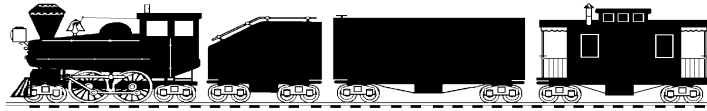


Communiqué
La Société des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux
Grande Voiture du Missouri



May 2017 - Grand Chef de Gare Chip Berkley

- L'Éditeur Grant Willis

The Grand Chef Sez

Fellow Voyageurs,

Here we are with only a couple of months to go before we start the new year for 40/8. We are still behind in membership for the year. Please try to get your numbers in if you are holding any of the renewals.

Several of us have just returned or are trying to return from the State of Texas. We attended the 2017 Central States Promenade in Austin. The flood waters closed several routes normally traveled in Missouri for our Voitures. To the best of my knowledge most of the Voitures have returned safely.

The Salty Dog party was a success. Janice and Jim did a fine job running it. The Grande du Missouri received the traveling membership trophy. It will be brought to the Grande Promenade and Cheminot to be passed on to Mr. Voyles should you see fit to elect him as Grande Chef de Gare. We had 13 Voitures that made the trip, the most of any Grands attending, not counting the host Grand du Texas. I was elected President of Central States for 2018 and given the flags and banner to bring back to Missouri. The flags and I both arrived safely at my home on Sunday evening.

Lora and I will be travelling to Kansas City for Truman Days and I still have a couple of Locales to visit. I would like to thank all of you for your continued

support. It is hard to believe the year is almost over. It is going so fast. If there is anything I can do for you, your Locale or the Grande, please give me a call.

Yours in Service,

Grand Chef de Gare



TD "Chip" Berkley

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**Sous Grand
Correspondants Notes**

If you have anyone that would like to receive this communicate electronically please provide their email address to:

willis.grant@sbcglobal.net.

REPORTS

Reports are due to the Grand Directeur's no later than June 15, 2017. So, you Locale Directeur's need to start putting your reports together and getting them in the mail prior to June 15th.

MEMBERSHIP

Well here we are in May and the membership numbers not looking good for this time of the year. We are presently sitting at 90.65% leaving us 87 members short of 100%. Membership is the life blood of any organization and depends on its membership not only for money from dues but for man-hours to help run our programs at the Locale and Grand levels. If we asked someone to join and then left the hanging their with no job, then that is our fault and it is also the biggest reason why they do not come back. If you ask someone to join this great organization, then you also need to become their mentor and help them along, which in turn will give you a person that will become active in your Locale and maybe even the Grand or Nationale.

FROM THE GRANDE DIRECTUER CHILD WELFARE

Chef De Gares and Locale Child Welfare Directeur's I just want to remind everyone to forward your Locale Child welfare report to Grande Directeur Ben Sargent by the first week in June for consolidation. Let's get these reports in and get credit for all the hard work Grande Du Missouri does for this program. Email to msgsgt2@yahoo.com .

Thanks for all you do.

FROM CENTRAL OZARKS VOITURE LOCALE 460 GUN RAFFLE

Central Ozarks Voiture 460 is raffling a 30-30 lever action rifle to support our Locale Programs. Now, Many of you may say "Great, another gun raffle" Folks this isn't a cheap off the shelf everyday rifle this is a Classic Henry Repeating Arms lever action 30-30 with brass in-lays and an octagon

barrel. This is a beautiful rifle 100% made in the USA and well worth taking the chance to win. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20 Contact Chef Ben Sargent at msgsg2@yahoo.com or any Central Ozarks Voyageur for tickets. These will also be available at the summer Promenade Springfield. Drawing will be held 4 July, 2017 at the American Legion Post 331. You need not be present to win.

Hope to hear from you



SPRING GRAND CHEMINOT, APRIL 2, 2017
RAMADA PLAZA HOTEL, SPRINGFIELD, Missouri

With a rap of the gavel, Grand Chef de Gare Chip Berkley, opened the Spring Grand Cheminot at 9:00 AM with a salute to the Flag, the Pledge of Allegiance, and a much needed prayer by Grand Aumonier John Kopp.

Roll call of officers showed some were there. Roll call of Grand Chefs de Gare Passé showed that ten answered. Roll call of Grand Cheminot showed that we had a quorum. Voyageurs don't know how to answer roll call and many paid fines for it. Absent was Voiture's 760, 966, 1395, and 1402.

Grand Chef de Gare Berkley recognized Alternate DEC Tom Goodin and Correspondant National Patrick Mobley.

Grand Avocat Rich Heigert said we will follow the Rules of Procedure.

Notion offered by Art Wilson, seconded by Ralph Turner, that the Fall Grand Cheminot minutes are accepted as printed and sent out...passed.

Grand Correspondant Terry Lanning stated he received resolution from David Voyles for Grand Chef, Calvin Bumgarner for Grand Chef de Train, Janice Hartley for Grand Commissaire Intendant, Terry Lanning for Grand Correspondant and Terry Lanning for Commissaire Intendant National. Terry also stated he received flyer for Kenneth Lafleur for Chef de Chemin de Fer for 2017-2018. He also received notice from Terry Davis stating he was resigning from the position of Grand Drapeau East after the Spring Cheminot.

