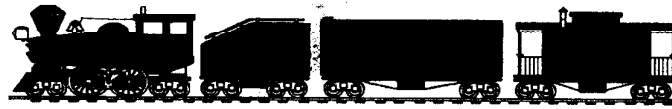


**Communiqué**  
**La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Cheveux**  
**Grande Voiture du Missouri**



**August 2007- Grand Chef de Gare Leslie (Grant) Willis, Jr - L'Editeur Terry Lanning**

**The Grand Chef Sez**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the privilege and honor to lead the Grande du Missouri this coming year as your Grand Chef de Gare. I have a lot of work ahead of me and I look forward to watching the Grand du Missouri grow.

Grand Chef de Gare Passe Don Fligge had a wonderful year and it is not going to be easy to follow in his footsteps. The Grand made some tremendous strides this past year by achieving 100% membership and we will try to follow his example by duplicating it again. I alone cannot do this, but the entire membership of the Grand working together as a team.

One thing I want everyone to remember as we work the Programs of La Societe, which is to have fun as you do it. If we are having fun, then only success can be gained and those around you are having fun along with you. So, let's make this an enjoyable year and fun doing it together to serve one purpose of a successful year with prosperous programs to include membership.

Look around your Posts and see if you have some great people who would enjoy belonging, then take that additional step and ask them. You may be surprised at their answer, if it is yes get them initiated and assign them a job to help a chairmen or whatever they would like to do.

I will be starting my travels in a couple of weeks and I hope to meet many who do not normally come to the Grand Promenades or Cheminot's. Until then I wish everyone a safe journey through life.

**Sous Grand  
Correspondants Notes**

**Each of the Directeurs should write at least one article for the Grand Newsletter. Articles are due by the first of the month. The months-assigned are as follows:**

- September 2007 – Ritual**  
**Directeur – David Jennemann**
- September 2007 – POW/MIA**  
**Directeur – Dennis Estes**
- October 2007 – Box Car**  
**Directeur – William Evans**
- October 2007 – VAVS**  
**Directeur – Chip Berkley**
- November 2007 – Youth Sports**  
**Directeur –David Christian**
- December 2007 – Special Awards**  
**Directeur – David Brazie**
- December 2007 – Publiciste**  
**Directeur– William Hilker**
- February 2008 – Americanism**  
**Directeur– Sam Guenther**
- February 2008 – Nurses Training**  
**Directeur– Clarence Buckley**

**March 2008 – Voiture Activities**

**Directeur – Ralph Turner**

**March 2008 – Grand Organizer**

**Directeur – Virgil Morice**

**April 2008 – Child Welfare**

**Directeur– John Neger**

**May 2008 – Carville Star**

**Directeur –Leon Hill**

**Directeurs and Voitures can email me their articles, announcements, or anything of interest to**

**t\_lanning@charter.net, or mail it to 2045 Granada Dr., Florissant, MO 63033.**

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**Congratulations to Voitures 3, 38, 130, 293, 333, 448, 460, 520, 1292, 1379, 1395, 1402, and 1403 for achieving 100% or better in membership.**

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**UPCOMING  
DATES**

- **Voiture 1403 BBQ August 18, 2007 at Post 624 Sunrise Beach**
  - **National Promenade September 5 to 8, 2007 at Overland Park, KS**
  - **Fall Cheminot & Grand Chef Homecoming 10/5/07 – 10/7/07 at DoubleTree Hotel, St. Louis**
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Taps will no longer be printed in the Forty and Eigher magazine. The Taps will be listed on the web site [fortyandeight.org](http://fortyandeight.org).

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From Dave's Desk on the 40/8 web site

**Rumors, Rumors, Rumors**

Once again rumors have started to spread in our organization, and it is now time to put it all to rest. The rumor is that Voiture Nationale wants to put TAPS back into the membership numbers. I can tell you that the rumor is **UNTRUE!**

Voiture Nationale would like to see

membership not lose 2000 members each year. So let's look at the problem this year we will wreck more members than we will lose to TAPS, so we must ask ourselves where those members went. Most of them did not renew because they saw no value in their membership, why you ask, well there are a number of reasons, and I do not want to get into them here. But TAPS is not where we are losing our membership, yet we are taking TAPS off your numbers and will continue to do so.

