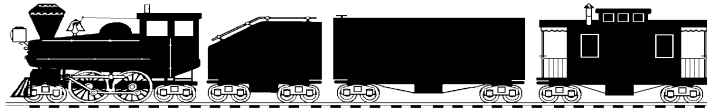


Communiqué
La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Cheveaux
Grande Voiture du Missouri



September 2013 - Grand Chef de Gare Ralph Turner

- L'Editeur Grant Willis

The Grand Chef Sez

Fellow Voyageurs:

I somewhat find myself in disbelief due to already beginning another month as your Grand Chef de Gare. With most people time accelerates with age but certainly I have never experienced it passing at this speed. Where did the last couple of months go?

My year as your Grand Chef de Gare started off with an attendance at the American Legion Department Convention in Jefferson City where I was given a great introduction by Grand Chef de Gare Passé, Kevin Johnson. I congratulated all of the incoming officers of the American Legion and wished them all the very best of luck in the upcoming year.

I have had the distinct honor of installing officers for Voitures 130, 292, 460, 760, and 1541. All of the installations were well attended, the food was incredible, and the hospitality was exceptional!!! Your generosity and friendship far exceeded any expectations I had. I am so proud to be a part of the great organization of La Societe.

Also, I visited Voiture 333 and the Boxcar at the Missouri State Fair. I have to be honest; this was my first trip to see the boxcar and I must apologize to Voiture 333. They are doing an exceptional job in the 40/8 and with the boxcar. I encourage all to

visit V333 and the boxcar. You will not be disappointed.

I try to send out weekly email. If you are not receiving this email correspondence and would like too; there is a link on the Grande's website (www.grandedumissouri.com) that you can click on the link "Grand Chef de Gare:" and you will be able to send me an email and let me know.

I hope to see everyone at the Grande Cheminot and Homecoming that will be held at the Springfield Ramada – 27 and 28 September. Thanks for all the hard work that you do for *La Société des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux!*

Ralph Turner
Grand Chef de Gare

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:
 October – VAVS, Carville Star and Publicity
 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

The Grand Yearbooks will be available at the Fall Grand Cheminot and Homecoming at the end of September.

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To help in lowering cost we are going to start sending this newsletter out electronically via email. If you are receiving this issue via ground mail, then I do not have an email address for you. If you have one please send it to the following email address: willis.grant@sbcglobal.net
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We very sad to report that Raymond J. Brodzinski (GRAND CHEF de GARE PASSE, 1984) has passed away.

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Upcoming Events:

Greeting from Voiture 1379. On Wednesday September 25th we will be holding our annual Chick-Nick. This year once we will be at Wallace State Park just south of Cameron. The Chick-Nick will start at 5pm. We are current selling raffle tickets. The prizes this year are a 32 Inch led television, a veterans themed metal fire pit, a \$50 Quick Trip gift card, \$50 Lowes gift card, \$50 Sears gift card. The tickets go to fund our Nurses training program. The tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. If you are interested in tickets please contact any members from Voiture 1379. If you plan on attending please bring a \$5 gift for our drawing. If you need more information or interested in attending please contact Chef de Gare Ed Schmidt 816-200-7576 or email ed@maysvillemo.com. We plan on having plenty of fun so we help everyone that can will join us.

MEMBERSHIP

We need to start getting our 2014 membership in. September starts a new year and we need to start early so we can get the Grand du Missouri over the top this year. First is to get all those renewals in by December 2013, and then work on new members by asking qualified candidates to join. If you do not ask them we will surely start declining in membership until we are no more.



Our Grand Chef de Gare last year at the National Promenade in Kentucky (better late then Never).

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LET'S GET UR DONE

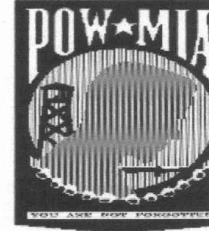
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GRAND CHEMINOT AND GRAND CHEF DE GARE TURNER'S HOMECOMING

September 27-28, 2013

**Ramada Plaza Hotel and Oasis 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 September 12, 2013
Inform the Hotel you are with the Society of 40/8 when making
reservations.

Friday , September 27, 2013

Registration: 3:00 - 6:00 P.M.
Hospitality Room 3:00 P.M. UNTIL

Saturday , September 28, 2013

Registration: 9:00 - 12:00 AM
Grande Cheminot: 1:00 - 4:00 PM
Grand Chef de Gare Passe Social Hour: 5:00 - 6:00 PM
Banquet will begin at 6:00 P.M. with a Social Hour
Hospitality Room will reopen following the completion of the banquet.

