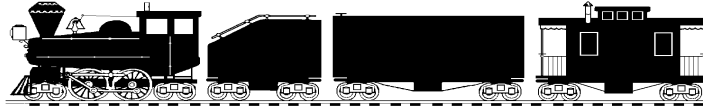


Communiqué
La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Cheveaux
Grande Voiture du Missouri



October 2008 - Grand Chef de Gare Robert Phillips - L'Editeur Grant Willis

The Grand Chef Sez

Fellow Voyageurs;

Since my last article, Tina and I have continues to take "safari's". This time we left Wentzville on August 31st and headed to Orlando, Fl. For Promenade Nationale. We decided to drive to Orlando passing through Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia and then to Orlando for a distance of 1,034 miles.

We attended the "Early Bird" party on September 2nd at American Legion Post 331 in Orlando. The meal was very well attended and very delicious.

I attended the Credentials committee and VAVS meetings on September 4th and the Americanism and Voiture Activities meetings on September 5th. All of the meetings were fairly well attended and very informative. As most of you already know, the membership resolution DID PASS. The vote was very close but that really does not matter. It did pass; however, keep in mind it is still invitation only and each Voiture still has final say regarding their membership. The new Chef de Chemin de Fer is Ted Lang from Illinois. The new Correspondant Nationale is the immediate Chef de Chemin de Fer Passe' Bernie Sampson. Bernie must be a glutton for punishment.

We arrived back in Wentzville on September 7th and had about 10 days rest before heading out again. This time we

attended Voiture 1403's Promenade on September 16th and Voiture 333's Installation of officers on September 18th. Once again the reception Tina and I received was fantastic! Upon leaving Sedalia, we took a jaunt to Leavenworth, Kansas to visit my brother and arriving back in Wentzville on September 20th.

On September 22nd Tina and I had the distinct honor of attending Voiture 38's Child Welfare Picnic at Grant's Farm. To see these "Special Kids" children will definitely "tug at your heart"; but at the same time to see the expressions on their faces is most "heart warming". This is perhaps the most wonderful program I have ever seen for Child Welfare. The Grande du Missouri should be extremely proud of Voiture 38 and this program; I know I am!! I hope that every Voyageur has a chance sometime to attend this function.

Tina and I will have about 10 days to relax before the Fall Cheminot. It's been a lot of traveling and a lot of time spent, but the rewards are priceless!!

Remember our Programs and Membership.

WE HAVE TO TRY!!!

BOB PHILLIPS
GRAND CHEF DE GARE



**Sous Grand
Correspondants Notes**

If you have something that your Voiture is holding please send me a flyer and I will see that it is put into the newsletter. We do have certain months when the newsletter is limited to space, such as this month, November and April, but I will see that they get into the previous month if given enough time before the event.

Address changes are always needed to keep the mailing list updated along with deaths within your Voiture.

Following are some changes to the Grande Yearbook 2008-2009.

1) New Correspondant for Voiture 333 is Robert Fulton, His postal address is: 73850 Manito Lake Road, Tipton, MO. 65081-9418 Wife is Sharon
Phone # is 660 337 6387
Email is: rsfulton@iland.net

2) On page 10 change the street address for Clarence C. Buckley to 1325 N. Johnson.

3) On page 12 change Virgil C. Morice email address to virgilmorice@att.net

Add the following Past Chef de Gare Widows to page 35:

4) Joanne Moore, 1078 Bluebonnet Drive, Kerrville, TX 78028, 210-568-7925

5) Ruth Renz, 223 Walworth Drive, St. Louis, MO 63125, 314-544-9110

If there are any other changes let me know.
Terry Lanning Grand Correspondant.

Articles for the newsletter are needed by the end of the month, which you can send to e Mail willis.grant@sbcglobal.net or mail to

Grant Willis, 8 Shireford, Ferguson, Mo. 63135.

The following is a schedule for articles due from the Directeur's:

November – Child Welfare

December – Youth Sports and Box Car

January – Americanism and Voyageur Activities

February – POW/MIA and Special Awards

March – Distinguished Voyageur Award

**The Grande du Missouri web site is at:
grandedumissouri.com**

If anyone has anything they want to add or comments on the web site send it to Robert Emery at his e-mail address remery18@comcast.net and copy Grant Willis at willis.grant@sbcglobal.net.