Now the problem is we are patting ourselves on the back for 100%, I want to explain to you why this is not the best way to do things. Last year a Locale had 100 members they lost 5 to death so this year they have to make 95 to be 100%. So the 100% number is 95% that is why we need to look at 105% as the number to reach to pat ourselves on the back, not 100%.

We have more locales at 100% this year and that is great, but to stop the loss of 2000 members a year we will need 105%.

Two years ago when TAPS first came out on the membership number Voiture Nationale started sending out patches and shirts for 100%. The cost of the patches and shirts had to come from somewhere, Voiture Nationale could not afford to pay for them, the membership team went to work and asked some of the programs to put in money to help with membership, some did.

Voiture Nationale would like to keep sending out "OVER THE TOP" certificates at 100%, for patches, shirts, and coats the requirement should be 105%, and the TAPS will still come off membership. This will save the membership team from going out and raising money.

by Dave Rabius National Correspondant

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**Voiture 1403 Annual BBQ Rib  
Dinner and Fundraiser  
August 18, 2007  
At Post 624  
Sunrise Beach**



**La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux**  
**Grande Voiture du Missouri**

**OFFICIAL CALL**

**TO: ALL GRAND CHEMINOTS**

**ALL GRAND OFFICERS**

**ALL GRAND CHEFS de GARE PASSE**

**ALL VOITURE CHEFS de GARE & CORRESPONDANTS**

**ALL VOYAGEURS OF GRANDE VOITURE du MISSOURI**

This is the OFFICIAL CALL for the Fall Grande Cheminot and Grand Chef de Gare, Leslie G. Willis, Jr., Homecoming to be held October 5th, 6th 7th, 2007, at the DoubleTree Hotel, St. Louis at Westport, 1973 Craigshire, St. Louis County, Missouri, 63146, (314) 434-0100.

There will be a Executive Board Meeting on Saturday Morning. Time and place will be posted at the registration table on Friday.

The Fall Grande Cheminot will be held on Saturday, October 6, 2007 at the DoubleTree Hotel, St. Louis at Westport, starting at 1:00 PM.

All Grand Officers and Grand Cheminots are expected to give a report of their activities and submit a copy in writing to the Grand Correspondant.

All Voyageurs are to be in proper attire. The following Officers are expected to be in coat, tie, shirt, long pants, socks and shoes: Grand Chef de Gare, Grand Chef de Train, Grand Commissaire Intendant, Grand Correspondant, Grand Garde de la Porte, Grand Lampiste, Grand Conducteur, Sous Grand Conducteurs, and Grand Aumonier.

Jerry J. Castulik  
Grand Correspondant

Leslie G. Willis, Jr.  
Grand Chef de Gare

Trying to get his year over, Grand Chef de Gare, Donald W. Fligge, opened the Grande Cheminot at 12:59 P.M. with a salute to the Colors, The Pledge of Allegiance, and the needed prayer by the Acting Grand Aumonier, who else but Arthur L. Wilson, and he stated that the head table needed it the most.

Grand Chef Fligge acknowledge the presence of the Alternate N.E.C. from Missouri, Richard Heigert.

Roll call of officers by the Grand Correspondant showed some excused, some absent, the rest were yo-yo's, weird, obnoxious, or down right mean and it cost them a dollar for the cause. Some even paid more. Roll call of Grand Chefs de Gare Passe showed that we had eleven present, some also paid to the cause. Roll call of Grand Cheminot showed that we had a quorum. Absent were Voitures 293, 333, 447, 520, 848, 966, 1292, 1395, & 1402.

Grand Avocat, William Weiss, stated that we will follow the Rules of Procedure as in the past.

Notion offered by Art Wilson, second by Virgil Morice, that the minutes of the Grand Spring Cheminot be approved as printed and sent out.....passed

The Grand Correspondant read the following resolutions, one for Jerry J. Castulik to be elected to the Executive Committee of the Central States Promenade for another three years and this was sent in by Voiture 1321. The other resolution was from Voiture 448 for Grande Constitution Amendment on Article IV, Sections 1.(A) and (B). And also drop the Disaster Relief Program from the Constitution.

