



Communiqué
La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Cheveaux
Grande Voiture du Missouri



November 2006 Grand Chef de Gare Donald W. Fligge L'Editeur Terry Lanning

The Grand Chef Sez

I attended the MO-KAN wreck and was very pleased with the turnout from Voiture Trois. The wreck was probably our last old time wreck. Every one had a good time. Six PG's from Kansas became Voyageurs. I was asked to do the Third Degree.

I also attended the 87th Promenade Nationale function before and found it very interesting. I'm sorry I had to be there when the word male was removed but it was. I'm sure we will all carry on in good form. I belong to an American Legion post of 1700 members and I doubt that there are more than 5 women members. I'm proud to say Missouri has a Voyageur with a Gold chapeau. Tony Gallagher of Voiture 333 is a Sous Aumonier Nationale and well deserved too. A tip of the Chapeau to Tony. A complete report of the 87th Promenade will be made at the spring Cheminot.

THE FLAG OF THE USA

I fly atop the world's tallest buildings. I stand watch in America's halls of Justice. I fly majestically over institutions of learning. I stand guard with power in the world. Look up and see me. I stand for peace, honor, truth and justice. I stand for freedom. I am confident. I am arrogant. I am proud. When I am flown with my fellow banners, my head is a little higher, my colors a little truer. I bow to no one! I am recognized all over the world. I am worshipped, I am saluted, I am loved, I am respected and I am feared.

I have fought in every battle of every war for more than 200 years. I was flown at Valley Forge, Gettysburg, Shiloh and Appomattox. I was there at San Juan Hill, the trenches of France, in the Argonne Forest, Anzio, Rome and the beaches of Normandy.

Guam, Okinawa, Korea, KheSan, Saigon and Vietnam know me; I was there. I led my troops, I was dirty, battle worn and tired; but my soldiers cheered me, and I was proud.

I have been burned, torn and trampled on in the streets of countries I have helped set free.

It does not hurt, for I am invincible.

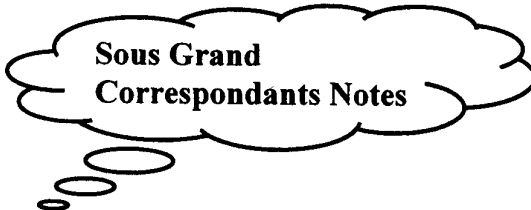
I have been soiled, burned, torn and trampled in the streets of my country. And when it's done by those whom I've served in battle, it hurts. But I shall over come, for I am strong.

I have slipped the bonds of Earth and stood watch over the uncharted frontiers of space from my vantage point on the moon. I have borne silent witness to all of America's finest hours.

BUT MY FINEST HOURS ARE YET TO COME!

When I am torn into strips and used as bandages for my wounded comrades on the battlefield. When I am flown at half-mast to honor my soldiers, or when I lie in the trembling arms of a grieving parent at the grave of their fallen son or daughter.

I AM PROUD!



Each of the Directeurs should write at least

one article for the Grand Newsletter. Articles are due by the first of the month. The months-assigned are as follows:

December 2006 – Special Awards Directeur – David Brazie

December 2006 – Publiciste Directeur – William Hilker

Directeurs and Voitures can email me their articles, announcements, or anything of interest to t_lanning@charter.net, or mail it to 2045 Granada Dr., Florissant, MO 63033.



UPCOMING DATES

- 11/11/06 Veterans Day Parade, Sedalia
- Spring Wreck and Grand Cheminot 3/30-4/1/07 at DoubleTree Hotel St. Louis County

VA Urges Veterans to Wear Medals on Veterans Day

WASHINGTON – The Honorable R. James Nicholson, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and leaders of major veterans organizations today called on America's veterans to help kindle a new spark of patriotism on Veterans Day by wearing the medals they earned during military service.

"We are announcing a Veterans Pride Initiative to remind Americans of the pride and honor in the hearts of those who have served," Nicholson said. "We expect Americans will see our decorated heroes unite in spirit at ceremonies, in parades and elsewhere as a compelling symbol of courage and sacrifice on Veterans Day, the day we set aside to thank those who served and safeguarded our national security."

