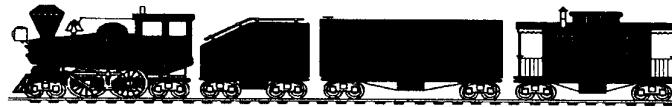




*Communiqué*  
*La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Cheveaux*  
*Grande Voiture du Missouri*



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October 2007- Grand Chef de Gare Leslie (Grant) Willis, Jr - L'Editeur Terry Lanning

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The Grand Chef Sez

The month of September found me at Overland Park Kansas for the 88<sup>th</sup> Nationale Promenade and then down at the Lake with V-1403 and then going back home, but not until I visited V-333. The hospitality was great and I had a lot of fun this past month. The end of the month found me back at V-38 for their annual Children's Party. What a treat to see these kids with big smiles on their faces. V-38 does a wonderful job every year with this event and it seems to be getting bigger and bigger every year. Congratulations to Chef de Gare Fletcher for a terrific children's event.

We have some things that will be coming up in the next couple of months on the 40 and 8 that came out of Nationale. I will be reporting on them after my trip to Indianapolis, Indiana in November. So, stay tuned for some additional updates as the Grande's get together to determine where the 40 and 8 is going into the future.

I have had to slow my visitations down somewhat do to work, but do not fret, I will be making some more visitations in the near future, that you can depend on.

On a solemn note Grande Chef de Gare Passé Robert T. Wilde passed away. Robert was an exceptional Voyageur from V-448. He was very active in the American Legion and the 40 and 8 and will be missed.

*"We know that our body – the tent we live in here on earth – will be destroyed. But when that happens, God will have a house for us. It will not be a house made by human hands; instead, it will be a home in heaven that will last forever."*

Let's all have fun this year

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Sous Grand  
Correspondants Notes

Each of the Directeurs should write at least one article for the Grand Newsletter. Articles are due by the last day of the month. The up coming months assigned is:

November 2007 – Youth Sports Directeur – David Christian

November 2007 – VAVS Directeur – Chip Berkley

Directeurs and Voitures can email me their articles, announcements, or anything of interest to [t\\_lanning@charter.net](mailto:t_lanning@charter.net), or mail it to 2045 Granada Dr., Florissant, MO 63033.

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**UPCOMING  
DATES**

- **Voiture 1379 ChickNic October 13, 2007 at Wallace State Park at 13:00 hrs.**

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As the Grand Chef de Gare stated Robert T. Wilde passed away on September 14, 2007. On behalf of Terry and Linda Lanning and the Wilde family we want to thank those who sent cards and their sympathy. Let's remember him as a voyageur that loved to catch you making a mistake and would fine you.

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**POW/MIA**

**Sous Grand Directeur Bud Avery**

Since December 7<sup>th</sup>, 1941 the United States has had 81,343 military personnel who have not returned home.

WWII 78,000+. This includes lives lost when ships sank. A good example, the USS Arizona was sunk in Pearl Harbor; she took over 1,100 sailors and Marines with her.

Korean War 8,100. With relations getting better with North Korea, search parties will be allowed to enter new areas.

Cold War 4. Progress has been on a small scale, with some Eastern European countries allowing search teams to enter.

Vietnam war 2,233. Search teams have found 479 confirmed sites to date.

Searching will continue.

Iraq 5. No more searching can be done at this point.

As a Nation, we look to our servicemen and women as examples of courage and sacrifice. When our country and the world have needed brave Americans to advance the course of freedom, our men and women in uniform have proudly

stepped forward and selflessly endured hardships to defend liberty. We are all grateful to all who served.

We give special honors to the extraordinary patriots who have been prisoners of war and to those who are still missing in action. We take inspiration from their valor and loyalty and will not rest until we have accounted for all of them.

Congress enacted a bill that set aside the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of September each year as the POW/MIA Recognition Day. This year the 21<sup>st</sup> day of September was set aside. There was no mention on the television networks. But the POW/MIA flag was flown over the White House, the Capitol Building, the Departments of State, Defense, the Office of Veterans Affairs, the Vietnam Memorial, Korean Veterans Memorial, World War II Memorial, US Military installations, National Cemeteries, and other locations across our country.

The POW/MIA flag is a symbol of our Nations resolve never to forget the service and great scarifies of the heroes who have carried out liberties urgent and noble mission, even at the cost of their freedom. We express our deep appreciation to each of our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines and our enduring commitment to achieve the fullest possible accounting for all of our men and women in uniform who have been prisoners of war or are missing in action.

Dear Missing,

We pray for you each night and day, for your whereabouts unknown, so far away. So much time has passed as other hopes are dashed. We love you and miss you; our hopes hold fast. We think of your plight and hold steadfast to your continuing to fight. Keep looking for the escape route, God and HIS church. We will not forget you till you're home with your own kind. We are coming, and with God's help we will not fail. Amen

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## Box Car

Grand Directeur William Evans

### MISSOURI'S FRENCH BOXCAR

Permanently located across from the Conservation section on the Missouri State Fair Grounds in Sedalia, Missouri. In 1949, the French government sent a Merci Train to the United States. There was one French Boxcar for each State. The District of Columbia and Hawaii shared one car. These boxcars, built between 1872 and 1875, hauled troops and horses in WWI. The capacity was 40 men or 8 horses.