Grand Commissaire Intendant, Robert Phillips, stated that he had distributed the final finance report on the chairs. No action will be taken until the Audit Committee gives their report tomorrow morning.

Grand Chef de Train, Grant Willis, called on his two Sous Grand Chefs de Train that were the only ones present, David Christian and Robert Emery. Willis reported that we have 13 Voitures at 100% or more. The Grande Voiture is over the top by 2 members. Willis gave out the following awards to Jack Fink of V-448, Ralph Turner of V-460, Gary Reno of V-1379, Marvin Suthers of V-3, and Arnold Miller of V-38. Grant thanked all the Voyageurs for getting the Grande over the top and membership does not end until July 31st. Get those members that have not paid yet. Grand Chef Donald gave out 100% pins to the following: Dennis Russell of V-130, Ralph Turner of V-460, and Sam Guenther of 1403. The other Voitures to receive this pin did not have anyone present.

Grand Cheminot reports were given by Voitures 3, 38, 130, 292, 448, 460, 760, 1321, 1379, 1403, 1541.

Grand Avocat, William Weiss, reported how V-38 received their seed money to purchase their chateau by being a 501-C organization.

Grand Directeur Child Welfare, John Neger, was not present and the Grand Correspondant gave his report. He received only 9 reports with \$186,261.00 being spent. The awards went to 1st place V-1321, 2nd place V-460, and 3rd place V-38.

Grand Directeur Voiture Activities, Ralph Turner, reported that he received only 5 reports. Awards were given to V-1541 for 3rd place, V-1321 for 2nd place, and V-333 for 1st place.

Grand Directeur Nurses Training, Gary Reno, stated he received 10 reports with 3 being no report. Gary reported that we were \$67,000.00 short of last year. The awards went to: 3rd place V-1403, 2nd place V-130, and 1st place V-460.

Grand Directeur Americanism, Sam Guenther, reported he received only 7 reports. The awards are as follows: Large Voitures: 1st place V-448 and 2nd place V-760. Medium Voitures are: 1st place V-1321, 2nd place V-460, and 3rd place V-333. Small Voiture are: 1st place V-1379 and 2nd place V-1541. The Traveling Trophy went to V-448.

Grand Directeur Box Car, Bill Evans, thanked all for buying the cards and pins. Bill gave out awards to 3rd place V-1321, 2nd place V-448, and 1st place V-760. Bill also stated that he has the new 2008 pins for those that want them.

Grand Directeur Carville Star, Leon Hill, report was given by Bob Eisenbath. He reported that Leon received only 7 reports. The 1st place award went to V-1541 and the 2nd place went to V-448.

At this time Grand Chef Don stated that the Department Commander of Missouri, David Jennemann, Jr. just came into the room.

Grand Directeur POW/MIA, Dennis Estes, reported that he received only 8 reports. The awards were given out to: 1st place to V-1379, 2nd place to V-760, and 3rd place to V-333.

Grand Directeur Ritual, Harry Welch, report was given by the Grand Correspondant. To the small voiture, 1st place to V-1379. To the medium voitures, 1st place to V-760, 2nd place to V-460, and 3rd place to V-1321. The large voiture, 1st place to V-38.

Grand Directeur Special Awards, Dave Brazie, reported that we have a Hero Of The Year from V-333 and it has been sent to Nationale.

Grand Directeur Special Awards(Law & Order), Jack Fink, reported that we have a Law Officer Of The Year and has been submitted to Nationale.

Grand V.A.V.S. Chairman, "Chip" Berkley, stated that he received only 7 reports. To the small Voiture it went to V-1379 and medium voiture went to V-333.

Sous Grand Directeur Youth Sports, Terry Lanning, gave out the report for Grand Directeur, Robert Wilde. Terry reported only 7 reports were received. 1st place awards went to V-460 and V-448. 2nd place awards to V-760 and V-1321. 3rd place awards to V-1403 and V-1541.

Dave Christian spoke on the Program Posters he set up in the hospitality room. If anyone wants a copy, E-mail Dave and he will send it to you.

