



# Communiqué

## La Société des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux

### Grande Voiture du Missouri



May 2020 - Grand Chef de Gare Janice Hartley L'Editeur Robert C. Emery



Voyagers and Partners, I hope everyone is staying safe.

We are now at the close of April

2020 and still on "Stay at Home" status.

It is still up in the air if we will have a Grand function in June. We have to wait and see how the state progresses in returning to "normal".

Now to touch on a sensitive subject: MEMBERSHIP.

We are still 60 short of the goal of 100%. We need to get those renewals in and start asking veterans that we know to join us. If each of us just brings in one new member, we'll surpass our 100% goal. I know you can't get out, but there's always the telephone, call you fellow voyagers, your veteran buddies ask them to renew or join with you.

I need to address National Box Car Association. Missouri owes \$40 for 40 associate cards. Whichever Locale got these on consignment, you need to either pay for them or return them to Ernie Parker our Grand Box Car Directeur ASAP. Otherwise if Nationale has our annual convention, we will not be able to vote on the floor.

I hope to be able to visit some more voitures if and when this quarantine is finally lifted. If you want me

to visit just let me know when and where. Don't forget time.

God bless you; your family and God bless America. Pray for all our servicemen and women, nurses, doctors, first responders, and all the essential people that are trying their best to keep us safe.

Janice Hartley  
Grand Chef de Gare  
Grande du Missouri

#### Annual Reports

Just a reminder to everyone all the Grand Directeurs still need the locale reports by the original deadline date we still need to send our reports to Nationale. I have not received any at this time.

Thanks Kevin Johnson

## **Grande Promenade for June 19-21, 2020 Canceled**

Due to the current state and extended impact of the COVID 19 Pandemic the Grand Chef de Gare Janice Hartley asked Grand Executive Committee and Grand Cheminot to vote on if the Grande should cancel the Grande Promenade on June 19-21, 2020 at the Oasis Hotel, Springfield Missouri. That vote was to cancel the Grande Promenade.

The Grand Executive Committee and Grand Cheminot were also asked if the current Grande Officers be retained for another year or have a Grande Promenade in August 2020.

The vote was to cancel the Grande Promenade for June 19-21, 2020 at the Oasis Hotel, Springfield Missouri and to have a Grande Promenade in August.

The Grande Promenade is set for Saturday August 29, 2020 at noon at American Legion Post 331, 484 St. Robert Outer Road, St. Robert, Mo 65584. There will not be a Grande Cheminot just a Grande Promenade. We will conduct the necessary business such as election of Officers and Delegates, Directeur's reports and the like. It is estimated it will last 2 to 3 hours. There will not be a banquet or any committee meetings.

Depending on the health situation at the time there will be health safety precautions in place at the August 29th Grande Promenade.

Hope to see you on August 29th at noon.

**Terry Lanning**

**Grand Correspondant**

## **Central States Promenade**

### **Hotel Contact information change**

Greetings fellow Voyageurs. As of now the CSP 2020 Executive Committee is still planning on having Central States Promenade 2020 May 21-24th. However, the hotel's phone number has changed.

Please do not call the (319) 668-1175 number. According to one of the hotel desk clerks, that number is no longer in service.

The number is now 1-(888)-409-1099. Please use that number.

As of now, the hotel website <http://www.ramadawasserbahn.com> still lists the -1175 number. Hopefully the hotel will change the website information soon.

Yours in 40 & 8 service,

David Schick, PGC

Grand Correspondant du Iowa

## The Coronavirus is causing a lot of problem for everyone.

The National Legion and Department of Missouri have cancelled their Conventions and both have retrained their current Officers for another year.

Hallie Williams, the current Department of Missouri Commander, will now be the Commander for next year. Hallie Williams had a resolution to run for the Grand Commissaire Intendant. Since he will now be the Department Commander for next year then he is pulling back that resolution. The Department Commander requires a lot of travel and work for the Legion and he is not sure he could devote the time needed for the Grand Commissaire Intendant job.

I have attached a letter from National Correspondant about if a Grand can not hold a Grande Promenade this summer and some recommendations.

As far as the Grande du Missouri Promenade on June 19 to 21, 2020. The situation concerning the Coronavirus and travel and if groups can be together will be evaluated at the end of April. Health safety will be the main concern as to if the Grande Promenade will be held. If there is a change concerning the Grande Promenade then I will let you know.

### Terry Lanning

#### Grand Correspondant



## Note on Elections

The letter in the newsletter from Terry Sims Correspondant Nationale was addressed to the Grand Correspondants and refers to what the Grands can do as far as the Grands election. I think the Locales can use the same theory concerning their elections. The Locales need to first look at their constitution first to see what it says about elections. Most of the Locales constitutions will probably state Locale Officers will keep their job until their successors are elected and installed in office.

