



## Communiqué



# La Société des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux

## Grande Voiture du Missouri

November 2023 - Grand Chef de Gare John "MIKE" Scruby

L'Éditeur Robert C. Emery



Greetings Voyageurs

First of all I would like to thank everyone for the nice gifts at my homecoming, I really do appreciate each and every one of you.

I traveled to St. Charles Mo. on October the 27th. For Art Wilson's Funeral, it was well attended by both the American Legion and the 40/8, Art will truly be missed by everyone who knew him.

Current membership is at 63.49% as of October 26th. Let's keep working on it.

I was invited to attend the Homecoming celebration for the state of Missouri American Legion Commander Mark Clark on November 4th. at American Legion post 21 in Independence Mo.

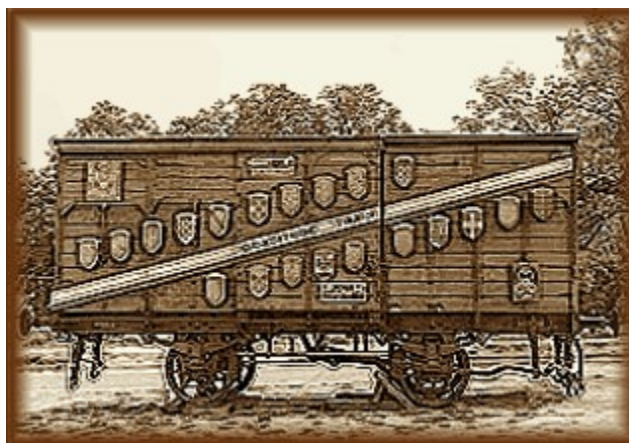
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### National Cemeteries Offer Free Burial for Veterans

[https://www.military.com/benefits/burial-and-memorial/national-cemeteries.html?ESRC=eb\\_231020.nl&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=eb&utm\\_campaign=20231020](https://www.military.com/benefits/burial-and-memorial/national-cemeteries.html?ESRC=eb_231020.nl&utm_medium=email&utm_source=eb&utm_campaign=20231020)

### Veterans Burial Allowance

[https://www.military.com/benefits/burial-and-memorial/burial-allowance.html?ESRC=eb\\_231019.nl&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=eb&utm\\_campaign=20231019](https://www.military.com/benefits/burial-and-memorial/burial-allowance.html?ESRC=eb_231019.nl&utm_medium=email&utm_source=eb&utm_campaign=20231019)



FALL GRAND CHEMINOT, October 14, 2023  
Oasis Convention Center, Springfield, Missouri

With a rap of the gavel, Grand Chef de Gare Mike Scruby, opened the Fall Grand Cheminot at 1:00 PM with a salute to the Flag, the Pledge of Allegiance, and a prayer by Grand Aumonier Ted McCart.

Grand Chef de Gare Mike Scruby recognized Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer Kevin Johnson and asked if he would like to sit at the head table which he accepted. Sous Chef Chemin de Fer addressed the Grande and the importance of membership along with thanking everyone for their support.

Grand Correspondant conducted roll call of officers. Roll call of Grand Chefs de Gare Passe showed thirteen were present. Roll call of Grand Cheminots showed eight were present. We had a quorum. Absent were Voitures 3, 38, 333, 966, 1402 and 1403.

Sous Grand Avocat David Voyles said we will follow the Promenade Voiture Nationale rules and then Roberts's rules of order.

