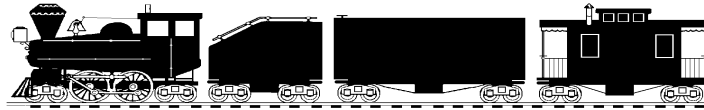


Communiqué

La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Cheveaux

Grande Voiture du Missouri



April 2010 - Grand Chef de Gare Gary Reno

- L'Editeur Grant Willis

The Grand Chef Sez

Fellow Voyageurs;

Well, here it is April already and the Spring Wreck was a lot of fun. The Grand saw twelve new PG's wrecked. We are so close to that 100% goal, so please don't slow down now. Also at the Spring Wreck the Grand wrecked two female PG's. This was a first for the Grand, welcome ladies. Thank you to Voiture 38 for bringing the "Spirit of St. Louis" and all of you who helped make the Wreck possible especially Grand Chef de Train Larry Ebersold and his "Wild Bunch".

With spring come the final plans for that event your Voiture has been planning all winter. Don't forget to make the most of it by letting Grant Willis or Terry Lanning know, so that it can be posted in the Grand Newsletter. You can also notify Robert Emery and he will post it to the Grand Web page. Most of all, utilize your local newspapers. We are not a "Secret Society", your community needs to know who you are and what you are. This is probably one of the best recruiting tools available to you, but you already know that.

I hope to see more of you come out to the Grand Promenade and Cheminot on June 25th through 27th. Until then, stay safe and God Bless.

GARY RENO

GRAND CHEF DE GARE

Sous Grand Correspondants Notes

If you have something that your Voiture is holding please send me a flyer and I will see that it is put into the newsletter.

We do have certain months when the newsletter is limited to space, such as this month, November and April, but I will see that they get into the previous month if given enough time before the event.

Address changes are always needed to keep the mailing list updated along with deaths within your Voiture.

Articles for the newsletter are needed by the end of the month, which you can send to e Mail willis.grant@sbcglobal.net or mail to Grant Willis, 8 Shireford, Ferguson, Mo. 63135.

UPCOMING DATES

- Grande Cheminot and Spring Wreck June 25 – 27, 2010, Jefferson City MO at the Truman Hotel

**The Grande du Missouri web site is
at: grandedumissouri.com**

**If anyone has anything they want to add
or comments on the web site send it to
Robert Emery at his e-mail address
remery18@comcast.net and copy Grant
Willis at willis.grant@sbcglobal.net.**

The Grande du Missouri has received two
resolutions:

- 1- Terry Lanning for the Office of Grande
Correspondant.
- 2- Terry Lanning for the Office of Commissaire
Intendant Nationale

A reminder to everyone to please turn in the
raffle tickets you received from the Grande.

This is what helps us to keep the Grande
functioning for the year.



**Correspondant Terry Lanning and
Linda**



**Grand Chef de Gare Gary Reno and
Ann**



**Department Commander Charlie Goodin
and Charlotte**



**Alternate Cheminot National Robert
Phillips and Tina**

GRANDE VOITURE DU MISSOURI

Grande Cheminot and Promenade

June 25 through June 27, 2010

Will be held at the

Truman Hotel

1510 Jefferson Street

Jefferson City, Mo. 65109

Phone: 573-635-7171

FAX: 573-635-7519

Toll Free in Missouri 800-392-0202

Hotel Rates are as follows:

\$55.00 for Single and Double Occupancy

Make all reservations directly with the Hotel by June 11, 2010.

When you make reservations please mention you are with the 40et8 Honor Society.

Friday, June 25, 2010

Registration: 3:00 till 5:00 P.M.

Hospitality Room 3:00 P.M. – ????

Saturday June 26, 2010

Registration: 9:00 A.M. till NOON

Committee Meetings 9:00 – 11:00 A.M.

LUNCH 11:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Grande Cheminot 1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Grand Chef 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 P.M. – 11:30 P.M.

Sunday June 27, 2010

Grand Chef de Gare Passé Breakfast – 7:00 A.M.

Grande Promenade – 9:00 A.M.

Memorial Service & Installation of Officers – 10:45 A.M.

