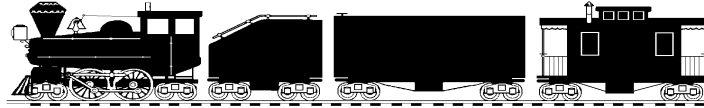


Communiqué
La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Cheveaux
Grande Voiture du Missouri



November 2013 - Grand Chef de Gare Ralph Turner

- L'Editeur Grant Willis

The Grand Chef Sez

Fellow Voyageurs:

I would like to begin this month's article by personally thanking each and every Voyageur, their spouses, and any guest who attended the Fall Cheminot and Homecoming. The cards and gifts I received are most appreciated.

We are kicking into high gear for our membership drive for the year. Membership is slowly picking up; Missouri is currently in 15th place within Nationale. This is a great improvement from where we were this time last year. Thanks for all that you do. Our next membership milestone (75%) is January 31, 2014. We need to make the phone calls, knock on the doors and get those stragglers and holdouts to pay their dues.

On the road this past month, I (with a few other Voyageurs) attended the 8/40 Pouvoir Banquet held for Sandy Findeiss in Jefferson City. I send thanks to the 8/40 Partners for your great hospitality. Also I attended the Legion Fall Conference where I visited a few Voyageurs in attendance.

Veterans Day is fast approaching. Veterans Day is intended to honor and thank all military personnel who served the United States. In some areas it is marked by parades and church services. Some schools are

closed while others mark the occasion with special assemblies or other activities. If you are able; get out and participate in some of these activities. Tina and I wish everyone a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving.

As a reminder; I try to send out weekly email. If you are not receiving this email correspondence and would like too; there is a link on the Grande's website (www.grandedumissouri.com) that you can click on the link "[Grand Chef de Gare:](#)" and you will be able to send me an email and let me know.

I hope to see everyone at the Grande Cheminot and Spring Wreck that will be held at the Doubletree Hotel in St Louis—28-30 March, 2014. Thanks for all the hard work that you do for *La Société des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux!*

Ralph Turner
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:
 November – Ritual and Child Welfare
 December – Youth Sports and Box Car

January – Americanism, Voyageur
Activities and Aumonier
February – POW/MIA, and Special Awards
March – Distinguished Voyageur Award

From the Kitchen of Jerry Smith. It seems like these things went like hot cakes at the Fall Cheminot.

BAKED KETTLE POPS ~ KITCHEN

COOKED

CARAMEL KETTLE POPS

Fy... we can only find this at schnucks stores

1 – 8 oz bag kettle pops

1½ cups brown sugar, packed

1 stick butter (no substitutes)

1/3 cup white corn syrup

½ tsp salt (if you use salted butter, use only ¼ tsp)

1 tsp baking soda

1 large foil baking pan (spray with pam)

step 1: put 8oz kettle pop into greased pan

step 2: mix sugar, butter, syrup and salt in a sauce pan. bring to a boil, stir constantly for 5 min. remove from heat and immediately stir in baking soda. mix well.

step 3: pour caramel mixture over the kettle pops in the large foil pan, covering each pop, mix well.

bake 1 hour at 200°f, stir every 15 minutes.

step 4: remove from oven and let cool. when cool, break apart any large pieces. put in large plastic bags and seal tightly.

we usually make 2 pans at a time.

ENJOY!!!!

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(you can order on line if there aren't any schnucks stores in your area.)

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To help in lowering cost we are going to start sending this newsletter out electronically via email. If you are receiving this issue via ground mail, then I do not have an email address for you. If you have one please send it to the following email address:
willis.grant@sbcglobal.net
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GRANDE VOITURE DU MISSOURI GRANDE CHEMINOT and WRECK

March 28, 29 and 30, 2014



DOUBLETREE HOTEL ST. LOUIS AT WESTPORT
1973 Craigshire
ST. Louis, MO 63146
Phone: (314) 434-0100
1-866-786-8088
Fax: (314) 434-0140

Room Rate is \$79.00 (plus tax) per night
For Standard King or Standard Double Queen Occupancy

So Register EARLY

Handicap rooms available

Make Hotel reservations directly with Doubletree Hotel by **March 7, 2014**
Mention 40 & 8 Honor Society, for special rates when making reservation.

Friday, March 28, 2014

Registration: 3:00 until 5:00 P.M. (In Hospitality Room)
Hospitality Room 3:00 P.M. - ????

Saturday, March 29, 2014

Registration 9:00 A.M. until Noon
Wreck 9:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.
LUNCH 11:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

1:00 P.M. Wreck Continues

Hospitality Room opens immediately after Wreck till 5:30 P.M.
Grand Chef de Gare Passe' Social Hour - 5:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.
Social Hour 6:00 P.M. - Cash Bar

Banquet: 7:00 P.M.

Hospitality Room: After Banquet - ??????

Sunday, March 30, 2014

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

ALL GUESTS TRY TO CHECK OUT BEFORE 12:00 P.M.

HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME

You may make Hotel Reservations for Grande Promenade July 18, 19, and 20, 2014 & Grande Cheminot and Homecoming September 26, 27, and 28, 2014 at this time.

