



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



March 2019 - Grand Chef de Gare Calvin Bumgarner

- L'Editeur Grant Willis



**The Grand Chef**

I hope everyone is well. The cold winter just keeps hanging on. But spring is just 20 days

away. Along with that comes our Spring Wreck in St Louis. I'm hoping the weather is going to be a lot better by then.

February was not to bad for membership considering the bad weather. I'm sure like me people had a hard time getting out in the cold and meeting. We have turned in 50 renewed or recruited members since the first of the year, which leaves us 131 to get to 100%. Again, I want us to get out there and let everyone know how much this membership means to the programs of the Grande du Missouri and La Société. It's not only the membership in 40/8, but membership in our other Veterans organizations that need our help. You have done a Great job so far, we are at 83.12% up from 76.68% since the first of the year. Now is the time to make those phone calls and reach out to all our members.

Less than 3 weeks till Spring Wreck in St. Louis. We already have commitments for P.G.s. I know my Voiture has 1 for sure and we are working on another. I hoping we make this the largest Spring Wreck we have had for years. Get those registrations in and let's have a Great time in St. Louis.

If you have an event you would like

for me to attend or even a monthly Promenade, just contact me. If you need any help, I am here to serve you. Please share this with everyone.

See you in St. Louis Let's have some Fun!!!!

Thanks again for all you do for Grande du Missouri.

God Bless you and God bless America

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**Sous Grand  
 Correspondants Notes**

I will be sending the Legislative Report in a separate email. You may have gotten this through a separate distribution list, but at least we need to get it out to as many as possible.

**SPRING WRECK DERBY**

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 Jockey and one decorated Stick (Hobby) Horse entry. The more realistic the better, Owners of the horse wear your silks (colors) Each Voiture will decorate their Stick horse and select their own Jockey to ride in the Stick Horse Derby Parade. There will be a \$50.00 per Voiture entry fee. If a Voiture does not participate in the Derby there will be a \$50.00 fine. At the banquet the men or women, dressed as Jockeys with their Stick Horses, will go around the audience to collect money to be used to feed the horses. Make sure your Horse has a full belly or you may find your Jockey and Stick Horse at the bar instead of the starting gate. The Jockey who collected the most money will win a prize. Next, the Jockey and Stick Horse will run 2 races. The races will be 10 (1 foot) squares and each Jockey representative will roll a die and the Jockey will move that many squares. Be careful, if your Horse number comes up you lose that turn. There will not be any betting.

Stick Horses will be available for \$10 on Saturday or you can bring your own. If you want to buy one then let Bob Phillips know you will need one. Remember you will need to decorate the Horse.

Please plan on joining fellow Voyageurs at the Spring Wreck, Stick Horse Decorating and Racing Contest. Brush off your STETSON; polish your Boots and join in on the fun.

Terry

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### **SPRING WRECK Registration**

The deadline for registration and to reserve your hotel rooms for the Spring Wreck & Cheminot is fast approaching. Deadline for getting the discounted hotel rate with breakfast is March 8<sup>th</sup>. After that date the block of rooms reserved for us will be

released. Deadline for registration for the banquet is March 15<sup>th</sup>. We must let the hotel catering staff know a count by this date. For those Voitures bringing PG's for the wreck, if they are attending the banquet, please be sure to complete a registration form for them. The banquet fee is \$35 per person. So far we only have "45" Voyageurs and Guests signed up. Chef de Chemin de Fer Rick Williams is attending this event and it would be a feather in our cap if we could have a great showing from Grande du Missouri Voyageurs. If you have any questions or are unsure if you have registered, please feel free to email me [ajblues9243@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ajblues9243@sbcglobal.net) or call (636)447-7347 and I'll reply by the end of the day.

Allen Schultz

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### **CENTRAL STATES PROMENADE**

Hello All,

Sad news to report that Central States Promenade 2019 will not take place. We received the following from Grande du CO:

Colorado Voitures / Voyageurs decided not to host CSP 2019.

The Doers are maxed. Just cannot take on another significant task. With the diminishing and aging ranks, our support activities are significantly limited. Please forward to all Central States Voiture's.

I don't think Grande du Co is the only Grande with this predicament of fewer Voyageurs and fewer Voyageurs willing and/or able to work these functions. We all need to work hard to increase our membership so La Société remains a vital, functioning veterans organization!

I know Grande du IA has been making plans for CSP 2020 and will get them out to everyone in the future.

! Please forward this email to all your Voitures and Cabanes. Hope to see all of you at CSP 2020 in Iowa!

