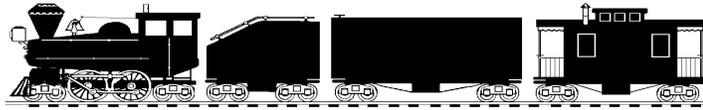




Communiqué
La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Cheveaux
Grande Voiture du Missouri



April 2015 - Grand Chef de Gare Leon Hill

- L'Editeur Grant Willis

The Grand Chef Sez

The Spring Grand Cheminot and Wreck was this past weekend in Jefferson City, MO. I think a good time was had by all who attended. Thanks to David and Patty Bexten and his crew for their outstanding work on making this a great event.

The Wrecking Crew worked very hard to make this project a great one. We had a very active Wreck, bringing in a lot of new Voyageurs! If anyone has pictures and would like to share, I would appreciate it.

The Car Races were a success. I want to Thank all the Voitures that participated in this Grand Fund Raising Event. The Drivers were dressed in their attire and the Cars were decorated in Flags and 40/8 stickers and most were "embellished". The Lights on the Race Track worked too! Thanks to Bob Phillips for making the Track and Bill Kelly for the lights. Congratulations to Voiture 448 and Grant Willis for winning First place overall.

We also had the pleasure of attendance by Chef De Chemin De Fer Mike Wood and the Sous Chef Mark Moots and his wife Willa "Dean". I hope they enjoyed the visit as much as we enjoyed them. It's an honor to have them at our Cheminot.

It's Push time to reach 100% for your Voiture and Grand Du Missouri. Currently, we are sitting in 38% Nationally. I know with the Wreck this weekend our

Membership numbers will improve. We need you to use your phones, computers and personal visits to reach our 100% goal. We are close (85%) and I know with a little push we can achieve our goal. Special Thanks to my Voiture 1541 and Voiture 447 for achieving 100%. Remember renewals and recruitment!

This organization has outstanding programs and members. Growing membership will insure this continues. Take advantage of help offered from your Sous Grand Chef de Train for your Voiture.

Janice Hartley (Voitures 38-448-966-1321-1541)

Frank Angelo (Voitures 447-460-760-1395)

David Voyles (Voitures 3-130-333-1379-1402)

Allen Heidbrink (Voitures 292-520-1292-1403)

Do you have Perspective Members? If so, direct them to the www.fortyandeight.org website. Take the time to explain what the 40/8 is.

Membership, Membership, I know it's a broken record. Try networking with other Veteran Organizations. Some would just like to be asked to join. We need to maintain our members and do all we can to gain new members.

Please plan to attend the next Grand function, the Grand Cheminot and Promenade, June 26th, 27th and 28th, 2015 at the Truman Hotel in Jefferson City, Missouri. Hope to see you there!

If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at 314-406-2260 or email me at lhil2@aol.com.
God Bless our Troops and the United States of America.
Yours in Service,

Leon Hill
Grand Chef de Gare du Missouri



Articles for the Newsletter are due at the end of each month. All reports for 2015 are out on the fortyandeight.org web site, which you can download and start putting your directuer reports together.

If you have an email address and would like to receive this newsletter electronically, then please send me your email address to willis.grant@sbcglobal.net.

TRUMAN DAYS

This will be the forty-second year that Missourians, Legionnaires, Forty and Eighters and others from surrounding states have gathered at the Truman Library to honor the memory of the first Legionnaire to become President of the United States. The function begins on Thursday May 7, 2015, at the Tirey J. Ford American Legion Post 21, 16701 East 40 Highway, Independence, Missouri 64055. The American Legion will have an Open House at Tirey J. Ford American Legion Post 21, starting at 6:00 PM. Refreshments and entertainment will be provided by the Auxiliary and Post.

On Friday morning, May 8th, those participating are asked to enter by the Main entrance of the Truman Library at 9:00 AM.

A procession will form and proceed to the courtyard where the President is buried. At this time, a brief Memorial Service will be conducted and wreaths will be placed at the gravesite. Enclosed you will find an application for a wreath, if you so desire. Note the check for the wreath has to be sent in by April 18, 2015.