To register for the Cheminot, make Check payable to Voiture 1541

Send to:

Allen Schultz
1427 Summergate Parkway
ST.Charles, MO 63303-6384

Last Name _____ First _____ Spouse/Guest _____

Voiture Number _____ Banquet/Person \$35.00 X No. Guests _____ = _____

Registration Fee \$10.00 (Voyageurs Only) _____

Total \$ _____



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 Spring Grande Cheminot and Wreck to be held March 28th to March 30th, 2014 at the Doubletree Hotel St. Louis at Westport, 1973 Craigshire, St. Louis, MO 63146, phone (314) 434-0100, or (866) 786-8088.

The Active Wreck will be held on Saturday, March 29th, 2014, at 9:00AM in St. Louis County.

The Spring Grande Cheminot will be held on Sunday March 30th, 2014 at 9:00 AM at the Doubletree Hotel.

There may be an Executive Board Meeting scheduled on Saturday. If there is one, the time and place will be posted in the Hospitality Room.

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

Ralph Turner
Grand Chef de Gare

FALL GRAND CHEMINOT, SEPTEMBER 28, 2013
RAMADA OASIS Hotel, SPRINGFIELD, Missouri

With a rap of the gavel, Grand Chef de Gare Ralph Turner, 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 Kopp.

Roll call of officers showed more absent than excused and the rest were in never land. Roll call of Grand Chefs de Gare Passe showed that nine 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 3, 293, 333, 447, 966, 1395, and 1402.

Notion offered by Rich Heigert, seconded by Chris Bryson, 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, held on September 28, 2013, at 9:00am. The budget was read by David Bexten. Discussed the budget and David Bexten offered a notion to accept the budget, seconded by Kevin Johnson and passed. Terry relayed a discussion he had with Gary Reno about the Missouri POW/MIA Scholarship Fund and its future.

No action was taken. Grand Chef de Gare, Ralph Turner appointed Bob Phillips on the Distinguished Voyageur Award Committee to take Ray Brodzinski's position and Grant Willis was appointed Chairman. Our raffle made \$558 last year. Rich Heigert made a motion to continue the raffle, seconded by Kevin Johnson ... passed. Leon Hill proposed having a fundraiser at the Spring Wreck where each Voiture will have one voyageur dress up a hobby horse and see which Voiture can raise the most money during the Spring Wreck banquet. Also at the banquet there will be a horse race. After discussion it was decided to do this. Discussed inviting the Chef de Chemin de Fer to Truman Day and to try and award the Honorary Chef de Chemin de Fer to Harry Truman's family on May 7, 2014. Terry will discuss this with the National Correspondant. Grand Chef de Gare Ralph Turner appointed past Grand Chefs as Advisors to the Sous Grand Chef de Trains as follows: Robert Lannan - Advisor Chubs Buckley; Hallie Williams - Advisor David Christian; Edward Schmidt - Advisor Ed Jones; Curtis Russel - Advisor Kevin Johnson. Rich Heigert offered a motion to provide up to \$1,000 travel allowance to Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer Grant Willis, seconded by Bob Eisenbath and passed. Executive meeting closed 10:13am. Kevin Johnson offered a notion to accept Executive meeting minutes, seconded by Chris Bryson... passed.

Grand Correspondant Terry Lanning stated the new yearbooks and envelopes for the Grand Directeurs are in the back of the room. Read a letter from Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer Grant Willis. The new 2014 Incentive Program awards will be published in the Grand Newsletter. Read a resolution for Thomas "Chip" Berkley for Grand Commissaire Intendant.

Grand Commissaire Intendant, David Bexten, stated the finance report and budget were passed out and discussed them. Notion offered by Dave Bexten, second by Bob Phillips, to accept the budget... passed. Notion offered by Dave Bexten, seconded by Kevin Johnson to accept the Finance report subject to audit ...passed.

Grand Chef de Train, Leon Hill, reported on the current Grande membership. The Grande has 483 members, 45%. Leon and the Sous Chef de Trains reported the membership of each Voiture. The Grande has a target as of October 31, 2013 to have 50% membership.

Cheminot Nationale David Christian reported on the Nationale Promenade.

David gave out the new password, which did not change.

Some of the highlights of the Grand Cheminot reports are: Voiture 3 held their installation on August 11, 2013 with 33 attending, adopted a budget of over \$20,000 for the Salvation Army, Missouri Boys State, Nurses Training, and Veterans welfare, have 42 members paid, have \$19,000 budgeted for Nurses Training, and \$3,320 budgeted for Missouri Boys State; Voiture 38 will have a fundraiser for Nurses Training, their loco is currently in the garage and hope to have it running soon; Voiture 130 sold towels to raise funds for their 12 nurses in training; Voiture 292 has 20 Nurses in Training; Voiture 448 had a BBQ in June, had an installation; Voiture 460 expended \$7,000 for rent assistance, MBCA and St. Nicks benefit, has 15 Nurses in Training for a cost of \$9,500, sponsored various teams for \$1,500, donated \$4,250 for Cancer

