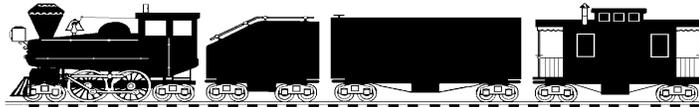




*Communiqué*  
*La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Cheveaux*  
*Grande Voiture du Missouri*



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October 2010 - Grand Chef de Gare Larry Ebersold - L'Editeur Grant Willis

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**The Grand Chef Sez**

Fellow Voyageurs;

The fall Cheminot and Homecoming is history. We had a good turnout and managed to accomplish a few things. Twelve Locales were represented and some good reports were given. Cheminot National Bob Phillips reported that at the 91<sup>st</sup> Promenade Nationale Sedalia received City of the year honors and Tony Gallagher (V-333) recruiter of the year. Grande du Missouri was recognized for going over 100% in membership and won a 1<sup>st</sup> place award for it's youth sports program.

Membership is currently at 39.2% of quota and needs to be at 50% by October 15. V-130, V-292, V-293, V-447, V-460, V-520, V-760, V-1395 and V-1541 were all over 50% on 9-30-10. The rest of us need to pick up the pace. We did a great job on membership last year and I know we can do even better this year.

On a personal note I want to thank everyone for the hospitality and generosity afforded me throughout my travels and at the homecoming. Have a great holiday season. See you in the Spring.

Chef God Bless America

Larry GRAND CHEF DE GARE

**Sous Grand  
Correspondants Notes**

The September issue of the Communiqué we will have articles for Carville Star and VAVS. The following is a schedule for articles due from the Directeur's:

- November – Ritual and Child Welfare
- December – Youth Sports and Box Car
- January – Publicity, Americanism and Voyageur Activities
- February – POW/MIA and Special Awards
- March – Distinguished Voyageur Award

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**Central States Committee**

The 2011 Central States will be held in Missouri on April 28, 29 and 30<sup>th</sup> 2011 at the Embassy Suites in Kansas City by the Airport. The committee has been meeting to get things lined up and a few things needed to be passed to all of the Voyageurs in the Grand du Missouri. The biggest item on the agenda is help during this week to put this event on and welcome all the voyageurs that will be attending from Nebraska, Iowa, Oklahoma, Kansas, Texas, Colorado, Wyoming, and New Mexico.

Some other things needed:

Donations for the Women's Luncheon, raffle prizes, donations for hospitality room.

Prizes for the Golf Tournament.  
Donations of items that we can raffle to include rolls of Raffle tickets.

We will have more to come in the next newsletters to include forms for getting ads.

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### **RITUAL**

As we all know by now, many changes have been put in place regarding the Forty & Eight recently that involve several portions of the Ritual & Manual of Ceremonies. If your Locale has yet to obtain the latest edition of this manual, please do so as soon as possible. It comes in both small and large versions. Copies may be ordered from Voiture Nationale.

For instance, throughout the new manual the use of the feminine "Madame" is substituted for "Monsieur" when addressing female officers. Personal pronouns have not been changed but are inclusive of the feminine gender. However, in the memorial services personal pronouns will be changed to coincide with the gender of the deceased Voyageur Militaire.

Nationale prefers that every Voyageur Militaire have a copy of the Ritual when initiating into La Societe. Every Locale should also have a Ritual Team. Spoken portions of the Wrecks should be committed to memory, if possible.

Due to the changes made in our membership requirements and our rituals, may I suggest that all Locale Ritual teams familiarize themselves thoroughly with the new manuals. Each Locale Chef de Gare should review the entire script for Promenades, since changes have been made and a Locale may be in danger of using outdated scripts. Additionally, "extra words" or "ad libs" should never be used during a Promenade, or any ritual. Lastly, please refer to the diagram of the Voiture Promenade room as shown on page IV on the manual.

Grand Directeur Ritual  
John Partin

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Changes that need to be made to the published Grand Yearbooks:

Jerrold Murphy, Grand Garde de La Porte, phone number should be 573-746-0552.

Marvin Harper is now the Chef de Gare Voiture 1402. His address is 202 McCandles Street, Barnard, MO 64423 phone 660-652-3291.

Tom Goodin's new email address: [tkgoodin@centurylink.net](mailto:tkgoodin@centurylink.net) please use this effective 10-05-10

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You will find the updated application for Distinguished Voyageur of the Year in this newsletter. Look around in your Locale and submit their name. The deadline for submitting the Distinguished Voyageur prior to the Spring Wreck, this is also for the Law and Order, Hero of the Year, and City of the Year. Be sure to get them to the appropriate Directeurs by this time.

