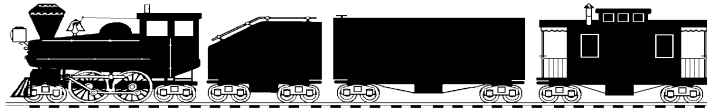


Communiqué
La Société des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux
Grande Voiture du Missouri



May 2016 - Grand Chef de Gare David Bexten

- L'Editeur Grant Willis

The Grand Chef Sez

Fellow Voyageurs,

Another month has flown by. Just a couple months left until the Grande Promenade at Ramada Oasis and Convention Center in Springfield. MO. July 1, 2 and 3rd.

Membership for the Grande is at 91.4% with 8 Voiture's at 100% or better, V-130 at 100%, V448 at 101%, V460 at 106%, V966 at 100%, V1321 at 100%, V1395 at 100%, V1402 at 131%, V1541 at 107.5%, Great Job!! Voiture's that need to work on membership are V3 -6, V38 -14, V292 -4, V333 -36, V760 -12, V1292 -8, V1379 -6, V1403 -2. Folks lets get on the phone, visit or whatever it takes to try and get to 100%. I'm confident with a little effort we can get to 100% for the Grand.

On Friday, April 8th Patty and I headed to Green Bay Wisconsin for the Chef de Chemin de Fer Homecoming. We were welcomed to Green Bay by a snow blizzard. Saturday morning it was 19 degrees and blowing wind. We had a great time and met some new friends. Reminder to all Voiture's, it's that time of year when your yearly reports are due. Please read instructions and make out all reports. Even if you have no report you still need to fill out forms saying no report and send to appropriate director.

Memorial Day is coming up and will soon be here. Have a safe holiday. As always if

you have any questions or concerns you can always contact me at 573-690-4705 or davidhbexten@gmail.com.

God Bless our troops and the United States of America.

Yours in Service

Dave Bexten

Grand Chef de Gare de Missouri

**Sous Grand
Correspondants Notes**

Articles for the Newsletter are due at the end of each month.

If you have anyone that would like to receive this communiqué electronically please provide their email address to: willis.grant@sbcglobal.net.

This is a reminder that you need to get your registration turned in for the Grande Promenade and Cheminot for July 1 through 3.

Some upcoming events for different Locales:

May 21, 2016 Voiture Locale 333 has a

Dinner and Auction to save our box car.

June 4, 2016 Voiture Locale 448 will be having a BBQ at Cabela's at the St Louis Outlet mall.

July 1st through the 3rd will be the Grand Promenade in Springfield Missouri.

August 20th will be the Auto Show sponsored by Voiture 1541 to be held out at Purina Farms.

August 20 will be Voiture Locale 1379 ChickNic

August 27th will be a trivia night sponsored by Voiture 38

There will be more about these events as they get closer along with some that are not mentioned here.

Youth Sports

Attached is the Newsletter article of April 9, 2016 "Special Olympics [North] area Track & Field Games/Evens.

Notice the National Guard's man/Guard women too awarding the medals to the Special Olympics athletes.



JANET PETERS, RIGHT - Was one of the Shining Stars who competed in the North Area Track & Field Games on April 9, 2016, in Savannah, MO. (Photo By Ann Roberts)

Shining Stars compete in North Area Track & Field Games

Over 200 athletes from Atchison, Nodaway, Buchanan, Andrew, and Holt counties participated in the Special Olympics North Area Track & Field Games on Saturday, April 9, 2016, at Savannah Middle School. Shining Stars who participated and their results follow:

Scott Sachs - 100 Meter Run, Gold; Softball Throw, Silver; and Standing Long Jump, Gold.

Bridgett Stoner - 100 Meter Run, Gold; Softball Throw, Gold; and Standing Long Jump, Gold.

Cody Miller - 50 Meter Run, Gold; and Softball Throw, Gold.

Janet Peters - 100 Meter Walk, Bronze; and Softball Throw, Gold.

Jordina Mattice - 50 Meter Run, Gold; Softball Throw,

Gold; and Standing Long Jump, Gold.

James Clark - Softball Throw, Gold; and Standing Long Jump, Gold.

Candice Campbell - 50 Meter Walk, Gold; Softball Throw, Silver; and Standing Long Jump, Silver.

Locals who helped make the event such a success included: Head Coach Ann Roberts, Assistant Coach Linda Kay Payton, and volunteers Laura Gibbons and Ruth Campbell.

As of right now, the Shining Stars cannot go to the State Games this May because the group does not have a male coach/volunteer to chaperone the male athletes. If there is a male volunteer out there in the community who can help, please call Ann Roberts at 660-744-2625.

MAVO

There are now just two weeks left in this years legislative session. Several of our bills have had action on them this past week and are approaching final passage. Probably the most significant is SCS SB 814 which has passed both chambers and has gone to Conference Committee for final resolution. This bill would exempt active duty military pay for those Missouri residents stationed in Missouri. They already receive this exemption if stationed outside of Missouri.

HCS HJR 54 continues to be held up in the Senate Government Accountability and Fiscal Oversight committee chaired by Sen. Mike Cunningham. This bill would allow the voters of Missouri to vote on a constitutional amendment authorizing \$50 million dollars in bonds for veterans homes.

Rich Heigert
MAVO Legislative Committee Chairman

GRANDE VOITURE DU MISSOURI



GRANDE CHEMINOT and PROMENADE



JULY 1st, 2nd and 3rd, 2016
Ramada Plaza Hotel & Oasis Convention Center
2546 North Glenstone Ave
Springfield, MO 65803
417.866.5253
888.532.4338

Room Rate: \$82.00 (+Tax) per night
For Deluxe King or Deluxe Double
Room Rate includes

PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE

Handicapped Rooms Available

Make your reservations directly with Ramada Plaza by June 3rd
Mention 40 & 8 Honor Society for special rate when making reservations

Friday

Registration 1500 until 1800
Hospitality Room 1500 until ????