Grand Commissaire Intendant, Calvin Bumgarner, stated the finance report was passed out and discussed. Notion offered by Kevin Johnson, second by Art Wilson, to accept the Finance report subject to audit...passed.

Grand Chef de Train David Voyles said we are at 87% and called on the Sous Chef de Trains to report on their Voiture's, to which A. J. Noonan, Mike Brueckmann, Mike Scruby, and Terry McDonald did. The Grand has a total membership of 826. This is 55 members less than at this time last year. Voiture's 3, 130, 966, 1321 and 1395 are at or over 100%, good job. Everyone needs to give a big push to get the rest of the unpaid in. Some of the highlights of the Grand Cheminot reports are: Voiture 3 is at 100% and has 14 Nurses in Training; Voiture 38 their loco was at the Veterans Day Parade in St. Louis and Florissant, 300 Patch Center kids at their xmas party; Voiture 130 sells towels and trash bags to raise money for their nurses in training, they have paid since 1989 \$214,000 for nurses in training; Voiture 292 made donations for VA and Hospitals, Boys State, Girls State, and helped members in need; Voiture 333 reached their fundraising goal of \$20,000 for the Boxcar restoration, bought \$1,200 trophies, medals and plaques for Jr. ROTC, had Veterans Day activities in Sedalia and a parade, in December had children from a Youth Home at Promenade, planning Memorial Day activities with a picnic and 2 lunch fundraisers, maintains 60 flags in downtown Sedalia, presented 1000 flags to First Graders; Voiture 448 will have a BBQ on June 3, 2017 at Cabela's, had a xmas party at Marygrove, and will have a Easter Party on 4/9/2017, are meeting at the Elks in Manchester, and will have their installation on 7/29/17 at Post 397; Voiture 460 spent \$400 for child welfare, have 6 nurses in training; Voiture 760 1 nurse in training, spent \$1300 for a Woman's Shelter, \$1900 for Ozark Food Harvest, they have stopped their bingo's; Voiture 1292 will have a fundraiser BBQ, had a kids xmas party, have 4 nurses in training, they have new vests, on June 2, 2017 will be the 1st annual Dr. Tamara Hopkins Golf Tourney; Voiture 1321 are over 100% in membership, have 4 nurses in training, 1 boy in Boys State, cooker is out one weekend each month at Buchheits from March 25th until October; Voiture 1379 will have their ChickNick on 8/19/17; Voiture 1403 has 2 nurses in

training, will be selling ribs; Voiture 1541 will have their Car Show on 8/19/17, had their Night at the Races it went very good, have 2 new PG's, sponsored a baseball team for \$540.

Grand Historien Hallie Williams said to send him pictures of the Grand Chef.

Grand Avocat Richard Heigert said he has approved new constitutions for the Grand, 448, 460, 1321, 1292 is working on and recently received 1379 and 333's.

Grand Directeur Child Welfare Benjamin Sargent said he needs everyone to start thinking about their reports which are due by June 15, 2017.

Grand Directeur Nurses Training Jim Hartley could not be here but sent his report in. Nurses Training throughout the state seems to be going good. He has had a lot of calls about pins, scholarships and questions about programs and what they are planning.

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Grand Aumonier John Kopp said for everyone to remember that Palm Sunday and Easter are coming up. He needs a list of the Voiture deceased for the Grand Promenade.

Grand Publiciste Bob Emery said to send items to him to put on the web. He has our web page on a new server.

Conducteur Tom Goodin wanted to recognize the three new Voyageurs that we wrecked yesterday.

Grand Directeur Americanism Bob Emery said he needs everyone to start thinking about their reports which are due by June 15, 2017.

Grand Directeur Box Car Janice Hartley said she sent out pins and cards to those that requested them. All pins and cards have either been paid for or returned to her.

Grand Directeur POW/MIA Frank Angelo said he needs everyone to start thinking about their reports which are due by June 15, 2017.

Grand Directeur Ritual Kevin Johnson said he needs everyone to start thinking about their reports which are due by June 15, 2017. He also said to not forget about the Calvin Kane memorial service.

Grand Directeur Special Awards Richard Pack did not get any applications.

Grand VAVS Chairman Rose Noonan said she needs everyone to start thinking about their reports which are due by June 15, 2017.

Grand Directeur Youth Sports Ann Roberts said she needs everyone to start thinking about their reports which are due by June 15, 2017. Notion to donate \$50 to National Youth Sports and \$50 to the Special Olympics Training for Life, notion passed.

Grand Sous Correspondant, Grant Willis said the Grand Chef and any other articles are due to him by the end of the month. If anyone else has anything to put in the Grande Newsletter then send it to him. He only has 2 more newsletters to go out and he needs the Directeur of Ritual article.

Time and Place Committee Chairman Art Wilson said the Grand Promenade will be here starting on June 30, 2017 and for this year all Grande functions will be held at the Ramada Plaza in Springfield. He is also discussing with the hotel to have our functions here in 2018.

