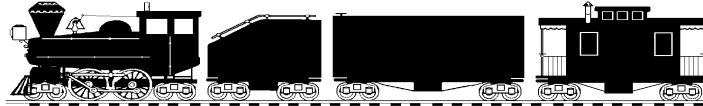


Communiqué
La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Cheveaux
Grande Voiture du Missouri



September 2011 - Grand Chef de Gare David S. Christian - L'Editeur Grant Willis

The Grand Chef Sez

Fellow Voyageurs;

We have been told that there is a possibility that our Missouri Veterans Homes may close. The legislature has reduced funding to The Missouri Veterans Commission by \$ 6.5 Million annually. If this reduction in funding continues, our Veterans Homes will have to close in July 2013.

The BIG task that we have before us is to help solve the issues that might cause the closure of our Missouri Veterans Homes. We look to our legislature to insure that our veterans are not turned out into the streets, because of the funding issues required to keep the doors open. At the August meeting of our Missouri Veterans Commission at the St. Louis Missouri Veterans Home, we were assured by the Governors office, the Senate members and the House of Representative members, that they will find funds to maintain our Missouri Veterans Homes, and our Missouri Veterans Cemetery system. Check the Missouri Veterans Commission Website www.mvc.dps.mo.gov for the latest information. The Fourth Quarter Commission Meeting will be held at 10:00 AM on Monday, the 7th day of November 2011 at the Jefferson State Office Building, 1st Floor State Board Education Room, Jefferson City, MO. You should attend and encourage others to attend this meeting. Please contact your State Senators and State

Representatives indicating your interest in NOT allowing our Missouri Veterans to close. These legislators come seeking your support at election time, And you are seeking their support NOW.

We have some exciting events planned for our Grand Cheminot and Homecoming in Festus on October 7 - 8th. Please use the Grand Cheminot and Homecoming form in this Communiqué to register now at the Best Western Hotel, and make your reservations now with Mr. Gualdoni for the Banquet on Saturday, October 8th. We have to make reservations to have food for those attending. Looking forward to seeing you in Festus.

David S. Christian,
Grand Chef de Gare

**Sous Grand
Correspondants Notes**

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

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

BOX CAR

The Crew and Associate cards are now available for 2012. The Box Car pins I will have at the end of September. Anyone wishing to receive cards or pins please drop me a line and I will send them to you.

If any Voiture wishes to donate to Box Car, just make your check out to N.B.C.A and mail it to me, so that I can keep track of the donations. I in turn will forward it on to the National Box Car Association.

I also need all money's for cards and pins sent to me. This will help keep the records straight at the Grande and Nationale level.

If you need any help or desire more information please let me know and I will get you the answers.

Grant Willis
Box Car Directeur
Grande du Missouri
8 Shireford Ln
Ferguson, Mo. 63135

Get your Reservations in now for the Fall Cheminot and Chef's Homecoming to learn more about what happened at National to include the new pass word for the year.

Membership has not been reported as of this date, but the goals are set for 100% Let's get those dues in early and that will leave us more time to work the programs of the 40 et 8.

GOD BLESS AMERICA



Distinguished Voyageur of the Year 2011



The OLD



The NEW

**Grande Voiture du Missouri
Grande Cheminot and Grand Chef Homecoming
October 7 through October 9, 2011**

**Will be held at the
Best Western Shalimar Plaza and Conference Center
1200 West Gannon Drive
Festus, MO 63028
Phone: 636-937-0700
Fax: 636-937-3723**

**Room Rate is \$62.10 per night
For Single or Double Occupancy**

Make Hotel reservations directly with Best Western by **September 23, 2011**
Mention 40 & 8 Honor Society, for our special rate, when making reservation.

Friday: October 7, 2011

Registration: 3:00 till 6:00 P.M.
Hospitality Room opens at 3:00 P.M. – 11:30 P.M.

Saturday: October 8, 2011

Registration 8:00 A.M. till NOON
Executive Meetings 9:00 – 11:00 A.M.

LUNCH 11:30 A.M. – 12:45 P.M.

Grande Cheminot 1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.
Grand Chefs de Gare Passé Social Hour – 5:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.
Social Hour 6:00 P.M.

Banquet: 7:00 P.M.
Hospitality Room: 9:30 PM – 11:30 PM

Sunday, October 9, 2011

Have a Safe Trip home

Please register for the Promenade by **September 30, 2011**,
make Check payable to **“Voiture Locale 38”**

Send to: **James H. Gualdoni**
11840 Eddie & Park Road
St. Louis, MO 63126

Name: Last _____ First _____ Spouse/Guest _____

Voiture Locale Number _____

Banquet: per Person \$25.00 x No. Guests _____ = _____

(Voyageurs Only) Registration Fee \$ 5.00 _____

Total \$ _____



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

OFFICIAL CALL

TO: ALL GRAND CHEMINOTS
ALL GRAND OFFICERS
ALL GRAND CHEFS de GARE PASSE
ALL VOITURE'S CHEFS de GARE & CORRESPONDANTS
ALL VOYAGEURS OF GRANDE VOITURE du MISSOURI

This is the OFFICIAL CALL for the Grande Fall Cheminot and Grand Chef de Gare David S. Christian Homecoming to be held October 7th to October 9th, 2011 at the Best Western Shalimar Plaza and Conference Center, 1200 West Gannon Drive, Festus, MO 63028, phone (636) 937-0700.

There will be an Executive Board Meeting on Saturday morning at 9:00 AM. Place will be posted in the Hospitality Room.

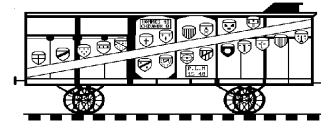
The Fall Grande Cheminot will be held on Saturday October 8th, 2011 at 1:00 PM at the Best Western Shalimar Plaza and Conference Center.

ALL GRAND OFFICERS AND GRAND CHEMINOTS ARE EXPECTED TO GIVE A REPORT OF THEIR ACTIVITIES AND SUBMIT A COPY IN WRITING TO THE GRAND CORRESPONDANT.

All Voyageurs are to be in proper attire. The following Officers are expected to be in coat, tie, shirt, long pants, socks and shoes: Grand Chef de Gare, Grand Chef de Train, Grand Commissaire Intendant, Grand Correspondant, Grand Garde de la Porte, Grand Lampiste, Grand Conducteur, Sous Grand Conducteurs, and Grand Aumonier.

Terry L. Lanning
Grand Correspondant

David S. Christian
Grand Chef de Gare



MEMBERSHIP GRAND VOITURE DU MISSOURI
as of August 29, 2011

LOCALE	2010	2011	PERCENT	Short/Over
3	76	67	88%	-9
38	146	133	91%	-13
130	29	29	100%	0
292	59	58	98%	-1
293	12	12	100%	0
333	250	272	108%	22
447	2	2	100%	0
448	154	139	90%	-15
460	61	62	102%	1
520	11	10	91%	-1
760	82	81	99%	-1
966	7	7	100%	0
1292	91	87	96%	-4
1321	81	68	84%	-13
1379	42	45	107%	3
1395	17	17	100%	0
1402	29	24	83%	-5
1403	43	39	91%	-4
1541	66	70	106%	4
Totals	1,258	1222	97%	-36

**GOD
BLESS
AMERICA**