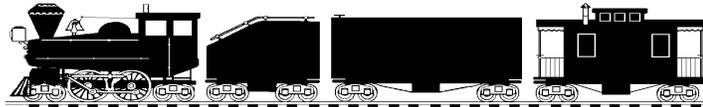




Communiqué
La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Cheveaux
Grande Voiture du Missouri



November 2012 - Grand Chef de Gare Edward Jones

- L'Editeur Grant Willis

The Grand Chef Sez

Fellow Voyageurs:

I attended the home coming for Art Wilson, Commander of the American Legion, Department of Missouri in Florissant, Mo. in company with John Kopp on 10-06-2012. I then traveled to Sedalia, Mo. on 10-18-2012 to witness the Missouri Lt. Governor Peter Kinder award the Veterans Service Award to our very own Tony Gallagher, Chef de Gare, V-333. The dedication was attended by many Voyageurs and Tony said, "that he accepted this award on behalf of the many men and women that participated in helping him achieve this award". 'WELL DONE'. On 10-24-2012 I installed Marvin Harper of Voiture 1402 as the Chef de Gare and his elected officers. A special thanks to Jack Vernon and his wife for their excellent meal that they prepared.

The St. Louis County Veterans Coalition annual City of Florissant Veterans Parade "Honoring all who Served" is to be held on Sunday, November 11, 2012 at 1 p.m. Those wishing an application to have a unit in the parade, contact John Partin. He will send you the forms to be completed and returned to the organizers as soon as possible.

MEMBERSHIP is everyone's responsibility. Don't wait to be asked to pay your dues. Be one of the first to take that special step forward and get your name on the Nationale Register. By paying your dues early is another way of supporting your Missouri Grande.

Don't forget the Spring Grande Cheminot and Wreck. March 29 thru 31, 2013. Ramada Inn, Springfield, Mo.

God Bless You and God Bless America.

Ed Jones
Grand Chef de Gare

Sous Grand
Correspondants Notes

Articles for the Newsletter are due at the end of each month. The schedule for articles due from the Directeur's will be as follows:

December – Youth Sports and Box Car

January – Americanism and Voyageur Activities

February – POW/MIA and Special Awards

March – Distinguished Voyageur Award

Do not forget to send in any address changes to the Grand Correspondant.

God Bless AMERICA

Voiture 460 at work as usual

Ralph Turner (Grand Chef de Train), Frank Angelo (Sous Grand Conducteur), and Don Slater (Voiture 460) all volunteered to become Muscular Dystrophy Association, MDA, Jailbirds. Each Jailbird was required to solicit \$500.00 for bail. By being a jailbird; they are giving help and hope to local children and adults with muscle diseases. The fundraising efforts send kids to MDA Summer Camp, pay for patient clinic visits, funds research, and provide families support.



Frank Angelo



Don Slater



Ralph Turner



Grande Voiture du Missouri

GRANDE CHEMINOT AND SPRING WRECK

April 12-14, 2013



**Ramada Oasis Hotel and Convention Center
2546 North Glenstone Ave.
Springfield, Mo. 65803
(888) 532-4338
(417) 866-5253**



Room Rate is \$ 75.00 per Night
For Single or Double Occupancy

Make reservations directly with Hotel by March 1, 2013

Inform the Hotel you are with the Society of 40/8 when making reservations.

Friday , April 12,2013

Registration: 3:00 - 6:00 P.M.

Hospitality Room 3:00 P.M. UNTIL

Saturday , April 13, 2013

Registration: 9:00 A.M. - Noon

2013 Spring wreck 9:00 A.M. Until Completed (There will be a break in the
Wreck from 11:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. for lunch).

Hospitality Room will open upon completion of the wreck until 6:00 P.M.

Grand Chef de Gare Passe Social Hour: 5:00 - 6:00 P.M.

Banquet will begin at 6:00 P.M. with a Social Hour

Hospitality Room will reopen following the completion on the banquet

Sunday , April 14, 2013

Grande Cheminot: 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

All Guests Try To Check-out By 11:00 A. M.