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

Grand Correspondant AJ Noonan gave the minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting, held October 14, 2023, at 9:00am. Chef de Gare Mike Scruby forgot his Chapeaux and was fined five dollars. Attendees include Chef de Gare Mike Scruby, Chef de Train Ron Leverenz, Commissaire Intendant Rose Noonan, Correspondant Rose Noonan, Cheminot-at-Large Ralph Turner and Kevin Johnson. Additional attendees were Chef de Gare Passe Ed Jones, David Voyles, Hallie Williams, Janice Hartley, Calvin Bumgarner and Chip Berkley. The budget was presented by Rose Noonan. Kevin Johnson offered a notion to accept the budget as printed, seconded by Ralph Turner ... passed. Discussed what fundraiser we should have at the Spring Wreck. Decided to do Cornhole with Frank Angelo in charge. David Voyles and AJ Noonan will bring their cornhole boards with Ralph bringing a third for backup. If a Voiture does not participate then there will be a \$50 fine and \$50 for participating. It was decided the Grande should invite Chef de Chemin de Fer Frank Campo to the Grande Cheminot and Wreck. Correspondant AJ Noonan will send Voiture Nationale Visit Request next week. Discussed Central States Committee and the need to start working hotel and projected dates. Kevin Johnson stated there will be a Central States meeting to establish committee responsibilities during the Spring Wreck. Executive Committee unanimously recommended Terry Lanning to replace Art Wilson as Cheminot-at-Large due to his passing. Committee also discussed possibly charging an additional five dollars for the banquet to prevent out of pocket expense to Chef de Train / Chef de Gare contractual requirements. Closed the Executive Committee meeting at 9:30am. Notion by Ben Sargent to approve the minutes seconded by Robert Emery and passed.

Grand Correspondant AJ Noonan stated the new yearbooks are in the back as well as travel chits for Grande Officers. Also stated he had correspondence from Voiture Nationale recognizing Voiture 448 for 100% membership. Chef de Gare Mike Scruby presented the pins to Hallie Williams representing Voiture 448. There were no Resolutions presented.

Grand Commissaire Intendant, Rose Noonan, read the proposed budget and finance report. Current balance of Now Checking Account as of 14 Oct 2023 was \$3,560.49. Notions offered by Ben Sargent to accept the budget and the finance report, second by Kevin Johnson... passed.

Grand Chef de Train Ron Leverenz had two Sous Chef de Trains present. Sous Grand Chef de Train's Hallie Williams (Voiture 38,448,966 and 1541) and David Voyles (Voiture 3,130,1379,1402) presented their membership numbers for their respective Voitures. Ron Leverenz reported remaining Voitures. Goal is to achieve 100% membership again this year.

Cheminot Nationale AJ Noonan said the password changed for the upcoming year. The French and English version were announced. Awards from Promenade Nationale were presented by Chef de Gare Mike Scruby. Recognition to Grande du Missouri for donation to Child Welfare and highest percentage of per capita for Nurses Training. Voiture 1292 for excellence in Nurses Training.

Highlights of the Grand Cheminot reports are: Voiture 130 reported on current Voiture Activities to include attending ceremony for a Veteran of the Mexican/American War, attended and presented Colors in honors of Korean War Veterans, collecting towels for their annual fundraiser; already raised \$1700 for Nursing Scholarships, assisted Honor Guard at 43 funerals, escorted high school students to courthouse to meet elected officials, along with additional activities. Provided a very detailed report of their current activities. Voiture 292 one Nurses Training Scholarship for \$500, three new members and currently at 100% and they do a lot of volunteer work at VA hospital; Voiture 448 meets in new location; plans in progress for Christmas party

at Marygrove Children Home pending Covid restrictions, lost two Voyageurs Art Wilson and Joel Hauck, Voiture 460 activities include monthly Promenade, White Collared two PGs, Chef de Gare Mike Scruby installed their officers, sponsoring two Nurses, membership is at 66%; Voiture 760 has 2 nurses in training; Voiture 1292 will have a sausage sale, planning a Special Needs Christmas party, sponsoring 8 Nurses and planning a Golf Tournament. Voiture 1321 currently at 58% for Membership, BBQ fundraiser last year sponsored 4 nurses in training and sponsored 1 boy for Missouri Boy State, participated in the Missouri Guard's Funeral Honors Program did 130 funerals; Voiture 1379 is at 51% for Membership and lost one Voyageur this year. Voiture 1541 has 2 nurses in training, currently at 57.4% Membership, lost 2 Voyageurs, Installation of Officers completed on August 23rd, Locale History Book received 1<sup>st</sup> place at Promenade Nationale, have 37 members paid, Christmas party at Wentzville Post December 13<sup>th</sup> cost is \$15, Night at Races will be March 2, 2024, at St. Charles Legion Post 313 at 6pm looking for race sponsors.

Grand Historien Frank Angelo. If any Locales have any pictures, they would like to include in the Grande History book, then send them to him.

