



Communiqué



La Société des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux

Grande Voiture du Missouri

March 2024 - Grand Chef de Gare John "MIKE" Scruby

L'Editeur Robert C. Emery



Greetings Voyagers
I hope everyone has been staying warm. It's been cold and snowy and icy in Kansas City the last 3 weeks. I've been shoveling snow and put-

ting down ice melt in the frigid cold. I'll be going to Wichita Kansas for the Twister wreck February 9th. - 11th. With my sidekick Frank Angelo and Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer Kevin Johnson. I hope to be home for the Super Bowl. April 5th.- 7th. Is our Spring Grand Cheminot and wreck at the Oasis Hotel and Convention Center in Springfield Missouri. If any Voitures have PG's

Please let the wrecking committee know.

March 7th.- 9th. Is Homecoming for Chef de Chemin de Fer Frank Campo in Springfield Illinois. Just a reminder this year marks 75 years since the Boxcar came to Missouri. There will be a celebration for the Boxcar at the Fairgrounds sometime this summer. The traveling Vietnam wall will be at the fairgrounds from September 18th.- 23th. This year the fair runs from August 10th.- 20th. Central States this year will be in Kerrville Texas April

18th.- 21st. this year I will be attending as vice president. Current membership is at 80.50% we need to keep working on getting new members and retaining old members. If you would like for me to visit your Voiture let me know.

John "Mike" Scruby
Grand Chef de Gare du Missouri
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Grande Spring Wreck Fundraiser

Grande Spring Wreck Fundraiser at the Spring Wreck will be a Corn Hole contest. Frank Angelo will be in charge. If a Voiture does not participate then there will be a \$50 fine. If a Voiture participates there is a \$50 participating fee. Bring your best game for a fun time. Send your Voitures fine money or your participating money to Grand Correspondant AJ Noonan.
AJ

Sous Correspondant notes:

ATTENTION all program directures. You will need to send an article about your program to be included in the Communiqué. If your Voiture will be holding an event please send me information so I can post it on the Grande Website and make a note of it in the Grande Communiqué.

PGs—Grande Spring Wreck

To all Voitures:

Voitures that have PG's participating in the Spring Wreck on 5-7 April 2024. Please send the names of PGs to the Grand Chef de Train (Ron Leverenz) and Grand Conducteur (Frank Angelo) along with gender for proper planning purposes. If any PGs have physical limitations - let them know also. If there are any questions - please contact them. Looking forward to a great Spring Wreck in April

Thanks

AJ Noonan

Grand Correspondant

Grande du Missouri

Request from the Grand Historien:

Felllow Voyagures,

The Grand Historan would appreciate your help. If you have any pictures of the Grand Chef de Gare visiting your functions to send him any pictures so he can include them in the Grand Chefs Year Book.

Grande Spring Wreck PG information

Grand Conducteur Frank Angelo would appreciate any information about any specific needs your PG may need for the WRECK. i.e. any help with movement walker, wheelchair, feet , also any size variations for clothing items for the imitation (tall, heavy, big feet) or any other restrictions beyond average sizing items. This will help make the WRECK a more enjoyable experience for the PG.

The 2024 TWISTER Wreck in Wichita, KS!

Exclusive 40/8 Room Rates of \$131 per night + taxes and fees at: The Drury Plaza Hotel Broadview 400 W Douglas Ave, Wichita, KS, 67202 Hotel rate includes breakfast and evening social with Hors D'oeuvres. \$50 Wreck registration fee covers your Friday night mixer, Saturday lunch and evening banquet. What a deal! (\$25 for guests only participating in the banquet.) Register online or contact Nick Weyers (nweyers@gmail.com) to reserve your spot! Let us know if you need some PG's WRECKED! Bonus! Come and meet your Chef de Chemin de Fer, Frank Camp

Defense Department Expands ID Card

Renewals by Mail to US-Based Retirees

, Dependents

- The USID card being renewed is active (not expired).

The card recipient has a photo in the [Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System](#) (DEERS) taken in the last 12 years.

- The card recipient has an email address saved in DEERS for communication.
- The card recipient has a physical address (not a post office box) saved in DEERS in the continental U.S., Alaska or Hawaii.

