



Communiqué



La Société des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux

Grande Voiture du Missouri

November 2021 - Grand Chef de Gare A.J. Noonan

L'Éditeur Robert C. Emery



Fellow Voyageurs:

Another month has come and gone – I want to thank everyone who were able to make it to the Homecoming and Grande Cheminot. It was truly a wonderful occasion and a heartfelt thanks for the camaraderie we share. Thanks to the Departmental de Missouri Le Chapeau, Ms. Janet Barton and her guest Betty for attending. It was an honor and privilege to attend the Departmental de Missouri Pouvoir Banquet in Jefferson City the following weekend. I look forward to working with her throughout the year. I appreciate all the hospitality shown to my parents during Homecoming weekend – they had a wonderful time meeting everyone.

I had the opportunity to attend the Missouri Veteran Commission meeting in Jefferson City this past week. It was eye-opening seeing the statistics on Veteran Homes nursing shortages and the turnover rates of Registered Nurses (RNs) and Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) in these facilities. It reiterates the importance of our Nurses Training Program.

The Holiday season is upon us – let us enjoy some time with family and friends during these upcoming months. Veterans Day is special occasion to thank all our Veterans for their service and sacrifices to our Nation. I would ask that everyone make an effort to visit with our elderly Veterans and those less fortunate during this time. I want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving – enjoy this time but remember to be safe. For those traveling long distances to visit with family and friends, Safe travels. I am looking forward to attending Christmas Parties in December.

MEMBERSHIP As of 28 Oct 21, Grande du Missouri is currently at 56.96% a slow but steady increase from last month. I would ask each Voiture to contact and encourage our members to submit their renewals as soon as possible before they become

delinquent. I challenge every Voyageur to identify eligible Veterans and talk to them about the 40 and 8 and the programs of

this organization. Invite these Veterans into the 40 and 8 organization and make them feel welcome.

If any Voiture has a special event coming up in the next few months; send Robert Emery a flier to include in the monthly Communiqué.

Sincerely,

A. J. Noonan
Grand Chef de Gare
Grande du Missouri
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Looking for articles
and events for the
Communiqué and
Grande web site

**Jan 2022 - Special Awards,
Voiture Activities**
Feb 2022 - Distinguished Voyageur
Mar 2022 - Carville Star
Apr 2022 - VAVS
May 2022 - Nurses Training, PR

SPRING WRECK DERBY

The Grande is once again going to have a fundraiser at the Spring Grande Cheminot & Wreck.

Each Voiture that is represented at the banquet will have a Jockey and one decorated Stick (Hobby) Horse entry. The more realistic the better, Owners of the horse wear your silks (colors). Each Voiture will decorate their Stick horse and select their own Jockey to ride in the Stick Horse Derby Parade. There will be a \$50.00 per Voiture entry fee. If a Voiture does not participate in the Derby there will be a \$50.00 fine. At the banquet the men or women, dressed as Jockeys with their Stick Horses, will go around the audience to collect money to be used to feed the horses. Make sure your Horse has a full belly or you may find your Jockey and Stick Horse at the bar instead of the starting gate. The Jockey who collected the most money will win a prize. Next, the Jockey and Stick Horse will run a race(s). The races will be 10 (1 foot) squares and each Jockey representative will roll a die and the Jockey will move that many squares. Be careful, if your Horse number comes up you lose that turn. There will not be any betting.

Remember you will need to decorate the Horse. Please plan on joining fellow Voyageurs at the Spring Wreck, Stick Horse Decorating and Racing Contest. Brush off your STETSON; polish your Boots and join in on the fun.

Terry

Getting the Word Out

Fellow Voyageurs,

I have been looking for ways within Area 1 for us to recruit, retain, and renew La Société, and as part of that I am looking at social media and actual websites/ Websites and social media platforms like Facebook afford us an opportunity to get wider exposure to our organization. After doing searches on Facebook, and also searching for 40&8 websites, I have found that there are not many Grandes, let alone Locales that have a presence on either platform.

