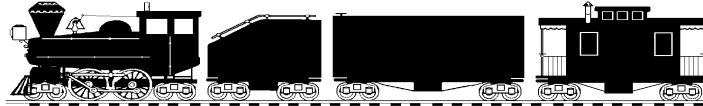


Communiqué
La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Cheveaux
Grande Voiture du Missouri



November 2014 - Grand Chef de Gare Leon Hill

- L'Editeur Grant Willis

The Grand Chef Sez

Voyageurs, I want to Thank all that attended my Homecoming and for the Gifts. I hope everyone had a great time at this event. I received a CD of the pictures taken in the Photo Booth and had a good laugh. Since our last Newsletter, I had the honor of attending the 87th Pouvoir Departemental de Missouri for Departemental Chapeau Carolyn Isgriggs, on October 23rd and 24th in Jefferson City, MO. Now it's time to press for 100% Membership in your Voiture. Let's get all renewals sent in and work on signing up new Voyageurs. Look for new Members when you attend Club Meetings, Veteran Organization Meetings and Events, Workplace Associates, upcoming Holiday Parties, and Family gatherings. Membership requirements have changed and YOU might be surprised to find someone who was never asked to join. You may get a lot of NOs. However, you may not get the one Yes without asking. Strive for your 2 Plus 2 pin. Direct the perspective Member to the www.fortyandeight.org website to learn more about our programs. If you have any questions, contact the Sous Grand Chef de Trains (Frank Angelo, Janice Hartley, David Voyles, and Allen Heidbrink) or myself. I know we can achieve our goals for each Voiture. We will do it! I encourage everyone to attend all Grand

functions when possible. The next Grand function will be the Spring Grande Cheminot and Wreck, March 27th thru the 29th at the Truman Hotel in Jefferson City, MO. Looking forward to seeing you there! As we start the Holiday season, I would like to take this opportunity to THANK YOU FOR OUR SERVICE. Veterans Day is November 11th and this is your Day. Happy Thanksgiving wishes to all. If you have pictures taken from any of the events I would really appreciate a copy. If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at 314-406-2260 or email me at lhill2@aol.com. God Bless our Troops and the United States of America.

Yours in Service,
Leon Hill
Grand Chef de Gare du Missouri

**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, Voyageur

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

If you have an email address and would like to receive this newsletter electronically, then please send me your email address to willis.grant@sbcglobal.net.

Grande Fund Raiser Project for 2015

Grande Cheminot and Spring Wreck

All Voiture Locals will have the opportunity to participate in our Model Car Show and Races. Builder and enthusiasts will have the opportunity to show off their latest designs. Entry fee will be \$50.00. Non entry will be a \$50.00 penalty for the Event.

Rules:

1. Voiture will receive (1) Model Car Kit to be assembled and decorated. (Paint, Stickers, bigger engine, tires, etc.)
2. Each Entry will have a driver (Voyageur) dressed in Driver Apparel.
3. The Driver will take the Car around to the Voyageurs and Guest in attendance at the Spring Cheminot and Wreck Banquet accepting donations.
4. Each Entry will be entered in Race Heats to determine the fastest Car. The winner of each Heat will be entered into the final Race heat.
5. \$2.00 Bets will be taken for each Race Heat. The Bets will be taken prior to the beginning of each Race Heat. (like a Horse Race)
6. Each Car will be judged on Looks, Driver Apparel, Speed and Money Collected.

All Rule questions will be decided by the Grand Chef de Gare.

RITUAL

- Provides a consistent guide to all ceremonies and memorial services.
- Annually approves the current password for the coming year.
- Ritual provides a link to our past and the history of this Veterans Honor Society.



CHILD WELFARE

- Founded in 1923 its original purpose was to care for orphaned children of servicemen killed in WWI.
- Funds are raised by an annual dues assessment of \$.50.
- In 1925 the Child Welfare fund was established which became the Charles Ardery Child Welfare Trust.
- The Ardery Trust provides grants to aid children who are the victims of disaster.
- Half of the annual assessment or \$.25 goes to the trust fund.
- In 1932 The Forty and Eight declared war on childhood diphtheria and distributed vaccine to those who were unable to afford it.
- Many other programs included iron lungs for victims of polio.

- Most recently we raised \$21,800 for children who were impacted by hurricane Sandy of which \$5,000 was used for tornado victims in Indiana where an elementary school was completely destroyed.



NURSES TRAINING

- The Forty and Eight began issuing Nursing Scholarships in 1941.
- Program officially started in 1955.
- Program is primarily administered at the Locale (Voiture) level.
- National money for nursing scholarships comes from the Boland Nurses Training Trust Fund.
- Scholarships help many nursing students that are juggling family, child care, work, school and studying.



CARVILLE STAR

- In 1947 the Forty and Eight began its long association with the Hanson's Disease Program in Carville, Louisiana.
- Hanson's Disease is erroneously associated with "Biblical Leprosy"
- The word Star comes from the publication "*The STAR*".
- The purpose of the "*The Star*" is to educate and enlighten the public and the medical profession on the truthful facts about Hansen's Disease and dispel myths that date back to the biblical days. It also furnishes vocational rehabilitation for interested patients.
- *The STAR* has a growing circulation going out to all 50 states and more than 154 foreign countries.
- The Forty and Eight financially supports this program and publication.



40 & 8's Presenting Printing Press in 1947



**Grande du Missouri Membership
October 30, 2014**

	2014	2015	2014					
Voiture	YTD	YTD	Year	% of	short/over	Goal	% of	Short/over
	Total	Total	End	Quota			Goal	Goal
3	44	30	58	51.72%	-28	61	49.18%	-31
38	64	50	103	48.54%	-53	109	45.87%	-59
130	19	18	32	56.25%	-14	34	52.94%	-16
292	33	9	50	18.00%	-41	53	16.98%	-44
333	97	134	222	60.36%	-88	234	57.26%	-100
447	2	2	2	100.00%	0	3	66.67%	-1
448	46	23	110	20.91%	-87	116	19.83%	-93
460	61	48	71	67.61%	-23	75	64.00%	-27
520	13	6	13	46.15%	-7	14	42.86%	-8
760	41	39	73	53.42%	-34	77	50.65%	-38
966	4	4	5	80.00%	-1	6	66.67%	-2
1292	29	0	77	0.00%	-77	81	0.00%	-81
1321	51	19	65	29.23%	-46	69	27.54%	-50
1379	50	29	61	47.54%	-32	65	44.62%	-36
1395	16	15	16	93.75%	-1	17	88.24%	-2
1402	1	1	24	4.17%	-23	26	3.85%	-25
1403	17	10	27	37.04%	-17	29	34.48%	-19
1541	49	30	72	41.67%	-42	76	39.47%	-46
TOTALS	637	467	1081	43.20%	-614	1136	41.11%	-669