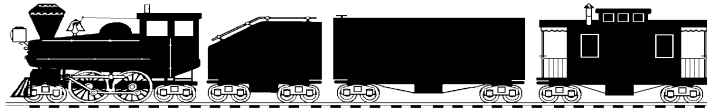


Communiqué
La Société des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux
Grande Voiture du Missouri



April 2017 - Grand Chef de Gare Chip Berkley

- L'Éditeur Grant Willis

The Grand Chef Sez

Fellow Voyageurs,

The time for our Spring Wreck and Cheminot is upon us. Hopefully you reported record numbers of PG's to be wrecked. We will have as our guest this weekend, Patrick Mobley, the Correspondant Nationale.

Lora and I just got back from the Chef de Chemin der Fer's homecoming in Alabama. Voiture 217 of Atlanta from the Grand du Georgia brought their locomotive for display.

Some of the upcoming events I get to attend will include the Central States Promenade which will take place at the end of April in Austin Texas. If you haven't made reservations and want to attend please get them in. The Truman Days in Independence, MO will be on May 7 & 8 and the Promenade Nationale in Bossier LA September 12-16th.

If you have an event you would like for me to show up to (**or to stay away from**) please feel free to let me know. May you be safe in all your journeys. Lora and I hope to see many of you in Springfield this weekend at our Spring Wreck. I know you will provide Mr. Voyles the same support you have extended to us.

Yours in Service,

Grand Chef de Gare



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**Sous Grand
 Correspondants Notes**

Articles for the next Newsletter are due at the end of each month.

If you have anyone that would like to receive this communique electronically please provide their email address to:
willis.grant@sbcglobal.net.

SPRING WRECK DERBY

The Grande is once again going to sponsor a fundraiser at the Spring Grande Cheminot & Wreck, to help defray the cost of running the Grande.

This year, the fundraiser will focus on the Jockey. Each Voiture that is represented at the banquet will sponsor a Jockey. The more realistic the better, the Jockey will dress in their "Horse Racing Colors". There will be a \$50.00 entry fee per Voiture. **If a Voiture does not participate, there will be a \$50.00 fine.** At the banquet the men or women, dressed as Jockeys, will go around the attendees to collect money to be used to feed the horses. The Jockey who collected the most money will win a prize. Next, the Jockey will participate in a few races. The races will be held on a plastic mat consisting of 10 (1 foot) squares and each Jockey representative will roll a die and the Jockey will move that many squares. Be careful, if your Jockey number comes up you lose that turn. While the Jockeys are getting into position, players can place their bets. \$2.00 bet for Win only. 50/50 split 50% to the Winning ticket holders and 50% to the Grande.

Please send your \$50 entry fee to: The Grand Correspondant, Terry Lanning, 2045 Granada Dr., Florissant, Mo.63033.

For those Voiture's that are not planning on participating, please send your fine of \$50.00 to our Grand Correspondant Terry Lanning.

SPRING WRECK

Could all Voiture's Locales please provide me with how many PGs your Voiture will be bring to the Spring Wreck or an estimate thereof. They can send their responses to me as I am helping Tommy Goodin with this.

Vince Rost
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757-754-1112

MEMBERSHIP

Well here we are in February and the membership numbers have come down to a crawl. We are presently sitting at 82.90% leaving us 159 members short of 100%. If this week we can get at least 50% of the 159 turned into national, we would be sitting in a good position, but to do this we will need to start knocking on doors. We also need to start looking at recruiting some new members for the current year.

CENTRAL STATES PROMENADE

This year the Central States Promenade will be held in Austin, Texas on April 27 – 30, 2017 at the Crown Plaza Hotel, 6121 N. I-35, Austin Texas.

Registration fee is \$80 per person and will include the Friday evening BBQ at the hotel, Saturday evening banquet, 2017 Central States Promenade pin, Souvenir Program and the Hospitality Room hosted by the Grande Voiture du Texas. (Registration form attached)

Missouri will be hosting the Saturday morning Salty Dog Party by the pool to show everyone some Missouri Hospitality and event everyone to Missouri in 2018.

**PLEASE COMPLETE THIS REGISTRATION FORM CLEARLY AND RETURN TO:
GRANDE VOITURE DU TEXAS / CSP-2017
P.O. BOX 170074
AUSTIN, TX 78717
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
GRAND DU TEXAS / 2017 CSP**

Promenade registrations need to be received prior to April 14, 2017.