I believe that we all have friends on social media that are veterans, both Voyageurs and non-Voyageurs. Think about this; which has a greater chance of sparking someone to ask about the 40&8; if there is a website or Facebook page created for your Grande or Locale that you follow, or not having a website or Facebook page that you follow? The answer is easy, it is 100% more likely someone will ask based on what they see as your personal interests or associations on social media. Establishing a presence with a website or social media page is not as daunting as it may

seem. For a website, there are many people and companies that specialize in setting up websites, some free and some for a fee; and for Facebook, setting up a Grande or Locale Facebook page is as easy as it was setting up your own personal Facebook page

As part of my research, I reviewed the 40&8 Nationale website, specifically the "Local Web Sites" page (<https://www.fortyandeight.org/local-web-sites/>), and found the following Grandes / Locales have sites that seem to be updated regularly:

Grande du California, Georgia, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, New York, North Carolina, Texas, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin

Voiture Locales # 1571, 1390, 1379, 45, 99, 987

The following Grandes and Locales have sites that are no longer valid, haven't been updated in a long time, or provide an error when trying to open them:

Grande du Kansas – Looks to have been last updated in 2017.

Grande du Maryland – Last updated in 2013/14

Grande du Michigan – Looks to have been last updated in 2017.

Voiture Locales # 395, 257, 719, 717, 1250, 1415, 891, 1521

VL 1261 (doesn't appear to have been updated since 2008)

VL 265 (doesn't appear to have been updated since 2010)

VL 111 (doesn't appear to have been updated since 2019)

VL 251 (doesn't seem to have been updated since 2010)

VL 306 (still states American Legion membership as a pre-requisite)

VL 443 (doesn't seem to have been updated since 2010)

VL 766 (still states American Legion membership as a pre-requisite)

VL 927 (doesn't seem to have been updated since 2019)

VL 1457 (doesn't seem to have been updated since 2020)

To that end, I am asking not only the 12 Grandes that comprise Area 1, but also the Grandes and Locales within all of La Société to think about websites and social media as a way to expand, grow, and also to do a little "bragging" about what we do for our communities.

Together, we can all ensure that La Société grows and prospers beyond us.

En Service, Paul J. Emmert, Sr.

Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer (Area 1)

Letter from
Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer (Area 1)
Paul J. Emmert, Sr.

Fellow Voyageurs,

I bring you greetings from Nationale!

Chef de Chemin de Fer Bill Simpson laid out his charge for this year, and it reads:

"My theme this year will be no different from those who have served before me and that is MEMBERSHIP. We all know that it is the life line of our organization. Each and every one of us is a vital part of seeing that we continue to grow. That being said, I want us to perform CPR. No, I'm not asking everyone to get certified medically, but to C - Communicate, P - Participate, R - Retention.

You put those three elements together, our organization will grow and maintain the high quality of being the BEST organization ever. Each part of that will be discussed in upcoming letters.

My program this year is one that is close to my heart and that is our Youth Sports program. Having been the Secretary/Treasurer for the past four years, I have seen what you have accomplished. No child should ever be left behind in participating in organized sports due to lack of funds. The situation of the world shutting down the past 18 months or so because of the pandemic, our youth have suffered. Now is the time to put that Chapeau on and make yourself known that we are out there and here to help. I believe this could be a banner year for not only youth sports but ALL of our programs." And now, on to what the Big Chef was focusing on, and all of us should be... Membership. It's week 4, and our area currently sits in 4th place out of 4, sitting at 43.12% of goal I'm not as much worried about our place against other Areas, as much as I am with the fact that our area is already 191 renewals behind where we were this time last year. It cannot be overstated enough that keeping our current membership is just as important as recruiting

members. Along with Chef de Chemin de Fer Simpson's C - P - R, I also fall back on a good tool that was talked about at the 2019 Promenade Nationale in Myrtle Beach, and that was the "RIM" Program. This entails the following 3 points: Recruit, Invite, and Mentor. Digging deep, we know that Recruit is what we should be doing every day for La Societe. Next, we Invite the recruit to become

a member of La Societe. Once they are a member, we get to Mentor. Mentoring is one of the most valuable things you can do for a new Voyageur. At this point, they know very little about La Societe, and it is our job to educate them, "show them the ropes", and make them comfortable in La Societe. This is the time when they are getting their "sea legs". Once they are comfortable, then they become the recruiters for the future of La Societe. Every little bit of guidance helps.

