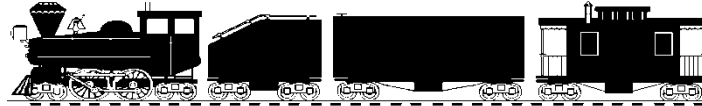


Communiqué
La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Cheveaux
Grande Voiture du Missouri



April 2011 - Grand Chef de Gare Larry Ebersold - L'Editeur Grant Willis

The Grand Chef Sez

Fellow Voyageurs:

Voiture 38 hosted the annual spring wreck and Grande Cheminot over the past weekend in Festus where we welcomed seven new Voyageurs Militaire into LaSociete. A good time was had by all and we even managed to get a little work done. Next on the calendar is the Central States Promenade April 28th thru May 1st at the Embassy Suites in north Kansas City. Grande du Missouri is the host for this event and we need to have a good turnout.

The last big push for membership is on and we need to get renewals in. We are currently 172 members short of our goal. 1541 is at 101% with 447 and 966 at 100%. 3, 38, 333, 448, 1292, 1321, 1402 and 1403 need to do a lot of work. It's time to go to work and get them in.

This past month we had to say goodbye to Grand Chef de Gare Passe Ira Hassenpflug. As Grand Chef in 1981 Ira was a great Voyageur Militaire, leader and gentlemen. The Grande Cheminot event this past weekend wasn't quite the same without Ira. Our next Grande event will be the Grande Cheminot and Promenade June 24th thru 26th at the Best Western in Festus. Hope to See you there.

Sous Grand Correspondants Notes

Voiture 292 is looking at the possibility of selling the Caboose. Was wondering if there was a way to put this into the Newsletter. I will try to check with Nationale and see if there is some protocol to put it into their paper.

TD "Chip" Berkley
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 Voiture Locale 292
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Chris Bryson presents Coach Scott Turner a check for \$4500 from the local Central Ozark Voiture 460 Forty & Eight for the summer baseball program for middle and high school aged boys. Coach Turner will be conducting tryouts in the near future for three teams of different age groups for the Waynesville Warriors.

The Forty & Eight is committed to charitable and patriotic aims. Their purpose is to uphold and defend the United States Constitution, to promote the well being of veterans and their widows and orphans, and to actively participate in selected charitable endeavors, which include programs that promote child welfare and nurse's training.

The Forty & Eight was founded in 1920 by American veterans returning from France. Originally an arm of The American Legion, the Forty & Eight became an independent and separately incorporated veteran's organization in 1960. As an honor veterans organization, the membership is by invitation of honorably discharged veterans and honorably serving members of the United States Armed Forces.

The American Legion Post 331 in St. Robert will present Coach Turner a donation for this program in the near future.

As you can see the Grand Spring Wreck was a huge success. A total of seven PG's were wrecked and everyone had a good time.



Grand Chef de Gare Passe', Gary Reno, as he paraded around in his new attire at the end of the year. What a sight to behold.



Grand du Missouri Membership

Thanks to Norm, Marvin and Tom for the 7 memberships received this week from Missouri. Florida steamed past Missouri as we fell from 34th to 35th place, this week, BUT wait until we see next week's figures.

We have a Grand Wreck this weekend, and expect to wreck 30 + PG's.

Thanks to all that worked to qualify and bring these PG's to Festus for our Grand Wreck and Cheminot.

Each of you Sous Grand Chef de Trains will get to brag about the Voitures Locale with which you work. The Grand Cheminot will start at 1:00 P.M. We will gather for the banquet social hour at 6:00 P.M.

Congratulations to Sam Pickens for leading memberships with 90.1% of Goal at this time. Just 10 more memberships to reach 100% of Goal. In order, Sam is followed by Marvin, Tom, Norm, Ralph, and Tony. Keep up the good work. Keep those memberships going to Nationale.

