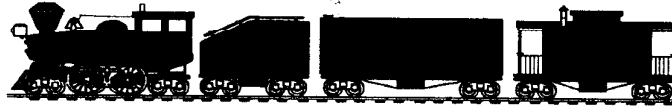




Communiqué
La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Cheveaux
Grande Voiture du Missouri



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

The Grand Chef Sez

It has been a busy few months, since being installed I have been to installations for Voiture's 448, 292, 1292, 3, 1321, 38, 1541, and 760. I want to express my gratitude those Voiture's I have visited already for the generosity that was afforded me. Also, I want to express my thanks for the great food; but one shortcoming I am seeing is some additional weight I have gained (which I do not need).

I have listened to these Voiture's give reports on extraordinary Nurses Training programs, VAVS programs, Child Welfare programs and 2008 membership. Now what we need to do is articulate this same passion in the year-end reports that get turned in to the Grand Directeur. If we just keep this kind of information to ourselves, then no one is going to know the great work we do in our communities. If a Voiture has a program they want to get out or just boast about a program or event that was triumphant or affluent, then send an article to Terry Lanning and he will be ecstatic to put it into our Grand Newsletter.

I have more visits planned in September starting after the National Promenade in Overland Park Kansas. September 24 will be the Grant's Farm children's party hosted

by Voiture 38. This occasion has been going on for many years and it is always a delight to see a smile on a child's face. It is my goal to visit each Voiture at least once during my excursion. If any Voiture has any special events they have coming up please send the dates to me and I will do my very best to attend.

Let's all have fun this year

**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:

October 2007 – POW/MIA – Directeur – Dennis Estes

October 2007 - Box Car - Directeur – William Evans

October 2007 – VAVS Directeur – Chip Berkley

Directeurs and Voitures can email me their articles, announcements, or anything of interest to t_lanning@charter.net, or mail it to 2045 Granada Dr., Florissant, MO 63033.

UPCOMING DATES

- **National Promenade September 5 to 8, 2007 at Overland Park, KS**
- **Voiture 38 BBQ September 8, 2007 at Ferguson's Pub - Pennsylvania & Mt. Pleasant, St. Louis**
- **Voiture 38 Child Welfare Picnic September 24, 2007 at Grant's Farm, St. Louis County**
- **Fall Cheminot & Grand Chef Homecoming 10/5/07 – 10/7/07 at DoubleTree Hotel, St. Louis**
- **Voiture 1379 ChickNic October 13, 2007 at Wallace State Park at 13:00 hrs.**

Very Important Please Read Carefully

Below is from the IRS web site at

<http://www.irs.gov/charities/article/0,,id=169250,00.html>

New Annual Electronic Filing Requirement for Small Tax-Exempt Organizations — e-Postcard (Form 990-N)

Beginning in 2008, small tax-exempt organizations that previously were not required to file returns may be required to file an annual electronic notice, Form 990-N, Electronic Notice (e-Postcard) for Tax-Exempt Organizations not Required To File Form 990 or 990-EZ. This filing requirement **applies to tax periods beginning after December 31, 2006.**

Organizations that do not file the notice will lose their tax-exempt status.

Small tax-exempt organizations, whose gross receipts are normally \$25,000 or less, are not required to file Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax, or Form 990-EZ, Short Form Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax. With the enactment of the Pension Protection Act of 2006 (PPA), these small tax-exempt organizations will now be required to file electronically Form 990-N, also known as the e-Postcard, with the IRS annually. Exceptions to this requirement include

organizations that are included in a group return, private foundations required to file Form 990-PF, and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations required to file Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. In addition, this filing requirement does not apply to churches, their integrated auxiliaries, and conventions or associations of churches.

The IRS will mail educational letters starting in July 2007 notifying small tax-exempt organizations that they may be required to file the e-Postcard. The IRS is developing an electronic filing system (there will be no paper form) for the e-Postcard and will publicize filing procedures when the system is completed and ready for use.