Sous Grand Correspondant, Terry Lanning, stated that the 1st newsletter will be sent around August 1st if we can get all the mailing list.

Time & Place, Rich Heigert, reported that the Fall Cheminot and Homecoming will be held here again on October 5,6,7, 2007. The Spring Cheminot and Wreck will be held at the Holiday Inn in Wentzville on March 28,29,30, 2008. The Grand Promenade will also be held here on June 27,28,29, 2008. The Fall Cheminot and Homecoming will also be held at the Holiday Inn in Wentzville on Oct. 3,4,5, 2008.

Central States Promenade, Jerry Castulik stated that Missouri came back with the Covered Wagon thanks to the members from V-1403 with 8, V-1402 with 1, and V-448 with 1. We won by one vote over Kansas.

New Business, Grand Correspondant stated that V-333 sent him 2 scrap books. These books will be sent back for them to take them to Promenade Nationale.

Dave Christian stated he received a E-mail from Tony Gallagher wishing all a Happy Birthday for the Fourth of July and other information.

Grand Chef Don stated that we will have the Memorial Service and installation of officers tomorrow and the families and friends are invited.

Department Commander, Dave Jennemann, stated that his year is almost gone as is Grand Chef Fligge. He stated that they both had a great year and hopes that the next Grand Chef has one to.

Art Wilson spoke on a gentleman, that will speak to us tomorrow morning, about giving money away to help military families in need.

Grand Chef de Gare Don, closed the Grande Cheminot in the proper manner at 3.03 PM.

Submitted by,  
Jerry J. Castulik  
Grand Correspondant

Once again, short timer Grand Chef de Gare, Donald W. Fligge, opened the Grande Promenade one minute early at 8:59 AM with a salute to the Colors, the Pledge of Allegiance, and a much needed prayer by the Grand Aumonier, Marvin Harper.

Grand Chef Don acknowledge the fact that the Alternate N.E.C. from Missouri, Richard Heigert, was present.

Roll call of officers by the Grand Correspondant showed some excused, some absent, a lot less yo-yo's, and the rest were still weird, obnoxious, or down right mean and it cost many of them a dollar. Others paid more. Roll call of Grand Chefs de Gare Passe showed 12 present. Roll call of Voitures showed that we had a quorum. Absent were voitures 293, 333, 447, 460, 520, 848, 966, 1292, 1395.

Grand Advocat, William Weiss, stated that we will follow the Rules Of Procedure as in the past.

Notion offered by Art Wilson, second by Bob Eisenbath, that the minutes of the Grande Promenade held June 25, 2006 be accepted as printed and sent out.....passed

At this time, Grand Chef Don, stated that he has a guest coming in to talk about his company giving out money for the military families that are in need. His name is Kevin Brennan from Vermont American. Mr. Brennan spoke of his company having extra money to be given to military families in need for products from certain hardware stores. He is going around to the different Veterans Organizations with this offer.

Grand Chef Fligge called on the Grande Promenade Committees starting with the Audit Committee chaired by Raymond Brodzinski with help of Grand Chefs de Gare Passe Rich Heigert and Terry Lanning. Also present was Grand Commissaire Intendant, Robert Phillips, and observer Gary Reno. Ray stated they did this on June 30, 2007 on the second floor banquet room of the Doubletree Hotel in St. Louis County at 9:30 AM. The Committee thoroughly inspect the checking account and the money market account held at the Bank of Versailles. They were found to be correct and acceptable. The 4 CD's were also inspected and found to be correct. We have one Certificate of Deposit maturing in August of this year. Recommendation of the Audit Committee that this certificate be renewed at the highest rate possible, no matter what length of time. On behalf of the Audit Committee, Ray wish to thank and commend Grand Commissaire Intendant, Robert Phillips, and Grand Correspondant, Jerry Castulik, for the professional manner in which our books and financial records were kept over the past 12 months. Notion offered by Brodzinski, second by Rich Heigert, to accept and approve the Audit Committee's report....passed

Notion offered by Jerry Castulik, second by Art Wilson, to accept the finance report as printed and distributed....passed