A luncheon, sponsored by Post 21, will be served at 11:30 AM, May 8th, at the Tirey J. Ford American Legion Post 21, 16701 East 40 Highway. **Advance tickets for the luncheon are required.** Checks for tickets should arrive no later than April 25th. Tickets are \$15.00 each. Checks should be made payable to American Legion Post 21, Truman Day Luncheon. They should be mailed to American Legion Post 21, Attn: Dorothy, 16701 East 40 Highway, Independence, MO 64055-5328. Tickets will be held for your arrival. **Please make reservations early.**

Hotel reservations should be made directly with the Holiday Inn Express, 19901 E. Valley View Parkway I-70, Exit 17, Independence, MO., phone (816) 795-8889, room rate is \$92.00 per night. Please mention you are with Truman Days.

GRANDE DU MISSOURI HISTORY BOOK:

On or about April 15th I will be beginning to put together the Grande du Missouri history book. I need your assistance. As I cannot attend every function, I would like to request that you pass on any pictures to me via email ASAP. If your Voiture has had any functions throughout the year and you took pictures, I would appreciate it if you could email a picture or two in JPG format so that I can add it to the History Book. I would love to have every Voiture in the Grande represented. My email address is ajblues9243@sbcglobal.net. In the body of the email, please include a brief description on the contents of the picture. On a separate note, it is time for the locale Historiens to begin work on your locale history books. The book needs to be in my hands by 9AM

June 27th for judging at the Grande du Missouri Promenade. Watch your mail in the coming days for instructions on how the book should be set up.

Allen Schultz
Grand Historien

VETERANS FAIR

Fellow Voyageurs, Ann Roberts of Voiture 1379 and I are sponsoring a Veteran Benefit Fair at the end of April 2015, see the flyer in this Communique, for all veterans, their families, and the general public.

The fair is totally free for all. We have over forty (40) participants, most of whom are listed on the flyer, and we wish to invite all

of you to attend. The flyer pretty much explains what the fair is all about.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me. Also, if you or you voiture would like to donate something to help defray the cost, feel free to do so. Just send a check made out to either me or District Three with Veteran Fair written in the memo. All funds not expended on the fair will be given to Operation Comfort Warrior. Thank you.

John F. Kopp, Grand Aumonier
Grande du Missouri
(816) 699 8719

jfkopp@att.net

La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux
La Quartier Locale de la Heart of Missouri Voiture 292



RESOLUTION

Where as: Heart of Missouri Voiture Locale 292, La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux, Boone County, Missouri has a Voyageur Militaire who is deserving of your consideration for the high office of

GRAND CHEF DE TRAIN

and

Where as: Voyageur Thomas "Chip" Berkley has served American Legion Post 424 for over 25 years, participating in every fund raising event along the way, as chief cook and bottle washer.

Where as: Voyageur Thomas "Chip" Berkley has served Voiture 292 with distinction.

Where as: Voyageur Thomas "Chip" Berkley has served the Grand du Missouri as Sous Chef de Train and eleven years as Grand Directeur VAVS and survived his current year as Grand Commissaire Intendant.

Now: Therefore be it resolved by Heart of Missouri Voiture 292, La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux, Boone County, Missouri in their regular Promenade duly assembled this 4th day of March 2015, do hereby enthusiastically endorse Voyageur Thomas "Chip" Berkley for the high office of Grand Chef de Train for the year 2015-2016, to be voted on at the Grande Promenade du Missouri to be held in June, 2015.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, this 4th day of March, 2015 by Heart of Missouri Voiture 292, Boone County, Missouri at its regular assembled Promenade.

Les Davis

Les Davis, Correspondant

Dannie Farris

Dannie Farris, Chef de Gare

SPRING GRAND CHEMINOT, MARCH 29, 2015
TRUMAN HOTEL, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, Missouri

With a rap of the gavel, Grand Chef de Gare Leon Hill, opened the Spring Grand Cheminot sharply at 9:00 AM with a salute to the Flag, the Pledge of Allegiance, and a much needed prayer by Grand Aumonier John Kopp.

Roll call of officers showed more absent than excused and the rest were sleeping. Roll call of Grand Chefs de Gare Passe showed eleven answered. Roll call of Grand Cheminots showed there was a quorum. Voyageurs don't know how to answer roll call and many paid fines for it. Absent were Voitures 3, 333, 447, 966, 1395, and 1402.