The PPA requires the IRS to revoke the tax-exempt status of any organization that fails to meet its annual filing requirement for three consecutive years. Therefore, organizations that do not file the e-Postcard (Form 990-N), or an information return Form 990 or 990-EZ for three consecutive years, will have their tax-exempt status revoked as of the filing due date of the third year.

If you would like additional information about this new filing requirement, including notification when the filing system is ready, or information about other new developments, subscribe to Exempt Organization's EO Update, a regular e-mail newsletter that highlights new information posted on the Charities pages of [irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov). (go to www.irs.gov/eo and click on "EO Newsletter")

L'Editeur comment:

In essence this means Legion Posts, Districts, 40/8 Voitures, 40/8 Grande, Auxiliary Units and similar nonprofit organizations that did not have to file an IRS 990 or 990EZ return because their gross receipts did not exceed \$25,000, will now have to file a return or file the annual electronic notice. The Form 990, 990EZ, or the annual electronic notice are due on the 15th day of the fifth month after the close of your tax period. Most organizations tax periods end on December 31, so the return or electronic notice would be due on May 15th. Therefore the first annual electronic notice would be due on May 15, 2008, if your tax period ends on December 31, 2007.

Brief History of Grande Voiture of Missouri
(Continued from last month)

Through unforeseen circumstances it was necessary for Col. Parker to resign as Grand Chef de Gare in May 1922. H. D. McBride was chosen to serve the unexpired term, which Robert D. Turner took over the duties of Grand Correspondant the month previous, succeeding Rulif M. Martin. The Grande Promenade this year was held at Hannibal, August 21-22. The other Grande Voiture officers lending their efforts to the success of La Societe in Missouri were:

C. C. MacDonald, Grand Chef de Train	St. Joseph
John D. McNeely, Grand Commissaire Intendant	Jefferson City
J. E. Murphy, Jr., Grand Conducteur	St. Louis
John S. Cannon, Cheminot National	Kansas City

Delegates to the Promenade Nationale, New Orleans, 1922, were chosen on the following membership – Voiture 3 - 71 members, Voiture 38 - 99, Voiture 130 - 35, Voiture 156 - 15, Voiture 292 - 15, Voiture 293 - 15, Voiture 301 - 16, Voiture 333 - 15.

The officers chosen at Hannibal, to guide the destinies for the Grande Voiture for 1923 were:

Grand Chef de Gare	Dr. Paul V. Wooley	Kansas City
Grand Chef de Train	C. C. MacDonald	St. Joseph
Grand Commissaire Intendant	Abe Pilicer	Marceline
Grand Conducteur	John F. Williams	University
Grand Organizer	R. D. Turner	St. Louis
Grand Correspondant	R. T. Swofford, Jr.	Kansas City
Cheminot National	H. D. McBride	St. Louis

New Voitures to come into the ranks in 1923 were: Caldwell County 460 at Hamilton, Audrian County 520 at Mexico, Grundy County 637 at Trenton

At the Grande Promenade at Excelsior Springs, September 11, 1923, the officers named were:
(1924)

Grand Chef de Gare	F. M. Curlee	St. Louis
Grand Chef de Train	Clark R. Mandigo	Kansas City
Grand Commissaire Intendant	Abe Pilicer	Marceline
Grand Conducteur	Nathan Young	Kansas City
Grand Correspondant	George M. Hagee	St. Louis
Grand Organizer	R. D. Turner	St. Louis
Cheminot National	Dr. L. Mason Lyons	Kansas City
Alternate Cheminot National	A. E. Hutchings	Kansas City

Charter application was received and granted for Green County Voiture 760 at Springfield, October 24, 1924.