Missouri's Boxcar came to Jefferson City. Each car was loaded with products of France. The car was decorated with plaques representing the various provinces of France.

The contents of the car were divided up by State Officials. The car was set on a siding in the Missouri Pacific yards.

Frank P. Reynolds of Marshall, State head of the Forty and Eight Society in 1950, found the Boxcar rusting down.

With the help of the Missouri Pacific Railroad, the Pettis County Court, and the Voiture 333 Members, the Car was moved to Sedalia and set adjacent to the race track across from the Women's Building.

Several years later, it was moved to the permanent position across from the Conservation area. A roof was built over the car. Concrete steps were poured on each side. For a number of years, it has been painted and maintained by Voiture 333 of the Forty and Eight Society.

In recent years the French government has not been the best friend the United States has had. Seems as though they forgot who saved their "Butts" in WWI and WWII. Now since they have a new president, there is less animosity toward us. Our past Grand Chef de Gare "Bill Moore", can finally relax and not "Bless the French" at Roll Call.

## Peace

I have the new '08 Box Car Pins, and they are the best looking ones I have seen. They are still \$3.00 each, and I will have them at our Fall Grande Cheminot, October 5, 6, & 7.

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Found the following in some of Bob Wilde's old papers.

### The Legionnaires

The soldiers are coming! This time it's in fun; dressed again in their khaki but minus the gun. No screaming of shells from the seventy-fives, as they mobilize here for the time of their lives.

They will capture St. Louis with whole heart and soul, to the blare of the bugle while the drums loudly roll. As they march down the street in a mighty parade, world peace will stand out in a new kind of raid.

No trenches to sleep in, no orders to take, top sergeants to rookies clasped hands here will shake. Just a friendly big army gathered here for to play, paying homage to comrades who fell by the way.

So let's make them welcome, lets give them a hand and all that is in us to the "Pride of our Land". And when they have vanished and are back to their cares, they will long be remembered, these brave legionnaires. By Dr. C.E. Wieser

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For those that have aspirations to be Grand Chef de Gare attached is the obligations and responsibilities for the Grand Chef de Gare du Missouri. Look it over and see that you can and are willing to perform these items if you want to become Grand Chef de Gare du Missouri.



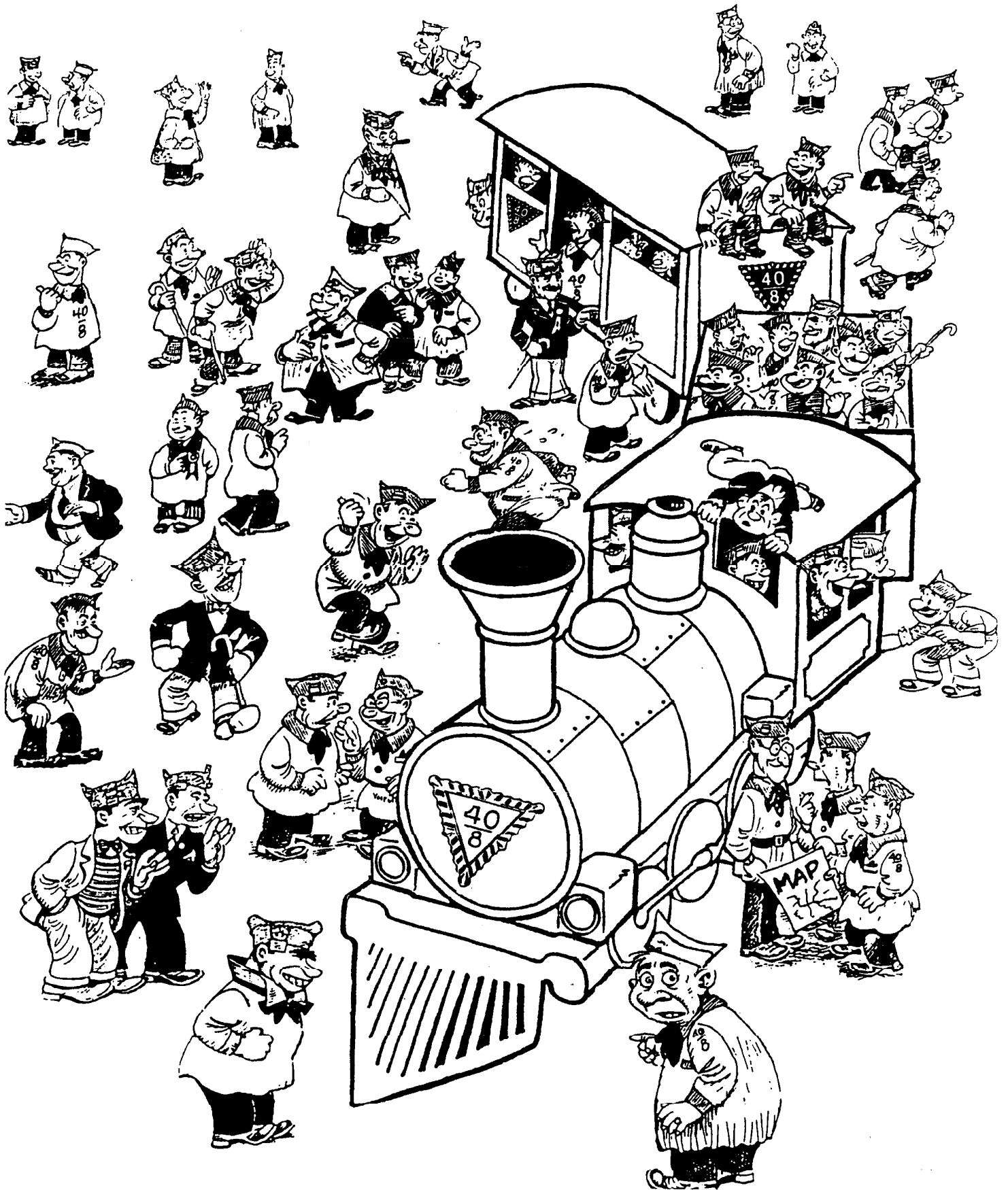
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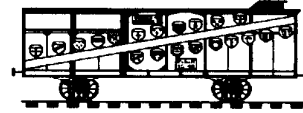
## Grande Voiture du Missouri