Grand Chef Don called on the Resolutions Committee chaired by Virgil Morice. Morice stated that he was the only one present. He reported he had one resolution for Jerry J. Castulik to be elected to the Central States Promenade Executive Committee for three years to be held in Oklahoma City, OK in 2008. Notion offered by Morice, second by George Ridley, to accept this resolution and to be forward to the Executive Board... passed

Grand Chef Fligge call on the Credentials Committee chaired by Leslie G. Willis, Jr. Willis reported that the meeting started a 9:00 AM, June 30, 2007 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Westport. One other voyageur was present and they determined the voting strength for the Grande Voiture. Grant gave out the voting strength for the Voitures and showed that the Grande has total of 74 votes plus the Grand Chefs de Gare Passe present and voting. Willis offered a notion, second by George Ridley, to accept his report...passed

Grand Chef Don called on the Constitution Committee chaired by William Weiss. Bill spoke on the changes in the Grande Voiture Constitution by dropping the Disaster Relief Program and to change Article IV Section 1,(a) and (b) pertaining to the Sous Grand Officers. Notion offered by Weiss, second by Virgil Morice, to accept the changes and his report....passed

Grand Chef Don called on the Distinguished Voyageur Award Committee Chairman, Raymond Brodzinski. Ray stated the award was given out at the banquet and given to Gary L. Reno.

Next, Grand Chef Fligge called on the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Art Wilson. Art reported that the meeting was held in Room 203 of the DoubleTree Hotel and started at 9:00 AM with six voyageurs present. Motion offered by Virgil Morice and second to recommend to the Grande the elected officers....passed Meeting adjourned at 9:30 AM.

Wilson read the recommendation of the Committee for elective officers for 2007-2008.

Grand Chef de Gare-----	Leslie G. Willis Jr. (448)
Grand Chef de Train-----	Robert W. Phillips (1541)
Grand Commissaire Intendant -----	Gary L. Reno (1379)
Grand Correspondant-----	Jerry J. Castulik (448)
Cheminot Nationale-----	Clarence C. Buckley (760)
Alternate Cheminot Nationale-----	Donald W. Fligge (3)
Sous Grand Chef de Train (3-333-848)-----	Julio C. Bambini (3)
Sous Grand Chef de Train (293-447-760)-----	Sam Pickens (760)
Sous Grand Chef de Train (38-448-966-1541)---	Albert J. Drete (448)
Sous Grand Chef de Train (130-1379-1402)----	Steven H. Hoffrogge (1402)
Sous Grand Chef de Train (292-520-1292-1403)	Larry R. Ebersold (1292)
Sous Grand Chef de Train (460-1321-1395)----	John D. Morten, Jr. (460)
Grand Medicin-----	Errol Wilson (760)
Sous Grand Medicin-----	Clarence L. Koon (460)
Grand Garde de la Porte-----	John L. Wieland (1321)
Grand Historien-----	Arthur W. Johnson (448)
Grand Avocat-----	William L. Weiss (38)
Sous Grand Avocat-----	Raymond O. Money (3)
Grand Commis Voyageur-----	Edward R. Jones (3)
Grand Directeur Child Welfare-----	John R. Neger (3)
Sous Grand Directeur Child Welfare-----	Dennis C. Russell (130)
Sous Grand Directeur Child Welfare-----	Hallie Williams (448)
Sous Grand Directeur Child Welfare-----	Terry B. Vogel (333)
Grand Directeur Voiture Activities-----	Ralph N. Turner (460)
Sous Grand Directeur Voiture Activities-----	Howard H. Engelbrecht (130)
Grand Directeur Nurses Training-----	Clarence C. Buckley (760)
Sous Grand Directeur Nurses Training-----	Larry C. Owen (3)
Sous Grand Directeur Nurses Training-----	George W. Ridley (448)
Grand Aumonier-----	Marvin E. Harper (1402)
Grand Drapeau East-----	Joel M. Hauck (448)
Grand Drapeau West-----	William Henry Seelye (760)
Grand Lampiste-----	Orval L. Jensen (130)
Grand Cheminot-At-Large-----	Raymond O. Money (3)
Grand Cheminot-At-Large-----	George W. Powell (1379)
Grand Cheminot-At-Large-----	Ira A. Hassenpflug (130)
Grand Cheminot-At-Large-----	Robert T. Wilde (448)
Grand Cheminot-At-Large-----	Raymond J. Brodzinski (38)

Leslie G. Willis, Jr. was elected by acclamation as Grand Chef de Gare.

