



## Communiqué



# La Société des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux

## Grande Voiture du Missouri

April 2025 - Grand Chef de Gare Ron Leverenz

L'Editeur Robert C. Emery



Greetings Fellow  
Voyageurs,

I have been quite busy last month gearing up for the Grande Wreck and yard work. I have had conversations with several voitures that this Spring Wreck should be a good one. We are expecting to have several NEW P.G.'s to test and hopefully they make it through earning their "Voyageur Militaire" bar for the marching medal. Good Luck to all of you, and can't wait to meet you.

Recently I had the honor of being invited to Voiture 333 in Sedalia, Missouri. Its a Short drive here in Springfield up 65 Hwy about 2 hours. Breakfast is what the Promenade revolves around instead of a later evening dinner. The Wife and I, She being the Locale President of the Le Femmes, Arrived in Due time. Voiture 333 is the only other Voiture with a Le Femmes Group. They also have their rendezvous at the same time and date. This gave us a perfect time for her to

meet and learn a few things from the Dames in Sedalia.

Being met promptly outside was the Chef de Gare, Cliff McBride to welcome us. Cliff is a Retired Lieutenant Colonel from the Marine Corps. I being a Marine myself was at home in the parking lot with a fellow Marine talking and introducing ourselves. Cliff recently had a great experience with his

Son in Quanco Virginia. Pinning on the Rank personally in his retired uniform onto his Son's uniform for his promotion to Colonel in FULL ceremony as well. This is not often done due to Protocol.

Congratulations on your Son's promotion and a great honor to see your son follow in your footsteps Sir.

Inside We were met by Ernie Parker, the Correspondant for V333. He set up the visit for us and thank you for the offer. Ernie is a man with "No Brakes" for you that know him and his reports given at

the Grand Cheminots. His plate is always full and usually has a side basket in tote for other projects on the drawing table. His enthusiasm is wonderful and his Voiture is blessed to have someone to take on that role so well.

Breakfast was a feast of pancakes to sausage, eggs and biscuits and gravy and other tasty items.

Thank you for the meal.

After the meal the Chef de Gare brought the members to order in proper manner and the Promenade began. I was in luck for this month was their 105th anniversary Birthday for Voiture 333.

This is one of the Older charters in the State of Missouri from 1920. Incredible, but not surprising with the amount of members that were present and activities that keep them in the spotlight. They are the guardians of our beloved "Boxcar" that sits at the Fairgrounds. Reminding the people of the sacrifice of soldiers and the commitment to the community the 40 and 8 still has to this day.

Currently they are buying windows to build a full enclosure of the Boxcar to keep it safe and the weather away.

A ceremony of passing cake to the younger generation was preformed from the oldest present member to the newest in honor of keeping the Voiture going strong. Activities such as retirement home Bingo, Downtown main street flags (48 total) they tend to, Nurses training (8 Nurses), Boys State (recognition letter received), and Flags for First Graders was all going STRONG. The Flags for First Graders was being done not only in one school in Sedalia, but many. And not just Sedalia, They travel long distance to this effort in Americanism to educate the younger generation in sacrifice and the Countries honor. Truly amazed at the time and number of schools they participate in.

The Promenade was closed in due and proper fashion. I am keeping this short and have left out a few items and talks, but this Promenade was very educational and eye opening to the effort this group is putting into the Community. And amazingly enough its done in the large part to the sale of postage stamps. They have done this for years and people line up for these

sales in support of the local Voiture.

My Praise to all the Voyageurs and Voiture 333 for the many endeavors in keeping this Society going strong on in the spotlight of your local area. Happy 105th Birthday!

Ron Leverenz

Ronleverenz@gmail.com

Grand Chef de Gare du Missouri.

### Grande WRECK Fund Raiser

Since everyone enjoyed this last year, the Spring Wreck Fundraiser at the Spring Wreck will be a Corn Hole contest again. Frank Angelo along with Mike Scruby will be in charge. If a Voiture does not participate then there will be a \$50 fine. If a Voiture participates there is a \$50 participating fee. Bring your best game for a fun time. Send your Voitures fine money or your participating money to Grand Correspondant AJ Noonan.

