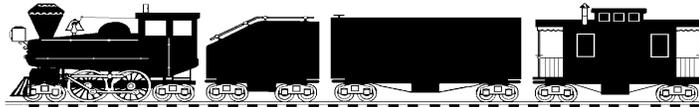




Communiqué
La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Cheveaux
Grande Voiture du Missouri



October 2012 - Grand Chef de Gare Edward Jones

- L'Editeur Grant Willis

The Grand Chef Sez

Fellow Voyageurs:

I had a couple of road trips this month. I attended the 93rd Promenade National in Fort Mitchell, Kentucky from 11-15 September 2012. We had a good showing of Voyageurs who attended all of the National Committee meetings. The meetings consisted of Resolution and Constitution, Time and Place, Rules and Order, Credentials, Voiture Activities, Public Relations, Child Welfare, Box Car Assn., Membership, Historian, Youth Sports, Nurses Training, Special Awards, VAVS, Americanism, Ritual, POW/MIA, Carville Star and Finance. The Resolution that was brought forth to change the National Avocat eligibility requirements was voted down by the majority of Delegates who attended the meeting. Thanks to all who attending and supported our Grande du Missouri. On 20 September I traveled to St Joseph and installed V-130 Chef de Gare Stanley Stubblefield and all his officers. In addition, they handed out fourteen tuition checks to nursing students. The installation was held at Denny's and we were treated to a delicious meal. On 26 September I traveled to Cameron, Mo and installed V-1379 Chef de Gare

Edward Schmidt and all his officers. We were treated to an exceptional southern meal. On 28 September I went to Jefferson City to attend the Grande Cheminot and Homecoming. A special thanks to Art Wilson - Department of Missouri Commander, Laura Mosby - Department Auxiliary President and Lorna Crawford - 8/40 Departmental Chapeau who took out from their busy schedules to attend our banquet. I would like to wish them the best of luck as they lead their organizations in the coming year. I can see a continued association with the American Legion in the State of Missouri.

To everyone who presented me with gifts. I was left speechless by your kind gestures and I will never forget our special moment together. Thank you all very much. A good time was had by all and if you missed it, I am sure you had good reasons not to be there. Remember supporting the Grande is what helps keep us going. Enough said.

Start putting your best foot forward and get your Voiture Membership sky rocketing to the top.

The St. Louis County Veterans Coalition annual City of Florissant Veteran's Parade "Honoring all who Served" is to be held on Sunday, November 11, 2012 at 1 p.m. Those wishing an application to have a unit in the parade, contact

John Partin. He will send you the forms to be completed and returned to the organizers as soon as possible.

God bless America.

Ed Jones
Grand Chef de Gare



Articles for the Newsletter are due at the end of each month. The schedule for articles due from the Directeur's will be as follows:

October – VAVS, Carville Star and Publicity

November – Ritual and Child Welfare

December – Youth Sports and Box Car

January – Americanism and Voyageur Activities

February – POW/MIA and Special Awards

March – Distinguished Voyageur Award

Pen and ink changes in the 2013 Grande Yearbook.

- Sous Grand Conducteur – change the last name of Agnelo to be Angelo
- For John Paul Kopp call him using the cell phone number and not the residential number
- Grand VAVS Chairman Chip Berkely change his phone number to be 573-424-8877
- Sous Grand Directeur Youth Sports – change the last name of Wallenbert to be Wallenburg
- The Correspondant Voiture 460 is Franklin Angelo, 132 Sawmill Road, St. Robert, MO 65584 phone 217-416-5695 and email fangelo618@aol.com
- The Grand Cheminot Voiture 460 is Chris Bryson, the current Chef de Gare.

- Grand VAVS Chairman Chip Berkely change his phone number to be 573-424-8877
- John Kopp said to call him on his cell phone 816-699-8719
- The Spring Grande Cheminot & Wreck dates have changed to April 12-14, 2013 at same location.
- Also Chef de Train Ralph Turner has a new email address ralph.n.turner@hotmail.com

If a Voiture was not represented at the Fall Grande Cheminot then I will be mailing some copies of the Yearbook to the Local Correspondant.

Terry Lanning Grand Correspondant

Carville Star

For a century, 300 fenced-off acres across the Mississippi River from White Castle were, to the rest of south Louisiana, a place of mystery and dread. Leprosy was all that most people needed – or wanted – to know about it.

Now, the National Hansen's Disease Center and all but a handful of its patients have moved, replaced by the Louisiana National Guard's Youth Challenge Program and a variety of other mostly military tenants. But a window into its misunderstood past remains.

Since 2002, the National Hansen's Disease Museum has occupied a 6,000-squarefoot building originally built as the staff dining hall. It educates visitors not only about a once feared illness and the research breakthroughs that took place here, but about the distinct culture that developed the residents, both patients and caregivers.