The Defense Manpower Data Center will create and mail the new card, emailing both the sponsor and cardholder when it has done so. An email will also be sent if the online renewal wasn't successful.

Once the card arrives, the sponsor must log back in to the ID Card Office Online website to acknowledge receiving it. Since military ID cards are considered government property, users are asked to return their old, replaced ID cards either by dropping them off at a local ID card office or by mailing them to:

DMDC- DSC
Attn: USID Card Returns
2102 E. 21st Street N.
Wichita, KS 67214

Beware the *ides of March*

Central States Promenade

2025 Committee

Attached is the list of committees we had at the last Central States that the Grand du Missouri hosted. Please look over the committees and let me know if you would like to be on a certain committee. Unfortunately, we have lost to many people that was on the committees in 2018. So, we are in need of some new volunteers to help conduct this promenade next year. Take this list to your Locale Promenade in March and find out if you have anyone that would like to help. We will be meeting on Friday night April 5, 2024, at the Spring Wreck and Grand Cheminot to assign committees and talk about Central States 2025. If it is alright with you Grand Chef Mike, I would like to have the Central States Meeting before the meeting on the 2025 officers, as I would like for any spouses and friends of the Grand to be present at our meeting. You or AJ can get back to me about that. As you can imagine this is a busy year for me also so any and all help is greatly appreciated,

Thanks,

v/r

Kevin Johnston kthomasj01@icloud.com

1. Housing -
2. Banquet –
3. Registration – .
4. Hospitality Room –
5. Voyageur's Luncheon –
6. Women's Luncheon –
7. BBQ –

8. Golf Tournament –
9. Fundraising –
10. Program Book –
11. President – John (Mike) Scruby
12. Secretary –
13. Finance Officer –
14. Central States Pins –
15. Pick up VIP's at airport –
16. Welcome Packets –
17. Salty Dog Party–
18. Pajama Party –

Americanism Reporting

This is a suitable time for everyone to review the Community Activities section of the Americanism Report.

Examples shown on the report include: Blood donor (organizing an event or actually donating), Community Services (maybe you have a bingo program to donate money to other nonprofits, even working at a food bank, homeless shelter), Get out the Vote, National Security, Political Action, Senior Citizens, Hunter Safety Programs, Poppy Sales, Special Olympics, Meetings/Promenades/Wrecks (we should be able to get 100% reporting if everyone at least reports their numbers for Meetings/Promenades/Wrecks (this is a good place to start and then expand to other areas of the report), Activities in other Fraternal Organizations.

As a quick reminder, March is also the 40&8 birthday, and is also reportable on the report

GRANDE VOITURE DU MISSOURI

GRANDE CHEMINOT and WRECK

April 5th thru April 7th, 2024

Oasis Hotel and Convention Center
546 North Glenstone Ave.
Springfield, Missouri 65803
417-866-5253

Room Rate \$109.00 (+TAX) per night
For Deluxe King or Deluxe Double

PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE
Handicapped Rooms Available

Mention 40&8 Honor Society for special rate when making reservation

Make Hotel reservations directly with Oasis Hotel and Convention Center by March 3rd, 2024

Friday, April 5th, 2024

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

Saturday, April 6th, 2024

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 Buffet: 1900
Hospitality Room: After Banquet – ??????

Sunday, April 7th, 2024

Grande Cheminot 0900 - NOON

Check Out

HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME

Deadline for registration for the banquet is March 29th, 2024, NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

To register for the Cheminot, make Check payable to Voiture 760

Send to:

**Ron Leverenz
425 Boonville Ave
Springfield Mo. 65806**

Last Name _____ First _____ Spouse/Guest _____

Title: _____ Voiture Number _____

Banquet \$35 per person X No. Guests _____ = _____

Registration Fee \$10.00 (Voyageurs Only) _____

Total \$ _____

Proper Protocol

Webster's describes Protocol as a code prescribing strict adherence to correct etiquette and precedence (as in diplomatic exchange and in military services).

Our Chef de Chemin de Fer and other National Officers have already begun their travels around the country. Therefore, many of you will be involved with protocol, as it applies to La Societe during the visits of your National guests.