Grand Avocat Rich Heigert said we will follow the same Rules of Procedure.

Notion offered by Kevin Johnson, seconded by Bob Emery, that the Fall Grand Cheminot minutes are accepted as printed and sent out...passed.

Grand Correspondant Terry Lanning said there were envelopes for the Grand Directeurs and Locale Correspondants in the back of the room. Terry received notice the following are running for Chef de Chemin de Fer - Don Emley from Wisconsin and Preston Olson from South Dakota. Terry read a letter about the Forty & Eight Memorial Day activities at Arlington National Cemetery. The Grande received a Citation of Appreciation from Voiture National for the donation to the building. Terry passed out a sheet of French terms, and some old documents concerning wrecks in 1937, 1953, and 1969.

Grand Correspondant Lanning read the following resolutions: David Bexten for Grand Chef de Gare, Thomas "Chip" Berkley for Grand Chef de Train, and David M. Voyles for Grand Commissaire Intendant. These will be acted on at the Grand Promenade.

Grand Commissaire Intendant, Chip Berkley, stated the finance report and budget were passed out and discussed them. Notion offered by Art Wilson, seconded by John Kopp to accept the Finance report subject to audit ...passed.

Grand Chef Hill called on the Chef de Train Dave Bexten to report on the membership. Dave said we are at 80% of goal and 85% of quota. We need 165 members to be 100%. Yesterday we wrecked 10 new PG's. Sous Chef de Train Janice Hartley written report states she visited 4 of her assigned 5 Voiture Locals. Voiture 1541 is at 111% and her area is at 88.45%. Sous Chef de Train Franklin Angelo written report states his area Voitures are at 87% and 20 short. He attended the Promenade of Voiture 760.

Some of the highlights of the Grand Cheminot reports are: Voiture 38 had two fundraising BBQ's and a trivia night that brought in \$3,800, participated in 2 Veteran Day Parades and 11/12 District Memorial Day Ceremony, had a Christmas party for 300+ kids, Bob Fletcher went on the Honor Flight, they have wrecked 4 new PG's; Voiture 130 sells towels to raise funds for their 10 nurses in training; Voiture 448 will have a BBQ on May 16, 2015 at Cabela's, are meeting at the Elks Lodge in Ballwin at 7:30pm, xmas and Easter party at Marygrove, will be attending the Sunrise Easter service at Jefferson Barrack, and will have a fundraiser Fish Fry at Post 400 on September 4, 2015 in Fenton; Voiture 460 supported a soccer team, has 16 nurses at \$8,000, spent \$5,350 helping a family that had a fire, donated \$3,550 on Americanism, membership at 90%; Voiture 1292 membership at 94%, has 4 nurses in training, sold sausage and made \$687, has a fundraiser BBQ, and a Christmas party for needy kids, wrecked 2 PG's; Voiture 1321 has its cooker out in Herculaneum, had one PG; Voiture 1379 1 in nurses training, 2 PG's, ChickNick will be August 15, 2015; Voiture 1541 has 4 nurses in training, Car Show will be August 2015, Christmas party, Night at the Races, membership over 100%.

Grand Directeur Historian Allen Schultz wants everyone to send him pictures of the Grand Chef.

Grand Avocat Richard Heigert said he has received 4 revised constitutions. All Voitures need to check theirs and see if they need to be updated.

Grand Directeur Child Welfare Calvin Bumgarner said he had new pins if anyone wanted any let him know.

Grand Directeur Voiture Activities George Ridley said reports are out and make sure to turn them in. All Voitures should have a report.

Grand Sous Directeur Nurses Training Dennis Van Bibber gave the report for Directeur James Hartley. A Voiture can use the Boland Trust Fund if a Voiture does not have any money. If anyone has questions about using the Boland Trust Fund then contact James Hartley.

Grand Directeur Aumonier John Kopp said to let him know if a Grand Officer is sick or passes away so he can send them a card. Each Voiture should send him a list of their deceased for the Grand Promenade.

Grand Drapeau East Dave Christian said the banner has been found. (Halleluiah)

Grand Organizer Robert Phillips said there was a possibility of a new Voiture.

Grand Conducteur Steve Popplewell thanked everyone for their help at the wreck.