To Register for the Wreck & Cheminot make Check payable to Voiture 460

Send To:

Kevin Johnson
605 Wildwood Lane
Waynesville, Missouri 65583

Last Name _____ Frist _____ Spouse/Guests _____

Voiture Number _____ Banquet \$25.00 per Person/ total number _____ = _____

Registration Fee \$10.00 (Voyageurs Only) _____

TOTAL AMOUNT \$ _____

La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux

La Quartier Locale de la Central Ozark Voiture 460

Saint Robert, Missouri 65584

RESOLUTION

- WHEREAS:** Central Ozark Voiture Locale 460, La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux, Saint Robert, Missouri has a Voyageur Militaire who is deserving of your consideration for the high Office of **GRAND CHEF DE Gare** and....
- WHEREAS:** Voyageur Ralph N. Turner was initiated into Voiture 460 in 1995, And subsequently served Voiture 460 in various offices including Chef de Gare, Chef de Train, Commissaire Intendant, Directeur of Child Welfare, Directeur of Voiture Activities, Directeur Nurses Training, Directeur Americanism, Cheminot Locale, and
- WHEREAS:** Voyageur Ralph N. Turner has served the Grande Voiture du Missouri as: Grand Historien, Sous Grand Directeur Child Welfare, Grand Directeur Voiture Activities, Grand Conducteur, Grand Directeur Youth Sports, Sous Grand Chef de Train and Grand Commissaire Intendant and is presently serving as Grand Chef de train and
- WHEREAS:** Voyageur Ralph N. Turner is and has been an active Legionnaire Serving his Post in most offices including Commander, First Vice Commander and Second Vice Commander, Finance Officer, Adjutant, Sergeant at Arms, Bingo Chairman, Baseball Chairman, and
- WHEREAS:** Voyageur Ralph N. Turner has unquestionably demonstrated his Qualities of leadership and devotion to Las Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux, and the American Legion, and
- NOW:** There be it resolved by Central Ozark Voiture Locale 460, La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux, Saint Robert, Missouri in regular Promenade duly assembled this 16Th day of October 2012, do hereby enthusiastically endorse Voyageur Ralph N. Turner for the high office of Grand Chef de Gare for the year 2013-2014, to be voted on at the Grande Promenade du Missouri to be held in June 2013, and

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, this 16TH day of October 2012 by Central Ozark Voiture 460, St Robert, Missouri at its regular Promenade assembled,


Frank Angelo, Correspondent


Christ N Bryson, Chef de Gare.

FALL GRAND CHEMINOT, SEPTEMBER 29, 2012
TRUMAN Hotel, Jefferson City, Missouri

With a rap of the gavel, Grand Chef de Gare, Ed Jones, opened the Fall Grand Cheminot sharply at 1:00 PM with a salute to the Flag, the Pledge of Allegiance, and a much needed prayer by Grand Aumonier, John Paul Kopp.

Roll call of officers showed more absent than excused and the rest were incompilant. Roll call of Grand Chefs de Gare Passe showed that ten answered.

Roll call of Grand Cheminots showed that we had a quorum. Voyageurs don't know how to answer roll call and many paid fines for it. Absent were Voitures 293, 333, 447, 520, 966, and 1395.

Notion offered by Kevin Johnson, seconded by Virgil Morice, that the Grand Promenade and Cheminot minutes are accepted as printed and sent out...passed.

Grand Correspondant Terry Lanning gave the minutes of the Executive Meeting, which was held on September 29, 2012, at 9:11am (just a little late).

The budget was read by Leon Hill. Discussed the budget and Rich Heigert offered a notion to accept the budget, seconded by Ray Brodzinski and passed.

Also discussed the budget having a deficient and possible action to take. Our raffle sales dropped about 45% from the prior year so we need to push the raffle tickets better. A Dues increase was discussed. Decided to revisit the deficient at the Spring Cheminot. Discussed if the Grand would want to host a National Promenade. It would require everyone across the state to help. A possible location would be Branson. Nationale is working on detailed information to tell anyone hosting a Nationale Promenade what they are responsible for and possible costs. The Spring Wreck and Cheminot will now be April 12 to 14, 2013 since our original date fell during Easter. Executive meeting closed 10:08am. Ray Brodzinski offered a notion to accept Executive meeting minutes, seconded by Virgil Morice... passed.

Grand Correspondant Terry Lanning told everyone that the new yearbooks and envelopes for the Grand Directeurs are in the back of the room, as well as travel chits for Grand Officers. Also had a resolution for someone for Honorary Grand Chef de Gare. This resolution will be passed onto the Past Grand Chefs to discuss.

Grand Commissaire Intendant, Leon Hill, stated that the finance report was passed out and discussed it. Notion offered by Kevin Johnson, second by David Christian, to accept the Finance report subject to audit...passed. Leon then discussed the budget. Notion offered by Ray Brodzinski, seconded by David Christian to accept the budget... passed.