Make checks payable to Voiture 1292

Send to

David Bexten

1343 County Road 632

Freeburg, Mo. 65035

Last Name _____ First _____ Spouse/Guest _____

Voiture Number _____ Banquet per Person \$25.00 x No. of Guest _____ = _____

Buffett

Registration Fee \$5.00 _____

(Voitures Only)

Total: _____

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Taste A Taste
August 29, 2010

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1st Annual Charity Car Show

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Sunday August 29, 2010

11:00am - 3:00pm

Purina Farms
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Pre-registration \$20.00 per car

Registration day of (9:00am - 10:30) \$25.00 per car

Car Clubs with 5 or more entries \$15.00 per car

(Car Club registration cut-off is Aug. 14th)

ALL CARS MUST BE IN PLACE NO LATER THAN 11:00am

10 Classes

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| 1. 1920 & Earlier | 6. Trucks |
| 2. 1920-1939 | 7. Motorcycles |
| 3. 1940-1959 | 8. Pre-War Modified |
| 4. 1960-1979 | 9. Post War Modified |
| 5. 1980 & Newer | 10. Display Only |

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Food

Attendance Prizes 50/50

Raffle

Questions? Contact Chairman Leon Hill at:(314) 406-2260 Mail forms to 1011 Pegasus Cir. St. Peters, MO 63376

Registration Fee \$ _____ (make checks payable to: Voiture 1541)

Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____ Cell _____

Email _____ Club Affiliation _____

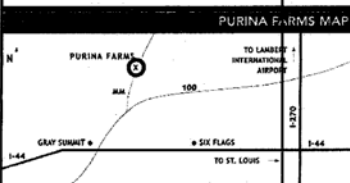
Vehicle Information

Make _____ Model _____ Year _____ Class _____

Signature _____

Date _____

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From the St. Louis Airport, travel on I-70 west, take exit 232 to I-270 South toward Memphis. Take Exit 5B to I-44 West toward Tulsa. Take the exit 253 Gray Summit and turn right on Highway 100. Travel ½ mile to County Road MM. Turn left on Highway MM for 1 mile to entry gate on left. Look for Purina® Incredible Dog Challenge® signs.

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SPRING GRAND CHEMINOT, MARCH 27, 2010
Truman Hotel, Jefferson City, Missouri

With a rap of the gavel, Grand Chef de Gare, Gary L. Reno, opened the Spring 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, Marvin Harper.

Roll call of officers showed more absent than excused and the rest were just here. Roll call of Grand Chefs de Gare Passe showed that ten-answered. Roll call of Grand Cheminots showed there was a quorum. A number of Voyageurs don't know how to answer roll call and many paid fines for it. Absent were Voitures 293, 447, 520, 966, and 1395.

Rich Heigert gave the Rules of Procedure. Grand Chef Reno introduced the National POW/MIA Directeur Richard Skillestad. Notion offered by Kevin (who's Kevin) Johnson, seconded by Virgil Morice, that the Grand Fall Cheminot minutes are accepted as printed and sent out...passed.

Grand Correspondant Terry Lanning stated between the Fall Cheminot and before this Grand Cheminot the Executive Committee was called upon for three items: 1) Approval to pay for the National POW/MIA Directeur's cost during the Spring Grand Wreck. 2) Approved Embassy Suites to hold the Central States Promenade 2011. 3) Approved a \$500 advance for Central States Promenade 2011 for a deposit to Embassy Suites. Notion to accept the actions of the Executive Committee by Virgil Morice, seconded by Rich Heigert ...passed.

Grand Chef de Gare Reno presented awards to Voitures 3, 1541, and 1292 for going over the top.

Grand Correspondant Lanning told everyone that Ray Brodzinski could not be with us because his daughter has just passed away. He announced that there is a 40/8 program on Memorial Day at Arlington National Cemetery and see him for more details. He read a letter he received from Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer Preston Olson about membership. As of March 11, 2010 Missouri was at 89.6%. He told everyone that the La Petite will not be mailed out but can be obtained from the 40/8 web site. However, if a Locale Correspondant could not get the La Petite then let him know and he will send them a copy.

Grand Correspondant Lanning read the following resolutions: Larry Ebersold for Grand Chef de Gare, David Christian for Grand Chef de Train, Terry Lanning for Grand Correspondant, Terry Lanning for Commissaire Intendant National, and Edward Jones for Grand Commissaire Intendant. These will be acted on at the Grand Promenade.

