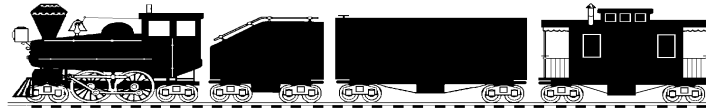


Communiqué

La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Cheveaux

Grande Voiture du Missouri



April 2014 - Grand Chef de Gare Ralph Turner

- L'Editeur Grant Willis

The Grand Chef Sez

Fellow Voyageurs:

The Grande Wreck and Spring Cheminot is over. We wrecked twelve new Voyageurs Militaire into the 40/8. I would like to personally thank Voiture 1541 for getting things ready and Chris Bryson, John Paul Koop, Kevin Johnson, and the Hartley's for the fine work that they did to ensure the Wreck was a success.

The reports from the Cheminots were outstanding. Remember, no job is ever complete until the paperwork is completed. We should have every Voiture turn in a report for each of our programs. I never could figure out why it was so difficult to report things except that nobody wants to take the time to do it. We need to realize that the reports help us justify what we do and who we are. In order to have a promenade you must have an American flag and a POW-MIA chair cover in the opening and closing ceremony. That alone covers three programs: Americanism, POW-MIA, and Ritual. We need to report what we do!

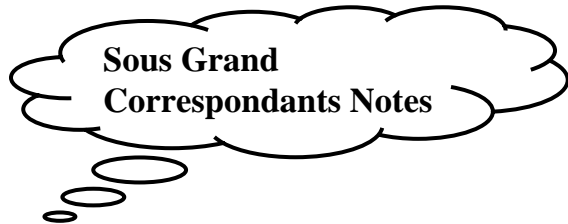
Gaining new members is always going to be the tough for any organization. My biggest concerns are we really inviting that many veterans to join La Societe and is everyone looking that hard to find new members. Also once we get them are we

keeping them? This past weekend, an interesting quote came from our distinguished guest; Grant Willis, Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer. He stated; "for 2014 the Grande du Missouri has signed up 62 new members and has had 36 deaths. We also have **134** members that have not renewed their membership." I am asking each and every one of you to knock on the door or call that non-renewal up and ask them to continue their membership.

On the road this past month, I attended Voiture 38's Promenade. Thanks to Chef Michael Brueckmann and the Voyageurs for the great hospitality. Also, I attended the Grande's Spring Wreck and Cheminot that was hosted by Voiture 1541. The forty-first annual Truman Pilgrimage is coming up in May. President Harry Truman will posthumously awarded Chef de Chemin de Fer honorary title. This dedication would be held on Truman Day Pilgrimage May 7 & 8 2014. I encourage all to come and see this probably once in a lifetime event of a past president receiving this high honor.

I hope to see everyone at the Grande Cheminot and Promenade that will be held at the Doubletree Hotel in St Louis- 18-20 July, 2014. Thanks for all the hard work that you do for *La Société des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux*!

Ralph Turner
Grand Chef de Gare



Articles for the Newsletter are due at the end of each month. March 26, April 30, May 28, and June 25.

The Hobby Horse Racing we had at the Grand Wreck this past weekend raised \$1510.25. This was another successful fund raiser for the Grand du Missouri. It was a fun weekend and very successful all weekend.

I have included below a copy of a letter from Nationale Headquarters asking for donations from Locals and Grande's or anybody who would like to give to help in the purchase of a new headquarters building.

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GRAND PROMENADE

In this Communique you will find the registration form for the Grande Cheminot and Promenade July 18-20, 2014. Please note that there is a deadline for registration for the Banquet. We regret having to do this but at the Spring Wreck we had "24" Voyageurs and guests just show up expecting a meal. While we had a little flexibility, we certainly did not expect that many extra people show up expecting a meal. To alleviate this issue, we must insist that everyone pre-register and pre pay. You will also note that we have the meal choices on the form, Please be sure to indicate which meal or meals everyone on the form would like. Thank you very much. For those of you that picked up a form at the Spring Grande Cheminot, please disregard that form. That form had a registration fee of \$10. I was informed that the registration fee drops to \$5

for the remaining events for the year. For those who have already paid, I will send you a \$5 refund. We look forward to seeing you in July!