Grand Chef de Train, Ralph Turner, reported on the current Grande membership. The Grande has 434 members, 37%. Ralph had passed out a listing of 10 members in Missouri from Voiture 2000. This would be a good source of members. Everyone needs to sign someone up.

Grand Cheminot reports were given by Voiture 130, 292, 448, 460, 760, 1292, 1321, 1379, 1402, and 1541. Some of the highlights are Voiture 130 sold towels to raise funds for their nurses training, have 14 nurses; Voiture 448 will have a kids xmas party; Voiture 460 has 11 Nurses in Training, sponsored two baseball teams for \$750, helped kids with doctors visits, donated \$6,000 for American Legion Building Fund and Veterans Cemetery, sponsored a dinner with the American Legion, donated \$3,300 to assist Missouri Veterans Home and disabled veterans; Voiture 760 donated to the Springfield reunion Club; Voiture 1292 will be having a Christmas party for special kids on 12/11/12, had a June BBQ fundraiser; Voiture 1321 will have their cooker out, have 5 nurses in training; Voiture 1379 had to cancel their ChickNick due to the heat, the Grand Chef Ed Jones installed their Officers; Voiture 1402 has 3 Nurses in Training, they take wash towel to Veterans Home; Voiture 1541 has 4 nurses in training, had their installation in August, had their Car Show in August, sponsored one boy to Boys State, Christmas party will be 12/19/12 at Wentzville Legion Post, Wild Game Coon Supper 1/19/13 at Wentzville Legion Post, and Night at the Races 3/2/13 at St. Charles American Legion Post.

Terry Lanning said, on behalf of Grand Avocat Rich Heigert, Voiture Nationale had conditionally approved the Grand Constitution changes. Their suggested changes were approved at the Grand Promenade and were sent into Voiture Nationale. Waiting on approval.

Grand Directeur Nurses Training Jim Hartley said each Grande can have one at large Boland Scholarship. He will work on the procedures as to how to pick one.

Grand Directeur Child Welfare Hallie Williams says to let him know how many pins each Voiture wants.

Alternate Cheminot Nationale David Christian reported on the Nationale Promenade. David gave out the new password. Terry Lanning attended the Voiture Activities meeting and said they are going to try to clarify the instruction (we've heard that before). Terry also attended the Finance Meeting and said new procedures for National Officers travel to Nationale Promenade were approved. Ralph went to Public Relations meeting and said we need to get the 40/8 name on the street. Grant went to the Box Car meeting and said the Box Car raised more money this year so they gave away more money.

Grant also went to POW/MIA meeting and they gave out 18 scholarships. Janice attended the Special Awards meeting and said there were 32 submissions for the 4 awards. Barry Bovee was elected Chef de Chemin de Fer, he is from Michigan.

Grant Willis was appointed National Secretary/Treasurer POW/MIA and Terry Lanning was elected Commissaire Intendant National.

Grand Organizer Robert Phillips said the northeast does not have any Voitures in that area and he has contacted Ira Chandler to see about starting one up.

Grand Conducteur Chris Bryson said he to let him know if anyone is bringing PG's to the wreck or props. At the Spring wreck banquet there will be a fashion show. A male voyageur will dress up as a woman, one per Voiture but not a new PG. Money raised will go to the Grande.

Grand Directeur Americanism Bob Emery said he had new pins if anyone wanted any.

Grand Directeur Box Car, John Paul Kopp, said he has pins and there is a new coin that the Box Car is selling.

Grand Directeur POW/MIA Gary Reno said he had new pins if anyone wanted any. He plans on having a POW/MIA table at each of the banquets.

Grand Directeur Ritual, Ed Schmidt, stated to let him know if there are any questions or if he can help.

Time & Place Committee, Bob Eisenbath, reported that the Spring Grande Wreck and Cheminot would be in Springfield Ramada Oasis, on April 12 - 14, 2013. Grande Promenade (June 28-30, 2013) and the Fall Grand Cheminot & Homecoming (September 27-29, 2013) will also be held there.

Old Business - none

New Business - none

Distinguished Voyageur Award Chairman Ray Brodzinski said to get the nominations in.

Distinguished Guest Committeeman Terry Lanning said he would send an invitation to Voiture Nationale for a National Officer to attend Truman Day.