**Terry Lanning, Grand Correspondant**

## Election Suggestions

We are in a time that we have never experienced before and therefore have never made any preparation or operating procedures for National Emergencies as the COVID-19 pandemic. We must make some temporary adjustments to accommodate the voting process for election of officers until we can resume normal operating procedures. Once back to normal, we should amend Constitutions and Bylaws to accommodate this rare occurrence or situation to make an operational plan.

The National Constitution has no provision for any type voting or decision making regarding elections and Constitutional issues other than resolutions , amendments and a floor vote. The floor vote constitutionally is done only by delegates and they must be present on the floor to vote, no proxy or call in votes are permitted. This presents a problem when we are restricted by the social distance guidelines that have been issued. Now we find ourselves in a proverbially "Catch 22" situation, not being able to vote by teleconferences (e-mail) due to the Constitution and not being able to amend the Constitution without a proper Promenade with delegates attending and being there to vote in person.

What I believe we should do during this COVID-19 crisis, until we are able to meet and conduct business as usual, leaves us with several options: Each Grand could have an Executive Order issued by the Grand Chef de Gare, with the consent of Cheminot or whatever governing body they have established, stating that teleconference (e-mail) or voice mail and if necessary USPS voting would be allowed by verified delegates or terms of current officers would be extended until a proper Promenade is scheduled. Once we have recovered and can meet safely, the officers that were elected could finish their terms or a provision could be made in the Executive Order to hold an election at the proper Promenade by the Constitutional Order and have the delegate vote in person from the floor. This would have to be stated up front if that were the intention.

I hope this assists you in your decision making. I know that you are aware that our Constitution states that whenever any issue is not defined in our Constitution that we refer to Roberts Rules of Order, however, I don't believe that Roberts Rules of Order made any provisions for what we, as a country, are dealing with in this unprecedented time, so I believe that we need to refer to the oldest reference source known to mankind, the rule of Common Sense.

This is not an official ruling or statement from Voiture Nationale, it is merely a suggestion from the Chefs de Chemin de Fer passes and Cheminot Nationaux 2020 and we feel very strongly that anyone would find it difficult to make a point that you were "unconstitutional" in your Promenade decisions. To insure continuity, we suggest you inform the Locales of the decisions you intend to put forth during these temporary, unchartered times.

Many Grand and Voitures Locale have Constitution and By-Laws which do not define the times that we find ourselves.

Terry Sims- Correspondant Nationale



## La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux Grande Voiture du Missouri

### REVISED 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 REVISED OFFICIAL CALL for the Grande Promenade to be held August 29th at the American Legion Post 331, 484 St. Robert Outer Road, St. Robert, Mo 65584. The prior Grande Promenade for June 19-21, 2020 was cancelled.

There will not be an Executive Board Meeting or a Grande Cheminot.

The Grande Promenade will be held on Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 starting at noon. Grand Officers, Directeurs and Committee Chairman will give a report if they so desire. Chairmen of the Grande Promenade Committees; Credentials Frank Angelo, Constitution Bob Phillips, Nominations Kevin Johnson and Resolutions Art Wilson, will give their reports at this time along with the election of new Officers, Delegates and Alternates for the 101st Promenade Nationale in September 15th-19th, 2020 in Sandusky, Ohio.

All Voyageurs are to be in proper attire. The following male Officers are expected to be in coat, tie, shirt, long pants, socks and shoes, whereas female Officers are expected to be in a dress or skirt and blouse or slacks and blouse 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

Janice Hartley  
Grand Chef de Gare

# Membership

## Grande Voiture du Missouri

30-Apr-20

Voiture Name	Voiture	2019 Year End	2020 To-date	2020 Quota	Sh/Ov Quota	% of Quota
HEART OF AMERICA	3	43	39	43	-4	90.70%
SPIRIT OF ST. LOUIS	38	74	65	74	-9	87.84%
JESSE JAMES	130	35	30	35	-5	85.71%
HEART OF MISSOURI	292	34	34	34	0	100.00%
STATE FAIR	333	115	109	115	-6	94.78%
GATEWAY	448	75	65	75	-10	86.67%
CENTRAL OZARK	460	57	47	57	-10	82.46%
KICKAPOO	760	35	28	35	-7	80.00%
MARK TWAIN	966	4	3	4	-1	75.00%
CAPITAL	1292	67	62	67	-5	92.54%
MINERAL AREA	1321	70	64	70	-6	91.43%
NEUF COMPT	1379	42	40	42	-2	95.24%
ATCHISON NODAWAY HOLT Counties	1402	11	19	11	8	172.73%
LAKE OF THE OZARK	1403	15	12	15	-3	80.00%
TWO RIVERS	1541	53	53	53	0	100.00%
<b>Missouri Total</b>		<b>730</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>730</b>	<b>-60</b>	<b>91.78%</b>