To Register : Make all checks payable to Voiture 460
Mail To : Kevin T Johnson
605 Wildwood Lane, Waynesville, Missouri 65583-2445

Last Name: _____ First Name _____ spouse/guests _____

Voiture Number _____ Banquet \$25.00 per person total # _____ = _____

Registration Fee \$5.00 (Voyageurs only) _____

Total Amount _____

I. ARDERY MEMORIAL TRUST FUND APPLICATION CLAIM GUIDELINES

The primary function of the Charles W. Arderly Memorial Child Welfare Trust Fund Disbursement Board, herein referred to as the Disbursement Board, is to provide reimbursement of funds expended by Voiture Locales or Grandes in responding to the emergent needs of children less than 18 years old. Emergent situations within their area of jurisdiction are to be the prime consideration, and should be addressed by the applicable Voiture Locale or Grande, where established relief and/or civic agencies (Red Cross, churches, welfare, etc.) are unable or unwilling to respond, in a prompt and timely manner. In qualifying emergent situations, the Disbursement Board can provide one-time assistance. Under no circumstances however, will the aid available through the Disbursement Board, replace that which is available through established agencies.

Disbursement Board claims are to be submitted to Voiture Nationale (“Attn: Disbursement Board”). Claims received will be considered by the Disbursement Board in a timely manner, and a decision will be rendered by the Disbursement Board. The decision of the Disbursement Board is final.

Claims may be submitted by either a Voiture Locale or Grande Voiture. A claim submitted by a Voiture Locale must be submitted through their applicable Grande. A claim being submitted by a Grand Voiture however, would be submitted directly to Voiture Nationale. Claims **MUST** be received by the Disbursement Board within one calendar year from the date of the event, upon which the claim is based. Claims **MUST** be submitted on an official authorized program claim form. Claim forms are available from Voiture Nationale or at www.fortyandeight.org. Proper documentation of a claim is the key to its acceptance and approval. Any and all information and evidence requested on the claim form **MUST** be provided at the time of the claim. Furthermore, the claim form **MUST** be signed by the applicable and authorized Voiture and/or Grande representatives. Funds expended by a claimant will **NOT** be reimbursed unless the purpose for such expenditure is authorized under the provisions of the Disbursement Board, and the established rules of the program.

Only children 17 years old or younger are eligible for Disbursement Board assistance. The maximum claim allowance per child is \$200.00, and the maximum claim allowance per family (four or more children) is \$800.00. The established maximum claim limits are discretionary, and may, under the most serious consequential situations, be exceeded with the unanimous approval of the Disbursement Board. Should a claimant organization seek to submit a claim which exceeds the established maximum claim allowances, ***said claimant organization must receive approval to do so in advance of such submission.*** Such a request can be made by contacting the Disbursement Board Chairman, or in the absence of the Chairman, the Correspondant National.

NOTE: Advanced submission approval given by the Chairman or Correspondant Nationale does NOT constitute or guarantee approval of a claim. Such advanced approval ONLY guarantees that the claim in question, although it exceeds the current established claim limits, will receive consideration by the full Board. As with all qualifying claims, majority approval of the full Disbursement Board is necessary for full or partial reimbursement of the amount of the claim in question.[3]

II. TYPES OF CASES THAT WILL BE CONSIDERED

The emergent need of children is the primary concern of the Disbursement Board. For purposes associated with the Disbursement Board, emergent is defined as:

“A serious situation or a condition which has arisen unexpectedly; and poses a threat to the physical and/or mental well-being of a child; and demands prompt corrective action.”

Such occurrences would be those caused by Acts of God (an extraordinary interruption by a natural cause [flood, earthquake, tornado, hurricane, tsunami, volcano, fire, etc.] of the usual course of events that experience, prescience, or care could not reasonably foresee or prevent).

Additionally, emergent situations can also be caused by, but are not limited to, civic disaster or unrest, domestic trauma or other such unanticipated occurrence of life. Examples of such would be a terrorist attack or other such acts of war; group demonstrations; life or quality of life threatening health conditions; loss of parental support; and the inability or unwillingness of the applicable and responsible public agencies to respond in a rapid and timely manner, and more.

Applications involving replacement of clothing. As situations vary from child to child, area to area and season to season, the Disbursement Board will accept without further explanation the following wearing apparel, provided cost does not exceed the applicable established allowance limits. The claimant Voiture Locale must designate at least one Voyageur to be responsible for supervising and approving all clothing purchases. Said responsible individual should make every effort to secure a discount for any and all such purchases.

1. Underclothing – Minimum 3 complete changes. Maximum 6 changes.
2. Socks – 6 pair.
3. Outer clothing – Minimum 2 changes, maximum 3 changes (may include pants, jeans, shorts, shirts, dresses, blouses, etc.).
4. Night wear – Pajamas (Minimum 2 changes). Robe (Maximum 1 each).
5. Shoes – 1 pair of street shoes, and if required, 1 pair of gym shoes.
6. Seasonal wear – Sweater, sweat shirt, coat, jacket, mittens, gloves, hat, cap, scarf, overshoes and/or boots, etc. (Maximum 1 each as season demands).
7. Accessories – Belt, tie, etc. (Maximum 1 each).