Congratulations go out to Grande du Ohio Voiture Locale 487 for reaching your 100% membership goal during the past week. Great job!

As always, please forward this, and all correspondence from me, down to your Locales.

Until next time

En Service,

Paul J. Emmert, Sr.

Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer (Area 1)

Veterans Legacy Memorial

Update 01: Website Expansion

The Department of Veterans Affairs has announced the expansion of their Veterans Legacy Memorial (VLM) website <https://www.vlm.cem.va.gov>, which now contains individual webpages for nearly 4.5 million veterans interred in national, state, territorial and tribal veterans cemeteries. The just-announced expansion added individual webpages for nearly 500,000 veterans interred in 93 state, territorial and tribal veterans cemeteries to the existing four million webpages for veterans interred in VA's 155 national cemeteries.

The Veterans Legacy Memorial website lets anyone look up veterans interred in these cemeteries and see their service information, a map of the gravesite and, in many cases, a photograph of the gravestone. It also gives friends and family members the ability to contribute photos, stories, historical documents and pay respects. "VLM offers families a meaningful way to pay tribute to our veterans," Matthew Quinn, VA under secretary for memorial affairs, said in a press release. "Because of the expansion of VLM to VA grant-funded State, Territorial and Tribal Veterans cemeteries, many families -- including my own -- will have the opportunity to memorialize their veterans online."

FALL GRAND CHEMINOT, October 9, 2021

Oasis Hotel & Convention Center, Springfield Missouri

With a rap of the gavel, Grand Chef de Gare A.J. Noonan, opened the Fall Grand Cheminot at 1:00 PM with a salute to the Flag, the Pledge of Allegiance, and a 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 we had a quorum. Voyageurs don't know how to answer roll call and paid fines. Absent were Voitures 3, 38, 966, 1402 and 1403.

Grand Conducteur Forrest Johnson recognized Missouri Department Senior Vice Commander Rose Noonan.

Grand Avocat Richard Heigert said the rules are the same.

Notion offered by Kevin Johnson, seconded by Rich Heigert, 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 Committee Meeting, held October 9, 2021 at 9:00am. The budget was read by Mike Scruby. Kevin Johnson offered a notion to accept the budget as printed, seconded by Rich Heigert ... passed. Discussed what fundraiser we should have at the Spring Wreck. Decided to do a Jockey with a horse theme. If a Voiture does not participate then there will be a \$50 fine and \$50 for participating. It was decided the Grande should invite the Chef de Chemin de Fer Bill Simpson to the Grande Cheminot and Wreck. Closed the Executive Committee meeting at 9:15am. Notion by Kevin Johnson to approve the minutes seconded by Janice Hartley and passed.

Grand Correspondant Terry Lanning stated the new yearbooks are in the back. Stated the Great Western will be April 7-10, 2022 in Tombstone, Arizona. Read a thank you card from Pat Beamer thanking Post 69 for lending a scooter to him during Promenade Nationale. The 103rd Promenade Nationale will be September 13-17, 2022 in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Grand Commissaire Intendant, Mike Scruby, read the finance report and budget and discussed them. Notion offered by Kevin Johnson to accept the budget and the finance report, second by Bob Phillips... passed.

Grand Chef de Train Hallie Williams called on the Sous Grand Chef de Train's. Hallie said Sous Chef de Trains Harry Barnes Voitures were at 51%. Ernie Parker stated his Voitures were at 51%. Forrest Johnson said his Voitures were at 64%. The Grande is has 373 members, at 52%.

