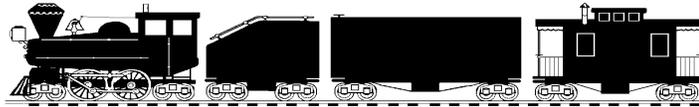




Communiqué
La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Cheveaux
Grande Voiture du Missouri



October 2014 - Grand Chef de Gare Leon Hill

- L'Editeur Grant Willis

The Grand Chef Sez

Hello from Leon Hill

Voyageurs, since my last report I've been traveling and having a great time representing the Grand.

August 26th, I had the honor of installing Bob Cole as Chef de Gare of Voiture #760 at the American Legion Post in Springfield.

September was a very busy month: I attended the 95th Promenade Nationale in Virginia Beach, Virginia, September 23rd thru the 27th. While at the Promenade Nationale, I attended various meetings, hosted a Hospitality Room for the Grande Voiture du Missouri and attended the Banquet. The Grande Voiture du Missouri was well represented.

The Grand Cheminot and my Homecoming was October 3rd and 4th at the DoubleTree Hotel at Westport. Terry Lanning, Grand Correspondant was the MC. I had a great time, it was such an honor. Thanks to all who attended. I really appreciate everyone bringing snacks and desserts for the hospitality room and helping clean up. Now it's time to work on Membership and our other programs.

Please make a commitment to continue to recruit new members, renew the members that you have and continue working on our programs.

The next Grand function will be the Spring Wreck in Jefferson City, MO. Looking

forward to seeing you there!

If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at 314-406-2260 or email me at lhil2@aol.com.

God Bless our Troops and the United States of America.

Yours in Service,

Leon Hill

Grand Chef de Gare du Missouri

**Sous Grand
Correspondants Notes**

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:

November – Ritual and Child Welfare

December – Youth Sports and Box Car

January – Americanism, Voyageur Activities and Aumonier

February – POW/MIA, and Special Awards

March – Distinguished Voyageur Award

Please make the following changes to the Grand Yearbooks:

Page 6 Steve Popplewell is in Voiture 1292.

Kevin Johnson has a new address 168101A Huntington Lane, St. Robert, MO 65584.

No change in his phone or email address. Kevin is listed on pages 10, 15, and 16. Marvin Tulla new phone is - cell 573-337-8319, delete the Res phone. Art Wilson new address and phone is correct on page 16. Change page 10. Page 8 Terry Mc Donald zip code should be 65203. If you have an email address and would like to receive this newsletter electronically, then please send me your email address to willis.grant@sbcglobal.net.

VAVS Report

It is that time of the year. Christmas is fast approaching. I would like to see all voitures from the largest to the smallest involved. One bottle and one deck of cards for a raffle. The deck of cards will bring in \$50.00; enough to cover the cost of the bottle plus \$30 for the Adopt-A-Vet program or the Women Veterans Robe Program. The \$30 can cover a vet at any of the seven homes in Missouri or a robe for a female vet. The robes are \$30 each for acute female vets at John Cochran. The robes are purchased in lots of 125 to obtain a discount. The female vets felt the new robes kept them warm and less exposed than the men's robes when going for testing. This could have voitures from 2 to 222 members involved 100%. The robe fund donations go to V.A. St. Louis Health Care System, Voluntary Service (135/JC), 915 N. Grand Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63106, (314-289-6393). Please earmark in memo section on check, "Women Veterans Robe Program". The Adopt-A-Vet or Wish List for each home can be checked by calling:

Cameron	(816) 632-6010
Cape Girardeau	(573) 290-5870
Mexico	(573) 581-1088
Mt. Vernon	(417) 466-7103
St. James	(573) 265-3271
St. Louis	(314) 340-6389
Warrensburg	(660) 543-5064

If there are any questions, don't hesitate to contact me. Let your heart be your guide.

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MEMBERSHIP

The membership reports for the coming year are out now, so, let's get moving and start getting those renewals in. Remember that membership is the life blood of any organization. We can not continue to decline by an average of 5% per year, so this year let's recruit that 5% and show again a positive growth in Missouri.

FALL GRAND CHEMINOT, OCTOBER 4, 2014
DOUBLETRE HOTEL, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, Missouri

With a rap of the gavel, Grand Chef de Gare Leon Hill, 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 Kopp.

Roll call of officers showed more absent than excused and the rest were asleep. Roll call of Grand Chefs de Gare Passe showed that eight 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 3, 333, 447, 966, 1292, 1395, and 1402.

Grand Avocat Rich Heigert said we will follow the same Rules of Procedure.