While most Voyageurs are polite and knowledgeable about etiquette there have been examples of poor taste and lack of protocol during past visits of your National dignitaries.

While such errors in judgement can be the result of many things, they are more than likely the result of poor planning, a lack of communication or a lack of knowledge about the customs, habits, likes and dislikes of our Forty & Eight personalities.

Exercising "visitor courtesy" effectively requires that we be at least familiar with the basic aspects of protocol. We will therefore discuss some of them.

First and foremost is "communication." After your guest (s) has accepted your invitation (send to Voiture Nationale Headquarters), the chairperson should give all the details about the event, when requested. Be specific and complete in the information you send to the guest, and above all, avoid vague terms.

Do not describe attire as "informal." Use definite descriptions, such as: business casual (suit), gold coat-tuxedo shirt, black dinner jacket, evening gown, cocktail dress, etc. Over time, attire changes. If possible, tell the guest (s) what you and your lady will be wearing.

A complete description of the event (s) is imperative. Advise what normal weather situations may be. Make sure the guest (s) have telephone numbers and addresses of your local contacts. Lastly, confirm their travel plans, as you understand them, including flight numbers and arrival/departure times. Above all, do not assume anything!

Meeting your guest (s) properly and punctually is your next step. When meeting your guest (s) at the airport, you must guarantee immediate recognition as soon as they clear the security area (or the gate) if possible, not the baggage area, main lobby, or any place else.

If your guest (s) do not recognize your face, they will certainly know the chapeau, a large Forty & Eight emblem, or a sign. Nothing is more distressing or embarrassing to a traveler than to arrive for a function and find no one at the meeting place. Technology has afforded us the opportunity to keep track of flight status through the use of airline websites and APPS so there is no excuse for this. The plane was early/late, the weather was bad, the traffic was congested, etc.; these things can be determined ahead of time and changes and allowances made.

When possible, it is nice to have a colleague, or someone who has served with the guest (s) to meet him/her. Circumstances may preclude this, but in any event, try to have as knowledgeable a Voyageur as possible to function as a driver. While your guests will be comfortable with any Voyageur, someone who is familiar with details of the event and local 40/8 activities will add greatly to the enjoyment of the trip.

Do not forget that your guest (s) may have been traveling for hours before you met them and if the car trip is lengthy, be sure to include an adequate comfort stop on the route.

If your guest is driving to your city, he/she should be met at the hotel (motel). Be sure to be there waiting for them. You should plan to be at the hotel before their estimated time of arrival in case they should get there early. Registration and room assignment should be done before they arrive, and the room should be the best available. Always provide two keys. (if signatures are required, they can be obtained later).

The room should reflect comfort, hospitality, and your careful planning. A modest arrangement of flowers as a token of appreciation is certainly in order. Fruit and/or snacks, especially if your meal function is much later, may also be provided. Other suggestions include the local newspaper, copy of the program of events, etc.

As soon as possible after arrival, give your visitors a chance to rest. Let them determine the amount of time they require... to ignore them for several hours because nothing was planned would be rude. Set a definite time for someone to call for them, so they will be ready for scheduled events.

Next comes the main event itself and the challenge of seating arrangements at the head table. A primary rule of seating places the two most important persons (the chairperson and the principal guest) at the center of the dais, with the guest at the right of the chairperson.

If a podium is used it should be set between the two, with the rest of the seating delegated according to the importance of the assignment as well as the office held in the chain of authority. If there is insufficient room at the head table to honor everyone you wish, then a lower table or group of tables in front could solve the problem. Place cards should be used, and any tickets required should be provided for your guest (s) long before the server requests them.

Now you have everyone seated and you are ready for the meal. You may find it difficult to offer deluxe food service at your function, due to the prohibitive costs, and occasionally paper or plastic-ware is used... That's O.K., so long as whatever the menu, serve your guests the same food in the same manner as everyone else.

However, should your guest have dietary restrictions or a religious conviction which requires special diet, it is essential you provide for that situation. While it is the guest who has the responsibility to make such restrictions known, it is the welcome committee who has the responsibility to act on that information and provide special food ahead of time. Never wait until the program is underway to make such arrangements.