Cheminot Nationale Janice Hartley reported the Nationale Officers from Missouri were Kevin Johnson National Treasurer Nurses Training, Janice Hartley Sous Directeur Box Car, Frank Angelo Sous Directeur Membership and Chip Berkley is Sous Directeur VAVS. Janice gave everyone the new password. Forrest Johnson attended the Nurses Training meeting and said there is a nurse of the year. This year they were from Illinois. The Boland Trust Fund did not have very many applications. Nurse must be at least a sophomore in College to get Boland Scholarship. The following Nationale awards were received, Grande for Child Welfare, Certificate of Appreciation to Grande for attaining 100.9% membership, and the Grande for Youth Sports. Janice Harley discussed the Box Car meeting where it was reported how Box Car was spending their money, which was \$15,950. Kevin Johnson reported that 2022 Promenade Nationale will be in Wisconsin and 2023 and 2024 in Ohio. Chip Berkley report on VAVS, how they are handling outside contributions and the \$500 donation went to the Columbia VA Hospital. Ernie Parker reported on Voiture Activities and said only 1/3 of the Grande's sent in a report. Any vehicle with a flag or decal on it is considered rolling stock. Calvin reported on Americanism, 3,000,000 hours was reported and you can count the hours for displaying the American flag. Voiture 1541 won first place in the History book and the Grande took 2nd place. Dave Bexten reported on Publicity and said there was a poor job in getting in the reports and we need to advertise ourselves better.

Some of the highlights of the Grand Cheminot reports are: Voiture 130 has run out of towels and are trying to get some more; Voiture 333 is selling rolls of stamps, has 4 nurses in training, donated \$150 to Warrensburg Veterans Home and \$210 to Grande for Missouri Youth Sports, started a flags for first graders and has distributed 1,000 so far, replaced 46 downtown flags, provide trophies for Jr ROTC meet, set up and manned information table at Boxcar during the Missouri State Fair, and the Memorial Day picnic brought in \$800; Voiture 448 will provide gifts to kids at Marygrove for Christmas, 3 of the graduate students at Marygrove are in the service ;

Voiture 460 has 54% membership, the Grand Chef Noonan installed the officers, spent \$200 for St. James Veterans Home, 1 PG, and are doing a raffle; Voiture 1321 their cooker is done for the year, have 3 nurses in training, may have a tea, 1 boy to Boys State, donated shoes; Voiture 1541 had their installation and Grand Chef de Gare A. J. Noonan did the installing, has 3 nurses in training, updated their Constitution & By Laws, bought Box Car cards and pins, several Voyageurs assisted the Grande at Promenade Nationale, donated \$100 to the Shriners Circus, Don Newman has been working with John Cochran hospital getting sweat suits, have 35 members paid, up in the air is the Christmas party, Night at Races will be March 5, 2022 at St. Charles Post 313 at 6:00 pm.

Grand Historien Rose Noonan said to send her pictures and information for the history book.

Grand Avocat Richard Heigert said all of the Constitution changes started with the Grande changing theirs instead of only mailing out notices but now allowing email, video chat, phone and mail. If there is a minor change then you do not need to send it to him.

Sous Grand Directeur Child Welfare Jeremy Lachut said he has new 2022 pins.

Grand Directeur Nurses Training Jim Christman could not be here so Terry Lanning reported that he has Nurses Training pins if anyone wants any.

Grand Aumonier Rose Noonan said V460 member Smitty is not in good health so everyone keep him in your prayers.

Grand Drapeau East CJ New said the east side flags need a new 8 foot flag extension polls and sleeves. Rich offered a notion to buy materials to correct the flag problem, 2nd Voyles and passed.

Grand Directeur Box Don Barbour said to tell him what you are doing. He has 2022 pins. The traveling Box Car is in bad shape. Phillips said he might be able to find someone to build a new one.

Grand Directeur Carville Star Ron Leverenz raised \$275 at the Early Bird Party and sent it to the Carville Star Museum.

Grand Directeur Special Awards Ben Sargent said any awards need to be into him by March 10, 2022. The packet information is on the 40/8 web site.

Sous Grand Chairman VAVA Ann Puck said she attended the VAVS seminar at Promenade Nationale. Discussions on some veterans having some bad experiences at VA but most don't.

Grand Directeur Youth Sports Ann Puck said she has the pins. She said to reach out to the youth to get them to play sports, it's better than them being on their phones.

Sous Grand Correspondants Bob Emery said to send him articles and any events going on.

Time and Place Committee Kevin Johnson said the Spring Wreck and Grand Cheminot will be March 25-27, 2022 at Holiday Inn St. Louis Airport West Earth City room rates will be \$109 plus tax. Grand Promenade and Cheminot 2022 will be June 24-26, 2022 same hotel and rate and the Grand Chef's Homecoming and Cheminot will be Sept 30-Oct 1, 2022 at same hotel and rate. Central States Promenade will be in Oklahoma City.