Allen J. Schultz
Correpondant
Voiture #1541

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Voiture Nationale

La Societe Des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux

PHONE (317) 634-1804 - FAX (317) 632-9365

777 NORTH MERIDIAN STREET, SUITE 300, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46204

Voyageurs,

As most of you have heard Voiture National has to move in the next couple of months after 88 years in this building. To aid in this move the Chef set up a committee to find a place to call home. After searching for property to buy or lease the committee has reported back to the Chef and the Finance Committee with what they think will make a great National Headquarters for years to come. After weighing the pros and cons of buying or leasing the committee has recommended to the Finance Committee to buy the attached building at a (**LISTED PRICE**) of **two hundred and fifty thousand dollars or less. The building will need new carpet and paint that we know of. We do not anticipate any major problem with the inspection. It has a 4 year old roof and the heating and air system is a year and a half old.**

We are asking at this time for donations to help with this move. Some of you have already donated to the cause and we thank you very much. We know some Locales or Grandes do not have the funds and we understand this, and we want to thank you for all you do for LaSociete.

I want to thank you in advance for your generous donation in helping Voiture Nationale secure a new home for years to come.

Yours for La Societe,

Bernie Sampson
Correspondant National

GRANDE VOITURE DU MISSOURI

GRANDE CHEMINOT and PROMENADE

July 18, 19 and 20, 2014

DOUBLETREE HOTEL ST. LOUIS AT WESTPORT
1973 Craigshire
ST. Louis, MO 63146
Phone: (314) 434-0100
1-866-786-8088

Fax: (314) 434-0140

Room Rate is \$79.00 (plus tax) per night
For Standard King or Standard Double Queen Occupancy

So Register EARLY

Handicap rooms available

Make Hotel reservations directly with Doubletree Hotel by **May 30, 2014**
Mention 40 & 8 Honor Society, for special rates when making reservation.

Friday, July 18, 2014

Registration: 3:00 until 6:00 P.M. (In Hospitality Room)

Hospitality Room 3:00 P.M. - ????

Saturday, July 19, 2014

Registration 9:00 A.M. until Noon

Committee Meetings 9:00 A.M. until 11:30 A.M.

LUNCH 11:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Grande Cheminot 1 P.M. - 4 P.M.

Grand Chef de Gare Passe' Social Hour - 5:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

Social Hour 6:00 P.M. - Cash Bar

Banquet: 7:00 P.M.

Hospitality Room: After Banquet - ??????

Sunday, July 20, 2014

Grande Promenade 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Guests will be admitted for Installation and Memorial Ceremony around 10:15 A.M.

ALL GUESTS TRY TO CHECK OUT BEFORE 12:00 P.M.

HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME

You may make Hotel Reservations Grande Cheminot and Homecoming October 3, 4, and 5, 2014 at this time. **Deadline for registration for the banquet is July 11th, NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**

To register for the Cheminot, make Check payable to Voiture 1541

Send to:

Allen Schultz
1427 Summergate Parkway
ST. Charles, MO 63303-6384

Last Name _____ First _____ Spouse/Guest _____

Title: _____ Voiture Number _____

Banquet/Person \$35.00 X No. Guests _____ = _____

Registration Fee \$5.00 (Voyageurs Only)

Total \$ _____

Meal Choice (circle) Chicken Marsala or Grill Flat Iron Steak

CENTRAL STATES PROMENADE 2014

April 24 to April 27, 2014

Registration Form (PLEASE PRINT)

NAME: _____ EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____ City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ CELL/WORK PHONE: _____

Voiture/Cabane #: _____ GRAND DU: _____

Will Spouse/Guest attend? (YES) ____ (NO) ____ NAME: _____

HIGHEST OFFICE HELD: VOYAGEUR: _____

DAME: _____

DO YOU PLAN TO PLAY IN THE GOLF TOURNAMENT? _____ HANDICAP: _____

WILL SPOUSE/GUEST PLAY IN THE GOLF TOURNAMENT? _____ HANDICAP: _____

DO YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE VOYAGEUR'S LUNCHEON ON SATURDAY? _____

WILL YOUR SPOUSE/GUEST ATTEND THE LADIES' LUNCHEON ON SATURDAY? _____

REGISTRATION AND ACTIVITIES REMITTANCE

Registration Fee: _____ X \$75.00 = \$ _____

Voyageur's Saturday Luncheon: _____ X \$15.00 = \$ _____

Ladies' Saturday Luncheon: _____ X \$15.00 = \$ _____

Golf Tournament: Includes cart _____ X \$40.00 = \$ _____

Booster: _____ \$2.00 each name _____ X \$ 2.00 = \$ _____

Booster: _____ Booster: _____

(Mr. & Mrs. Counts as 2 Names)

Total amount of Remittance _____\$ _____

Banquet:

For the Banquet please indicate how many: Bourbon Pork Loin _____ OR Chicken Cordon Blue _____.