"The visitors I really enjoy speaking to because I can relate to them in a real direct way, are the locals, people from south Louisiana who had some inkling that there was something around here, a mysterious hospital where this horrible

malady lurked,” said curator Elizabeth Schexnyder.

The first Hansen’s Disease patients arrived in 1894 to an antebellum plantation that had been reconfigured both to care for and isolate them from the rest of the population. Research at the center would ultimately provide breakthroughs that made effective treatment possible and quarantining unnecessary.

Buy many people retain age-old fears of a disease that, for millennia, has caused society to drive away its victims.

“That it’s a curse, That it’s a stigma,” said Dr. Jim Krahenbuhl, director of the Nationale Hansen’s Disease Programs, now based in Baton Rouge. “This disease is unprecedented. For a while, AIDS had the similar stigma, to the point where they said “We’re treated like lepers.”.....It’s in the Bible. It’s reinforced in the movies – fingers falling off and things like that. It’s all nonsense.”

Visitors learn that leprosy is not highly contagious, that 95 percent of the population has a natural immunity, Krahenbuhl said. Much of what the Bible describes as leprosy was other skin diseases. It did not cause fingers and toes to fall off. It is not fatal.

Which is not to say that it did not have devastating consequences. Caused by a bacteria, leprosy attacked the body’s cooler tissues, including the skin and peripheral nerves of the hands, feet and face. It disfigured. Victims often lost feeling in their extremities, so they would injure their hands and feet or suffer infections there without immediately realizing it. Molds of hands of Hansen’s Disease patients on display in the museum show awful results.

The museum also displays some of the center’s efforts to make life better for patients, such as adaptations to eating

utensils and a wooden wheelchair used by patient Zella Brown of Durham Springs until her death in the 1990s. Although electric wheelchairs were available, Brown, a long-time patient, preferred using the hand cranks that were attached by a bicycle chain to the chair’s wheels.

A typical patients bedroom is recreated. Another room is dedicated to the Daughters of Charity, the Catholic order that arrived in 1896 and continued to work with patients until the facility relocated in 1999. But the museum’s largest section depicts life at Carville, which had its own businesses, post office, golf course, recreation center and publication

The Star Magazine was created by patient Stanley Stein after his arrival in 1931 as a way to reach beyond the fence to the larger world. Patient Johnny Harmon ran a photo business and also was a photographer for The Star, which had a circulation of 10,000 when Stein died in 1967 and later had as many as 160,000 subscribers, Schexnyder said.

“The Star provides a window into hospital life in the 40’s, 50’s, even issues with health care in the world at large,” Schexnyder said. “They had quite an audience of missionaries and patients overseas. I’m finding researchers are interested in coming back in and looking at these publications and writing about them today. We have an incredible wealth of photographs.”

Among the magazines fans was actress Tallulah Bankhead, who became a close friend of Stein’s. Their letters and telegrams to each other are exhibited. The veterans organization The Forty and Eight provided funds for a press and fought to allow patients to vote, a right that had been denied them until 1948.

Carville's schools were racially integrated before any other in the south, Schexnyder said. Coca-Cola bottles were everywhere – used in a variety of ways in gardens and even graveyard adornments – because the distributor, fearing his other client's reaction, refused to take the bottles back.

The centers trademark became the armadillo. One hurdle to finding treatments was that leprosy could not be grown in laboratories and was not thought to infect anything but humans. At Carville, researchers discovered that the armadillo, which has a cool body temperature, could contact the disease, which led to advances in drugs and vaccines.

The museum, which is open on weekdays, receives about 100 to 300 visitors a month, and Schexnyder gives walking tours of the facility on the last Saturday of each month. A good number of visitors are relatives of former patients who are trying to learn about their family member's life, she said. Youth Challenge participants, who live at Carville for five months, also visit and ask the same questions as adults.

"This place has been a secret for a lot of people," Krahenbuhl said. "The people who come here, when they leave they know a whole lot more than when they came. Their misconceptions are gone."

VAVS

The Forty & Eight, as are most Veterans Organizations, is an active member and participant in the VAVS program. As part of this program, Voyageurs (called Deputy Representatives) visit the Veteran Administration Medical Centers on a regular basis, where they give comfort and assistance to, or just visit with, the hospitalized veterans. The Forty & Eight has adopted an additional

program for these veterans, called "Keep Those Wheelchairs Rolling." Under this program, the VAVS Representative writes a brief letter outlining a "need" of the patients. These "needs" may cover a project, equipment or comfort and convenience items needed by the hospitalized veterans. The entries are then judged on the need and benefit to the patients, and those selected receive the item(s) requested, courtesy of the National Box Car Association.

God Bless AMERICA

Grande Voiture du Missouri

GRANDE CHEMINOT AND SPRING WRECK

April 12-14, 2013



Ramada Oasis Hotel and Convention Center
2546 North Glenstone Ave.
Springfield, Mo. 65803
(888) 532-4338
(417) 866-5253



Room Rate is \$ 75.00 per Night
For Single or Double Occupancy

Make reservations directly with Hotel by March 1, 2013

Inform the Hotel you are with the Society of 40/8 when making reservations.

