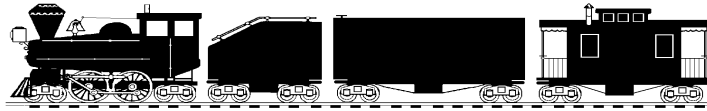


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La Société des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux
Grande Voiture du Missouri



November 2017 - Grand Chef de Gare David Voyles

- L'Éditeur Grant Willis



The Grand Chef

Fellow Voyageurs,

This month's article is to address the Chef de Gares and Past Grand Chef de Gares. First of all I want to thank all the Voyageurs and guests who came to my homecoming. I especially want to thank Kevin Johnson for being my master of ceremony and my Friend. Homecoming is the high lite of my year just as it was for the Past Grand Chef de Gares when they had their own homecoming.

The message of this article is to remind the Past Grand Chef de Gares that our obligation for the Grande does not stop after our term of office as the Grand Chef de Gare. It is our responsibility to help our Chef de Gares to meet their goals during their year. With all our knowledge and experience that we have as Grande officers we can be very helpful to the all Voiture's. Let us not forget that once we were Chef de Gares and needed help from the Voyageurs to make our goals for the year.

As leaders of the Grande we need to lead the way to help the Voiture's to achieve being the number one Grande in the National Organization. I personal want to thank the entire Chef de Gares and Past

Grand Chef de Gares for their help during my term. Have a great Thanksgiving with your friends and Family.

Grand Chef de Gare

David N. Voyles

**Sous Grand
Correspondants Notes**

Another year is upon us and it is time to hear from our new Directeur's. The articles for the next newsletter will be due by October 30th

Carville Star, and Nurses Training

Youth Sports

Special Olympics Missouri is raising funds for the *Training for Life Campus*. The campus will allow for year-round sports

training and is a facility that embodies the mission and vision of Special Olympics Missouri. LOCATED: JEFFERSON CITY, MO.

News/Information from Youth Sports
Director: Ann Roberts

*SIGN UP VOLUNTEER PAGE-(one time event too)

<https://somo.volunteerhub.com/events/index>

*Above up-coming sports:

<https://somo.org/SportsOffered>

*Please EMAIL ,text, call me for pins. The pins are neat and helpful to all youth.
Annroberts977@gmail.com. 816-469-0271.

GUESS WHAT?? WHAT IF Grand du Missouri 40 &8 became another GREAT veteran organization that REALLY helped build Special Olympics Training for Life Center? <https://somo.org/fantheblade>--. All possible of Voiture's collects Coins for Special Olympics Training for Life Center. Awesome!!

- Other sports for youth are important too. If you send me a picture, description of what you do, then that gives others ideas too.

Thanks, Ann Roberts

MEMBERSHIP

Well October is over membership is going well we are at 57.99%. With 2 Voiture at 100 % and several getting close. Our train is at 12 cars and counting. Keep up the good work. We are ahead of our percentage this time last year. Let's keep this Train a rolling and we can make this the year we go over the top. Thank you for all your support see you soon.

Grand Chef de Train
Calvin Bumgarner

FALL GRAND CHEMINOT, OCTOBER 7, 2017 OASIS HOTEL, SPRINGFIELD, Missouri

With a rap of the gavel, Grand Chef de Gare David Voyles, opened the Fall Grand Cheminot at 1:00 PM with a salute to the Flag, the Pledge of Allegiance, and a much needed prayer by Grand Aumonier Rose Noonan.

Roll call of officers showed some were there. Roll call of Grand Chefs de Gare Passe showed that twelve 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 966, 1395 and 1402. Wouldn't you know it but the Grand Chef de Gare Voyles lost his gavel. He got it back later from Ralph Turner, after he paid dearly. Grand Chef de Gare Voyles recognized Alt. NEC Tom Goodin and Department Commander Cary Kellett.

Grand Avocat Grant Willis said Rich Heigert did not pass on any information to him to do this job but we will follow Roberts Rules of Order.