Grand Directeur Americanism Bob Emery said he had new pins if anyone wanted any pins to let him know. He also has Box Car coins if anyone wants any.

Grand Directeur Box Car - Terry said Ed Schmidt took 500 pins. If anyone took any pins on consignment then get your money into Bob Emery. If any Voitures did not get their Box Car pins then make a check payable to the Nationale Box Car Association and send it to Bob Emery so he can send you the pins. All Voitures need to do this right away. Bob is assisting Ed while he is laid up.

Grand Directeur Carville Star Mike Scruby said he had new pins if anyone wanted any let him know.

Grand VAVS Chairman Don Newman said to make sure you get your reports in.

Grand Directeur Youth Sports A.J. Noonan said he had new pins if anyone wanted any pins to let him know.

Grand Sous Correspondant, Grant Willis said the Grand Chef and any other articles are due to him by the end of the month.

Time and Place Committee Chairman Art Wilson said the Grand Promenade (June 26-28, 2015) and Fall Grand Cheminot (October 2-4, 2015) will be at the Truman Hotel. We are also looking at being at the Truman Hotel in 2016, but no contact yet. There have been some complaints about staying here. So if someone has a complaint they should discuss it. Notion by Bob Phillips and seconded by John Kopp to stay at Truman Hotel in 2016. Some of the complaints were no hot water and room not cleaned. Dave Bexten asked for anyone with a complaint to give him the particulars so he can talk to the hotel. Art said they plan on tearing down the out buildings and build a Holiday Inn. In a couple of years they will tear down the Truman Hotel and build a new one with a convention center between the hotels. Dave Voyles offered a notion to table the notion, seconded by Grant. Table passed.

Distinguished Voyageur Award Committee Chairman Grant Willis said he did not receive any nominations and there a number of worthy Voyageurs out there.

Conducteur Steve Popplewell thanked Patty Bexten for her great work in the hospitality room.

Old Business - Terry Lanning discussed the Grande opening up an investment account with Stifel Nicolaus for \$9,000. There will be no fee. The following will be on the account: Terry Lanning, Rich Heigert, Ralph Turner, and Grant Willis. Notion offered to do this by Sam Guenther, seconded by Rich Heigert ...passed.

New Business - Chef presented Ed Jones a citation from Kansas. Ed Jones said he has attended three services for deceased voyageurs. More voyageurs need to attend the memorial services. Chef de Gare Hill made the following appointments for the Grand Promenade committee chairmen: Nominations Kevin Johnson, Resolutions Art Wilson, Credentials Dave Bexten, Constitution Bob Phillips, and Audit Rich Heigert with committeemen Sam Guenther and Dave Voyles. And he appointed Ed Jones to fill Virgil's spot on the Distinguished Voyageur Award Committee. Notion to accept appointments by John Kopp and seconded by George Ridley... passed. Kevin Johnson offered a notion to have fines collected of \$137 to go the Box Car if needed to pay for the outstanding pins. Seconded by John Kopp and passed.

Good of the Grande Voiture - Chef de Gare Hill said last night we had a model car show and race. Terry said we made \$1,853

Distinguished Guest - Chef de Chemin de Fer Mike Wood said the next Nationale Promenade will be in Green Bay. The early bird party will cost \$20 and there will be brats and hamburgers. You should wear a sports outfit. There will be tours set up. Mike thanked everyone for the hospitality this weekend.

John Kopp said Voiture 1379 cannot handle the MO-Kan wreck buy itself. It would take a combined Grande effort.

Grand Chef de Gare Hill closed the Spring Grand Cheminot in the proper manner at 10:45 AM.

Submitted by,
Terry L. Lanning
Grand Correspondant

GRANDE VOITURE DU MISSOURI

SPRING GRAND CHEMINOT and Wreck

JUNE 26, 27 and 28, 2015



TRUMAN HOTEL JEFFERSON CITY
1510 JEFFERSON STREET
JEFFERSON CITY, MO 65109

Phone: (573)-635-7171

1-800-392-0202

Fax: (573)-635-7519

Room Rate is \$65.00 (plus tax) per night
Room Rate includes breakfast for up to 2 people per room
For Standard King or Standard Double Queen Occupancy

So Register EARLY

Handicap rooms available

Make Hotel reservations directly with Truman Hotel by **June 3, 2015**.
Mention 40 & 8 Honor Society, for special rates when making reservation.