Grand Commissaire Intendant, David Christian, reported that the finance report was placed on the chairs and asked if there were any questions. Notion offered by John Kopp, second by Kevin Johnson, to accept the Finance report subject to audit... passed.

Grand Chef de Train, Larry Ebersold, reported on the current Grande membership. The Grande has 1133 members at 96.3%. Larry asked the Sous Chef de Trains to report to which Sam Pickens, Robert Fletcher, Chip Berkley, John Wieland, and John Paul Kopp reported on the Voitures they are assigned.

Grand Cheminot reports were given by Voiture 3, 38, 130, 333, 448, 460, 760, 1292, 1321, 1379, 1402, and 1541. Some of the highlights are Voiture 3 has 20 nurses in training for a cost of \$19,000, had their annual Nurses Training dinner, collected \$2,600 ringing the bell for Salvation Army; Voiture 38 brought their Loco down for the Grand Spring Wreck, they will be starting their BBQ's at Ferguson's; Voiture 130 has 15 nurses in training, they are selling towels to fund their nurses training, Washington's Birthday Party was a lot of fun and they made some money, they will have 3 transfers; Voiture 333 calls members before a Promenade to encourage them to come, they get about 100 at their Promenades, delivered 680 valentines to Vets at the VA Hospital, had a 1950's dance to raise money for special gym equipment, will have a Ham and Bean supper on 3/27/2010, and on 4/24/2010 will have annual Patriotic Banquet;

Voiture 448 is having an Easter egg hunt for a special school, on 4/10/2010 they will have pigs in a blanket at Legion Post 101, and will have a BBQ at Post 111 on June 4 & 5, 2010;

Voiture 460 gave \$1050 to youth sports teams, child welfare \$5,738, and \$17,000 for Nurses Training; Voiture 760 supports vets and helped special kids; Voiture 1292 has 4 nurses in training, a Christmas party for 130 special kids, will have a BBQ on 6/28/2010; Voiture 1321 has 4 nurses in training and their cooker is out; Voiture 1379 will have their Chic Nic this summer, had an xmas party food drive for vets; Voiture 1402 has 3 nurses in training; Voiture

1541 had a couple of BBQ's, xmas party, coon supper, night at the races, are at 100% for Carville Star.

Grand Medicin, Errol Wilson said he checked out 12 PG's today, which included 2 females.

Grand Directeur Nurses Training, Clarence Buckley stated there are 94 nurses in training in the Grande.

Grand Historien, John Paul said it was all history.

Grand Aumonier, Marvin Harper said there are a lot of men, women and children in harms way and we need to keep them in our prayers.

Grand Drapeau West, Don Fligge said he got the flags here.

Grand Conducteur Robert Emery said there were 12 PG's wrecked.

Grand Directeur POW/MIA, Dave Diaz said POW/MIA pins sales are going great. There are currently 3 MIA's in Iraq and 1 in Afghanistan.

Grand Directeur Special Awards, David Brazie, could not be here but sent in his report. He stated he has not received any Special Awards nominations yet, so get them in. Voiture 333 turned in a nomination for Law and Order today.

Grand Directeur Ritual, John Partin, he told everyone to turn in their reports.

Grand VAVS Chairman, Thomas (Chip) Berkley said he left some suicide tags with the VA hot line number. The VA said this is getting to be a problem.

Grand Directeur Youth Sports, David Voyles talked about the Voitures and Grand getting back funds from sponsoring youth sports individuals or teams. He encouraged everyone to get their reports in. He has pins to sell.

Sous Correspondant, Grant Willis, said to send him any articles and flyers to be put in the Grand Newsletter.

Time & Place Committee, Art Wilson, reported that the Grande Promenade (June 25 to 27, 2010) would be in Jefferson City, at the Truman Hotel (room rate \$55.00). The Fall Grand Cheminot & Homecoming (October 1 to 3, 2010) will also be held there. Banquets will cost \$25.00 with a registration fee of \$5.00 for both.

Distinguished Guest Committeeman Richard Heigert said Preston Olson, Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer will be coming to Truman Day.

Grand Chef de Gare Reno spoke on the Central States Promenade. It will be held in Missouri at the Embassy Suites by the airport on April 28 to 30, 2011. Friday there was a meeting on the Central States.