Notion offered by Kevin Johnson, seconded by Art Wilson, 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 October 7, 2017, at 9:00am. The budget was read by Janice Hartley. Kevin Johnson offered a notion to accept the budget as printed, seconded by Calvin Bumgarner ... passed. Discussed what fundraiser we should have at the Spring Wreck. Decided to do the race cars, with Bob Phillips in charge. If a Voiture does not participate then there will be a \$50 fine and \$50 for participating. It was decided that the Grande should invite the Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer Mike Robberstad to the Grande Spring Wreck and Cheminot. An

update on Central States was made. Discussed if the Grande wanted to put in a bid for a Promenade Nationale to be held in Springfield. Rich Heigert offered a notion to set up a Promenade Nationale Committee to look into having a Promenade Nationale, seconded by Art Wilson and passed. Grand Chef de Gare Voyles then appointed the following on the committee: Rich Heigert Chairman, Terry McDonald, Bob Emery and Kevin Johnson. Art made a motion to approve the appointments, seconded by Calvin and passed. Executive meeting closed 9:42am. Ben Sargent offered a notion to accept Executive meeting minutes, seconded by Don Barbour...passed.

Grand Correspondant Terry Lanning stated the new yearbooks and envelopes for the Grand Directeurs are in the back of the room.

Grand Commissaire Intendant, Janice Hartley, stated the finance report and budget were passed out and discussed them. Notion offered by Tom Goodin, second by Ben Sargent, to accept the budget and Finance report...passed.

Grand Chef de Train Calvin Bumgarner said we are at 49% and called on the Sous Chef de Trains to report on their Voitures, to which A. J. Noonan said his area was at 67%, Hallie Williams said his area was at 46%, Mike Scruby said his area was at 50%, and Terry McDonald said his area was at 41%. The Grand has a total membership of 421. This is 30 members less than at this time last year. Grand Chef de Gare Voyles said we need to let the voyageurs know how important they are.

Alternate Cheminot Nationale Chip Berkley reported on the Nationale Promenade. There was a good turnout from the Grande and gave out the new password.

Promenade National – Kevin attended the Ritual meeting and said the Ritual Manual has some changes in it. Voiture 1321 won 1st place. Janice Hartley attended the Box Car meeting. Janice won the top gun award. She also said Box Car pin and card sales were down and don't hold

onto the checks. Rich Heigert attended the Youth Sports meeting, they received 14 reports plus 5 later, pin sales were not that good, Youth Sports will include any youth activity that has competition. Ralph Turner attended the Child Welfare meeting, they received 14 reports, and Ardery has 21 claims. Mike Scruby attended the Carville Star meeting and said they made a star out of coke bottles at the museum. Ed Jones attended the Public Relations meeting and said we need to use PR to get new members. Chip Berkley attended the VAVS meeting. More Voitures need to turn in applications for the Keep Wheel Chairs Rolling awards. Columbia won some money. Terry Lanning attended the Finance Meeting and said if membership does not do a lot better then we are looking at a dues increase in two years. Ken Lafleur was elected Chef de Chemin de Fer, he is from Louisiana. Grant Willis was appointed Sous Public Relations Directeur, Janice Hartley was appointed Sous Box Car Directeur and Terry Lanning was elected Commissaire Intendant National. Grant Willis attended the membership meeting and said we lost 1,600 members that did not renew, deaths 1,200, and new members of 1,400 so the problem is in renewals. Grant said the next Promenade Nationale's will be 2018 in Louisville, Myrtle Beach September 10-14, 2019, and Sandusky Ohio September 16-19, 2020

Some of the highlights of the Grand Cheminot reports are: Voiture 3 had their installation and Grand Chef de Gare Voyles attended, they have 17 Nurses in Training; Voiture 38 had their installation during the eclipse, their loco has been out a number of times, planning is underway for kids xmas party for December; Voiture 130 in September they sold \$2,700 in towels and trash bags to raise money for their 12 nurses in training; Voiture 292 had a BBQ at VA Hospital on Memorial Day, provided an exercise bike to a Vet, sent 2 girls to girls state and 3 boys to boys state; Voiture 333 are working on the Box Car, they stripped

all of the paint off of it and found the wood to be good, had 3 PGs; Voiture 448 had a BBQ in June, will have their xmas party at Marygrove on 12/17/17, meeting at American Legion Post 338, had their installation; Voiture 460 had an Independence Day dinner for Legion Post 331, held a raffle for a gun and netted \$2,100, sponsored 2 teams for Challenger 3U3 National Soccer tournament, had joint installation with Legion Post, Grand Chef was the installing officer, have 7 nurses in training, sponsored Labor Day dinner for Legion Post 331, membership at 69%; Voiture 760 their Chef died and have elected a new Chef Ron Leverenz; Voiture 1292 had a fundraiser Golf Tournament, 9 nurses in training, plan on having 6 PG's at Spring Wreck, kids xmas party in December; Voiture 1541 had their Car Show, their history book won 1st Place at Nationale, had their installation to which Grand Chef de Gare Voyles did the installing and paid for a few mistakes, Christmas party will be 12/13/2017.