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## **GOD BLESS AMERICA**

FALL GRAND CHEMINOT, OCTOBER 2, 2010  
Truman Hotel, Jefferson City, Missouri

With a rap of the gavel, Grand Chef de Gare, Larry Ebersold, opened the Fall Grand Cheminot sharply at 1:00 PM with a salute to the Flag, the Pledge of Allegiance, and a much needed prayer by Grand Aumonier, John Paul Kopp.

Roll call of officers showed more absent than excused and the rest were a pain in the rear. Roll call of Grand Chefs de Gare Passe showed that thirteen 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 292, 293, 333, 447, 520, 966, and 1395.

Rich Heigert gave the Rules of Procedure. Notion offered by Kevin Johnson, seconded by Virgil Morice, 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, which was held on October 2, 2010, at 9:00am. The budget was read by Ed Jones. Ray Brodzinski offered an amendment to put \$300 in the budget for Voiture 38's locomotive, seconded by Dave Christian and passed. Other changes to the budget were making Truman Day -0- since Voiture 3 will pay for it and Voiture 333 does not want their \$100 for the Box Car this year they were dropped. A motion to approve the budget as amended and with the suggested changes by Rich Heigert, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kevin Johnson...passed. Discussion was held about the next raffle. It will go out in January 2011. After discussion Kevin Johnson offered a notion to accept the raffle letter and raffle tickets, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Virgil Morice ...passed. Terry Lanning discussed whether the due date for the Law and Order, Hero, City, and Distinguished Voyageur awards should be prior to the Spring Wreck. This would allow the appropriate committee to discuss and bring to the Spring Grand Cheminot for action. Art Wilson offered a notion to approve this, seconded by Rich Heigert ... passed. Discussed when a Nationale Officer should be invited. Decided to keep it for Truman Day. Executive meeting closed 9:43am.

Grand Correspondant Terry Lanning told everyone that the new yearbooks and envelopes for the Grand Directeurs are in the back of the room, as well as travel chits for Grand Officers. Terry read some parts of letters from Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer Kent Molen who stated the goal is a 5% increase in membership. Goal is to have 50% of membership in by October 15, 2010. There is a new Nationale Membership web site at <http://la-societe-membership-team.tripod.com>. Terry also read part of a letter from Sous National Box Car Directeur Rick Williams.

Grand Commissaire Intendant, Ed Jones, reported that the finance report was passed out and discussed it. Notion offered by Ed Jones, second by Virgil Morice, to accept the Finance report subject to audit... passed.

Grand Chef de Train, David Christian, reported on the current Grande membership. The Grande has 493 members, 39%. There is one Voiture that has not turned in any membership. Every Thursday Nationale posts the current membership on the web. Nationale did not drop the deceased from the Voitures membership quota. Where a Voiture's membership ended up last year is the number to use to reach 100%. David asked the Sous Chef de Trains to report to which Norm Gentry, Marvin Harper, Tom Goodin, and Ralph Turner reported on the Voitures they are assigned, and what a report they gave. There will be incentives for the Grand and Voiture's based on their membership. Chef Larry Ebersold presented last years Grand Chef Gary Reno with the membership awards that Missouri received.

Cheminot Nationale Robert Phillips reported on the Nationale Promenade.

Robert Phillips attended the Voiture Activities meeting and said they may be changing the form. If anyone donates clothing or the like to a non-profit organization then you can count the value in the Americanism report. Bob also attended the Youth Sports meeting were it was approved a \$2,000 to the Grand du Pennsylvania for the Special Olympics. The Grand du Missouri won a Youth Sports award. Terry Lanning attended the Child Welfare meeting and they said the Ardery claims are not being sent in. Grant attended the Box Car meeting. Grant also attended the POW/MIA meeting and said they are still talking about setting up a trust fund but the members present did not want to do this. Rich Heigert attended the Ritual meeting and said the password did not change. Rich also attended the Constitution meeting and said the National Advocate will be looking at suggesting some small changes due to prior major changes.

Rich also attended the VAVS meeting and said the 40/8 has to be represented at 140 VA Hospitals in order to stay on a National committee. Chubs Buckley went to the Nurses Training meeting and stated every Voiture can submit one application to the Boland scholarship. Last year \$22,900 in Boland scholarships were paid. Terry Lanning attended the Finance Meeting and stated the finances are in pretty good shape. Hank Kwiatkowski was elected Chef de Chemin de Fer, he is from Louisiana. Tony Gallagher was appointed as the National Public Relations Directeur and Terry Lanning was elected Commissaire Intendant National. Voiture 333 won an award for the most wrecks and Tony Gallagher won the Super Recruiter of the Year award.