RITUAL

Many of our comrades, particularly Chefs de Gare, have found themselves on the "horse-laugh" side of a Promenade due to their mangling of the few French words they're required to use, or to their lapses in adherence to correct ritual procedure. Hopefully, all Chefs de Gare have not forgotten to appoint a Locale Ritual Directeur to assist the Chef in these matters, as well as to submit an annual consolidated RITUAL report from the Locale to the Grand. In the absence of a Locale Ritual Directeur, it falls on the shoulders of the Correspondant to submit this vital annual report. Copies are required to be sent to both the Grand Directeur of Ritual and the Grand Correspondant to be received no later than July 1, 2009. If your locale does not have blank copies of the report, I will gladly provide them.

You need to get them now, however, which will allow accurate tabulation of all ritual items as they occur throughout the 40 & 8 year.

Once reports are received from the locales, they are assembled by the Grand Directeur of Ritual to determine awards which will be awarded by both the Grand and National. I

will gladly visit any locale within our Grand to observe your promenades, memorial services, wrecks, etc. that involve adherence to a ritual format.

I will then, if requested, provide feedback as to how you're doing; if improvements may be needed; if your rituals are worthy of awards recognition. I may also simply drop in at a few promenades for visitations. But on those occasions, it would not be for the purpose of judging (in any way), or to critique any ritual.

Copies of our *Ritual & Manual of Ceremonies* in both regular size and print, and jumbo size and print, are available at National Emblem Sales. Not only are all rituals and ceremonies completely presented in these books, but they also provide a phonetic pronunciation dictionary of French near the end of the book.

If you do not have one of these, I suggest you order them promptly. I suggest that all Chefs de Gare avail themselves of the French dictionary particularly.

Also available at National is the 40 & 8 *Memorial Service Manual* containing a complete guide to memorial services. Please ensure your locale has a copy of this valuable manual also.

Again let me remind you that your locale is eligible for several awards provided they pay close attention to our rituals and also provided they submit their annual Ritual Consolidated Report on time.

I truly enjoy, respect, and select as friends my comrades in the 40 & 8. To that end, I will fit in as many visitations as I possibly can during this year.

Submitted by,
John Partin, Grand Directeur Ritual

NURSES TRAINING

Promenade Nationale is over and according to the report received, they are having the same problems we have in Grande du Missouri. Nationale received reports from 27 Grande's, and only 160 locales. There were 652 nurses in training, and 319

graduating. Bolin trust Expended \$11,117.00. The Voiture \$486,700.00. I will have the 2009 Nurses Training pins at the Grande Prom and Homecoming in Wentzville. Have someone pick them up then. Payment or return of unsold pins will be required at or before the spring wreck. Forms for the Bolin Trust scholarships are available on the Voiture Nationale web site.

If I can be of assistance to any Voiture feel free to call me any time.

Clarence (Chub) Buckley

September 22, 2008: Voiture Locale 38, Spirit of St. Louis, sponsors a Child Welfare event annually that is the best example available of what great work is done by 40 & 8ers. This year's Child Welfare picnic was held at Grant's Farm in St. Louis for the children and families of the special school district. The children arrived in school buses early so they could watch the arrival of Old Blue, VL38's locomotive. Then it was to the trams for a tour of Grant's Farm. The first stop allowed the children to be greeted by clowns and a goat petting/feeding area. Later they were treated to a show involving exotic birds that delighted the children with their tricks. Then the children entered the center courtyard and pavilion where they were treated to a picnic with plenty of food and drink for all. Balloons galore, clowns, and a band all added to the fun. A Grant's Farm handler brought a full-grown Budweiser Clydesdale horse into the courtyard and the children (and adults) were allowed to pet the gentle giant. Great warm weather made it a wonderful event for the kids, and they all had a wonderful time.

***** Announcement *****

With the passing of the resolution on membership eligibility we now have

to do only one new thing. Always before the Legion would check DD214's and to become a member of La Societe all that was required was a legion card and to be asked. Now we have to check the DD 214's of anyone we wish to invite into the 40/8. All they need is an honorable discharge (no dates required) or be active duty and a invitation. So now is the time to get out there and start working our new membership base.
Yours for La Societe:

Bernie Sampson
Correspondant National

Comments From the Chef de Chemin de Fer

It was indeed an honor to be sworn in as your new Chef de Chemin de Fer last Saturday. I will do my best as we work together for the betterment of La Societe.

One of my themes this coming year will be "STAND UP FOR AMERICA". We must not let down, what our founding fathers wanted for a friendly, peaceful and rewarding America.