New Business - none

Under Good Of The Voiture, Tony Gallagher said get recruiters into the 40/8.

Grand Chef de Gare Reno closed the Spring Grand Cheminot in the proper manner at 2:39 PM.

Submitted by,
Terry L. Lanning
Grand Correspondant



The Forty & Eight American Legion Organization would like to invite you to become a sponsor of our 1st Annual Charity Car Show on August 29, 2010 at the beautiful Purina Farms.

Proceeds from the show will benefit Nurses Training and Cystic Fibrosis. Your contribution will insure that The Forty & Eight will be able to continue to help those in need.

Your business can help support our car show by:

- Making a cash or in kind donation
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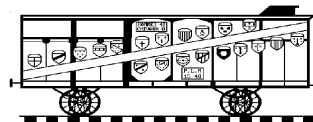
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MEMBERSHIP GRAND VOITURE DU MISSOURI
as of April 1, 2010

LOCALE	2009	2010	PERCENT	Short/Over
3	71	75	105%	4
38	145	127	87%	-18
130	29	28	104%	-1
292	56	58	98%	2
293	12	12	100%	0
333	160	199	124%	39
447	2	2	100%	0
448	177	139	79%	-38
460	63	59	94%	-4
520	10	11	110%	0
760	80	80	100%	0
966	8	7	88%	-1
1292	76	80	105%	4
1321	78	75	96%	-3
1379	42	39	93%	-3
1395	22	15	68%	-7
1402	34	22	65%	-12
1403	45	39	87%	-6
1541	66	66	100%	0
Totals	1,176	1133	96%	-43

Agent Orange

Please see VA&R Bulletins 25-09, dated October 16, 2009, and 27-09, dated November 2, 2009, for more information and guidance.

By Tom Philpott: Military Update_ (mailto:) Tens of thousands of Vietnam veterans with ischemic heart disease, Parkinson's disease or B cell leukemia should file claims now with the Department of Veterans Affairs for disability compensation, not wait until VA publishes a regulation officially linking these diseases to wartime service. Advocacy groups are urging the swift filing of claims because veterans eventually found eligible for disability pay for these diseases will be able to receive compensation back to the date their claims were filed. Those who wait for a regulation to add these ailments to VA's list of diseases presumed caused by exposure to Agent Orange and other toxins used in the war could lessen, by several months of compensation, any retroactive pay that they will be due once their claims have been approved. Help in filing claims is available through the Legion and its service officers as well as through most other major veterans' organizations. A law firm representing the Legion, the Military Order of the Purple Heart and the National Veterans Legal Services Program (NVLSP) sent a March 1 letter to VA Secretary Eric Shinseki demanding that VA publish by March 12 an interim regulation for adding these illnesses to its list of diseases presumed caused by Agent Orange — or face a lawsuit. Longer delays in rulemaking, the letter said, will "result in irreparable harm to thousands of Vietnam veterans who suffer from these diseases" because VA compensation is not owed to "new claimants for any period prior to publication of a final regulation." What the letter didn't make clear is that veterans can avoid the "irreparable harm" if they don't wait for the regulation to file their claim. The Agent Orange Act of 1991 requires VA to publish final regulations to expand its list of presumptive diseases within 210 days of receiving a report from the Institute of Medicine (IOM) linking more illnesses to use of the herbicide during the war in Southeast Asia. That 210-day deadline was reached Feb. 19 without VA having published even an interim regulation. A VA official said the Office of Management and Budget is expected to complete its review of VA's interim regulation by the end of March. It then will be published in the Federal Register for public comment. Shinseki had delighted veterans' groups last October by announcing that VA would not challenge a July 24 report by the IOM that found sufficient epidemiologic evidence to suggest a link between wartime herbicide exposure and Parkinson's disease, B cell leukemia and ischemic heart disease, also known as coronary artery disease. Veterans who set foot in Vietnam from 1962 to 1975 and suffer today from one of these diseases will be in line for a disability rating and compensation once the regulation is final and claim adjudicators begin using it. By one estimate, as many as 185,000 veterans could be eligible for disability pay for these diseases. The American Legion is sending out fresh guidance to its service officers to urge veterans who believe they have a claim under any one of the three illnesses to come in for free help in developing their claims.