Now you are ready to introduce your guest, an honor that is often given to the highest-ranking member in attendance and not necessarily the chairperson or master of ceremonies. The reason for giving him/her this task is that it is a means of giving them an honor and involving him/her in the program.

Last, but not to be forgotten, is saying "Thanks." Thank you notes are simply good manners. Your guests will send you and your committee expressions of their appreciation, but they also deserve a message of thanks from you. Be sure to include in your correspondence any photos that

Forty and Eight functions usually include some type of fundraising activity as a raffle and or fines. While the head table is considered fair game, you should not approach your special guest directly. If they desire to participate, they will make this fact known.

When it comes time to show your appreciation to your guests, remember that the very best way is to simply thank him/her. Many Voitures give a gift and when this is done, the emphasis should be more as a memento or token of appreciation, rather than an item of major monetary value. If your guest is flying, you should avoid bulky items that could make travel difficult or offer to ship it home for him/her at no cost to the guest.

If possible, some local sightseeing should be planned. After all, the visit may be the only time your guest will be in your area of the country. What may be an everyday attraction for you may well be a "once in a lifetime" opportunity for your visitors. The guest's spouse may have even more time to take in the sights but give them both an opportunity to express their wishes.

Never wait until the event is over before informing your guests of your departure plans for them, and do not embarrass your guests by obtaining transportation or discussing your arrangements in their presence. Inform them when they should be ready, and do not plan on too tight a schedule. Always assume there will be heavy traffic.

Checking out of the hotel should be accomplished without incident. Forty and Eight policy dictates that the host is responsible for accommodations for the guests at official functions, but if everyone involved, including the hotel is not aware of this, there could be problems at check-out time.

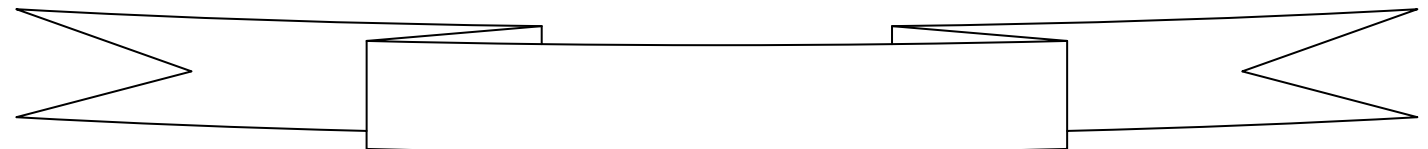
No matter how heavy the traffic, or how difficult the parking is, it is rude to drop your guests at the airport and drive on. You should arrange to have a small delegation stay with them until departure time or until it is time to proceed to the gate.

This period before departure could also be used to go over the event, and it is an opportunity for the guests to get names and addresses of those they may want to thank by note. It could also be an opportunity for a light breakfast or snack. Whatever you do, remember that your goodbye should be just as gracious as your welcome.

Also remember that the courtesy shown to your principal guest should also be given to your other visitors. Whether they play an active role in your event or simply grace your tables with their presence, they deserve the respect of their position and an appreciation of their interest in your event.

This communication is the last stop in the process of protocol and being nice. It is the proper conclusion to your event and ties a ribbon on the whole package.

REMEMBER, PROPER PROTOCOL WILL MAKE YOUR EVENT MORE MEMORABLE FOR BOTH YOU AND YOUR GUEST AND REFLECTS ON LA SOCIETE AS A WHOLE.





**ATHLETE
LEADERSHIP**





COME JOIN US
APRIL 12-14
FOR A FUN
WEEKEND
WITH EXCITING
OPPORTUNITIES

What is ALPs University?
Special Olympics Missouri's Athlete Leadership Programs (ALPs) provide an opportunity for all of our athletes to pursue higher education. There are a variety of majors athletes can choose to study to further their education. ALPs University is truly a program for EVERYONE, regardless of their learning style or prior education.

ALPs teaches our athletes how to apply their same passion and ability to learn in sports to the classroom. Our athlete leaders are empowered and challenged through our ALPs University program offerings. Throughout Special Olympics Missouri, athlete leaders take on impactful roles and responsibilities from many different ALPs initiatives, as well as in the workforce.