Grand Historien Robert Emery said to send him pictures of the Grand Chef.

Grand Avocat Grant Willis said he did not know anything, since Rich did not give him anything.

Grand Directeur Child Welfare Benjamin Sargent said he has new 2018 pins if anyone wanted any let him know.

Grand Directeur Voiture Activities Mike Brueckmann said they are still working on the Soldiers Memorial.

Grand Directeur Nurses Training Jim Hartley said the he has pins if anyone needs them let him know. Make the checks for the pins out to the Nurses Training Club. The Boland Trust Fund can give a nurse a scholarship if the local Voiture can't help them. If your Voiture does not have a Nurses training Scholarship program or a Voiture that has already sent in an application to the Boland then let Jim know and he will entertain using the one at large Boland nurses training scholarship. Voiture

3 won Honorable mention at Promenade Nationale.

Grand Publiciste Bob Emery said to send items to him to put on the web.

Grand Directeur Americanism Bob Emery said he had new pins if anyone wanted any pins to let him know. Also you can report about everything in Americanism.

Grand Directeur Box Car Joel Doyscher said he has pins so let him know if you need any.

Grand Directeur Carville Star Mike Scruby said he has pins so let him know if you need any.

Grand Directeur POW/MIA Frank Angelo said he has new 2018 pins if anyone wanted any let him know.

Grand Directeur Ritual Kevin Johnson said to pre read the parts before you have a wreck, it will look better.

Grand Directeur Special Awards Richard Pack said the 2018 form will be on the Voiture Nationale web site soon.

Grand Sous Correspondant, Grant Willis said the Grand Chef and any other articles are due to him by the end of the month. If anyone else has anything to put in the Grande Newsletter then send it to him. If a voyageur wants the newsletter then send him their email address and he will email the newsletter to them.

Time and Place Committee Chairman Art Wilson all of the 2018 Grande functions will be held at the Oasis Hotel in Springfield. The bid numbers have been updated.

Distinguished Voyageur Award Chairman Grant Willis said to send him nominations prior to the Spring Wreck. He will have a meeting at the Spring Wreck.

Tom Goodin said there was a MAVO meeting on September 19, 2017 and there will be another on in October.

Central States Committee – Chip Berkley said it will be on May 3 to 5, 2018 at the Oasis Hotel in Springfield, there will be a sign up sheet for anyone that wants to make donations. Art Wilson said the golf tournament is set and will cost \$60.00, it

will be on Friday May 4, 2018. He has 4 tea times.

Old Business – none

New Business – Richard Pack said the registration fee needs to be increased. Grand Chef de Gare Voyles said this was discussed at the Executive Meeting and was decided to leave them as is.

Grand Chef de Gare Voyles closed the Fall Grand Cheminot in the proper manner at 2:55 PM.

Submitted by,
Terry L. Lanning
Grand Correspondant

Here is something I found for the upcoming
VETERANS DAY

The Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, marking the official end of World War I. Nonetheless, the armistice date of November 11, 1918, remained in the public imagination as the date that marked the end of the conflict.

One year later, in November 1919, U.S. President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day. The day's observation included parades and public gatherings, as well as a brief pause in business and school activities at 11 a.m.

On November 11, 1921, an unidentified American soldier killed in the war was buried at Arlington National Cemetery near Washington, D.C. On the same day the previous year, unidentified soldiers were laid to rest at Westminster Abbey in London and at the Arc de Triomphe in Paris.

Did You Know?

Red poppies, a symbol of World War I from their appearance in the beloved poem "In Flanders Fields" by John McCrae, are sold in Canada and the United Kingdom on Remembrance Day to raise money for veterans or worn in the lapel as a tribute.

On June 4, 1926, Congress passed a resolution that the "recurring anniversary of [November 11, 1918] should be commemorated with thanksgiving and prayer and exercises designed to perpetuate peace through good will and mutual understanding between nations," and that the president should issue an annual proclamation calling for the observance of Armistice Day.

By that time, 27 state legislatures had made November 11 a legal holiday. An act approved May 13, 1938 made November 11 a legal Federal holiday, "dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be hereafter celebrated and known as 'Armistice Day.'"

In actuality, there are no U.S. national holidays because the states retain the right to designate their own, and the government can only designate holidays for federal employees and for the District of Columbia. In practice, however, states almost always follow the federal lead.

FROM ARMISTICE DAY TO VETERANS DAY

American effort during World War II saw the greatest mobilization of the U.S. Army, Navy, Marines and Air Force in the nation's

history (more than 16 million people); some 5.7 million more served in the Korean War.