MEMO: Your registration fee includes a personal set of Credentials; the 2014 Souvenir Central States Program book; the Official Central States Promenade 2014 Pin; your Friday evening Barbeque, your Saturday evening banquet and the Hospitality Rooms of your Host the Grand Voiture du Nebraska.

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS REGISTRATION FORM CLEARLY AND RETURN TO: Fred Craigie, 8145 Sanborn Drive, Lincoln, NE 68505. Promenade registrations need to be received prior to April 15, 2014. The hotel needs a number by that date for the food. If you are coming let us know. Call if you have to, (402) 499-0079.
Thank You.

MAKE ALL CHECKS (except Hotel reservations) PAYABLE TO: Central States Promenade 2014

**HOTEL ROOM RESERVATIONS
FOR
CENTRAL STATES PROMENADE 2014**

APRIL 24 TO April 27, 2014

**Sheraton Omaha Hotel
655 N. 108th Ave.
Omaha, NE 68154
Telephone (402) 496-0850**

There are 125 rooms blocked for the Central States Promenade 2014 at this Hotel. Cutoff date for guaranteed reservations for these rooms is **April 1, 2014**. After this date, suites are on first come, first served basis. To guarantee your suite availability, call or mail this form to the above address prior to the cutoff date. Be sure to mention **40/8 CENTRAL STATES PROMENADE 2014** when you are making your room reservations.

All rooms are \$99.00 for 1 to 4 persons, plus a tax. **Room prices are the same for the two days prior and 2 days following this event.** MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY TO ENSURE YOU RECEIVE ONE OF THE BLOCKED SUITES.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ CELL/WORK PHONE: _____

ARRIVAL DATE: _____ DEPARTURE DATE: _____

SUITE REQUEST: TWO BEDS _____ KING _____

HANDICAPPED FACILITIES REQUIRED: (YES) (NO)

TYPE OF CREDIT CARD: _____

CARD NUMBER: _____ EXPIRES: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

If paying by check, make all room reservation checks payable to: **Sheraton Omaha Hotel**

There are handicap rooms.

CENTRAL STATES PROMENADE - 2014

Advertisement Request Form

It is requested that the attached ad copy be included in the Central States Promenade – 2014 Souvenir Program Book. Circle the size of the ad that you wish to be printed: (Don't forget to send in your ad with your money.)

Full Page Ad (5 ½ x 8 ½) ----- \$100.00

Half Page Ad----- \$ 50.00

Quarter Page Ad----- \$ 25.00

Business Card Ad----- \$ 10.00

Booster Club Ad (Per name) ----- \$ 2.00
(Mr. & Mrs. Counts as 2 Names)

Booster Name: _____ Booster Name: _____

Booster Name: _____ Booster Name: _____
(Please Print Booster Names)

MEMO: Each Booster Club Ad Name will be printed in a special section of the Souvenir Program Book. You are not required to register nor attend the Central States Promenade 2014 in order to place an ad in the Souvenir Program Book. Likewise, the same information applies to those who only wish to place their name in the Booster Club portion of the Souvenir Program Book. Full payment for all ad material and for Booster Club Names must accompany this request form.

Make all checks payable to Central States Promenade 2014.

THE FINAL DATE FOR SUBMISSION AND RECEIPT OF ALL AD REQUESTS AND AD COPY, AS WELL AS BOOSTER CLUB NAMES IS APRIL 1, 2014. Please submit all Booster Club Names; all Ad Requests, Ad Copy, and check to: Fred Craigie, 8145 Sanborn Drive, Lincoln, NE 68505,

FROM:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE: _____

HOME PHONE :() _____ WORK/CELL PHONE :() _____

E-Mail ADDRESS: _____

Membership Report as of 3/27/2014

	2013	2014	2013			End of
	YTD	YTD	Year	% of		Year
Voiture	Total	Total	End	Quota	Short	Goal
3	50	51	58	87.93%	-7	60
38	107	97	114	85.09%	-17	117
130	30	32	30	106.67%	2	31
292	49	50	52	96.15%	-2	54
293	10	0	10	0.00%	-10	11
333	188	176	211	83.41%	-35	216
447	2	2	2	100.00%	0	3
448	112	94	117	80.34%	-23	120
460	57	68	60	113.33%	8	62
520	11	13	12	108.33%	1	13
760	63	68	71	95.77%	-3	73
966	5	5	5	100.00%	0	6
1292	73	76	75	101.33%	1	77
1321	66	64	70	91.43%	-6	72
1379	44	53	48	110.42%	5	49
1395	17	16	17	94.12%	-1	18
1402	26	13	26	50.00%	-13	27
1403	27	26	31	83.87%	-5	32
1541	70	72	71	101.41%	1	73
	1007	973	1080	90.09%	-107	1102