The next Nationale Promenades will be at:

2011 - September 14 to 17 at Vancouver, Washington

2012 - September 12 to 15 at Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky

2013 - September 11 to 14 at Phoenix, Arizona

Grand Cheminot reports were given by Voiture 130, 448, 460, 1292, 1379, 1402, 1403, and 1541. Some of the highlights are Voiture 130 are selling towels to fund their nurses training; Voiture 448 had its installation of officers and will be having a kids party near Christmas; Voiture 460 spent \$4,584 for Child Welfare, has 14 Nurses in Training, sponsored a baseball team for \$3,000, spent \$4,125 for Habitat for Humanity, and assisted a soldier's family and the fallen police fund; Voiture 1292 has 2 nurses, will be having a Christmas party for special kids, had a BBQ in June; Voiture 1379 had their installation in August, have 2 PG's ready to be wrecked; Voiture 1402 helped at some funerals; Voiture 1403 had a successful BBQ, 3 nurses, participated in the Hillbilly fair, and bought a small locomotive and box car and is fixing them up; Voiture 1541 has 5 nurses in training, had their installation in August, had their first Car Show, sponsored 1 boy to Boys State, made a donation to a charity that provides dental work for children in need, Christmas party on 12/15/10, Coon Supper 1/22/11, and Night at the Races 3/5/11.

Grand Historien, Richard Pack said he is working on history book. He will contact Voitures to see if they are going to send in a history book.

Terry Lanning said, on behalf of Grand Directeur Child Welfare Hallie Williams, that Hallie has Child Welfare pins and let him know if anyone want any.

Grand Aumonier John Paul Kopp says the buzzard was missing a chapeau. Whereas Ed Jones said someone stole it. Ed paid a fine and the chapeau appeared.

Grand Organizer Robert Phillips said he is targeting forming a new Voiture around Kirksville.

Grand Conducteur David Bexten says he had \$82 in fines.

Grand Directeur Box Car, Grant Willis, stated he has Box Car pins and cards for sale. Grant asked if anyone wants to make a donation to the Box Car to send it to him and he will use it to buy associate cards and send the money in. This way the Voiture will get the credit but we sell more associate cards.

Grand Directeur Ritual, John Partin, stated the password it the same. If a Voiture doesn't have a new ritual book they should get one from Nationale.

Grand Chairman VAVS Thomas Berkley's submitted his report which stated to date he can only report on the activities at the Truman VA Hospital; assisted patients Jamboree, the long term care unit family members and other patients were treated to entertainment from a local bluegrass band, a dog drill team and a young man making balloon characters. He wanted to thank Lake Ozark and Sedalia Voiture's for their continued support of the hospital volunteer program in Columbia. He would like other Voiture's to let him know of their activities in their area.

Grand Directeur Youth Sports, David Voyles has pins for sale.

Sous Correspondant, Grant Willis, said to send him any articles and flyers to be put in the Grand Newsletter.

Time & Place Committee, Art Wilson, reported that the Spring Grande Wreck and Cheminot would be in Festus, Best Western (room rate \$62.10 plus taxes), on April 8-10, 2011. Spring Wreck Banquet will cost \$25.00 with a registration fee of \$10.00. Grande Promenade (June 24-26, 2011) and the Fall Grand Cheminot & Homecoming (October 7-9, 2011) will also be held there. The Grand Promenade and Homecoming registration fee will be \$5.00.

Distinguished Voyageur Award Committee Chairman Ray Brodzinski stated applications are due prior to the Spring Cheminot.

Gary Reno spoke on the Central States Promenade 2011. It will be held in Kansas City at the Embassy Suites from April 28 to May 1, 2011. Rooms are \$89 per night and you get a free breakfast. John Paul Kopp said he is looking for items to be donated to be used as fundraisers.

Old Business - none

New Business - none

Under Good Of The Voiture - Grande banner needs cleaning. Art Wilson paid a fine for not bringing the Bull.

Grand Chef de Gare Ebersold closed the Fall Grand Cheminot in the proper manner at 2:48 PM.

Submitted by,  
Terry L. Lanning  
Grand Correspondant

## **2011 Nationale Membership Incentive Awards**

### **Voyageurs**

Recruit or reinstate 2 or more members.....I Got 2 Pin

Most new members Nationale.....Super Recruiter Award Plaque

The Super Recruiter Award is the ONLY membership award that is presented at the general session at Promenade Nationale. All other membership awards are presented at the committee meeting, therefore this is the most prestigious award offered.

### **Voitures Locale**

Achieve 100%.....Chapeau Patch and Award Certificate for the Chef de Gare

Achieve 105%.....Honor Roll gold lapel pin for Chef de Gare & Chef de Train or Membership Directeur (2 pins maximum per Locale).

### **Grande Voitures**

Achieve 100%.....Chapeau Patch and Award Certificate for the Grande Chef de Gare and the Grande Correspondant.

Achieve 100%.....Personalized polo shirt for the Grande Chef de Gare

Achieve 102%.....Personalized jacket for the Grande Chef de Gare

Achieve 105%.....Silver 105% ring for the Grande Chef de Gare

We encourage each Grande Chef de Gare to set up a Grande membership incentive award program to motivate his Grande Membership Committee to help him achieve these awards.