Society Relay for Life, Good Samaritan Food Pantry and Pulaski County Flood Relief, co-sponsored a 4th July dinner with the American Legion, donated \$2,000 for homeless veteran's assistance and gas cards; Voiture 760 donated to the Springfield reunion Club; Voiture 1292 will be having a Christmas party for special kids in December, held a raffle for Nurses Training to fund 1 nurse, every Tuesday volunteers go the Truman Hospital, sent one boy to Boys State; Voiture 1321 will have their cooker out, have 4 nurses in training; Voiture 1379 had their ChickNick and held a raffle which Dave Bexten won first prize (the prize is coming), has one Nurse in Training; Voiture 1541 has 5 nurses in training, had their installation in August, Car Show in August with about 100 cars, 47 members, Christmas party will be 12/18/13 at Wentzville Legion Post.

Grand Directeur Historian John Miller from last year presented the History Book award to Voiture 1541.

Grand Avocat Rich Heigert, said at the National Promenade there were a number of minor changes made to the National Constitution plus a change to the Preamble. Harry Truman was made an Honorary Chef de Chemin de Fer. There was a constitution change concerning the National Advisor Committee this was tabled until next year's National Promenade. The next National Promenades are: Virginia Beach 9/23-9/27/2014, Green Bay, WI 9/15-9/19/2015, and Toledo, Ohio 9/13-9/17/2016. Rich attended the National Promenade Americanism meeting, Ronald Pits was the National Americanism winner, 33 reports turned in for \$10,282,715,

Grand Directeur Nurses Training Jim Hartley said Voitures are not using the Boland program they need to look into it.

Grand Drapeau West David Voyles stated the flags are up and if any complaints then to see Jack Spitler

Grand Organizer Robert Phillips said the northeast does not have any Voitures in that area and he is working on this area.

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

Grand Directeur Box Car, Kevin Johnson, said he has cards and pins and there is a new coin that the Box Car is selling.

Grand Directeur Carville Star, Mike Scruby said he has new pins if anyone wanted any.

Grand Directeur Youth Sports, AJ Noonan said he has new pins if anyone wanted any.

Grand Sous Correspondant, Grant Willis said he needs email addresses, he is now sending out the Grand Newsletter via email. The Grand Newsletter is also on the Grand web page.

National Promenade - Terry Lanning attended the Finance Meeting and said new procedures for National travel has been approved. Ralph went to Public Relations meeting and said we need to get the 40/8 name on the street. There were 30% of the reports turned in. The Grand du Illinois web site has some good information. Kevin Johnson went to the Box Car meeting and said the Box Car raised about \$40,000 this year and they gave it all away. Chubs went to Child Welfare, which raised \$20,000 for hurricane Sandy. Only one claim submitted so now any veteran can submit a claim with a maximum of \$200 per person and \$800 per family. Grant went to POW/MIA meeting and they gave out 24 scholarships, one from Missouri. Ed Schmidt said rolling stock is now classified as any vehicle decorated that is used in a 40/8 function. He attended the membership meeting and the goal dates have been changed. He also attended the VAVS and they need reports turned in. Pat Beamer was elected Chef de Chemin de Fer, he is from Florida. Grant Willis was elected Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer, Kevin Johnson was appointed Sous Box Car Directeur and Terry Lanning was elected Commissaire Intendant National.

Old Business - Bob Phillips said the Grand Constitution is on the web site.

New Business - Terry stated every two weeks Nationale Voiture is emailing out Voyageur Briefs. If you don't get them they are on the Voiture National web site.

Distinguished Guest - Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer Grant Willis said we are close to the 50% goal of October 31, 2013. We lose more in renewals than deaths. So everyone needs to hit the renewals hard. Give new members a job so they feel wanted. His job is to talk to the Grand Chefs and the Sous Membership Directeurs talk to the Locale Chefs.

Grand Chef de Gare Turner closed the Fall Grand Cheminot in the proper manner at 3:15 PM.

Submitted by,
Terry L. Lanning
Grand Correspondant

Membership Report as of 10/31/2013

	2013	2014	2013		
	YTD	YTD	Year	% of	
Voiture	Total	Total	End	Quota	Short
3	35	44	58	75.86%	-14
38	58	64	114	56.14%	-50
130	27	19	30	63.33%	-11
292	49	33	52	63.46%	-19
293	10	0	10	0.00%	-10
333	93	97	211	45.97%	-114
447	2	2	2	100.00%	0
448	26	46	117	39.32%	-71
460	54	61	60	101.67%	1
520	1	13	12	108.33%	1
760	51	41	71	57.75%	-30
966	5	4	5	80.00%	-1
1292	31	29	75	38.67%	-46
1321	2	51	70	72.86%	-19
1379	34	50	48	104.17%	2
1395	15	16	17	94.12%	-1
1402	26	1	26	3.85%	-25
1403	21	17	31	54.84%	-14
1541	47	49	71	69.01%	-22
	587	637	1080	58.98%	-443

We made our 50% goal and are on our way to the next Goal of 75% by January 31, 2014. Keep up the good work and have a Happy Thanksgiving.