### 2024 Nurses Training Pins

The National Nurses Training Program is offering a special deal on 2024 Nurses Pins during the Spring Wreck event! Everyone will be able to purchase pins for just \$1.00 each. You can pre-order by email [ralph.n.turner@hotmail.com](mailto:ralph.n.turner@hotmail.com)

Thanks,

Ralph Turner

573-528-7424

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**Gateway Voiture 448 and Salon 116  
invites you to a**

***Death By Chocolate Mystery Dinner***

**When:** Starts 5:30 pm Saturday, June 14, 2025  
Doors open 4:30 pm

**Where:** American Legion Post 397

934 Rue De La Banque Drive, Creve Coeur, MO

**Cost:** \$30.00/person (Includes dinner and show  
plus three Sodas and/or Beers)

***Join us at your own risk...for dinner and a murder!***

For Tickets, contact Terry Lanning 314-839-2032  
or email [t\\_lanning@charter.net](mailto:t_lanning@charter.net) There will also be  
tickets at Post 397 bar.



**GRANDE VOITURE DU MISSOURI**  
**Grande Spring Wreck & ChemInot**  
**April 04 to April 06, 2025**  
**Oasis Hotel and Convention Center**  
**2546 North Glenstone Ave.**  
**Springfield, MO 65803**  
**417-866-5253**

**Room Rate \$114.00 (+Tax) per night for**  
**Deluxe King or Deluxe Double**  
**PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE**  
**Handicapped Rooms Available**  
**Make your reservations directly with Oasis Hotel**  
**Mention 40&8 Honor Society for special rate when making reservations**

**Friday April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
Registration 1500 - 1800  
Hospitality Room 1500 - ??? Kalahari / Mojave Room  
Central States Meeting 1800  
2025-2026 Officer Slating Meeting 1900

**Saturday April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
Registration 0900 – 1200  
Spring Wreck Activities 0800-1130  
Lunch 1130 - 1300  
Grande Promenade/Spring Wreck 1300 – 1600 Sahara Room  
Grand Chef de Gare Passé Social Hour 1700-1800 Hospitality Room  
Social Hour 1800 Cash Bar  
Banquet 1900 Fiji Ballroom  
Hospitality Room will be open after the Banquet

**Sunday April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
Grande Cheminot 0900 Sahara Room

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**To register for the Grande Spring Wreck and Cheminot. Make check payable to Voiture 460**

**Send to:**  
**A.J. Noonan**  
**20165 Highway 28**  
**Dixon, MO 65459**

**Last Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **First Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Spouse/Guest** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title** \_\_\_\_\_ **Voiture** \_\_\_\_\_

**Banquet / Person: \$40.00 X No. Guest** \_\_\_\_\_ **=** \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Fee \$15.00 (Voyageurs Only)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MISSOURI  
2025**

**NEBRASKA  
2026**

**OKLAHOMA  
2027**

**KANSAS  
2028**

**TEXAS  
2029**

**MISSOURI  
2030**

**NEBRASKA  
2031**

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January 2, 2025

Monsieur / Madam Voyageurs, Dames and Guests:

Greetings from all the Voyageurs and Dames of the Grande Voiture du Missouri. We would like to extend to each and every one of you an open invitation to attend our Central States Promenade 2025.

Fun and festivities will start on Thursday, May 08, 2025 and will be held at the Oasis Hotel and Convention Center, 2546 North Glenstone Avenue, Springfield, MO 65803.

Individual registrations for this event will be \$95.00 per person and registration kit includes Friday evening meal, our Saturday evening banquet, your Central States Promenade 2025 Pin, your Souvenir Program Book, and of course, the Grande du Missouri Hospitality Room. Please fill out the registration form completely when returning your reservations. All meals will be in the hotel.