In 1954, after lobbying efforts by veterans' service organizations, the 83rd U.S. Congress amended the 1938 act that had made Armistice Day a holiday, striking the word "Armistice" in favor of "Veterans." President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the legislation on June 1, 1954. From then on, November 11 became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

The next development in the story of Veterans Day unfolded in 1968, when Congress passed the Uniform Holidays Bill, which sought to ensure three-day weekends for federal employees—and encourage tourism and travel—by celebrating four national holidays (Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Veterans Day and Columbus Day) on Mondays.

The observation of Veterans Day was set as the fourth Monday in October. The first Veterans Day under the new law was Monday, October 25, 1971; confusion ensued, as many states disapproved of this change, and continued to observe the holiday on its original date.

In 1975, after it became evident that the actual date of Veterans Day carried historical and patriotic significance to many Americans, President Gerald Ford signed a new law returning the observation of Veterans Day to November 11th beginning in 1978. If November 11 falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the federal government observes the holiday on the previous Friday or following Monday, respectively.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Great Britain, France, Australia and Canada also commemorate the veterans of World War I and II on or near November 11th: Canada has Remembrance Day, while Britain has Remembrance Sunday (the second Sunday of November). In Europe, Great Britain and the Commonwealth countries it is common to observe two minutes of silence at 11 a.m. every November 11.

In the United States, an official wreath-laying ceremony is held each Veterans Day at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery, while parades and other celebrations are held in states around the country.

Veterans Day is not to be confused with Memorial Day—a common misunderstanding, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Memorial Day (the fourth Monday in May) honors American servicemembers who died in service to their country or as a result of injuries incurred during battle, while Veterans Day pays tribute to all American veterans—living or dead—but especially gives thanks to living veterans who served their country honorably during war or peacetime.

ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETARY

George Washington Parke Custis, grandson of Martha Washington, acquired the land that now is Arlington National Cemetery in 1802, and began construction of Arlington House (the name is ultimately derived from the village of Arlington, Gloucestershire, England, where Custis' family was originally from). The estate passed to Custis' daughter, Mary Anna, who had married United States

Army officer **Robert E. Lee**. Custis' will gave a "life inheritance" to Mary Lee, allowing her to live at and run Arlington Estate for the rest of her life but not enabling her to sell any portion of it.^[4] Upon her death, the Arlington estate passed to her eldest son, George Washington Custis Lee.^[4]

When Virginia seceded from the Union at the start of the **American Civil War**, Robert E. Lee resigned his commission on April 20, 1861, and took command of the armed forces of the Commonwealth of Virginia, later becoming commander of the **Army of Northern Virginia**.^[5] On May 7, troops of the **Virginia militia** occupied Arlington and Arlington House.^[6] With Confederate forces occupying Arlington's high ground, the capital of the Union was left in an untenable military position.^[7] Although unwilling to leave Arlington House, Mary Lee believed her estate would soon be recaptured by federal soldiers. So she buried many of her family treasures on the grounds and left for her sister's estate at **Ravenworth** in **Fairfax County, Virginia**, on May 14.^{[8][9]} On May 3, General **Winfield Scott** ordered **Brigadier General Irvin McDowell** to clear Arlington and the city of **Alexandria, Virginia**, of all troops not loyal to the United States.^[10] McDowell occupied Arlington without opposition on May 24.^[11]



Arlington House

At the outbreak of the Civil War, most military personnel who died in battle near Washington, D.C., were buried at the **United States Soldiers' Cemetery** in Washington, D.C., or **Alexandria Cemetery** in **Alexandria, Virginia**, but by late 1863 both were nearly full.^[12] On July 16, 1862, Congress passed

legislation authorizing the U.S. federal government to purchase land for national cemeteries for military dead, and put the U.S. Army Quartermaster General in charge of this program.^[12] In May 1864, Union forces suffered large numbers of dead in the **Battle of the Wilderness**. **Quartermaster General Montgomery C. Meigs** ordered that an examination of eligible sites be made for the establishment for a large new national military cemetery. Within weeks, his staff reported that Arlington Estate was the most suitable property in the area.^[12] The property was high and free from floods (which might unearth graves), it had a view of the District of Columbia, and it was aesthetically pleasing. It was also the home of the leader of the armed forces of the Confederate States of America, and denying Robert E. Lee use of his home after the war was a valuable political consideration.^[13] The first military burial at Arlington, for **William Henry Christman**, was made on May 13, 1864,^[14] close to what is now the northeast gate in Section 27.^[15] However, Meigs did not formally authorize establishment of burials until June 15, 1864.^[16] Arlington did not desegregate its burial practices until President Harry S. Truman issued Executive Order 9981 on July 26, 1948.^[17]



The **Old Guard** transports the flag-draped casket of the second **Sergeant Major of the Army George W. Dunaway** who was buried with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery.