The campaign is modeled after a tradition in Australia and New Zealand, countries who honor the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC) on April 25. ANZAC Day sees veterans wearing their military decorations whatever they are doing on that day. Nicholson said he hopes a U. S. tradition

will ensue to emulate this pride in being a veteran and in honoring our veterans. VA is offering information about the campaign on its Web page, <http://www.va.gov/veteranspride/>, where veterans also can obtain information about how to replace mislaid medals and learn how to confirm the decorations to which they are entitled.

YOUTH SPORTS

Grand Directeur Bob Wilde

The mission of the Youth Sports program is to assist athletes, ages 7 to 20, in all amateur sports programs, to promote sportsmanship and citizenship and to emphasize safety to athletes and coaches alike.

The Youth Sports program carries out its mission by:

1. Assisting programs that build comradeship, strengthen participation and encourage competition among amateur athletes.
2. Working with other sports organizations to benefit amateur athletes.
3. Recognizing young athletes for leadership, high moral character and sportsmanship.

In all of our communities, we have Youth football, baseball, softball, basketball, soccer, golf, cheerleading, American Legion baseball, wrestling and a lot of other sports that could use our help. We need to GET INVOLVED and show these kids what a Veterans Organization can do for them.

Your National Youth Sports Committee has funds available to help assist the youth athletes in your area. A Voiture can be reimbursed up to \$100.00 for their participation in youth sports. A Voiture selects the athlete or athletes that they want to help. The Voiture makes a contribution to the athlete or team and submits a claim and proof of contribution to me. There is a \$500.00 limit per Grand per year.

In an effort to raise funds and to cover the cost of the grants the National Youth Sports Committee sells pins and booster cards. If any Voiture wants any pins or booster cards let me know. As the end of the year approaches don't forget to fill out your yearly Youth Sports report.



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OFFICIAL CALL

TO: ALL GRAND CHEMINOTS

ALL GRAND OFFICERS

ALL GRAND CHEFS de GARE PASSE

ALL VOITURE CHEFS de GARE & CORRESPONDANTS

ALL VOYAGEURS OF GRANDE VOITURE du MISSOURI

This is the OFFICIAL CALL for the Spring Grande Cheminot and Wreck to be held March 30th, March 31st, & April 1st, 2007 at the DoubleTree Hotel, 1973 Craigshire, Westport, St. Louis County, MO.

The White Collar Wreck will be held on Saturday, March 31st, 2007 at 9:AM at the DoubleTree Hotel.

The Spring Grande Cheminot will be held on Saturday, March 31st, 2007 at the DoubleTree Hotel at 1:00 PM.

The Banquet will be held on Saturday Evening, March 31st, 2007 at 7:00 PM at the DoubleTree Hotel. Cocktail hour from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

There is no Executive Board Meeting scheduled on Saturday Morning. If this changes, time and place will be posted in the Hospitality Room on Friday.

All Grand Officers and Grand Cheminots are expected to give a report of their activities and submit a written copy 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 Port, Grand Lampiste, Grand Conducteur, Sous Grand Conducteurs, and Grand Aumonier.

Jerry J. Castulik
Grand Correspondant

Donald W. Fligge
Grand Chef de Gare

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING, SEPTEMBER 30, 2006
QUALITY INN, BANQUET ROOM, INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI

Grand Chef de Gare, Donald Fligge, opened the Executive Board Meeting at 9:00 AM in the Banquet Room of the Quality Inn.

Roll call by the Grand Correspondant was held and a quorum was present.

Grand Commissaire Intendant, Robert Phillips, presented the Budget for 2006-2007 and no questions were asked. Notion offered by Jerry Castulik, second by Virgil Morice, to accepted the 2006-2007 Budget as presented....passed

Grand Correspondant read the letter for the raffle for this year presented by Arthur Wilson, Grand Chef de Gare Passe. Tickets will cost \$5.00 each or five for \$20.00. The cost to hold this raffle should run about \$650.00 for stamps, paper and envelopes. Notion offered by Jerry Castulik, second by Rich Heigert, to give permission to hold this raffle again this year...passed

It was requested that all the Locale Correspondants send in their membership list with their address to Art Wilson as soon as possible.