Our attitudes and our 40 et 8 programs are very essential towards this environment.

My favorite program this year will be the Boxcar program, which provides so much for many programs.

Included are Special children's party at Promenade Nationale, donation to VAVS hospital or clinic, Boland Nurses Fund, Charles Ardery Child fare Trust Fund, Membership Recruitment Fund, Forty and Eighter Magazine, Law Officer of the Year and many others.

Membership is very important in our survival to remain a strong organization. Last week the assembly

voted yes on the resolution concerning our membership requirements.

You may ask, "What does this mean"? It means ALL new members must STILL be by invitation only as it has always been, it means ALL new members must be approved by the locale membership. You may continue as you have in the past OR you may approve any veteran with approved DD214, anyone now serving in the military and/or any American Legion member.

Which ever your locale chooses, we must concentrate on doubling our membership if we are to continue to serve our country, our communitarians, our youth, our seniors, ourselves and the general public for the betterment of our future.

Service to humanity IS the best work of life.

I can only ask that you not become upset and do acts not supportive of a Voyageur. Think of all the good programs that would suffer, if you decide to do something perhaps a little foolish or immature. Think about it, think about who will be hurt because that program does not exist any longer, if YOU are no longer involved.

Whatever your decision, may we continue to be friends and someday continue on as we have done before. Remember, TOGETHER we CAN achieve.

Ted
Chef 2009



Grande Chef de Gare du Missouri Passe' and Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer Passe' Ray Brodzinski talking with his hands again to Grande Chef de Gare Phillips at the Voiture 38 Grant's Farm Children's Party



(Left to right) Gerry Fitzgerald, VL38; Grand Chef Phillips; "Red Ed" the clown; Tina Phillips (Grand Chef's wife). (Can't tell the difference between the two in the Middle)



Grand Chef de Gare du Missouri Bob Phillips presents one of his pins to Gerry Fitzgerald, VL 38's Correspondant, train crewmember, and chief organizer of this annual picnic is showing off the Grande Chef's pin.

GRANDE VOITURE DU MISSOURI

Spring Wreck and Grand Cheminot

March 27 through 29, 2009

Will be held at the
Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel
7301 Tiffany Springs Road
Kansas City, MO 64153

Phone: 816.268.1600
FAX: 816.268.1607

Hotel Rates are as follows:
\$75.00 for Single and Double Occupancy
\$75.00 for Triple and Quad Occupancy

Make all reservations directly with the Hotel by March 3, 2009.
When you make reservations please mention you are with the 40et8 Honor Society.

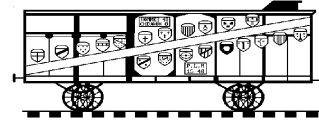
Friday, MARCH 27th, 2009
Registration: 3:00 till 8:00 P.M.
Hospitality Room 3:00 P.M. till ????
Saturday MARCH 28th, 2009
Registration: 9:00 A.M. till NOON
Spring Wreck 9:00 A.M.
LUNCH 11:30 A.M.
Cheminot 1:00 P.M.
Cocktails 6:00 P.M.
Banquet: 7:00 P.M.
Hospitality Room opened after Banquet
Sunday MARCH 29th, 2009
Donuts – Coffee 7:00 A.M. till 9:00 A.M.

Make checks payable to Voiture 1379
Send to
Robert C. Emery
11501 E 14th ST S APT Q
INDEPENDENCE, MO 64052

Last Name _____ First _____ Spouse/Guest _____

Voiture Number _____

Banquet per Person \$28.00 _____
BBQ Buffett
Registration Fee \$5.00 _____
(Voyageurs only)



MEMBERSHIP GRAND VOITURE DU MISSOURI
as of October 8, 2008

LOCALE	2008	2009	PERCENT	Short/Over
3	101	56	55%	-45
38	145	76	52%	-69
130	26	26	100%	0
292	57	35	61%	-22
293	12	0	0%	-12
333	111	41	36%	-70
447	2	2	100%	0
448	199	33	16%	166
460	62	47	75%	-15
520	14	9	64%	-5
760	81	48	59%	-33
848	17	0	0%	-17
966	9	4	44%	-5
1292	71	28	39%	-43
1321	82	57	69%	-25
1379	35	31	88%	-4
1395	21	15	71%	-6
1402	35	23	65%	-12
1403	52	21	40%	-31
1541	64	23	35%	-41
Totals	1,196	575	48.08%	621

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