Robert W. Phillips was elected by acclamation as Grand Chef de Train.

Gary L. Reno was elected by acclamation as Grand Commissaire Intendant.

Jerry J. Castulik was elected by acclamation as Grand Correspondant.

Motion offered by Rich Heigert, second by Virgil Morice, that the balance of the officers be elected by acclamation....passed

Art Wilson read the appointed officers with permission by Grand Chef de Gare Elect, Leslie G. Willis, Jr., and they are.

Sous Grand Correspondant-----	Terry L. Lanning (448)
Grand Publicist-----	William W. Hilker (1403)
Grand Organizer-----	Virgil C. Morice (1321)
Sous Grand Organizer-----	Thomas W. Hanks (1321)

Sous Grand Organizer-----	James S. Whitfield (848)
Grand Conducteur-----	John W. Partin (38)
Sous Grand Conducteur-----	Robert A. Bunting (1541)
Sous Grand Conducteur-----	Robert C. Emery (1379)
Grand Directeur Americanism-----	Sam M. Guenther (1403)
Sous Grand Directeur Americanism-----	Robert L. Carroll (760)
Grand Directeur Box Car-----	William J. Evans (760)
Grand Directeur Carville Star-----	Leon L. Hill (1541)
Grand Directeur POW/MIA-----	Dennis T. Estes (760)
Sous Grand Directeur POW/MIA-----	Wilbur T "Bud" Avery (760)
Grand Directeur Ritual-----	David F. Jennemann, Jr. (448)
Grand Directeur Special Awards-----	David L. Brazie (1403)
Sous Gr. Dir. Special Awards Law & Order-----	John S. "Jack" Fink (448)
Sous Gr. Dir. Special Awards Hero Of The Year-----	Tony J. Gallagher (333)
Grand Directeur V.A.V.S.-----	Thomas "Chip" Berkley (292)
Sous Grand Directeur V.A.V.S.-----	Donald J. Newman (1541)
Grand Directeur Youth Sports-----	David S. Christian (38)
Sous Grand Directeur Youth Sports-----	Terry L. Lanning (448)
Executive Committee "Advisory" & "Protocol"-----	Raymond J. Brodzinski (38)
	Richard A. Heigert (1321)
Time & Place Committee-----	Arthur L. Wilson (448)
	Robert G. Eisenbath (1541)
Chairman-----	Richard A. Heigert (1321)
Distinguished Voyageur Award Committee-----	Norman I. Reichel (1403)
	Terry L. Lanning (448)
	Robert G. Eisenbath (1541)
Chairman-----	Raymond J. Brodzinski (38)
	Virgil C. Morice (1321)
	Kevin T. Johnson (460)
Grand Aid de Camp-----	Arthur L. Wilson (448)
Distinguished Guest Committee-----	Raymond O. Money (3)
	Terry L. Lanning (448)
	Richard A. Heigert (1321)

Notion offered by Art Wilson, second by George Ridley, that the appointments by the Grand Chef de Gare Elect, Leslie G. Willis, Jr., be approved as read.....passed

Notion offered by Jerry Castulik, second by Virgil Morice, that the delegates to the Promenade Nationale in Overland Park, Kansas be Donald W. Fligge, Leslie G. Willis, Jr., Terry L. Lanning, William L. Weiss, and Richard A. Heigert.....passed

Notion by Jerry Castulik, second by Virgil Morice, that Donald W. Fligge be chairman of the delegation....passed

Notion offered by Jerry Castulik, second by Marvin Harper, that the alternates be John "Jack" Fink, Norman Reichel, Robert Fletcher, Jerry Castulik, and Gary Reno.....passed

Grand Chef Don relieved the members of the Grande Promenade Committees.