Notion offered by Rich Heigert, seconded by Art Wilson, 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, held on October 4, 2014, at 9:00am. Our raffle made \$170 last year. Discussed if we should continue the raffle. Art Wilson offered a notion to suspend the raffle, seconded by Grant Willis ...passed. The budget was read by Chip Berkley. Discussed the budget and Kevin Johnson offered a notion to accept the budget as printed, seconded by Dave Christian ... passed. Grand Chef Leon Hill proposed having a fundraiser at the Spring Wreck where each Voiture submits one decorated car from a kit.

There will be a contest for best decorated car and then a car race. If a Voiture does not participate then a \$50 fine. Leon is trying to get the car kits donated free but if not then they cost 25 for \$100. Notion by Art Wilson and seconded by Kevin Johnson to have this fundraiser...passed.

Aumonier will send out get well and sympathy cards pertaining to Grand Officers. Discussed when we should invite the Chef de Chemin de Fer to the Grande. Kevin Johnson offered a notion to invite the Chef de Chemin de Fer to the Grand Spring Wreck and Cheminot, seconded by Art Wilson ...passed. Grant Willis discussed about having the Mo-Kan wreck again. After discussion it was felt that the only Voiture around Kansas City that could handle the Mo-Kan is Voiture 1379. John Kopp said he will discuss this with his Voiture and report back at the Spring Wreck. Terry offered a notion to table this, seconded by Kevin Johnson ...passed. Dave Christian discussed how Kansas handles their Nationale 40/8 pins. Kansas Grande buys all 7 pins and puts them together in a package and sells the package of pins to the Voitures for \$21, who in turn sells the 7 pins for \$28. Most felt this would not work for Missouri. Art Wilson presented Kevin Johnson with a crying towel since he cries so much. Executive meeting closed 10:21am. John Kopp offered a notion to accept Executive meeting minutes, seconded by Janice Hartley...passed.

Grand Correspondant Terry Lanning stated the new yearbooks and envelopes for the Grand Directeurs are in the back of the room.

Grand Commissaire Intendant, Chip Berkley, stated the finance report and budget were passed out and discussed them. Notion offered by Chip Berkley, second by A. J. Noonan, to accept the budget...passed. Notion offered by Art Wilson, seconded by Calvin Bumgarner to accept the Finance report subject to audit ...passed. Terry Lanning offered a notion for when the Grande opens up its investment account the following will be on the account: Terry Lanning, Rich Heigert, Ralph Turner, and Grant Willis, seconded by Rich Heigert ...passed.

Grand Chef Hill called on the Sous Chef de Trains to report on their membership. To which Frank Angelo and David Voyles did. The Grand has a total membership of 390, or 36%. Sous Membership Directeur National Grant Willis stated all Grandes and Voiture goals are 105% this year. The motto is Renew, Recruit, and Reinstate. The Grande has a target as of October 31, 2014 to have 50% membership in. Grant thinks we can get 100% of the Grand membership in by December 31, 2014.

Cheminot Nationale Ed Jones reported on the Nationale Promenade. Ed gave out the new password. Ed attended the Child Welfare meeting at Promenade National. The Ardery is changing their claim amount to be \$300 per child and \$1,000 per family.

Promenade National - Terry Lanning attended the Finance Meeting and said the 40/8er magazine will look like a newspaper and some will have

advertising in them. Finance Committee is also talking to USAA about entering into a contract with them. Billy Gammill went to the Box Car meeting where the Grande received a number of awards. Box Car is going to have a 5 year pin. Billy also went to the Time and Place meeting; Bossier City was awarded the 2017 Promenade National. Art Wilson attended the Constitution and Resolution meeting. Constitution change passed to move up the delinquent date to be December 31. Resolution approved to print the preamble on the back of the membership card. Resolution concerning a mascot failed. There was a resolution about making it so an individual would not have to be asked to join, this failed. Rich Heigert attended Americanism meeting. There were 37,000 flags for First Graders given out.