**QUESTIONS
PLEASE CONTACT ME PHONE OR EMAIL
DAVID KNUTSON: 512-736-2377
EMAIL: davidknutson@sbcglobal.net**

CENTRAL STATES PROMENADE 2017
April 27 – April 30, 2017
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: _____

CURRENT OFFICE HELD: VOYAGEUR: _____

DAME: _____

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

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

REGISTRATION AND ACTIVITIES REMITTANCE

Registration Fee: ----- X \$80.00 = \$ _____

Voyageur's Saturday Luncheon: ----- X \$20.00 = \$ _____
Select from reverse side - Item #: 1 2 3 4 5 (CIRCLE ONE)

Ladies' Saturday Luncheon: ----- X \$20.00 = \$ _____
Select from reverse side - Item #: 1 2 3 4 5 (CIRCLE ONE)

Golf Tournament: Includes cart ----- X \$50.00 = \$ _____

CSP 2017 Shirt: Men's & Ladies _____ X \$30.00 = \$ _____
State Size and Quantity of Each

Friday Tour: (PART 1 and PART 2 @ \$25 per person) _____ X \$25.00 = \$ _____

____ Part 1 ONLY = \$20 per person / ____ Part 2 ONLY = \$20 per person _____ X \$20.00 = \$ _____
(Maximum of 44 on Part 2 of Friday Tour)

ADVERTISEMENT REMITTANCE

Full-Pg - \$75, Half-Pg - \$40, Qtr-Pg - \$25, Business Card - \$15 \$

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

Booster: _____ Booster: _____
(Mr. & Mrs. Counts as 2 Names)

TOTAL REMITTANCE ----- \$ _____

For the Banquet please indicate how many: Voyageurs _____, Guest(s) _____

MEMO: Your registration fee includes a personal set of Credentials; the 2017 Souvenir Central States Program book; the Official Central States Promenade 2017 Pin; your Friday evening Barbeque, your Saturday evening banquet and the Hospitality Rooms of your Host the Grand Voiture du Texas.

We Are Having A ChicNic

WHERE:
Wallace State Park
Cameron, MO
I-35 to exit 48
Follow the green information
Signs

WHEN:
August 19th, 2017 at 1:00 P.M.
At the
Enclosed Shelter



Hosted by:
40et8 Nuef Comtes Voiture 1379
A Non-Profit Fun and Honor Society
of Veterans

Donation: \$10 Adults
\$ 5 Children 13 and under
Door Prizes and a Raffle
Proceeds Go Towards Nurses Training

For Those Who Served...Let Us Now Serve You



Spiritual Retreat for U.S. Veterans

What: A series of talks will be presented followed by small group breakout sessions. Attendees will each receive private accommodations and all meals are provided.

Why: The retreat will help veterans focus on their military experience and how God was with them and continues to be with them. It does require that participants be able to enter into quiet reflection and be able to listen to the experience of others. It digs in to trauma created by PTSD and guilt and shame that can accompany military experience.

When: June 30-July 2, 2017 (Friday-Sunday). Check in is from 5:00 PM to 6:30PM on Friday June 30th and the retreat will conclude at 2:00 PM on Sunday July 2nd.

Where: White House Jesuit Retreat- 7400 Christopher Drive, St. Louis, MO 63129.

Who: This retreat is open to men and women of any denomination who have served in the United States Armed Forces.

Cost: White House operates on a free-will offering basis asking attendees to simply give what they feel they can at the conclusion of the retreat. The only requirement is a \$50 deposit to register for the retreat.

Space is limited! Call 314-416-6400 or visit us online at

www.whretreat.org to reserve your space.

This type of "retreat" is a good thing!

MEMBERSHIP
March 30, 2017

Grande du MISSOURI

Voiture	2016	2017	2016	% of	short/over	Goal	% of	Short/over
	YTD	YTD	Year					
	Total	Total	End	Quota				Goal
3	39	44	42	104.76%	2	45	97.78%	-1
38	79	79	88	89.77%	-9	93	84.95%	-14
130	26	34	30	113.33%	4	32	106.25%	2
292	40	38	40	95.00%	-2	42	90.48%	-4
333	154	146	166	87.95%	-20	175	83.43%	-29
448	96	81	96	84.38%	-15	101	80.20%	-20
460	69	62	69	89.86%	-7	73	84.93%	-11
760	52	39	56	69.64%	-17	59	66.10%	-20
966	4	4	4	100.00%	0	5	80.00%	-1
1292	65	67	73	91.78%	-6	77	87.01%	-10
1321	64	67	66	101.52%	1	70	95.71%	-3
1379	49	44	55	80.00%	-11	58	75.86%	-14
1395	15	15	15	100.00%	0	16	93.75%	-1
1402	21	21	22	95.45%	-1	24	87.50%	-3
1403	22	17	22	77.27%	-5	24	70.83%	-7
1541	86	68	86	79.07%	-18	91	74.73%	-23
TOTALS	881	826	930	88.82%	-104	985	83.86%	-159