We have not organized any tours. For those of you who have never been to Springfield or Branson and want to strike out on your own, we will have maps of the city.

For those of you who intend to fly into Springfield, the hotel is just 10 minutes from the airport and the hotel has an airport shuttle bus to pick you up. Just give the hotel a call when you arrive.

The form for placing ads in our Souvenir Program Book is enclosed. The special events are shown on your Registration Form and you are requested to fill these out if you intend to participate in any of the special events. Unauthorized raffles, or similar types of fundraising activities, will not be allowed at this event.

**Make all checks payable to Central States Promenade 2025.**

If you have any questions, contact me at the address, phone number, or email shown on the top of this sheet. Thank You and "Merci".

Mike Scruby, President CSP 2025



**HOTEL ROOM RESERVATIONS  
FOR  
CENTRAL STATES PROMENADE 2025**

**MAY 08 TO 10, 2025**

**Oasis Hotel and Convention Center  
2546 North Glenstone Avenue, Springfield, MO 65803.  
Telephone (417) 866-5253  
Web site is [www. http://springfieldoasis.com/](http://springfieldoasis.com/)**

Cutoff date for guaranteed reservations for these rooms is **April 1, 2025**. After this date, rooms are on first come, first served basis. To guarantee a room call prior to the cutoff date. Be sure to mention **CENTRAL STATES PROMENADE 2025** when you are making your room reservations. All rooms are \$114.00 for 1 to 4 persons, plus tax.

The hotel features an on-site restaurant (Fire and Ice), indoor and outdoor pools, fitness center, spacious rooms and free parking. Each hotel room has a flat screen TV, microwave, refrigerator, coffeemaker, hairdryer, iron and board and complimentary wireless high-speed Internet. The hotel has a complimentary hot breakfast in the poolside atrium. In Springfield you have the Springfield Art Museum, Dickerson Park Zoo, Springfield Cardinals AA baseball team, Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World, Johnny Morris' Wonders of Wildlife National Museum and Aquarium, Springfield Botanical Garden, History Museum on the Square, Route 66 Car Museum, Discovery Center for families to interact with hands on learning. Near Springfield are the Fantastic Caverns, Wilsons's Creek National Battlefield, Wild Animal Safari and the Laura Ingalls Wilder Home and Museum.

Branson Missouri is only 45 miles south of Springfield. Estimated 8 million visitors visit Branson each year. Branson is a year-round destination with most of the entertainment offerings open mid-March through the end of December. Take in any number of shows that cover a wide range of entertainment or go on an adventure at Silver Dollar City. Filled with fun for the family, Branson offers a lot of entertainment options to make your visit even more enjoyable. Go to Branson before or after the Central States Promenade.



# CENTRAL STATES PROMENADE 2025

May 08 to 10, 2025

## Registration Form

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL/WORK PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

Voiture/Cabane #: \_\_\_\_\_ GRANDE DU: \_\_\_\_\_

Will Spouse/Guest attend? (YES) \_\_\_\_ (NO) \_\_\_\_ NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

HIGHEST OFFICE HELD: VOYAGEUR: \_\_\_\_\_

DAME: \_\_\_\_\_

## REGISTRATION AND ACTIVITIES REMITTANCE

Registration Fee: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$95.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Voyageur's Saturday Luncheon: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$30.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

Booster: \_\_\_\_\_ Booster: \_\_\_\_\_

(Mr. & Mrs. Counts as 2 Names) If you are submitting Booster names then they have to be in by April 1, 2025.

Total amount of Remittance \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Voyageur Luncheon:** Specialty Breads & Rolls, Sliced Turkey, Roast Beef and Smoked Ham, w/Cheese, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Red Onions & Pickle Spears and assorted condiments includes Potato Chips, Garden Salad, Fudge Brownies, Cookies, Fresh Fruit, Coffee and Iced Tea.

**Spouse Luncheon:** Chicken Alfredo w/Vegetable Lasagna, Green Beans, Italian House Salad, Garlic Bread Sticks, Dessert, Fresh Fruit, Coffee and Iced Tea.