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## PROMENADE NATIONALE

Grande Chefs,

As you know, we are approaching the 100th Year of La Société des Quarante Homes et Huit Chevaux. This coming September, Grande du South Carolina will be hosting the 100th Promenade Nationale in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. As you can imagine, this will be one of the most important events in La Sociétés history and we are making sure it lives up to just that.

I have attached a Registration form, as well as an Ad Form. I know not every Voyageur can attend Promenade Nationale, but it would be great if those that can, do attend. As President of the 100th Promenade Nationale Corporation, I am asking that every Grande Voiture that is able, place an Ad in our Program Book. We want to make this year's Program Book bigger and better; one worthy to commemorate La Sociétés achievement of 100 years as an Elite Veteran's Organization.

I have also sent this request to every Voiture Locale that we have contact information for. I have had a lot of emails to the Voiture Locales returned as undeliverable, so I would appreciate it if you could pass this information along to your Locales and remind them of the importance of this Promenade Nationale.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, or problems opening the files, please feel free to contact me

We do appreciate your support

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100th Promenade Nationale  
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## Grand Correspondant

The "2019 PETITE COMMUNIQUE" from Voiture Nationale can only be obtained by downloading it from the internet at Voiture National's web site at <http://www.fortyandeight.org/forms-petite/>. I have either emailed you a copy or have enclosed a copy. Use the new 2019 forms for the Locale Directeur's to fill out for all the activities your Locale has done for the past year. Provide the forms to your Directeur's to fill them out and send them to the Grand Directeur's by June 15th. When the Directeur has completely filled out the report, make a copy of the report and give one to the Locale Correspondant for the Voiture's file and send the other to the Grand Directeur in charge of the Program. If the Directeur has nothing to report, the report should be marked as "NO REPORT" and still send it to the Grande Directeur. Let's all Voiture's make a sincere effort to complete all of the reports. By not filling out the reports you are shortchanging your Voiture by not telling the Grande everything your Voiture is doing. I know all of the Voiture's are doing more than everyone thinks.

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## DOORS of OPPORTUNITY

In La Société, we might consider that those who walk through the door of opportunity when it swings open are more successful than those who do not. But what is the secret to getting through the door of opportunity?

First we must look at what do we mean by opportunity and what opportunity means to us in the Forty and Eight.

A basic and kind of standard definition is that opportunity is a set of circumstances that makes it possible to do something. Another way of looking at is a favorable *combination* of circumstances. There is a quote I see every once in a while... "For every problem there is an opportunity." My favorite is... ""The trouble with opportunity is that it always comes disguised as hard work." Here's a great quote from Milton Berle... "If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door".

So if we read and think about those quotes, it is not a great leap to think about how opportunity, in many ways can affect the success or failure of our Locales and Grands. I want to focus on two areas, membership and public relations, but this ambiguous door of opportunity can affect us in all areas. Membership... Of course we mean membership growth by recruitment and retention, making goal, obtaining sustain-ing members who faithfully renew and attend promenades and volunteer. How many new members are behind that membership door of opportunity? We won't know unless we open it!! We cannot rely on any potential new member on the other side of the door to open their door and come to us. Some say "opportunity only knocks once". *We can't stand in front of that door and wait for a knock.*

What kind of membership opportunities are out there? This has been cussed and discussed, talked and written about, memos, letters, texts and emails. You see, we already know what is on the other side of that door, we know how to open it, and we know who is on the other side but sometimes hesitate or are not prepared to open it. When you step thru that door and find a potential member

you must be prepared with knowledge and tools. Knowledge of our organization's goals, aspirations, commitments, programs, history and membership requirements. Have applications, literature, folders, pins, membership cards, anything to show and tell. Where is your Chapeau? Consider keeping it in your vehicle—bet it has pins on it, marching medal, bars, etc. A great way to start a conversation about La Soci  t  .

Public Relations... You know, PR is not generally thought of as a "program" of La Soci  t  . We all know PR is important but it is rarely talked about beyond newsletters. I've had to think about who or what would be behind that "door of opportunity". Behind that door is your Locale or Grand's reputation, good-will, your standing in the community, your public service and of course the media.

Public relations only becomes relevant once you step through it. Now some may say this is a difficult door to open and many Locales may not be prepared to open it. You see before you step through you any door you must be prepared for what is on the other side. Lets focus on the media... When you go thru that door you should have media lists, fact sheets on your organization, press releases, etc. You should also have motivation. AND the person who steps to the other side must be someone who can articulate and present your Locale or Grand in a positive and professional manner. Remember these doors of opportunity are always open, never locked and you have to have the desire to step through. If you become prepared in some of the ways I've described above, maybe your doors will automatically open.