Grand Directeur Nurses Training, Gary Reno, approached the Board about starting a POW/MIA Scholarship Fund for Missouri. He reported that he has about \$530.00 left over from the donations he received for the signs for Highway 35 making it the POW/MIA Highway. He also reported that he had a one time only POW/MIA pin made and he had sold more than \$1,100.00 of the pins. When he opened a account at the bank, the president of the bank liked Reno's idea and donated \$300.00. Reno stated that he would like to have this program self-supporting. Suggestions were given by many on how to raise the money. The name of the program does not have a name yet, since he received donations for the highway signs from many organizations. Reno will keep us informed at every Grande function.

Grand Chef Fligge closed the meeting at 9:31 AM.

Submitted by,
Jerry J. Castulik
Grand Correspondant

FALL GRAND CHEMINOT, SEPTEMBER 30, 2006 Page-1
QUALITY INN, BANQUET ROOM, INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI

Like an "old pro", Grand Chef de Gare, Donald Fligge, opened the Fall Grand Cheminot at 1:00 PM with a salute to the Colors, the Pledge of Allegiance, and a well needed prayer by Grand Aumonier, Marvin Harper.

Grand Chef Don acknowledge the presence of the Alternate N.E.C., Richard Heigert.

Before starting the roll call of officers, the Grand Correspondant announced the items on the tables at the side of the room with the new directory, stationery, envelopes, Box Car cards, and other things for the Grand Directeurs and information for the Locales. Roll call of officers showed some excuse, some missing, and most of the big mouths and others were present. Roll call of Grand Chefs de Gare Passe showed that 10 were present. Roll call of Grand Cheminots showed that we had quorum. Absent were Voitures 292, 293, 447, 460, 520, 848, 966, 1292, 1395, 1577.

Grand Avocat, William Weiss, stated that we will follow the same Rules of Procedure as before.

Notion offered by Rich Heigert, second by Virgil Morice, that the Grande Cheminot minutes of June 24, 2006 be approved as printed and sent out....passed

Rich Heigert asked that the Past Chefs de Gare, if they wish to join the Past Chef de Gare Club, for them to come and see him after the Cheminot.

Grand Correspondant read the minutes of the Executive Board Meeting held this morning and notion offered by Jerry Castulik, second by Virgil Morice, to approved the minutes as read.....passed

Grand Commissaire Intendant, Robert Phillips, stated that the new Budget and the Finance Report were placed on their chairs. Phillips spoke on both of them and notion was offered by Jerry Castulik, second by Virgil Morice, to accept the Finance Report as distributed.....passed

Grand Chef de Train, Grant Willis, reported that he has not received any information from Nationale on members for 2007. The internet still shows what the final membership report was for 2006. Willis asked the Locales present what each had turned in so far. Sous Grand Chefs de Train David Christian and Robert Emery were present and could only give what they have in their own Locales. Willis hopes that by the Grand Spring Cheminot that we have 80% or more to report. He also reported that the deceased members from last year will be taken off their totals like they did last year. He does not approved of this since the deceased members should be replaced with new members. He urged all to go back to their Legion Post and start recruiting.

Alternate Cheminot Nationale, Clarence Buckley, reported that he nothing to report since the Promenade Nationale has not been held. He will send a report in for the newsletter when he gets back.

Grand Cheminot reports were given by Voitures 3, 38, 130, 333, 448, 760, 1321, 1379, 1402, 1403, 1541.

Grand Avocat, William Weiss, spoke on the form 501-C-17 and using this form was how Voiture 38 were able to get their Chateau.

Grand Directeur Child Welfare, John Neger, stated that he had no report due to the lack of communications with the Grand Correspondant. He must have forgotten the 3 Ardery Trust reports that was sent to him.

Grand Directeur Nurses Training, Gary Reno, asked the membership that they support him as they did with the Past Directeur, William Russell.

Grand Aumonier, Marvin Harper, asked that the Locales, that when they have a deceased member, contact the Grand Correspondant.