Grand Chef de Gare Elect, Grant Willis, stated that his goal for this year is that everybody have fun. And when you have fun you will find the Programs get better. The Promenade was recess at 9:58 AM to let the families and friends in for the Memorial Service and installation of officers.

The Grande Promenade came back to order at 10:20 AM. Grand Chef Don turned the podium over to Grand Aumonier, Marvin Harper. He was assisted by Grand Chef de Gare Passe, Art Wilson, and Grand Correspondant, Jerry Castulik for the Memorial Service. After the Service, Grand Chef Don asked that the installing officer come to the podium. The installing officer was Arthur Wilson, Grand Chef de Gare Passe 2004. He installed the newly elected Grand Chef de Gare, Leslie G. Willis, Jr. first. Afterwards he installed the rest of the elected and appointed officers.



Installing Officer, Art Wilson, took out the Past Grand Chef de Gare Fligge and presented him with a Past Grand Chef's pin. Don's wife came forward and placed his new chapeau on his head. Fligge then spoke to the membership thanking them for the great year he had.

Installing Officer, Wilson, then gave the gavel of authority to the new Grand Chef Willis. Grand Chef Grant had his new chapeau put on his head by his son and received a kiss from his wife.

The new Grand Chef de Gare, Leslie Willis, spoke to the membership thanking them for electing him and stated that his goal for this year is to have fun. At this time, the families and friends were asked to leave so that we may proceed in closing the Grande Promenade.

The new Grande Chef de Gare, Grant Willis, closed the Grande Promenade in the proper manner at 11:03 AM.

Submitted by  
Jerry J. Castulik  
Grand Correspondant

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### Brief History of Grande Voiture of Missouri

The first Voiture Locale in the State of Missouri, and the third in La Societe, was organized through the efforts of Harry H. Pierce, Kansas City, Pierce having been initiated at the Promenade in Cleveland, September 29, 1920. Charter was granted November 4, 1920.

Rulif M. Martin was the Premier Chef de Gare of Voiture Trois; Harry H. Pierce, Chef de Train; Robert T. Swofford, Commissaire Intendant and William G. Guthrie, Correspondant.

Voiture 38, St. Louis, followed, application for Charter having been made by Colonel John H. Parker, January 27, 1921. The premier officers elected were: Dr. H. S. Renfrow, Chef de Gare; Francis N. Curlee, Chef de Train, George M. Hagee, Commissaire Intendant and Carleton E. Branch, Correspondant.

Fred Windsor and Clay C. MacDonald were instrumental in perfecting organization of the third Voiture Locale, Buchanan County No. 130, September 21, 1921, to be located at St. Joseph, host city of The American Legion Convention that year. Clay C. MacDonald was named Chef de Gare; A. L. Loving, Chef de Train; Col. H. H. McCord, Commissaire Intendant and F. R. Kirtley, Correspondant.

It was at St. Joseph; the Grande Voiture of Missouri was organized by delegates from the three existing Voitures. At a dinner meeting, to which all Voyageurs were invited, Col. John H. "Gattlin Gun" Parker, St. Louis (38) was elected Grand Chef de Gare and Rulif M. Martin, Kansas City (3) Grand Correspondant.

The Missouri Voyageurs were also hosts to the Promenade Nationale held in Kansas City in 1921.

Mississippi County Voiture 156 at Charleston was organized late in 1921, while others to follow in 1922 were: Boone County 292 at Columbia; Jasper County 293 at Joplin; Linn County 301 at Marceline; Henry County 333 at Clinton; Macon County 447 at Callao and St. Louis County 448 at Maplewood.

(to be continued next month)

# GRANDE VOITURE DU MISSOURI

## Grande Cheminot and Homecoming October 5 through 7, 2007

Will be Held at the DoubleTree Hotel  
St Louis at Westport  
1973 Craigshire  
St. Louis Mo. 63146  
Tel (314) 434-0100  
Fax (314) 434-5067

Hotel rates are as follows:  
\$75.00 for Single and Double Occupancy  
\$85.00 for Triple and Quad Occupancy  
Current Tax rate will be 7.5%

**Make all reservations directly with the Hotel by September 5, 2007.**  
**When you make reservations please mention that you are with the 40/8 Honor Society**

### Friday October 5, 2007

Registration 3:00 til 5:00PM  
Hospitality Room 3:00PM til ???