Grande du Indiana & Grande du Ohio invites you to attend the

105th Promenade & 61st Rendezvous Nationale

Sandusky, OH

September 17-21, 2024

Come Enjoy some Indiana/Ohio Hospitality

Date form completed _____



PLEASE SUBMIT SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH REGISTRANT

Last Name _____ First _____ MI _____

Address _____

City /State/Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Payment by Check? (Enter Check Number): _____

Payment by Credit Card? (Check one below)

VISA ☐ Master Card ☐ Discover ☐

Card Number: _____ - _____ - _____

Card Exp Date: Month _____ Year _____ CVV _____

BILLING ADDRESS AND ZIP CODE FOR CREDIT CARD REQUIRED

BILLING ADDRESS _____

BILLING ZIP _____

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
# _____	Voyageur's Registration @ \$30.00 (NON REFUNDABLE)	\$ _____
# _____	Voyageur's Late Reg. Fee (AFTER 6/1/24) @ \$35.00	\$ _____
	Grande Voiture: _____ Voiture Locale: _____	
# _____	Dame's Registration @ \$25.00	\$ _____
	Grande Cabane: _____ Cabane Locale: _____	
# _____	La President Luncheon (9/19/24) @ \$35.00	\$ _____
# _____	Early Bird (9/17/24) Tickets @ \$30.00	\$ _____
# _____	Banquet (9/20/24) Tickets @ \$45.00 each	\$ _____
	Select one meal for each person:	
	Pan Seared Bone in Chicken _____	
	Lemon Garlic Baked Salmon _____	

REGISTRATION AND RESERVATIONS

NOTE: ALL VOYAGEURS & DAMES MUST REGISTER WITH THE PROMENADE NATIONALE CORPORATION. Complete this form as applicable and either provide your credit card information or make your check payable to **"105TH Promenade Nationale Corp."** Then mail form and payment to;

Voiture Nationale
250 East 38th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46205
Or Email to ttaylor@fortyandeight.org

RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY AUGUST 1, 2024
Registrations you may send in until the end of August 2024

NOTE: REGISTRATION FEES ARE NON REFUNDABLE

Additional forms are on line at www.fortyandeight.org

**HANDICAP ROOMS ARE LIMITED: PLEASE CONSIDER THIS
WHEN MAKING YOUR REQUEST. HANDICAP ROOMS ARE
ASSIGNED ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS**

THE KALAHARI RESORT IS FOR BOTH VOYAGEURS & DAMES

ALL VOYAGEURS & DAMES WILL BE EXPECTED TO MAKE THEIR RESERVATION WITH THE RESORT DIRECTLY THERE IS A LINK ON OUR WEBSITE OR YOU CAN CALL 1-419-433-7200 GIVE THEM **CODE ID 37072 MAKE SURE TO LET THEM KNOW YOU ARE THERE FOR THE 105th 40/8 PROMENADE**

NOTE: Rates ONLY available through Promenade Nationale Corporation



Membership Grande Voiture du Missouri

29-Feb-24

	Voiture	2023 Year End	2024 To-date	2024 Quota	Sh/Ov Quota	% of Quota
HEART OF AMERICA	3	34	33	34	-1	97.06%
SPIRIT OF ST. LOUIS	38	53	49	53	-4	92.45%
JESSE JAMES	130	37	33	39	-6	84.62%
HEART OF MISSOURI	292	30	27	30	-3	90.00%
STATE FAIR	333	96	102	104	-2	98.08%
GATEWAY	448	41	42	67	-25	62.69%
CENTRAL OZARK	460	43	48	59	-11	81.36%
KICKAPOO	760	21	10	29	-19	34.48%
MARK TWAIN	966	2	2	2	0	100.00%
CAPITAL	1292	68	69	73	-4	94.52%
MINERAL AREA	1321	67	49	74	-25	66.22%
Neuf Comtés	1379	33	35	37	-2	94.59%
ATCHISON NODAWAY HOLT Counties	1402	8	11	18	-7	61.11%
LAKE OF THE OZARK	1403	9	4	9	-5	44.44%
TWO RIVERS	1541	54	46	54	-8	85.19%
Missouri Total		596	560	682	-122	82.11%