Grand Directeur Nurses Training Kevin Johnson. If you need pins, contact Ralph Turner. During the next two functions, there will be a donation box out for anyone who would like to contribute. Grande du Missouri and Voiture 1292 received awards at Promenade National.

Grand Aumonier Ted McCart. Conducted a moment of silence for Art Wilson and condolences for his family.

Grand Directeur POW/MIA Janice Hartley. Attended POW/MIA committee meeting at Promenade Nationale. Only 29 reports received out of 52. Accumulated over 62,800 hours, 452,625 miles, sold over 9000 pins and awarded 10 scholarships at \$1200 each. Older pins are available at reduced price. Current pins are available. Will order more on consignment.

Grand Directeur Special Awards Ben Sargent. Nomination packets need to be received before March 15<sup>th</sup>. Voyageur of the Year nominations need to go to Calvin Bumgarner.

Grand Chairman VAVS Chip Berkley. Attended VAVS Committee meeting at Promenade Nationale. 29 reports were received at Nationale out of 52. Grande turned in a report to Nationale. Encouraged Voyageurs to visiting Nursing Homes and Veteran Hospitals especially around the Holidays. Good reporting by Locales this year. Ron Rolfes stepped down at Nationale VAVS and assumed duties as Correspondant Nationale replacing Terry Sims.

Sous Grand Correspondant Robert Emery asked Directeurs to send him articles and any events going on to include in the monthly Communiqué. If not, it will turn into a Submarine Publication that no one will understand but him. Send him events to include on the Website also.

Time and Place Committee: Kevin Johnson said the Spring Wreck and Grand Cheminot will be April 5-7, 2024, at Oasis Hotel Springfield room rates will be \$109 plus tax. Registration fee is \$10 and banquet cost \$35. Grand Promenade and Cheminot 2024 will be June 28-30, 2024, same hotel and rate (\$109) and the Grand Chef's Homecoming and Cheminot will be October 4-5, 2024, at same hotel and rate. Central States Promenade will be held on April 18-21, 2024, in Keerville, TX. Room rates are \$119 single and double occupancy. \$129 for triple occupancy and \$139 for Quads. End of the Hills Conference Center. Deadline is March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024. It is posted on the Grand Website. 105th Promenade Nationale will be in Kalahari Resort, Sandusky Ohio September 10-14, 2024. Room rates start at \$109. Recommend getting a King Suite – best bargain. It is expensive.

Distinguished Voyageur Award Committee – Chairman Calvin Bumgarner. Distinguished Voyageur of the Year Tim Williams is here with us today and will receive his award tonight at the Banquet. He is invited to Grand Chef de Gare Passe hour tonight. Had two nominations this year. Keep up the good work.

Committee Reports from Promenade Nationale:

Janice Hartley attended Ritual and Time and Place Committee meeting.

Chip Berkley attended the Rules / Credentials Committee meeting. Confusion at National level on voting strengths.

Frank Angelo attended the History and Membership Committee meetings. Locale History book was won by Voiture 1541. Membership was up this year for Nationale. Put that extra effort for membership. Carry trifold information packets and membership applications with you. Tell Veterans about the 40 and 8 website to learn more about the Organization.

Rose Noonan attended the Voiture Activities Committee meeting. Discussed the importance on engaging new members – give them responsibilities within the Voiture.

Ralph Turner attended the Carville Star Committee meeting. No more pins available. All were sold. There is the Star Magazine. Cost is \$2 a year. Will receive two publications one in December and one in June

Go to Nationale website and subscribe. Cheaper than a pin. This year's project is photographic exhibit of the Carville Star. This is a traveling exhibit and can be requested by the Grande if interested.

Hallie Williams attended Child Welfare. Twenty-one reports were received by Nationale. \$6000 was donated to the Ardery Trust. Fund disbursements were down last year. There is plenty of funds available and Grandes and Locales are encouraged to use them. Only 10 applications were received. Funds are used for emergencies to assist children.

Kevin Johnson attended the Nurses Training Committee meeting. Boland Trust Scholarships was increased to \$1500. Grandes and Locales are encouraged to utilize these scholarships. There are three different ways to get these scholarships. There is plenty of money. Reporting is a problem.