Total Americanism reports were \$10,860,543. Dave Christian attended the Ritual meeting and stated the Ritual manual has been updated. Chip Berkley attended the Special Awards and said they only received 6 nominations for Hero of the Year and 8 for Voyageur of the Year. Danville, Illinois was City of the Year. Jim Hartley attended the Nurses Training meeting and said graduate scholarships will have to call Voiture National, LPN can now apply for a scholarship out of Boland but only one per Voiture. Ralph Turner attended Youth Sports to which the Grande received an award for most pocket change. Janice Hartley attended Public Relations. Everyone needs to get the word out about what the 40/8 is. Get the word out to the press-tell people what we do-if need help contact the Directeur. Become a member of PAL. Toot your own horn and wear your 40/8 attire. Vent your PG applications to determine if they will stay with the organization and get involved. Janice also attended the POW/MIA meeting. They have 24 scholarships totaling \$21,000. Several large donations were given to POW/MIA, including Gary Reno from Missouri of \$4,000. Children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren of POW/MIA's are eligible for scholarships. Mike Woods was elected Chef de Chemin de Fer, he is from Virginia. Grant Willis was elected Sous Membership Directeur and Terry Lanning was elected Commissaire Intendant National.

Some of the highlights of the Grand Cheminot reports are: Voiture 38 had two fundraising BBQ's and a trivia night, their loco is now operational, will have their fundraising calendars coming out soon; Voiture 130 sells towels to raise funds for their 11 nurses in training; Voiture 292 had 2 picnics at VA; Voiture 448 had a BBQ in June, xmas and Easter party at Marygrove, are now meeting at the Elks in Manchester; Voiture 460 supported a soccer team, have 9 nurses at \$4,500, helped a child get to appointments; Voiture 1379 had their ChickNick; Voiture 1541 has 4 nurses in training, had their wet and wild Car Show, Christmas party will be 12/17/2014, and 3/7/2015 Night at the Races.

Grand Directeur Historian Allen Schultz wants everyone to send him pictures of the Grand Chef.

Grand Directeur Child Welfare Calvin Bumgarner said he had new pins if anyone wanted any let him know.

Grand Directeur Nurses Training Jim Hartley said 2 Voitures got scholarships by using the Boland program. He has pins if anyone needs them let him know. It is Janice Hartley's birthday so everyone sung to her.

Grand Directeur Aumonier John Kopp said to let him know if a Grand Officer is sick or passes away so he can send them a card.

Grand Drapeau East Dave Christian said the banner is missing. Let him know if anyone knows where it is.

Grand Directeur Americanism Bob Emery said he had new pins if anyone wanted any pins to let him know.

Grand Directeur Special Awards Robert Lee said to contact him if anyone has a Law Officer or Hero of the Year that they want to put up.

Grand Directeur Youth Sports A.J. Noonan said he had new pins if anyone wanted any pins to let him know.

Grand Sous Correspondant, Grant Willis said the Grand Chef and any other articles are due to him by the end of the month.

Time and Place Committee Chairman Art Wilson said the Spring wreck and for the next 2 years all Grande functions will be held at the Truman Hotel in Jefferson City. 2017 may be held in Springfield.

MAVO - Rich Heigert said they have the same officers as last year. MAVO will start gathering information on Missouri legislative.

Old Business - none

New Business - none

Distinguished Guest - Department Commander Dennis Woeltje stated he liked all of the committee reports.

Grand Chef de Gare Hill closed the Fall Grand Cheminot in the proper manner at 3:00 PM.

Submitted by,
Terry L. Lanning
Grand Correspondant

**Membership October 2, 2014
Grande du MISSOURI**

Voiture	2014	2015	2014	% of	short/over	Goal	% of	Short/over
	YTD	YTD	Year					
	Total	Total	End	Quota			Goal	Goal
3	42	9	58	15.52%	-49	61	14.75%	-52
38	56	45	103	43.69%	-58	109	41.28%	-64
130	19	3	32	9.38%	-29	34	8.82%	-31
292	10	9	50	18.00%	-41	53	16.98%	-44
333	85	134	222	60.36%	-88	234	57.26%	-100
447	2	2	2	100.00%	0	3	66.67%	-1
448	11	23	110	20.91%	-87	116	19.83%	-93
460	50	48	71	67.61%	-23	75	64.00%	-27
520	13	1	13	7.69%	-12	14	7.14%	-13
760	35	25	73	34.25%	-48	77	32.47%	-52
966	4	4	5	80.00%	-1	6	66.67%	-2
1292	19	0	77	0.00%	-77	81	0.00%	-81
1321	33	11	65	16.92%	-54	69	15.94%	-58
1379	49	29	61	47.54%	-32	65	44.62%	-36
1395	16	15	16	93.75%	-1	17	88.24%	-2
1402	1	1	24	4.17%	-23	26	3.85%	-25
1403	14	9	27	33.33%	-18	29	31.03%	-20
1541	43	22	72	30.56%	-50	76	28.95%	-54
TOTALS	502	390	1081	36.08%	-691	1136	34.33%	-746