### GRAND CHEF de GARE OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Have a hospitality room at the Grande Promenade when elected Grand Chef de Gare.
2. Have a hospitality room at the Nationale Promenade for at least the members of Missouri delegates.
3. Attend the "SPECIAL CHILDREN'S" picnic at Grant's Farm in St. Louis.
4. Visit each Locale at least once during the year and try to install the new officers. You should try to attend as many Voiture Locale's functions you are invited to, as possible
5. Have a hospitality room at the Fall Grande Voiture Cheminot and lunch.
6. At your Homecoming, you are expected to invite as your guests, the Department Commander, the Department President, and the Departmentale Chapeau.
7. Attend the Department Commander's Homecoming.
8. You are usually invited to attend the 8/40 Departmentale Pouvoir at the Fall American Legion Conference. (Friday night)
9. Try to attend the Chef de Chemin de Fer's Homecoming.
10. Attend the MoKan Wreck
11. Attend the Truman Day Ceremonies and host all Grand Chefs de Gare from the visiting Grande Voitures (the eight (8) adjoining States).
12. Attend the Central States Promenade.
13. At all functions attended during the year, you should wear your Chapeau.
14. Host and entertain any Voiture Nationale Officer who is sent or invited to Missouri for a Grande Voiture Function, such as Chef de Chemin de Fer or a Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer.
15. Responsible for all activities within the Grande Voiture du Missouri.
16. Budgeted money given to the Grand Chef de Gare is normally not sufficient to cover all expenses. The balance is the Grand Chef's responsibility.
17. You host and pay for a Grand Chefs de Gare Passe's breakfast at your Grande Promenade.
18. Write a Forty et Eight article for the Missouri Legionnaire Paper for all issues.

**PUZZLE: OUR VOITURE IS ASSEMBLING TO VISIT AN ADJOINING COUNTY TO ORGANIZE A NEW VOITURE - WHICH OF THE VOYAGEURS SHOWN IS THE ONE WHO FORGOT TO BRING THE LOCOMOTIVE IGNITION KEY.**





**MEMBERSHIP GRAND VOITURE DU MISSOURI**  
**as of October 1, 2007**

| LOCALE        | 2007         | 2008       | PERCENT    | Short/Over  |
|---------------|--------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| 3             | 130          | 92         | 70%        | -38         |
| 38            | 156          | 65         | 41%        | -91         |
| 130           | 32           | 14         | 43%        | -18         |
| 292           | 61           | 29         | 47%        | -32         |
| 293           | 15           | 10         | 66%        | -5          |
| 333           | 83           | 61         | 73%        | -22         |
| 447           | 9            | 2          | 22%        | -7          |
| 448           | 211          | 76         | 36%        | -135        |
| 460           | 67           | 48         | 71%        | -19         |
| 520           | 14           | 11         | 78%        | -3          |
| 760           | 90           | 75         | 83%        | -15         |
| 848           | 14           | 8          | 57%        | -6          |
| 966           | 11           | 0          | 0%         | -11         |
| 1292          | 69           | 19         | 27%        | -50         |
| 1321          | 87           | 53         | 60%        | -34         |
| 1379          | 32           | 19         | 59%        | -13         |
| 1395          | 20           | 19         | 95%        | -1          |
| 1402          | 44           | 1          | 2%         | -43         |
| 1403          | 57           | 3          | 5%         | -54         |
| 1541          | 65           | 41         | 63%        | -24         |
| <b>Totals</b> | <b>1,267</b> | <b>646</b> | <b>51%</b> | <b>-621</b> |

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