Good of the Grande Voiture - David Christian said Junior has returned, he was lost for a little while. John Kopp offered a notion to donate half of the fine money to Gary Reno to offset the cost of putting on the POW/MIA exhibit at the banquets, seconded and passed.

Grand Chef de Gare Christian closed the Fall Grand Cheminot in the proper manner at 3:05 PM.

Submitted by,
Terry L. Lanning
Grand Correspondant



MAVO

Missouri Association of Veterans Organizations

LEGISLATIVE AGENDA 2013

- **Maintain the current funding for the operation and maintenance of state veterans homes and state veterans cemeteries, veterans' capital improvement projects, the Veterans Service Organizations' Service Officer Grant Program and other needs of Missouri's veterans;**
- **Work with the Missouri Veterans Commission to develop a long range plan to meet the changing needs for the Missouri veterans' community now and into the future;**
- **Support MODoT signage for the VA Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOC) in Missouri;**
- **Support legislation to establish Veterans Treatment Courts throughout Missouri;**
- **Support legislation to offer interest free small business loans for newly returned military veterans and provide assistance for small business owners who are veterans;**
- **Establish a viable and enforceable Veterans Employment Program;**
- **Support creation of a "Woman Veteran" license plate;**
- **Support any other legislation introduced in the legislature determined by the MAVO Legislative Committee to be in the interest of veterans**

“LUCKY 13 MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE PROGRAM

We often speak of how valuable it is to be a member of the 40&8. And I’m sure that each and every member of the 40&8 has a close and personal reason why they personally value their 40&8 membership. In recognition of such value, the National Membership Committee has announced the beginning of a new membership program that is sure to add both incentive and value to being a member of the 40&8, and do so in a very tangible and profitable manner.

During the 2013 Membership Year, the National Membership Committee will be conducting the “**Lucky 13 Membership Incentive Program**”. This program began on August 1, 2012, and will end on March 13, 2013. The program winners, one in each category, will be identified on March 15, 2013. The incentives of this program are detailed as follows.

- ***Voyageur*** – When you renew or reinstate your annual membership, you will be assigned 13 opportunities to win \$1,300.00. That’s **RIGHT!** You can win \$1,300.00 **CASH!** If an individual joins the 40&8 during the program period, they will also be assigned 13 opportunities to win \$1,300.00. If you are a Paid Up For Life (PUFL) member, you have already been enrolled in the “Lucky 13” program. If you already have your 2013 membership card, then you too have already been enrolled in the program. But wait, there’s **MORE!**
 - ***Local Voiture*** – When a Voyageur renews or reinstates their annual membership, or when an individual joins the 40&8, their respective Locale will also receive 13 opportunities to win \$1,300.00. That’s **RIGHT!** Your Locale can also win \$1,300.00 **CASH!** And yes, if you are a PUFL member, or already have your 2013 membership card, then **YOUR** Locale has been automatically enrolled in the “Lucky 13” program. The Committee didn’t stop here though, there’s **STILL MORE!**
 - ***Grand Voiture*** - When a Voyageur renews or reinstates their annual membership, or when an individual joins the 40&8, their applicable Grande Voiture will also receive 13 opportunities to win \$1,300.00. That’s **RIGHT!** Your Grande can also win \$1,300.00 **CASH!** Again, the same is true for PUFL members and those that already have their 2013 card.
- So think of the “Lucky 13” program this way. During the program period (August 1, 2012 to March 13, 2013); by simply renewing or reinstating your 40&8 membership, or by joining the 40&8,
- **YOU can win \$1,300.00!**
 - **YOUR LOCAL VOITURE can win \$1,300.00!**

And

- **YOUR GRAND VOITURE can win \$1,300.00!**

YOU can make ALL of the above happen, simply by doing something that you already consider to be of VALUE! ALL of the above can happen when you renew your annual 40&8 membership; have your 40&8 membership reinstated; or join the 40&8. And if you are a PUFL member, you’ve already been enrolled in the “Lucky 13” program. It can’t get much easier than this.

The “Lucky 13” program is truly unique in that it offers opportunities that far exceed the personal effort necessary. It also provides INCENTIVES and CASH REWARDS that demonstrate, in a real and tangible form, the VALUE and IMPORTANCE of membership in the 40&8.

REMEMBER! The “Lucky 13” program ends March 13, 2013. Don’t risk missing out on this opportunity; submit your membership renewal or reinstatement NOW! Become a PUFL NOW! Recruit those new members NOW! The “Lucky 13” program is sure to make 2013 a VERY

LUCKY YEAR for many 40&8 members.
YOU COULD BE ONE OF THEM. GOOD LUCK!