Saturday

Registration 0900 until 1200
LUNCH 1130 - 1300
1300 - ???? Grande Cheminot
Grande Chef de Gare Passe' Social Hour 1700 -1800
Social Hour 1800 – Cash Bar
Banquet 1900 Hospitality Room: After Banquet until ????

Sunday

Grande Promenade 0900 - 1200
Check Out
HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME

Deadline to register for the banquet is 21 June, 2016 NO EXCEPTIONS

Make your check payable to Voiture 292 for registration.

Send to: TD Berkley
2545 County Rd 289
Columbia, MO 65202

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Spouse/Guest _____

Title: _____ Voiture Number: _____

Banquet \$25.00/Person x Number Guests _____ \$ _____

Registration Fee \$5.00 (Voyageurs Only) _____ \$ _____

Meal Selection: Chicken or Beef _____ Total \$ _____

Voyageur: Garlic Chicken or Mesquite Pork Loin (circle one)

Guest: Garlic Chicken or Mesquite Pork Loin (circle one)



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Grande Voiture du Missouri

OFFICIAL CALL

**TO: ALL GRAND CHEMINOTS
ALL GRAND OFFICERS
ALL GRAND CHEFS de GARE PASSE
ALL VOITURE'S CHEFS de GARE & CORRESPONDANTS
ALL VOYAGEURS OF GRANDE VOITURE du MISSOURI**

This is the OFFICIAL CALL for the Grande Promenade and Cheminot to be held July 1st to July 3rd, 2016 at the Ramada Plaza Hotel & Oasis Convention Center, 2546 North Glenstone Avenue, Springfield, MO 65803, phone (417) 866-5253, or (888) 532-4338.

There will not be an Executive Board Meeting. If one is needed, it will be posted in the Hospitality Room. The Grande Promenade Committee Meetings will be held on Saturday morning and the time and place will be posted in the Hospitality Room.

The Grande Cheminot will be held on Saturday, July 2nd, 2016 at 1:00 PM at the Ramada Plaza Hotel & Oasis Convention Center. The Grand Chef de Gare, David Bexten, urges all Grand Directeurs that are giving out awards to the Locales to do it during the Cheminot on Saturday. It could save you a fine.

The Grande Promenade will be held on Sunday morning, July 3rd, 2016 starting at 9:00 AM sharp. Chairmen of the Grande Promenade Committees, Audit, Credentials, Constitution, Nominations, and Resolutions, will give their reports at this time along with the election of new Officers, Delegates and Alternates for the 97th Promenade Nationale in September 13th-17th, 2016 in Perrysburg, Ohio.

ALL GRAND OFFICERS AND GRAND CHEMINOTS ARE EXPECTED TO GIVE A REPORT OF THEIR ACTIVITIES AND SUBMIT A COPY IN WRITING TO THE GRAND CORRESPONDANT.

All Voyageurs are to be in proper attire. The following Officers are expected to be in coat, tie, shirt, long pants, socks and shoes: Grand Chef de Gare, Grand Chef de Train, Grand Commissaire Intendant, Grand Correspondant, Grand Garde de la Porte, Grand Lampiste, Grand Conducteur, Sous Grand Conducteurs, and Grand Aumonier.

Terry L. Lanning
Grand Correspondant

David Bexten
Grand Chef de Gare



Voiture Locale 38

La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux
BBQ Schedule



Saturday, May 21, 2016

Lindner's Pub

2925 Mount Pleasant St. Louis, Mo. 63111
(NE Corner of Mount Pleasant and Pennsylvania)



Pork Steak Dinners
Chicken Dinners
Bratwurst Dinners
Bratwurst Sandwiches
(Each dinner comes with
Potato Salad and Cole Slaw)
11 AM to 4 PM
(or until we sell out)
Carry-Outs are always available

(314) 351-0425



Summer Barbecues of Voiture Locale No. 38
(United States Armed Forces Veterans)

"Your patronage supports our work in many Community Outreach Programs"

Membership May 5, 2016

Grande du MISSOURI

Voiture	2015	2016	2015	% of Quota	short/over	Goal	% of Goal	Short/over Goal
	YTD Total	YTD Total	Year End Total					
3	46	41	47	87.23%	-6	50	82.00%	-9
38	95	83	97	85.57%	-14	102	81.37%	-19
130	22	30	30	100.00%	0	32	93.75%	-2
292	44	40	44	90.91%	-4	47	85.11%	-7
333	185	165	190	86.84%	-25	200	82.50%	-35
447	2	0	2	0.00%	-2	3	0.00%	-3
448	88	96	95	101.05%	1	100	96.00%	-4
460	64	69	65	106.15%	4	69	100.00%	0
520	10	0	10	0.00%	-10	11	0.00%	-11
760	61	52	64	81.25%	-12	68	76.47%	-16
966	4	4	4	100.00%	0	5	80.00%	-1
1292	75	67	75	89.33%	-8	79	84.81%	-12
1321	62	66	66	100.00%	0	70	94.29%	-4
1379	55	51	55	92.73%	-4	58	87.93%	-7
1395	15	15	15	100.00%	0	16	93.75%	-1
1402	16	21	16	131.25%	5	17	123.53%	4
1403	22	22	24	91.67%	-2	26	84.62%	-4
1541	80	86	80	107.50%	6	84	102.38%	2
TOTALS	946	908	979	92.75%	-71	1037	87.56%	-129