The Grand Voiture closed the year 1924 with a membership of 494. At the fourth Grande Promenade held in Joplin, August 19, 1924, the following Voyagers were placed at the helm of La Societe in Missouri: (1925)

Grand Chef de Gare	Clark R. Mandigo	Kansas City
Grand Chef de Train	Dr. W. M. English	Joplin
Grand Commissaire Intendant	Charles F. Strickel	Marceline
Grand Correspondant	Dick Richardson	Kansas City
Grand Conducteur	Roy Creasey	Mexico
Cheminot National	Dr. L. Mason Lyons	Kansas City
Grand Organizer	R. D. Turner	St. Louis
Alternate Cheminot National	George Foster	St. Louis

Vernon County Voiture 848 was organized at Nevada August 24, 1925. The 1925 membership was 535.

The 1926 officers of the Grande Voiture were:

Grand Chef de Gare	R. D. Turner	St. Louis
Grand Chef de Train	Hugh D. Mason	Carthage
Grand Commissaire Intendant	Charles F. Strickel	Marceline
Grand Correspondant	Frank X. Reller	St. Louis
Grand Organizer	Jack Cloud	Neosha
Cheminot National	Ora E. Stark	Kansas City

The 1926 Grande Promenade was held at Moberly and Missouri closed the year with 564 members. The last Voiture to be chartered in Missouri was Marion County 966 at Hannibal, charter having been issued June 7, 1927.

1927 Officers

Grand Chef de Gare	Hugh D. Mason	Carthage
Grand Chef de Train	James R. Anderson	Kansas City
Grand Commissaire Intendant	W. Vincent Brennan	Webster Groves
Grand Conducteur	Joe F. Healey	St. Joseph
Cheminot National	Ora E. Stark	Kansas City
Alternate Cheminot National	Charles E. Downs	St. Louis

1927 Grande Promenade was at Nevada, Missouri.

(Author and date is unknown. This was located in some of the old records of the Grande.)

GRANDE VOITURE DU MISSOURI

**Grande Cheminot and Homecoming
October 5 through 7, 2007**

Will be Held at the DoubleTree Hotel
St Louis at Westport
1973 Craigshire
St. Louis Mo. 63146
Tel (314) 434-0100
Fax (314) 434-5067

Hotel rates are as follows:
\$75.00 for Single and Double Occupancy
\$85.00 for Triple and Quad Occupancy
Current Tax rate will be 7.5%

**Make all reservations directly with the Hotel by September 5, 2007.
When you make reservations please mention that you are with the 40/8
Honor Society**

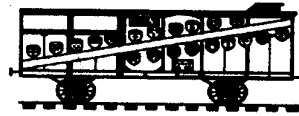
Friday October 5, 2007
Registration 3:00 til 5:00PM
Hospitality Room 3:00PM til ???
Saturday October 6, 2007
Registration 8:00 AM til noon
Hospitality Room 8:30AM til 1:00PM
Executive Meeting 9:00AM
Cheminot will start at 1:00 PM.
Cocktails starting at 6:00 PM
The Banquet will start at 7:00 PM.
Hospitality Room opened after Banquet
Sunday October 7, 2007
Donuts/Coffee 7:00 til 9:00AM

Make checks payable to Voiture 448 and send check to Art Wilson, 725 Beardsley,
Ferguson, Mo. 63135 or Grant Willis, 8 Shireford Ln, Ferguson, Mo. 63135.

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Spouse Name _____

Voiture Number _____

Banquet per Person \$25.00 _____
Total _____



MEMBERSHIP GRAND VOITURE DU MISSOURI
as of August 7, 2007

LOCALE	2006	2007	PERCENT	Short/Over
3	142	142	100%	0
38	155	160	103%	5
130	32	32	100%	0
292	67	63	94%	-4
293	16	16	100%	0
333	53	84	158%	31
447	14	9	64%	-5
448	224	228	101%	4
460	66	70	106%	4
520	14	14	100%	0
760	133	103	77%	-30
848	16	14	87%	-2
966	15	12	80%	-3
1292	67	73	108%	6
1321	91	89	97%	-2
1379	33	34	103%	1
1395	18	22	122%	4
1402	43	47	109%	4
1403	58	59	101%	1
1541	70	67	95%	-3
Totals	1,327	1,338	101%	11

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