David Smith

National Membership Directeur

2013 INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Voyageurs

Recruit or Reinstate 2 or more members

I Got 2 Chapeau Pin

Recruit or Reinstate 10 or more members

Super Recruiter 10 Chapeau patch

Recruit or Reinstate the most members nationally

Super Recruiter Trophy Award

This Super Recruiter Award is the only Award presented at the general session at Promenade Nationale, all other Awards are presented at the Membership Committee Meeting, and therefore we think it is the most prestigious Award offered.

Voiture Locale

Achieve Quarterly Goals

Award Certificate from Voiture Nationale

Achieve 100%

Chapeau Patch and Award Certificate for the Chef de Gare

Achieve 105%

Honor Roll Club gold lapel pin for the Chef de Gare & Chef de Train or Membership Directeur (2 pins maximum per Locale).

Grande Voitures

Achieve 100%

Chapeau Patch and Award Certificate for the Grande Chef de Gare & Grande Correspondant.

Achieve 100%

Personalized polo shirt for the Grande Chef de Gare

Achieve 105%

A silver 105% ring for the Grande Chef de Gare

Each Grande Chef de Gare should set up a Grande Membership incentive program within their Grande Voiture offering Awards to motivate his Grande Officers to earn these valuable Membership Awards.

**GOOD LUCK AND THE AWARDS ARE THERE FOR THE
TAKING ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS EARN THEM**

Let's have some fun

The Grande is in need of funds. The Grande would appreciate any donations that any Voiture or Voyageur would like to make.

The Grande is going to have a fundraiser at the Spring Grande Cheminot & Wreck. Each Voiture that is represented at the banquet will have one male representative dressed up as a woman, the more realistic the better. Each Voiture will select their own male representative to dress as a

woman. There will be a \$20.00 per Voiture entry fee. If a Voiture does not put up a male representative there will be a \$50.00 fine. At the banquet the men, dressed as women, will go around the audience to collect money. The top three that collected the most will win a prize. This is being done to have fun and make some money for the Grande. A new PG wrecked during the weekend should not be a Voiture representative. Lets everyone be creative. They could be made up so that they are not recognizable.



Grand Voiture du Missouri Membership November 1, 2012

| Voiture Name | Voiture | 2012 Year End | 2013 To-date | 2013 Quota | Sh/Ov Quota | % of Quota |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| HEART OF AMERICA | 3 | 58 | 35 | 58 | -23 | 60.34% |
| SPIRIT OF ST. LOUIS | 38 | 125 | 58 | 125 | -67 | 46.40% |
| JESSE JAMES | 130 | 30 | 27 | 30 | -3 | 90.00% |
| HEART OF MISSOURI | 292 | 52 | 49 | 52 | -3 | 94.23% |
| CROSSROADS OF MISSOURI | 293 | 11 | 10 | 11 | -1 | 90.91% |
| RUSSELL H. MILLER | 333 | 277 | 93 | 277 | -184 | 33.57% |
| TABLE ROCK LAKE | 447 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 100.00% |
| GATEWAY | 448 | 117 | 26 | 117 | -91 | 22.22% |
| CENTRAL OZARK | 460 | 63 | 54 | 63 | -9 | 85.71% |
| COON COOKERS | 520 | 12 | 1 | 12 | -11 | 8.33% |
| KICKAPOO | 760 | 80 | 51 | 80 | -29 | 63.75% |
| MARK TWAIN | 966 | 6 | 5 | 6 | -1 | 83.33% |
| CAPITAL | 1292 | 80 | 31 | 80 | -49 | 38.75% |
| MINERAL AREA | 1321 | 69 | 2 | 69 | -67 | 2.90% |
| NEUF COMPT | 1379 | 46 | 34 | 46 | -12 | 73.91% |
| HEART OF THE OZARKS | 1395 | 17 | 15 | 17 | -2 | 88.24% |
| ATCHISON NODAWAY HOLT Counties | 1402 | 25 | 26 | 25 | 1 | 104.00% |
| LAKE OF THE OZARK | 1403 | 37 | 21 | 37 | -16 | 56.76% |
| TWO RIVERS | 1541 | 70 | 47 | 70 | -23 | 67.14% |
| Missouri Total | | 1177 | 587 | 1177 | -590 | 49.87% |

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