Friday, June 26, 2015

Registration: 3:00 until 6:00 PM (In Hospitality Room)

Hospitality Room 3:00 PM - ????

Saturday, June 27, 2015

Registration 9:00 AM until Noon

LUNCH 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

1:00PM Grand Cheminot

Grand Chef de Gare Passe' Social Hour – 5:00PM-6:00PM

Social Hour 6:00 PM – Cash Bar

Banquet: 7:00 PM Hospitality Room: After Banquet – ???????

Sunday, June 28, 2015

Grande Promenade 9:00AM – 12:00AM.

Check Out

HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME

Deadline for registration for the banquet is June 25th, NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

To register for the Cheminot, make Check payable to Voiture 1292

Send to:

**LARRY ALDERSON
1809 SHOSHONI DRIVE
JEFFERSON CITY, MO 65109**

Last Name _____ First _____ Spouse/Guest _____

Title: _____ Voiture Number _____

Banquet/Person \$30.00 X No. Guests _____ = _____

Registration Fee \$5.00 (Voyageurs Only) _____

Total \$ _____

Meal Choice (circle one) Top Inside Round of Beef (or) Grilled Chicken Italiano



VETERAN BENEFIT FAIR

April 25, 2015

Tarkio Missouri

The American Legion

VFW

AMVETS

Vietnam Veterans Association
DAV

Camp Valor
Outdoors

VA-Job careers

Bankers Life & Casualty

MO Career Center
Veterans Career Center-St. Joseph, MO

Disabled Veterans' Outreach Program

Legion Riders

Patriot Guard Riders

American Legion Auxiliary

WHAT: Veteran Benefit Fair

**WHEN: April 25, 2015
9:00AM to 1:00 PM**

**WHERE: Tarkio Community Building
603 S.3rd Street
Tarkio, MO**

**FOR: Active Duty Military Veterans
Families of Veterans
General Public**

COST: FREE

SUBJECT: The fair is being conducted to provide interested parties, veterans and other interested parties, information concerning everything our honorably discharged and active duty personnel have earned or are presently earning. These include, but not limited to, health benefits, education benefits, grants, loans, other financial benefits, discounts, etc.

Refreshment will be provided

Entertainment provided by the Kansas City American Legion Band

Missouri Veterans Commission

Northwest Health Services

NWMOSU

Service Officers

MO Veterans Cemetery

Local Funeral Director
VetCenter-Mobile
Vet Center

NW MO Dept. on Aging

Red Cross

American Legion-Local Posts

Salvation Army

Sons of The American Legion

Missouri Veterans History Project

Grand du Missouri Membership
April 2, 2015

Grande du MISSOURI								
	2014	2015	2014					
Voiture	YTD	YTD	Year	% of	short/over	Goal	% of	Short/over
	Total	Total	End	Quota			Goal	Goal
			Total					
3	51	46	58	79.31%	-12	61	75.41%	-15
38	97	90	103	87.38%	-13	109	82.57%	-19
130	32	22	32	68.75%	-10	34	64.71%	-12
292	50	41	50	82.00%	-9	53	77.36%	-12
333	176	179	222	80.63%	-43	234	76.50%	-55
447	2	2	2	100.00%	0	3	66.67%	-1
448	94	88	110	80.00%	-22	116	75.86%	-28
460	68	64	71	90.14%	-7	75	85.33%	-11
520	13	10	13	76.92%	-3	14	71.43%	-4
760	71	61	73	83.56%	-12	77	79.22%	-16
966	5	4	5	80.00%	-1	6	66.67%	-2
1292	76	72	77	93.51%	-5	81	88.89%	-9
1321	64	62	65	95.38%	-3	69	89.86%	-7
1379	55	55	61	90.16%	-6	65	84.62%	-10
1395	16	15	16	93.75%	-1	17	88.24%	-2
1402	13	16	24	66.67%	-8	26	61.54%	-10
1403	26	22	27	81.48%	-5	29	75.86%	-7
1541	72	80	72	111.11%	8	76	105.26%	4
TOTALS	981	929	1081	85.94%	-152	1145	81.14%	-216