The government acquired Arlington at a tax sale in 1864 for \$26,800, equal to \$410,000 today.^[18] Mrs. Lee had not appeared in person but rather had sent an agent, attempting to pay the \$92.07 in property taxes (equal to \$1,400 today) assessed on the

estate in a timely manner.^[19] The government turned away her agent, refusing to accept the tendered payment. In 1874, **Custis Lee**, heir under his grandfather's will passing the estate in trust to his mother, sued the United States claiming ownership of Arlington. On December 9, 1882, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled 5–4 in Lee's favor in *United States v. Lee*, deciding that Arlington had been confiscated without due process.^{[19][20]} After that decision, Congress returned the estate to

him, and on March 3, 1883, Custis Lee sold it back to the government for \$150,000 (equal to \$3,271,364 in 2017) at a signing ceremony with Secretary of War **Robert Todd Lincoln**.^{[18][21]} The land then became a military reservation.^[22]

President **Herbert Hoover** conducted the first national Memorial Day ceremony in Arlington National Cemetery, on May 30, 1929.^[23]

A TIME FOR REMEMBERANCE OF ALL OUR SERVICE MEMBERS



GRANDE VOITURE DU MISSOURI
Grande Cheminot & Wreck



MARCH 23rd TO March 25th, 2018
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888-532-4338

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Make your reservations directly with Oasis Hotel by March 2nd, 2018
Mention 40&8 Honor Society for special rate when making reservations

Friday

Registration 15:00 HRS until 18:00 HRS in Kalahari and Mojave Rooms

Hospitality Room 15:00 HRS until ??? in Kalahari and Mojave Rooms

Saturday

Registration 09:00 HRS until 12:00 HRS in Kalahari and Mojave Rooms

WRECK 09:00 HRS until 11:30 HRS

LUNCH 11:30 HRS until 13:00 HRS in Kalahari and Mojave Rooms

13:00 HRS – WRECK Continues

Hospitality Room open after the WRECK until 17:00 HRS

Grand Chef de Gare Passé Social Hour 17:00 HRS until 18:00 HRS in Arabian Room

Social Hour 18:00 HRS – Cash Bar/Banquet 19:00 HRS in Maui Ballroom

Hospitality Room after the Banquet

Sunday

Grande Cheminot 09:00 HRS – 12:00 HRS

Deadline to register for the Banquet is March 2nd, 2017
Make your check payable to Voiture 1379 for registration

Send to: Robert C. Emery
16001 E 31st St S
Independence, MO 64055-2709

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Spouse/Guest _____

Title _____ Voiture Number _____

Banquet Buffett \$30.00/Person x Number of Guest ____ \$ _____

Registration Fee \$10.00 (Voyageurs Only) \$ _____

Total \$ _____

MEMBERSHIP
October 26, 2017

Voiture Name	Voiture	2017	2018	2017	% of	short/over
		YTD	YTD	Year		
		Total	Total	Total	Quota	
HEART OF AMERICA	3	30	16	45	35.56%	-29
SPIRIT OF ST. LOUIS	38	49	61	84	72.62%	-23
JESSE JAMES	130	24	32	35	91.43%	-3
HEART OF MISSOURI	292	38	35	40	87.50%	-5
RUSSELL H. MILLER	333	61	54	155	34.84%	-101
GATEWAY	448	50	55	84	65.48%	-29
CENTRAL OZARK	460	42	40	63	63.49%	-23
KICKAPOO	760	22	17	40	42.50%	-23
MARK TWAIN	966	4	4	4	100.00%	0
CAPITOL	1292	38	29	69	42.03%	-40
MINERAL AREA	1321	52	52	68	76.47%	-16
NEUF COMPT	1379	34	30	45	66.67%	-15
HEART OF THE OZARKS	1395	15	13	15	86.67%	-2
ATCHISON NODAWAY HOLT Co.	1402	1	21	21	100.00%	0
LAKE OF THE OZARK	1403	11	3	18	16.67%	-15
TWO RIVERS	1541	39	35	71	49.30%	-36
Missouri Total		510	497	857	57.99%	-360