### Saturday October 6, 2007

Registration 8:00 AM til noon  
Hospitality Room 8:30AM til 1:00PM  
Executive Meeting 9:00AM  
Cheminot will start at 1:00 PM.  
Cocktails starting at 6:00 PM  
The Banquet will start at 7:00 PM.  
Hospitality Room opened after Banquet

### Sunday October 7, 2007

Donuts/Coffee 7:00 til 9:00AM

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**Make checks payable to Voiture 448** and send check to Art Wilson, 725 Beardsley,  
Ferguson, Mo. 63135 or Grant Willis, 8 Shireford Ln, Ferguson, Mo. 63135.

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse Name \_\_\_\_\_

Voiture Number \_\_\_\_\_

Banquet per Person \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Total \_\_\_\_\_

VOYAGEURS OF 2006 - 2007

## MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

### VOITURE 3

Mark E. Nield  
Richard A. King  
Donald R. Hilker, Sr.  
Donald Gulick  
Joe Cruse  
John B. Fariss, Jr.  
Bob Thornhill  
Jerry Wald  
Peter Gutierrez  
Benedick Zobrist  
Leo Beeson  
Dewey R. Brown

### VOITURE 38

Arthur Boennighausen  
Jasper J. "Jack" Lato  
Clarence H. Semmel  
John L. Pisoni  
Robert B. Setzer, Jr.

### VOITURE 130

Charles Modrell

### VOITURE 292

Eldon Calvin  
Robert R Turner  
Lloyd Rugen

### VOITURE 293

Robert Bennison

### VOITURE 333

Ray Mickels

### VOITURE 448

Melvin R. Jones  
Eugene A. "Gene" Kupferer  
Walter G. Stolte  
Edward J. Pahuski  
Orvis E. Chartrand  
Ernest "Red" Williams  
Randy L. Haenel  
Corwin P. Thompson  
Carl Lam  
Albert A. Bartz  
Paul G. Johnson  
Paul V. Pauge  
Joseph M. Dougherty, Jr.  
Gerald T. Settlemoir  
Robert A. Teague  
Henry L. "Chris" Christianson  
Allen M. Jett  
Richard W. Eimer, Sr.

### VOITURE 460

Robert Dubowski  
Michael E. Geyer

### VOITURE 760

Minor L. Hollan  
Charles Roper  
Vance Roper  
John L. Freeman  
Lionel G. Harrison  
Wayne Giffin  
Sam A. Goucher  
George Baker  
Albert Powell  
Robert Wilson  
Bert Atteberry

### VOITURE 966

William R. "Ray" Ball  
Robert Martin "Bob" Dunbar

### VOITURE 1292

Don Akre  
Frank Luedtke  
Glen Pavitt

### VOITURE 1321

Alvin Mottert  
Donald G. "Don" Okenfuss

### VOITURE 1379

Robert E. Burnett

### VOITURE 1395

Ethmer Hildebrand

### VOITURE 1402

Jim Smith

### VOITURE 1403

Robert B. Campbell, Sr.  
William Iiams

### VOITURE 1541

Robert Dunbar  
Harold Robor

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**MEMBERSHIP GRAND VOITURE DU MISSOURI  
as of August 3, 2007**

LOCALE	2006	2007	PERCENT	Short/Over
3	142	142	100%	0
38	155	160	103%	5
130	32	32	100%	0
292	67	63	94%	-4
293	16	16	100%	0
333	53	84	158%	31
447	14	9	64%	-5
448	224	228	101%	4
460	66	70	106%	4
520	14	14	100%	0
760	133	98	73%	-35
848	16	14	87%	-2
966	15	12	80%	-3
1292	67	73	108%	6
1321	91	89	97%	-2
1379	33	34	103%	1
1395	18	22	122%	4
1402	43	47	109%	4
1403	58	59	101%	1
1541	70	67	95%	-3
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,327</b>	<b>1,333</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>6</b>

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