Mike Scruby attended Public Relations Committee meeting. Committee is looking at taking away Law Officer of the Year award from Special Awards and put it on Blue Chevaliers.

AJ Noonan attended Resolution & Constitution, Box Car Association, Ritual and Finance Committee meetings. Quick summary of Resolution and Constitution Committee included 3 Resolutions from Louisiana that were discussed. 28 Grandes were represented. Of the three Resolutions only one passed. This was to Amend Article XV to the Constitution on process/procedure to Amend the Constitution. Box Car Committee lasted 30 minutes. A \$2000 check was presented to the Box Car Association from the Hobos. A total of \$21,400 in donations received last year. Grande du Missouri did not win any of the awards presented. Ritual Committee summary: new password approved for 2023-2024. There were minor changes made to the 40/8 Birthday Celebration script. Ritual Manual will be updated to reflect these changes. Finance Committee Summary: Internal Audit of Financial Statement were completed and will be posted on the 40 and 8 Nationale website. Discussed Investment Policy to establish current portfolio composition, Revenues for Nationale for 2022-2023 were \$510,338 and expenditures were \$452,740. 2023-2024 Budget Estimates include a decrease in revenues of \$32,838 due mainly from a decline in Membership and Emblem Sales.

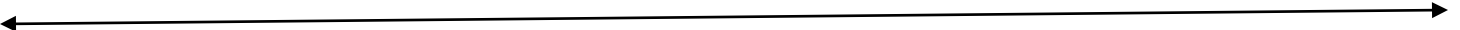
Old Business – none

New Business – Nationale Officers from Missouri were Kevin Johnson Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer, Ralph Turner National Treasurer Nurses Training, Frank Angelo Directeur Membership, AJ Noonan Executive Committee and Chip Berkley is Sous Directeur VAVS.

Good of the Grande Voiture – none.

Grand Chef de Gare Mike Scruby closed the Fall Grand Cheminot in the proper manner at 2:40 PM.

Submitted by,  
A.J.Noonan  
Grand Correspondant





# 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 April 5th to April 7th, 2024 at the Oasis Hotel & Convention Center, 2546 North Glenstone Avenue, Springfield, MO 65803, phone (417) 866-5253, or (888) 532-4338.

The Active Wreck will be held on Saturday, April 6th, 2024, at 9:00AM in Springfield, MO.

The Spring Grande Cheminot will be held on Sunday April 7th, 2024 at 9:00 AM at the Oasis Hotel & Convention Center.

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. A Central States Committee meeting will be held. Time and place will be posted at Registration Table.

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.

A.J. Noonan  
Grand Correspondant

Mike Scruby  
Grand Chef de Gare

# GRANDE VOITURE DU MISSOURI

## GRANDE CHEMINOT and WRECK

April 5<sup>th</sup> thru April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Oasis Hotel and Convention Center  
546 North Glenstone Ave.  
Springfield, Missouri 65803  
417-866-5253

Room Rate \$109.00 (+TAX) per night  
For Deluxe King or Deluxe Double

PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE  
Handicapped Rooms Available

**Mention 40&8 Honor Society for special rate when making reservation**

Make Hotel reservations directly with Oasis Hotel and Convention Center by March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024

### Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Registration: 1500 until 1800  
Hospitality Room 1500 - ????

### Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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 Buffet: 1900  
Hospitality Room: After Banquet – ??????

### Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Grande Cheminot 0900 - NOON**

Check Out

HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME

**Deadline for registration for the banquet is March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024, NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**

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To register for the Cheminot, make Check payable to Voiture 760

Send to:

**Ron Leverenz  
425 Boonville Ave  
Springfield Mo. 65806**

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Guest \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Voiture Number \_\_\_\_\_

Banquet \$35 per person X No. Guests \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Total** \$ \_\_\_\_\_



Grande du Indiana & Grande du Ohio invites you to attend the

105<sup>th</sup> Promenade & 61<sup>st</sup> Rendezvous Nationale

Sandusky, OH

September 10-14, 2024

Come Enjoy some Indiana/Ohio Hospitality



Date form completed

PLEASE SUBMIT SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH REGISTRANT

Last Name  First  MI   
 Address   
 City/State/Zip   
 Phone   
 E-mail

Payment by Check? (Enter Check Number):