David S. Christian

Grande Chef de Train du Missouri

Voiture du Missouri

As of 7 April 2011

Voiture Name	Voiture	2011 To-date	2011 Quota	Goal 105%	Sh/Ov Goal	% of Goal
HEART OF AMERICA	3	61	76	80	-19	76.3%
SPIRIT OF ST. LOUIS	38	121	146	153	-32	79.1%
JESSE JAMES	130	28	29	30	-2	93.3%
HEART OF MISSOURI	292	58	59	62	-4	93.5%
CROSSROADS OF MISSOURI	293	12	12	13	-1	92.3%
RUSSELL H. MILLER	333	218	250	263	-45	82.9%
TABLE ROCK LAKE	447	2	2	2	0	100.0%
GATEWAY	448	131	154	162	-31	80.9%
CENTRAL OZARK	460	62	61	64	-2	96.9%
COON COOKERS	520	10	11	12	-2	83.3%
KICKAPOO	760	77	82	86	-9	89.5%
MARK TWAIN	966	7	7	7	0	100.0%
CAPITAL	1292	77	91	96	-19	80.2%
MINERAL AREA	1321	62	81	85	-23	72.9%
NEUF COMPT	1379	38	42	44	-6	86.4%
HEART OF THE OZARKS	1395	16	17	18	-2	88.9%
ATCHISON NODAWAY HOLT Counties	1402	23	29	30	-7	76.7%
LAKE OF THE OZARK	1403	37	43	45	-8	82.2%
TWO RIVERS	1541	70	66	69	1	101.4%
Missouri Total		1110	1258	1289	-179	86.1%

David Christian

Grande Chef de Train

GRANDE VOITURE DU MISSOURI

Grande Cheminot and Promenade

June 24 through June 26, 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 **JUNE 8, 2011**

Mention 40 & 8 Honor Society, for special rates, when making reservation.

Friday, June 24, 2011

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

Hospitality Room opens at 3:00 PM

Saturday, June 25, 2011

Registration 9:00 A.M. till NOON

LUNCH 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Grande Cheminot 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Grand Chef de Gare Passé Social Hour – 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Social Hour 6:00 PM

Banquet: 7:00

Hospitality Room: 9:30 PM – 11:30 PM

Sunday, June 26, 2011

Grande Promenade 9:00AM – 11:00AM

Have a Safe Trip home

You may make Hotel reservations for Grande Promenade June 24, 25, 26, 2011 & Grande Cheminot and Homecoming October 7, 8, 9, 2011 at this time.

To register for the Cheminot, make Check payable to Voiture 38

Send to

James H. Gualdoni

11840 Eddie & Park Road

St. Louis, MO 63126

Last Name _____ First _____ Spouse/Guest _____

Voiture Number _____ Banquet / Person \$25.00 x No. Guests _____ = _____

Registration Fee \$ 5.00 _____

(Voitures Only)

Total \$ _____

SPRING GRAND CHEMINOT, APRIL 9, 2011
Best Western Hotel, Festus, Missouri

With a rap of the gavel, Grand Chef de Gare, Larry Ebersold, 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, John Paul Kopp.

Roll call of officers showed more absent than excused and the rest were being a problem. Roll call of Grand Chefs de Gare Passe showed that eleven 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 293, 333, 447, 520, 966, 1395, and 1402.

Rich Heigert said we will follow Voiture Nationale's Rules of Procedure. Notion offered by Kevin Johnson, seconded by Grant Willis, that the Grand Fall Cheminot minutes are accepted as printed and sent out...passed.

Grand Correspondant Terry Lanning told everyone that there were folders for each Voiture and Grand Directeurs. Terry read some parts of a letter from Nationale Membership Directeur Michael Wood who stated "Blame No-one, Expect nothing, Do something".

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

Grand Commissaire Intendant, Ed Jones, reported that the finance report was passed out and discussed it. Notion offered by John Kopp, second by George Ridley, to accept the Finance report subject to audit... passed.

Grand Chef de Train, David Christian, reported on the current Grande membership. The Grande has 1110 members, 88%. Voiture Nationale changed their procedure where deceased are not backed out of the membership numbers to reach goal now. Goal is 5% more. Anyone can go on the Voiture Nationale web site on Thursday to get the current membership. Where a Voiture's membership ended up last year is the number to use to reach 100%. David asked the Sous Chef de Trains to report to which Tom Goodin, and Ralph Turner reported on the Voitures they are assigned. Chef Larry Ebersold presented a 100% membership pin to Voiture 1541 Chef de Gare.