Distinguished Voyageur Award Chairman Grant Willis said he did not get any nominations. There should be some worthy candidates to nominate.

Distinguished Guest Committee Richard Heigert recognized Correspondant National Patrick Mobley, to which he said a few words of thanks for the invite and he enjoyed himself. We need to replace our deaths and a few more to turn our membership around.

Central States Committee-Art Wilson stated we will be here in May 2018. Richard Heigert offered a notion for the Grande to advance Central States Promenade 2018 \$600 seconded by John Kopp and passed.

Old Business – none

New Business – Chef de Gare Berkley made the following appointments for the Grand Promenade committee chairmen: Nominations Kevin Johnson, Resolutions Art Wilson, Credentials David Voyles, Constitution Bob Phillips, and Audit Rich Heigert with committeemen Terry McDonald and Janice Hartley. And he appointed Larry Alderson to fill the Grand Drapeau East spot. Notion to accept appointments by Kerry Boardman and seconded by Art Wilson... passed.

Richard Heigert said he has applications for National Past Chef de Gare Club; it is only \$15 to join.

Kevin Johnson offered a notion to earmark the PG's collection for Nurses Training, passed.

Grand Chef de Gare Berkley closed the Spring Grand Cheminot in the proper manner at 10:30 AM.

Submitted by,

Terry L. Lanning

Grand Correspondant

We Are Having A ChicNic

WHERE:
Wallace State Park
Cameron, MO
I-35 to exit 48
Follow the green information
Signs

WHEN:
August 19th, 2017 at 1:00 P.M.
At the
Enclosed Shelter



Hosted by:
40et8 Nuef Comtes Voiture 1379
A Non-Profit Fun and Honor Society
of Veterans

Donation: \$10 Adults
\$ 5 Children 13 and under
Door Prizes and a Raffle
Proceeds Go Towards Nurses Training



**La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux
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 June 30th to July 2nd, 2017 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 1st, 2017 at 1:00 PM at the Ramada Plaza Hotel & Oasis Convention Center. The Grand Chef de Gare, Chip Berkley, 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 2nd, 2017 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 98th Promenade Nationale in September 13th-16th, 2017 in Bossier City, Louisiana.

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

Chip Berkley
Grand Chef de Gare



GRANDE CHEMINOT AND PROMENADE



June 30th to July 1st, 2017

Ramada Plaza Hotel Oasis Convention Center

2546 North Glenstone Ave.

Springfield, Missouri 65803

417-866-5253

888-532-4338

Room Rate \$84.00 (+TAX) per night

For Deluxe King or Deluxe Double

PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE

Handicapped Rooms Available

Make your reservations directly with Ramada Plaza by June 2nd, 2017

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

Friday

Registration 3 P.M. to 6 P.M. in the Sahara Room

Hospitality Room 3 P.M. until ??? in the Sahara Room

Saturday

Registration 9 A.M. to 12 P.M. in the Sahara Room

Committee Meetings 9 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.

Lunch 11:30 A.M. to 1 P.M. in the Sahara Room

Grande Cheminot 1 P.M. to 4 P.M. in the Coco Ballroom

Grand Chef de Gare Passé Social Hour 5 P.M. to 6 P.M. in the Arabian Room

Social Hour 6 P.M. to 7 P.M. – Cash Bar/Banquet 7 P.M.

Hospitality Room opens after Banquet

Sunday

Grande Promenade 9 A.M. to 12 P.M. in Coco Ballroom

HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME

Deadline to register for the banquet is June 15, 2017

Make your check payable to Voiture 130 for registration

Send to: David Voyles

P.O. BOX 36

Amazonia, MO 64421

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Spouse/Guest _____

Title _____ Voiture Number _____

Banquet Buffett \$30.00/Person x Number of Guest _____ \$ _____

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

Total \$ _____

MEMBERSHIP
April 27, 2017

Grande du MISSOURI

Voiture	2016	2017	2016	% of	short/over	Goal	% of	Short/over
	YTD	YTD	Year					
	Total	Total	End	Quota				Goal
3	41	44	42	104.76%	2	45	97.78%	-1
38	83	83	88	94.32%	-5	93	89.25%	-10
130	30	34	30	113.33%	4	32	106.25%	2
292	40	38	40	95.00%	-2	42	90.48%	-4
333	154	151	166	90.96%	-15	175	86.29%	-24
448	96	84	96	87.50%	-12	101	83.17%	-17
460	69	63	69	91.30%	-6	73	86.30%	-10
760	52	39	56	69.64%	-17	59	66.10%	-20
966	4	4	4	100.00%	0	5	80.00%	-1
1292	67	69	73	94.52%	-4	77	89.61%	-8
1321	66	67	66	101.52%	1	70	95.71%	-3
1379	49	45	55	81.82%	-10	58	77.59%	-13
1395	15	15	15	100.00%	0	16	93.75%	-1
1402	21	21	22	95.45%	-1	24	87.50%	-3
1403	22	17	22	77.27%	-5	24	70.83%	-7
1541	86	69	86	80.23%	-17	91	75.82%	-22
TOTALS	895	843	930	90.65%	-87	985	85.58%	-142