The purchase of designer clothing (jeans, shirts, shoes, etc.) must be avoided. Purchase cost of any clothing item should **NOT** exceed the nominal cost available at nationally recognized major discount department stores. A listing, indicating size, description, detail and price of each item of clothing purchased for each child, must be attached to the claim. Reimbursement of any item which exceeds the nominal cost, unless fully justified, will be denied.

Applications involving subsistence. Food, rent, utilities, fuel and other necessary items should be weighed very carefully in regard to the situation. In most cases, alternative sources of assistance are available. Food stuffs should be purchased in sufficient amounts to endure until other reliable means and sources for such become available. Food stuffs must be purchased on a need and not on a want basis. Items such as candy, pop, cigarettes, toys, etc, should **NOT** be included. However, paper goods (napkins, toilet tissue, etc.); personal hygiene items and laundry detergent may be purchased in sufficient quantities to satisfy the current need. Staple foods should be bought in quantities that are necessary, applicable and most cost effective. If perishable foods are purchased, the quantity should not exceed the need or the available storage capacity.

Applications involving medical expenses. Situations demanding medical expenses for children should be weighted very carefully, as in most cases civil agencies will handle these. The actual trust fund document prohibits the Trust from contributing to other funds being raised for a specific child. If proper and supporting justification is presented however, the Disbursement Board may consider and approve claims for reimbursement which involve medical expenses for examinations, to determine the cause or extent of the illness. After the cause is determined, established agencies must take responsibility to effect the cure. All those providing services should be requested for a charity discount. Hearing aids, glasses, orthopedic devices, etc., may be purchased. However, care should be taken to see that devices as mentioned, but not necessarily limited to the above, are obtained at the most reasonable cost and take advantage of any and all available discounts.

III. MINIMAL CRITERIA FOR THE SUBMISSION OF A CLAIM

In completing the application, one must realize that he/she is presenting to the Disbursement Board, the claimants justification for having made assistance available, and for the expenditures for which reimbursement thereof, is being requested. The Disbursement Board has established the following **minimal criteria** which every claim must meet. Failure to do so will result in processing delays and/or disapproval of the claim.

1. Claims **MUST** be received by the Disbursement Board within one calendar year from the date of the event, upon which the claim is based.
2. Program claims **MUST** be submitted on the correct form; they **MUST** be complete and legible and; **ALL** applicable and required supporting documentation **MUST** be attached.
3. **ALL** signatures on the claim form **MUST** be original. Rubber stamp or other such mechanical or electronic signature duplication will **NOT** be accepted.
4. All applicable and supporting **ORIGINAL** purchase receipts **MUST** be submitted at the time of the claim.
5. Copies of **ALL** applicable cancelled check(s) (front and back), and/or credit card receipt(s) associated with any purchase receipt(s) presented, **MUST** be submitted at the time of the claim.
6. If the purchase or other financial obligation represented in the claim was satisfied by cash, the claimant (Voiture or Grande), **MUST** attach a statement attesting to the facts of the purchase or financial obligation. Said statement must be signed by both the claimant organization Chef de Gare, and either the applicable organization Correspondant or Child Welfare Chairman.
7. Claims resulting from natural disasters such as flood, tornado, hurricane, fire, earthquake, tsunami, volcano, etc., **MUST** include one or more of the following evidentiary items.
 - a. Picture(s) and / or Newspaper article(s).
 - b. Copy of Fire and / or Police Department report (2).
 - c. Local, State and / or Federal Government Department, Agency and / or Administration report(s).
 - d. Insurance company report(s).
 - e. Verified witness statement(s) and affidavit(s), etc.
8. Documentation of the facts of a claim is the key to its acceptance and approval! All documentation and evidence supporting the fact(s) merit(s) and circumstance(s) of the claim as submitted **MUST** be presented at the time of the claim. Absence of such will result in disapproval of the claim.

NOTE: A claimant organization (Voiture Locale or Grande Voiture) must always remember that it is spending its member's money first, and that subsequent reimbursement and return of such is never guaranteed, and must never be assumed. Program guideline questions should be directed the Voiture Nationale.



1st Ever Trivia Night

Friday, October 4th, 2013

Genesis Banquet Hall
2651 Telegraph Road
Saint Louis, MO 63125

The Night includes:

- Full Open Bar all evening long
- 10 Rounds of great Trivia questions

Doors open at 5:30pm with Trivia starting at 6:30pm
several silent auction items.

Tickets are \$20 each and seating is in tables of eight.
For any additional information call or e-mail

Jim Dwyer at 636-296-5504 or
james-dwyer@att.net

To reserve your table, complete the form below and mail a check for \$160
to

the address below. **Make checks payable to: VoitureLocale No. 38**

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Reservation Form

Team Name: _____ Captain: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Phone Number: _____ E-Mail: _____

Mail to: Jim Dwyer 3719 Dutch Bottom Road Arnold, MO 63010-4562
Make check payable to: Voiture Locale No. 38