MAVO Committeeman Chip Berkley said they updated their constitution.

Promenade Nationale Representative Richard Heigert thanks everyone for their help. He said he heard it was the best in several years.

Old Business – none

New Business – none

Good of the Grande Voiture – Bob Phillips said Leon Hill caught Covid and then pneumonia but is now home. Asked everyone to say a prayer for Leon. Grand Chef Noonan is working on a video for Warrensburg Veteran Home.

Grand Chef de Gare A. J. Noonan closed the Fall Grand Cheminot in the proper manner at 2:45 PM.

Submitted by,

Terry L. Lanning

Grand Correspondant



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

UPDATED 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 25th to March 27th, 2022 at the Holiday Inn St. Louis Airport West Earth City, 3400 Rider Trail South, Earth City, MO 63045, phone (314) 291-6800.

The Active Wreck will be held on Saturday, March 26th, 2022, at 9:00AM in St. Louis.

The Spring Grande Cheminot will be held on Sunday March 27th, 2022 at 9:00 AM at the Holiday Inn St. Louis Airport West Earth City.

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 male Officers are expected to be in coat, tie, shirt, long pants, socks and shoes, whereas female Officers are expected to be in a dress or skirt and blouse or slacks and blouse 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

A. J. Noonan
Grand Chef de Gare

GRANDE VOITURE DU MISSOURI

GRANDE CHEMINOT and WRECK

March 25, 26 and 27, 2022

Holiday Inn St. Louis Airport West Earth City
3400 Rider Trail South
St. Louis, MO 63045
Phone: (314) 291-6800

Room Rate is \$109.00 (plus tax) per night



For Standard King or Standard Double Queen Occupancy

Handicap rooms available

Make Hotel reservations directly with Holiday Inn by **March 4, 2022**

Mention "Forty & Eight" to receive room rate

Friday, March 25, 2022

Registration: 1500 until 1800

Hospitality Room 1500 - ????

Saturday, March 26, 2022

Registration 0900 - Noon

Wreck 0900-1130

LUNCH 1130 – 1300

1300 wreck continues

Hospitality Room open after Wreck until 1700

Grand Chef de Gare Passe' Social Hour – 1700 – 1800

Social Hour 1800 – Cash Bar

Banquet: 1900

Hospitality Room: After Banquet – ??????

Sunday, March 27, 2022

Grande Cheminot 0900 - NOON

Check Out

HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME

Deadline for registration for the banquet is March 19, 2022

To register for the Grande Cheminot, make Check payable to **Voiture 448**

Send to:

Terry Lanning
2045 Granada Drive
Florissant, MO 63033

Last Name _____ First _____ Spouse/Guest _____

Title: _____ Voiture Number _____

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

Registration Fee \$10.00 (Voyageurs Only) _____

Total \$ _____



28-Oct-21

	Voiture	2021	2022	2022	Sh/Ov	% of
		Year End	To-date	Quota	Quota	Quota
HEART OF AMERICA	3	39	27	39	-12	69.23%
SPIRIT OF ST. LOUIS	38	59	45	59	-14	76.27%
JESSE JAMES	130	38	1	38	-37	2.63%
HEART OF MISSOURI	292	32	29	32	-3	90.63%
STATE FAIR	333	111	63	111	-48	56.76%
GATEWAY	448	67	35	67	-32	52.24%
CENTRAL OZARK	460	59	40	59	-19	67.80%
KICKAPOO	760	32	11	32	-21	34.38%
MARK TWAIN	966	3	3	3	0	100.00%
CAPITAL	1292	77	27	77	-50	35.06%
MINERAL AREA	1321	73	45	73	-28	61.64%
NEUF COMPT	1379	37	33	37	-4	89.19%
ATCHISON NODAWAY HOLT Counties	1402	19	1	19	-18	5.26%
LAKE OF THE OZARK	1403	12	7	12	-5	58.33%
TWO RIVERS	1541	53	38	53	-15	71.70%
Missouri Total		711	405	711	-306	56.96%