later than July 15. A letter must also be with each entry stating what award(s) you are entering. You may enter more than one category if you are qualified for it.

Tony Gallagher, Nationale PR Directuer, 40 & 8 Mail all material to: Public Relations Chef de Gare, Voiture 333, 40 & 8 2705 S. Ohio St. President: Press Associates La Societe, 40 & 8 Sedalia, MO 65301- 8351

http://www.voiture542.us/pr_news.html

Faith - Family- 40 & 8

GRANDE VOITURE DU MISSOURI

Spring Wreck & Grande Cheminot

March 26 through March 28, 2010

Will be held at the

Truman Hotel

1510 Jefferson Street

Jefferson City, Mo. 65109

Phone: 573-635-7171

FAX: 573-635-7519

Toll Free in Missouri 800-392-0202

Hotel Rates are as follows:

\$55.00 for Single and Double Occupancy

Make all reservations directly with the Hotel by March 12, 2010.

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

Friday, March 26, 2010

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

Hospitality Room 3:00 P.M. – ????

Saturday March 27, 2010

Registration: 9:00 A.M. till NOON

Spring Wreck 9:00 AM

Lunch 11:30 AM

Cheminot 1:00 PM

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

Cocktails 6:00 PM

Banquet 7:00 PM

Hospitality Room opened after Banquet

Sunday March 28, 2010

Donuts and Coffee 7:00 AM till 9:00 AM

Make checks payable to Voiture 1292

Send to

David Bexten

1343 County Road 632

Freeburg, Mo. 65035

Last Name _____ First _____ Spouse/Guest _____

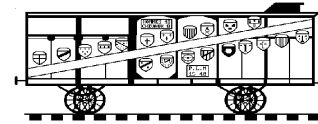
Voiture Number _____ Banquet per Person \$25.00 x No. of Guest _____ = _____

Buffett

Registration Fee \$10.00 _____

(Voitures Only)

Total: _____



MEMBERSHIP GRAND VOITURE DU MISSOURI
as of February 25, 2010

LOCALE	2009	2010	PERCENT	Short/Over
3	71	73	103%	2
38	145	123	85%	-22
130	29	28	97%	-1
292	56	55	98%	-1
293	12	12	100%	0
333	160	181	113%	21
447	2	2	100%	0
448	177	136	77%	-41
460	63	59	94%	-4
520	10	11	110%	-0
760	80	78	98%	-2
966	8	7	88%	-1
1292	76	79	103%	3
1321	78	66	85%	-12
1379	42	39	93%	-3
1395	22	14	64%	-8
1402	34	22	65%	-12
1403	45	35	78%	-10
1541	66	66	100%	0
Totals	1,176	1086	92%	-90

We need PG's for the Spring Wreck. Please let Sous Grand Conducteur Dave Bexten 573.744.5366 or Grand Conducteur Robert Emery remery18@comcast.net or 816.585.2098 (CELL) 816.833.7285 (HOME) know how many PG's your Voiture will be bringing to the Spring Wreck.

If you have any props/tests that you would be able to bring for use in the WRECK, please let Sous Grand Conducteur Dave Bexten or my self know what you can bring to the WRECK.
National Correspondent's Corner

Resolution received from Spirit of St. Louis Voiture 38 endorsing Voyageur Militaire David S. Christian for the office of Grand Chef de Train for the 2011. Resolution to be read at the Grand Promenade in Jefferson City Missouri on June 27, 2010.