Grand Publiciste, William Hilker, stated that we need to get more information out to the public on the 40/8 and show them what we do with our Programs and what the Organization is about. Tony Gallagher reported what he has done in Sedalia about getting the information out about the 40/8 to the newspapers and radio stations. It takes a lot of leg work to get the job done.

Grand Directeur Americanism, Sam Guenther, reported that he sent in his final report to Nationale, but does not think the Grande will get any awards.

POW/MIA Directeur, Dennis Estes, stated that he takes his "HAT" off to Gary Reno for the time and fine job he did getting the highway signs put up on Highway 35 for the POW/MIA.

Grand Directeur Special Awards, David Brazie, reported that he has nominations for two men for being the Heros Of The Year Award. More at the Grand Spring Cheminot.

Grand Directeur Youth Sports, Robert Wilde, reported that he gave or sent out letters to all the Locales at the Grande Promenade for pins and cards. He received only two requests and received another one today.

Sous Grand Correspondant, Terry Lanning, asked if you are not getting the newsletter, that they should let him know. He thanked the Grand Directeurs for their reports for the newsletter. He will try to get all the affairs going on if the Locales will send it to him. Terry reported that we have poet in the membership by the name of Don Fligge because of the Grand Chef's report he turns in each month with a few verses at the end of his letter.

Time & Place Committee, Rich Helgert, reported that the applications from Voiture 448 should be on your chair for the Grand Spring Wreck and Cheminot. It will be held in St. Louis County, Westport, at the DoubleTree Hotel. The Grand Cheminot and Promenade will also be held there on June 29th, 30th, July 1st, 2007. The Fall Grand Cheminot and Homecoming will be held there also on October 5th, 6th, 7th, 2007. Prices for the room will stay the same for all the affairs.

Distinguished Voyageur Award Committee, Terry Lanning, spoked that we have not used this in the past few years. He stated that there should be someone in your Locale that have done enough to deserve this award. Ray Brodzinski also stated about the same thing except when this happens it should be submitted to the local newspaper for the P.R. about the 40/8. And whenever a new Chef de Gare is elected, someone should write an article about him and explain what the 40/8 is about. Ray stated that to many of us are to lazy to do this, including himself.

NEW BUSINESS: Gary Reno spoke on the commemorate pin for the POW/MIA he had made for the dedication of Highway 35. The money he received for the pins and the money left over from the signs, Reno wishes to start a POW/MIA Scholarship Fund for Missouri only. He is asking for support and help with this program. It will be called The Missouri POW/MIA Scholarship Fund. He has about 200 pins left and asked the Locales to take some pins back and sell them for him. They are \$5.00 apiece.

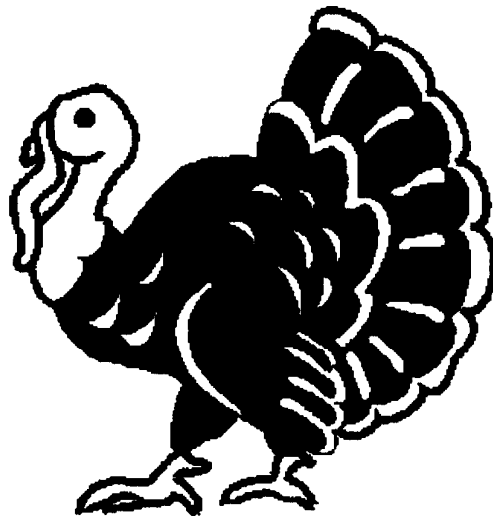
Grand Avocat, William Weiss, stated now that he had his gold chapeau taken away from Nationale, he needs a new one ordered. He was told by his Locale Correspondant to have the Grand Correspondant order one for him. "Button #1 was pushed". The Grand Correspondant replied that he should order his new chapeau through his own Locale, Voiture 38, and that the Grand Correspondant does not belong to his Locale.

David Christian reported that he had heard about the P.R. Voiture 333 is getting in Sedalia. He is trying to do the same thing in St. Louis, but needs help. He would like posters made showing the different Programs in the 40/8. He stated that he has a chance to publicize these Programs on a wide bases. He would like to have these items by May, 2007.