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# GRANDE VOITURE DU MISSOURI GRAND CHEMINOT and WRECK

March 22, 23 and 24, 2019



Holiday Inn Earth City  
3400 Rider Trail South  
St. Louis, MO 63045  
Phone: (314) 291-6800

Room Rate is \$109.00 (plus tax) per night  
(Includes Breakfast)

For Standard King or Standard Double Queen Occupancy  
Handicap rooms available

Make Hotel reservations directly with Holiday Inn by March 8, 2019  
Mention "40 & 8" to receive room rate with breakfast included

**Friday, March 22, 2019**

Registration: 1500 until 1800  
Hospitality Room 1500 - ????

**Saturday, March 23, 2019**

Registration 0900 - Noon  
Wreck 0900-1130  
LUNCH 1130 – 1300  
1300 wreck continues  
Hospitality Room open after Wreck until 1700  
Grand Chef de Gare Passe' Social Hour – 1700 – 1800  
Social Hour 1800 – Cash Bar  
Banquet: 1900  
Hospitality Room: After Banquet – ???????

**Sunday, March 24, 2019**

Grande Cheminot 0900 - NOON

Check Out

HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME

**Deadline for registration for the banquet is March 15, 2019, NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**

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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 \$10.00 (Voyageurs Only) \_\_\_\_\_

**Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_**



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1 February 2019

Greetings Sous Directeur's,

Considering the recent "Polar Vortex", I hope that everyone is keeping warm. February is a busy month of Voluntary Service. National Salute to Veterans Week is the 11<sup>th</sup> thru the 15<sup>th</sup>. There will be several events going on at our facilities during that week, so let's see if we can't get involved somehow. There are also concerts planned for some of the areas. Also, many Facilities will be holding their National Creative Arts Festival this month. Contact your local VAVS office for more information.

Overall, meeting attendance is OK. With that said there is always room for improvement. Please emphasize the importance of attending the VAVS quarterly meetings. We also need to work continue working on filling empty slots at our Facilities. When doing so, please ensure that they are aware of what their duties will be. i.e. Quarterly VAVS Meeting Attendance.

**"Keep the Wheelchairs Rolling Contest"** – It's time to start the big push to all the Grandes with regards to the contest. I have received only a few requests so far. Please contact them or the reps and have them get the information in. **I KNOW THAT EACH HOSPITAL HAS A NEEDS LIST** so there are no excuses. The information is on the website or perhaps you may want to resend out the flyer to all your contacts as a reminder. **Remember all entries must be in by 31 March 2019.**

As a reminder, the NAC meeting will be held 1-3 May 2019 in San Antonio, TX. If there are any issues you would like me to take with me, please send me the information.

As always should you require any assistance don't hesitate to contact me.

## Membership

February 28, 2019

Voiture Name	Voiture	2018 YTD Total	2019 YTD Total	2018 Year End Total	% of Quota	short/over
HEART OF AMERICA	3	38	41	43	95.35%	-2
SPIRIT OF ST. LOUIS	38	70	72	72	100.00%	0
JESSE JAMES	130	35	35	35	100.00%	0
HEART OF MISSOURI	292	35	33	35	94.29%	-2
STATE FAIR	333	121	107	129	82.95%	-22
GATEWAY	448	72	62	84	73.81%	-22
CENTRAL OZARK	460	55	50	57	87.72%	-7
KICKAPOO	760	29	28	36	77.78%	-8
MARK TWAIN	966	4	4	4	100.00%	0
CAPITOL	1292	50	52	63	82.54%	-11
MINERAL AREA	1321	63	64	69	92.75%	-5
NEUF COMPT	1379	40	38	42	90.48%	-4
HEART OF THE OZARKS	1395	13	2	13	15.38%	-11
ATCHISON NODAWAY HOLT Co.	1402	21	11	21	52.38%	-10
LAKE OF THE OZARK	1403	12	13	15	86.67%	-2
TWO RIVERS	1541	57	53	58	91.38%	-5
Missouri Total		715	665	776	85.70%	-111

## RENEW, REINSTATE, JOIN

Let's bring in those new members at the Grand Spring  
Wreck in March

**Please inform the Grand Conducteur how many PG's you  
are bring to the Spring Wreck from your Voiture.**