### **Voiture Nationale**

Sous Chefs de Chemin de Fer.....Achieve the largest percentage of 105% or more among all Sous Chefs and be awarded a 105% Silver ring (1 winner only).

Sous Membership Directeurs.....Achieve the largest percentage of 105% or more among all Sous Directeurs and be awarded a 105% Silver ring (1 winner only).

**The Awards are out there to be achieved...how bad do you want to win one or more ??? Just work 2011 membership and take your pick.**

**Good Luck To Everyone**



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

## **DISTINGUISHED VOYAGEUR AWARD**

**Grande Voiture du Missouri Distinguished Voyageur Award will be made by a Distinguished Voyageur Award Selection Committee in accordance with the following criteria:**

### **COMMITTEE**

- 1. The Distinguished Voyageur Award Committee shall consist of six members appointed for three year terms, only from among Grand Chefs de Gare Passe du Missouri, by the Grand Chef de Gare du Missouri.**
- 2. The Chairman of the Committee, a non-voting member of the Committee, except in case of a tie, shall be appointed each year by the Grand Chef de Gare from among the Committee members.**

### **AWARD**

- 1. There shall be no more than three Distinguished Voyageur Awards each year – two active and one posthumous.**
- 2. Nominations must be submitted on forms designed by the Committee. Nomination forms will be furnished by the Grand Correspondant on request from Voiture Locale.**
- 3. Only one nomination may be submitted each year from each Voiture Locale of the Grande Voiture du Missouri. Committee may continue to consider nominations for two additional years. Nominations may be submitted at the end of three years.**
- 4. Nominations must reach the Distinguished Voyageur Award Committee prior to the Grande Voiture du Missouri Spring Cheminot. Voiture Locale is responsible for attendance of award winner or family member, if posthumous, at the Grande Promenade for award presentation.**
- 5. Voyageurs Militaire of La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux with ten years or more are eligible. Grand Chefs de Gare Passe du Missouri are not eligible for this award.**
- 6. Awards will be in a form of an “In Appreciation” certificate with citation appropriately engrossed and bound at a cost not to exceed \$100, each.**
- 7. Voiture Locales are not obligated to submit nominations each year nor is the Committee obligated to make awards each year.**

October 5, 2010

**NOMINATION FORM  
DISTINGUISHED VOYAGEUR AWARD  
GRANDE VOITURE DU MISSOURI**

\_\_\_\_\_ Active  
\_\_\_\_\_ Posthumous

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Nominee's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Nominee's Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_ Wife's Name \_\_\_\_\_ No. Children \_\_\_\_\_

**MILITARY SERVICE\***

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Enlistment Date \_\_\_\_\_ Discharge Date \_\_\_\_\_

**AMERICAN LEGION SERVICE\***

Date Joined \_\_\_\_\_ Dues Paid To include \_\_\_\_\_ AL Post # \_\_\_\_\_

Activities \_\_\_\_\_

**LA SOCIETE SERVICE\***

Date Joined \_\_\_\_\_ Dues Paid To include \_\_\_\_\_ Voiture Locale # \_\_\_\_\_

Activities \_\_\_\_\_

**CIVIC SERVICE\***

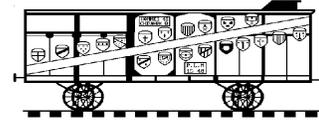
GENERAL REMARKS – 200 words of less (on back of this form) tell why nominee should be chosen for this award.

\_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor

The preceding Distinguished Voyageur Award nomination was presented to a regularly convened Promenade of Voiture Locale No. \_\_\_\_\_ for approval. On motion duly offered, seconded and carried, nomination was approved for submission to Grande Voiture du Missouri Distinguished Voyageur Award Selection Committee on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ Correspondant \_\_\_\_\_ Chef de Gare

\*If additional space is needed, please use back of this form.



**MEMBERSHIP GRAND VOITURE DU MISSOURI**  
as of September 30, 2010

LOCALE	2010	2011	PERCENT	Short/Over
3	76	41	53.95%	-35
38	146	48	32.88%	-98
130	29	17	58.62%	-12
292	59	58	98.31%	-1
293	12	12	100%	0
333	250	49	19.60%	-201
447	2	2	100%	0
448	154	25	16.23%	-129
460	61	58	95.08%	-3
520	11	10	90.91%	-1
760	82	44	53.66%	-38
966	7	0	0%	-7
1292	91	34	37.36%	-57
1321	81	2	2.47%	-79
1379	42	20	47.62%	-22
1395	17	14	82.35%	-3
1402	29	1	3.45%	-28
1403	43	16	37.21%	-27
1541	66	42	63.64%	-24
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,258</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>39.19%</b>	<b>-765</b>

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