Friday , April 12, 2013

Registration: 3:00 - 6:00 P.M.

Hospitality Room 3:00 P.M. UNTIL

Saturday , April 13, 2013

Registration: 9:00 A.M. - Noon

2013 Spring wreck 9:00 A.M. Until Completed (There will be a break in the
Wreck from 11:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. for lunch).

Hospitality Room will open upon completion of the wreck until 6:00 P.M.

Grand Chef de Gare Passe Social Hour: 5:00 - 6:00 P.M.

Banquet will begin at 6:00 P.M. with a Social Hour

Hospitality Room will reopen following the completion on the banquet

Sunday , April 14, 2013

Grande Cheminot: 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

All Guests Try To Check-out By 11:00 A. M.



To Register for the Wreck & Cheminot make Check payable to Voiture 460

Send To:

Kevin Johnson
605 Wildwood Lane
Waynesville, Missouri 65583

Last Name _____ Frist _____ Spouse/Guests _____

Voiture Number _____ Banquet \$25.00 per Person/ total number _____ * _____

Registration Fee \$10.00 (Voyageurs Only) _____

TOTAL AMOUNT \$ _____

Let's have some fun

The Grande is in need of funds. The Grande would appreciate any donations that any Voiture or Voyageur would like to make.

The Grande is going to have a fundraiser at the Spring Grande Cheminot & Wreck. Each Voiture that is represented at the banquet will have one male representative dressed up as a woman, the more realistic the better. Each Voiture will select their own male representative to dress as a woman. There will be a \$20.00 per Voiture entry fee. If a Voiture does not put up a male representative there will be a \$50.00 fine. At the banquet the men, dressed as women, will go around the audience to collect money. The top three that collected the most will win a prize. This is being done to have fun and make some money for the Grande. A new PG wrecked during the weekend should not be a Voiture representative. Lets everyone be creative. They could be made up so that they are not recognizable.



Below is from the Voiture invoices received from Voiture Nationale on September 30, 2012. All show a credit. A Voiture can use up the credit by applying their membership dues or ask Voiture Nationale to send a check. This will be put in the newsletter once a quarter and the invoices will not be mailed to the Voiture Correspondant unless otherwise requested.

Voiture 3	-0-
Voiture 38	-0-
Voiture 130	-0-
Voiture 292	\$(56.50)
Voiture 293	-0-
Voiture 333	\$(31.50)
Voiture 447	\$(45.00)
Voiture 448	-0-
Voiture 460	\$(12.00)
Voiture 520	\$(15.00)
Voiture 760	\$(5.50)
Voiture 966	-0-
Voiture 1292	\$(1.00)
Voiture 1321	\$(13.50)
Voiture 1379	\$(58.50)
Voiture 1395	\$(32.00)
Voiture 1402	-0-
Voiture 1403	\$(32.00)
Voiture 1541	\$(7.50)

Grand Voiture du Missouri Membership September 27, 2012

Voiture Name	Voiture	2012 Year End	2013 To-date	2013 Quota	Sh/Ov Quota	% of Quota
HEART OF AMERICA	3	58	35	58	-23	60.34%
SPIRIT OF ST. LOUIS	38	125	45	125	-80	36.00%
JESSE JAMES	130	30	25	30	-5	83.33%
HEART OF MISSOURI	292	52	11	52	-41	21.15%
CROSSROADS OF MISSOURI	293	11	10	11	-1	90.91%
RUSSELL H. MILLER	333	277	71	277	-206	25.63%
TABLE ROCK LAKE	447	2	2	2	0	100.00%
GATEWAY	448	117	23	117	-94	19.66%
CENTRAL OZARK	460	63	54	63	-9	85.71%
COON COOKERS	520	12	1	12	-11	8.33%
KICKAPOO	760	80	36	80	-44	45.00%
MARK TWAIN	966	6	5	6	-1	83.33%
CAPITAL	1292	80	14	80	-66	17.50%
MINERAL AREA	1321	69	2	69	-67	2.90%
NEUF COMPT	1379	46	24	46	-22	52.17%
HEART OF THE OZARKS	1395	17	15	17	-2	88.24%
ATCHISON NODAWAY HOLT Counties	1402	25	24	25	-1	96.00%
LAKE OF THE OZARK	1403	37	10	37	-27	27.03%
TWO RIVERS	1541	70	27	70	-43	38.57%
			26th			
Missouri Total		1177	434	1177	-743	36.87%

We have a way to go, but we can do this. Everyone should be going out and getting the renewals and start looking for new members to join our organization. Let us set a schedule to have all renewals in by December 1, then put our total attention into inviting new members into our organization.

Renewal notices from National will be sent out the second week of January.