**Friday Night BBQ:** Smoked Brisket, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Coleslaw, assorted Rolls and Buns, Assorted Desserts, Coffee and Iced Tea.

**Banquet Buffet – Italian Herb and Garlic Chicken, Peppered Beef Medallions Garden Salad with 2 dressings, Chefs choice Vegetable, Chefs choice starch, Rolls, Dessert, Coffee and Iced Tea**

Let us know if you need a vegetarian meal and we will arrange to have one for you.

**MEMO:** Your registration fee includes a personal set of Credentials; the 2025 Souvenir Central States Program book; the Official Central States Promenade 2025 Pin; Friday evening Barbeque, Saturday evening banquet and the Hospitality Rooms of your Host the Grande Voiture du Missouri.

**PLEASE COMPLETE THIS REGISTRATION FORM CLEARLY AND RETURN TO: AJ Noonan, Grand Correspondant, 20165 Highway 28, Dixon, MO 65459. Promenade registrations need to be received prior to April 15, 2025. The hotel needs a number by that date for the food. If you are coming let us know. Call if you have any questions to 573-872-9068.**

**MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Central States Promenade 2025**

# **CENTRAL STATES PROMENADE- 2025**

## **Advertisement Request Form**

It is requested that the attached ad copy be included in the Central States Promenade – 2025 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 2025 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. We would like to have your ad in an electronic format of PDF or JPEG. Email the ads to [heigertr@aol.com](mailto:heigertr@aol.com)

Make all checks payable to Central States Promenade 2025.

**THE FINAL DATE FOR SUBMISSION AND RECEIPT OF ALL AD REQUESTS AND AD COPY, AS WELL AS BOOSTER CLUB NAMES IS APRIL 1, 2025.** Please submit all Booster Club Names; all Ad Requests, Ad Copy, and check to: AJ Noonan, 20165 Highway 28, Dixon, MO 65459.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE :(     ) \_\_\_\_\_ WORK/CELL PHONE :(     ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_



# **CENTRAL STATES PROMENADE 2025**

**Oasis Hotel and Convention Center**

**Springfield, Missouri**

**May 8 through May 10, 2025**

**SOUVENIR PROGRAM BOOK – BOOSTER NAME PAGE**

**\$2.00 per Name: (Mr. & Mrs. counts as Two Names)**

**PLEASE PRINT**

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**PLEASE PRINT**

**Make checks, payable to Central States Promenade 2025, with Booster Sheet, send to AJ Noonan, Grand Correspondant, 20165 Highway 28, Dixon, MO 65459, so as to arrive not later than April 1, 2025. Thank You.**

# Membership Grande du Missouri

27-Mar-25

Voiture Name	Voiture	2019 Year End	2020 To-date	2020 Quota	Sh/Ov Quota	% of Quota
HEART OF AMERICA	3	33	32	33	-1	96.97%
SPIRIT OF ST. LOUIS	38	49	44	49	-5	89.80%
JESSE JAMES	130	33	34	41	-7	82.93%
HEART OF MISSOURI	292	27	23	27	-4	85.19%
STATE FAIR	333	102	91	105	-14	86.67%
GATEWAY	448	47	59	63	-4	93.65%
CENTRAL OZARK	460	51	43	59	-16	72.88%
KICKAPOO	760	20	24	23	1	104.35%
MARK TWAIN	966	2	2	2	0	100.00%
CAPITAL	1292	71	65	74	-9	87.84%
MINERAL AREA	1321	60	16	60	-44	26.67%
NEUF COMPT	1379	35	28	35	-7	80.00%
ATCHISON NODAWAY HOLT Counties	1402	11	10	11	-1	90.91%
LAKE OF THE OZARK	1403	4	4	4	0	100.00%
TWO RIVERS	1541	46	45	47	-2	95.74%
Missouri Total		591	520	633	-113	82.15%