"Button #2 was pushed". William Hilker asked how many know what the La Femmes are? How come they are not in the directory? How come The American Legion is in the book? "Button #3 just went off". Tony Gallagher ask why the La Femme Programs are not in the book? The next six minutes belonged to the Grand Correspondant about the Grande, the Locale Officers, and many other things that the Grand Correspondant has to put up with during the year. I sincerely apologize to all the members present at this Fall Cheminot for my outburst. If I hurt your feeling, tough, I must have been talking about you.

Grand Chef de Gare, Don Fligge, closed the Fall Grand Cheminot in the proper manner at 2:43 PM.

Submitted by,
Jerry J. Castulik
Grand Correspondant



HAPPY THANKSGIVING

GRANDE VOITURE DU MISSOURI

Spring Wreck and Cheminot
March 30 through April 1, 2007

Will be Held at the DoubleTree Hotel
St Louis at Westport
1973 Craigshire
St. Louis Mo. 63146
Tel (314) 434-0100
Fax (314) 434-5067

Hotel rates are as follows:
\$75.00 for Single and Double Occupancy
\$85.00 for Triple and Quad Occupancy
Current Tax rate will be 7.5%

Make all reservations directly with the Hotel by February 28, 2007.
When you make reservations please mention that you are with the 40/8 Honor Society

Friday March 30, 2007
Registration 12:00 til 5:00PM
Hospitality Room 3:00PM til ???
Saturday March 31, 2007
Registration 7:30 AM til noon
Hospitality Room 7:30AM til 9:00AM
Wreck will start at 9:00 AM
Lunch starting at 11:00AM
Hospitality Room open after Cheminot
Cheminot will start at 1:00 PM.
Cocktails starting at 6:00 PM
The Banquet will start at 7:00 PM.
Hospitality Room opened after Banquet
Sunday April 1, 2007
Donuts in the Hospitality Room 7:30AM til 10:00AM

Make checks payable to Voiture 448 and send check to Art Wilson, 725 Beardsley, Ferguson, Mo. 63135 or Grant Willis, 8 Shireford Ln, Ferguson, Mo. 63135.

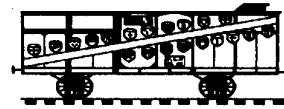
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Voiture Number _____ Registration per Voyager \$10.00 _____

Banquet per Person \$25.00 _____
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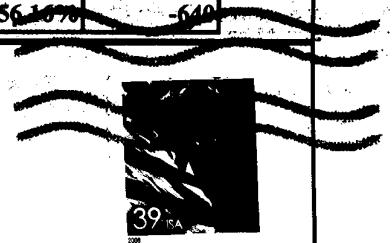
as of November 1, 2006

Voiture	2006	2007	Percent	Short	Membership Goal	Percent of Goal	Short of Goal
3	142	110	77.46%	-32	156	70.51%	-46
38	155	93	60.00%	-62	171	54.39%	-78
130	32	27	84.38%	-5	35	77.14%	-8
292	67	42	62.69%	-25	74	56.76%	-32
293	16	13	81.25%	-3	18	72.22%	-5
333	53	60	113.21%	7	58	103.45%	2
447	14	2	14.29%	-12	15	13.33%	-13
448	224	77	34.38%	-147	246	31.30%	-169
460	66	49	74.24%	-17	73	67.12%	-24
520	14	11	78.57%	-3	15	73.33%	-4
760	133	60	45.11%	-73	146	41.10%	-86
848	16	12	75.00%	-4	18	66.67%	-6
966	15	0	0.00%	-15	17	0.00%	-17
1292	67	41	61.19%	-26	74	55.41%	-33
1321	91	65	71.43%	-26	100	65.00%	-35
1379	33	21	63.64%	-12	36	58.33%	-15
1395	18	22	122.22%	4	20	110.00%	2
1402	43	23	53.49%	-20	47	48.94%	-24
1403	58	42	72.41%	-16	64	65.63%	-22
1541	70	50	71.43%	-20	77	64.94%	-27
Total	1327	820	61.79%	-507	1460	56.16%	-640

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