Grand Cheminot reports were given by Voiture 38, 130, 448, 460, 1292, 1379, 1402, 1403, and 1541. Some of the highlights are Voiture 38 brought their Loco down for the Grand Spring Wreck and the Loco was in the Veterans Day and Thanksgiving Parade, they have started their BBQ's at Ferguson's, they gave an xmas party for kids, and help at the naturalization ceremony; Voiture 130 stated Ira Hassenpflug passed away and on 4/28/11 Denny's is going to donate a percent of sales for their nurses training program, they are selling towels to fund their nurses training; Voiture 448 had an Easter egg hunt and xmas party for a special school; Voiture 460 spent \$7,434 to assist home fires, boys state, and kids, they have 28 Nurses in Training, sponsored youth teams for \$7,500, and donated \$6,134 for Habitat for Humanity, a soldiers family, Salvation Army's Tree of Lights, and a fallen police fund; Voiture 760 supported 500 adopt a vet and 10 boys to boys state; Voiture 1292 has 5 nurses, had a Christmas party for special kids, will have spring BBQ; Voiture 1321 has their cooker out; Voiture 1379 held their Christmas dinner and instead of exchanging gifts they each donated \$10 worth of non-perishable food for needy families, they collected enough food to help five families, they are over the top; Voiture 1541 will be having a BBQ in June, had an xmas party, coon supper, night at the races, are over 100%, has 5 nurses in training, and sponsored 2 boys to Boys State.

Grand Medicin, Errol Wilson said he checked out 7 PG's today.

Grand Historien, Richard Pack said he is working on history book. He has contacted Voitures and will some are going to send in a history book.

Terry Lanning said, on behalf of Grand Directeur Child Welfare Hallie Williams, that there have been 4 Ardery claims sent this year. Everyone needs to keep the Ardery fund in mind.

Grand Directeur Voiture Activities George Ridley said he needs reports turned in. Let him know if anyone needs anything.

Grand Aumonier John Paul Kopp says he needs a list of deceased voyageurs for the Grand Promenade Memorial Service.

Grand Organizer Robert Phillips said he is targeting forming a new Voiture around Kirksville and around St. Louis.

Grand Conducteur David Bexten says there were 7 PG's and they collected over \$39 in change.

Grand Directeur Box Car, Grant Willis, read a list of those Voitures that took Box Car pins and/or cards. They need to get their money into him as soon as possible.

Grand Chairman VAVS Thomas Berkley's said there was remodeling being done at Columbia VA so parking is limited. Everyone should get their reports turned in.

Grand Directeur Youth Sports, David Voyles has pins for sale and he wants the reports by 6/15/2011.

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

Time & Place Committee, Rich Heigert reported that the Grande Promenade (June 24-26, 2011) and the Fall Grand Cheminot & Homecoming (October 7-9, 2011) will be in Festus, Best Western.

Distinguished Voyageur Award Committee Chairman Ray Brodzinski stated the committee met this morning and considered an application, which was approved, for Jerry Fitzgerald. Ray offered a notion to approve report, seconded by Robert Fletcher ... passed.

Distinguished Guest Committee Don Fligge said Chef de Chemin de Fer Hank Kwiatkowski will be at Truman Day. Terry made a notion to pay for two wreaths for Truman Day, one for Grand Chef de Gare and one for Chef de Chemin de Fer, seconded Grant Willis .. passed.

Terry Lanning spoke on the Central States Promenade 2011. It will be held in Kansas City at the Embassy Suites from April 28 to May 1, 2011.

Old Business - none

New Business - Grand Chef de Gare Larry Ebersold appointed the following Chairmen for Grand Promenade committees: Nominations Art Wilson, Resolutions Grant Willis, Credentials Dave Christian, and Constitution Don Fligge. Notion to approve Kevin Johnson, seconded George Ridley ..passed.

Bob Phillips made 37 picture frames for past Grand Chefs and Department past Commanders for use at Department HQ. Terry made a notion to pay Bob \$297.14 for making these, seconded Ray .. passed.

Under Good Of The Voiture - Dave Christian said if anyone wants a Grande job to let him know. Don Fligge said Ray Money was not in good shape and is in a nursing home. Dave Christian had sent a letter to Sam Pickens and signed it Grand Chef de Gare and was fined. Larry Owen and Jerold Murphy are having some medical problems.

Grand Chef de Gare Ebersold closed the Spring Grand Cheminot in the proper manner at 2:45 PM.

Submitted by,
Terry L. Lanning
Grand Correspondant