Payment by Credit Card? (Check one below)

VISA ☐ Master Card ☐ Discover ☐

Card Number:  -

Card Exp Date: Month  Year  CVV

Quantity	Description	Amount
# <input type="text"/>	Voyageur's Registration @ \$30.00 (NON REFUNDABLE)	\$ <input type="text"/>
# <input type="text"/>	Voyageur's Late Reg. Fee (AFTER 6/1/24) @ \$35.00	\$ <input type="text"/>
	Grande Voiture: <input type="text"/> Voiture Locale: <input type="text"/>	
# <input type="text"/>	Dame's Registration @ \$25.00	\$ <input type="text"/>
	Grande Cabane: <input type="text"/> Cabane Locale: <input type="text"/>	
# <input type="text"/>	La President Luncheon (9/12/24) @ \$35.00	\$ <input type="text"/>
# <input type="text"/>	Early Bird (9/10/24) Tickets @ \$30.00	\$ <input type="text"/>
# <input type="text"/>	Banquet (9/13/24) Tickets @ \$45.00 each	\$ <input type="text"/>
Select one meal for each person:		
	Pan Seared Bone in Chicken <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Lemon Garlic Baked Salmon <input type="checkbox"/>	

**BILLING ADDRESS AND ZIP CODE FOR CREDIT CARD REQUIRED**

BILLING ADDRESS   
  
 BILLING ZIP

#### REGISTRATION AND RESERVATIONS

**NOTE: ALL VOYAGEURS & DAMES MUST REGISTER WITH THE PROMENADE NATIONALE CORPORATION.** Complete this form as applicable and either provide your credit card information or make your check payable to "105<sup>TH</sup> Promenade Nationale Corp." Then mail form and payment to;

Voiture Nationale  
 250 East 38<sup>th</sup> Street  
 Indianapolis, IN 46205

Or Email to [ttaylor@fortyandeight.org](mailto:ttaylor@fortyandeight.org)

THE KALAHARI RESORT IS FOR BOTH VOYAGEURS & DAMES

ALL VOYAGEURS & DAMES WILL BE EXPECTED TO MAKE THEIR RESERVATION WITH THE RESORT DIRECTLY THERE IS A LINK ON OUR WEBSITE OR YOU CAN CALL 1-419-433-7200 MAKE SURE TO LET THEM KNOW YOU ARE THERE FOR THE 105<sup>th</sup> 40/8 PROMENADE

**NOTE: Rates ONLY available through Promenade Nationale Corporation**

**RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY AUGUST 1, 2024**  
Registrations you may send in until the end of August 2024

**NOTE: REGISTRATION FEES ARE NON REFUNDABLE**

Additional forms are on line at [www.fortyandeight.org](http://www.fortyandeight.org)

**HANDICAP ROOMS ARE LIMITED: PLEASE CONSIDER THIS WHEN MAKING YOUR REQUEST. HANDICAP ROOMS ARE ASSIGNED ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS**





## 3-Nov-23

	Voiture	2023 Year End	2024 To-date	2024 Quota	Sh/Ov Quota	% of Quota
HEART OF AMERICA	3	17	17	34	-17	50.00%
SPIRIT OF ST. LOUIS	38	53	49	53	-4	92.45%
JESSE JAMES	130	26	28	39	-11	71.79%
HEART OF MISSOURI	292	30	27	30	-3	90.00%
STATE FAIR	333	86	99	104	-5	95.19%
GATEWAY	448	40	28	67	-39	41.79%
CENTRAL OZARK	460	37	39	59	-20	66.10%
KICKAPOO	760	10	10	29	-19	34.48%
MARK TWAIN	966	2	2	2	0	100.00%
CAPITAL	1292	47	58	73	-15	79.45%
MINERAL AREA	1321	47	49	74	-25	66.22%
Neuf Comtés	1379	28	27	37	-10	72.97%
ATCHISON NODAWAY HOLT Counties	1402	1	6	18	-12	33.33%
LAKE OF THE OZARK	1403	9	4	9	-5	44.44%
TWO RIVERS	1541	44	33	54	-21	61.11%
Missouri Total		477	476	682	-206	69.79%