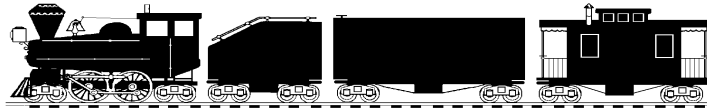


Communiqué

La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Cheveaux

Grande Voiture du Missouri



August 2015 - Grand Chef de Gare David Bexten

- L'Editeur Grant Willis

The Grand Chef Sez

Wow, how time fly's. Here it is the end of July already. First I want to thank my fellow voyagers for the confidence you placed in me to lead the Grande Voiture du Missouri. It is certainly an honor to serve all of you.

On the first afternoon after I was sworn in as chef, I was honored to be present for the return of the American Legion Riders from their Legacy Run as they ended at Post 5 Jefferson City. The Legacy Run was a huge success as they traveled across our great state. What an amazing group of Legion Riders!

Things are starting to pick up. On Saturday night July 25th I was honored to visit voiture 448 in Creve Coeur for their installation of Salon 116-Eight et Forty and voiture 448. - Forty et Eight. Congratulations to new Chef de Gare, Michael Moore and his fellow officers. On Sunday July 26 I visited St. Roberts voiture 460 for the installation of their officers. Congratulations to their new chef de Gare, Vicki Ervin. Once again the hospitality was above and beyond.

My calendar is filling up fast and I am honored to visit each and every voiture. Unfortunately I've had some conflicts with dates but I promise I will make them up to you. If you have a function you would like me to attend, please let me know as soon as possible and I will do my utmost best to

attend. See below for contact information. Until next month be safe and stay cool.

Dave Bexten
Grand Chef de Gare du Missouri

Sous Grand Correspondants Notes

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

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.

Grande Voiture du Missouri Youth Sports-News

Good News! As stated in the "Voyageur's Guide, page 31, ...No athlete should stay at home for the lack of funds. I like to add, if I may in this brief article, every athlete child or youth is blessed by the generosity, helping hand, and a love for youth sports and child welfare of Voyageurs in Grande Voiture du Missouri.

Up-coming sport activities and competitions in Special Olympics Missouri (SOMO) are always for persons interested in volunteering or by becoming a unified player alongside of a Special Olympics athlete. Below are SOMO web-links that any Voyageur could become a volunteer or unified player in any sport of their choosing. Yes, WE are always lending a helping hand.

Volunteer Registration Center For more information, please email:

volunteer@somo.org

Upcoming Opportunities:

- [2015 Central Area Softball Tournament \(Higginsville, MO\)](#)
- [2015 KC Metro Area Bocce Competition - Aug 23](#)
- [2015 KC Metro Area Golf Tournament - Aug 26](#)
- [2015 KC Metro Area Tennis Tournament - July 22](#)
- [2015 North Area Flag Football Tournament- August 15](#)
- [2015 North Area Softball Tournament- August 1](#)
- [2015 Regional Softball Tournament \(KC Metro\) - Aug. 28 & 29](#)
- [2015 Regional Softball Tournament \(STLM\)- August 8](#)
- [2015 St. Louis Area Bocce Tournament - Aug. 15th](#)
- [2015 St. Louis Area Flag Football - Aug. 30th](#)

Thank you for your helping hand.

Sous Grande Director Youth Sports,

Ann Roberts

HISTORIEN

Fellow Voyageurs, for the period July 2015-June 2016 I will be preparing the Grande du Missouri History book for Grand Chef David Bexten.

I need every Locale's help! Since it is not possible for me to attend every single function, I am asking for your support. My goal is to have every Locale represented in the History book. If your Voiture has any event or activity where pictures are taken, I would appreciate if you would email me a picture or two in JPG format. If you need to mail me a cd or dvd with pictures please do so, I will return them if requested. I will take printed pictures as well but prefer them in digital format if at all possible. A couple examples are your Installation of Officers, BBQ's, presentations of checks for your Nursing Scholarships, Fundraisers, and any other gatherings where your chapeau or Voiture ball cap are worn.

Please email the pictures to

devildogpack@gmail.com. I appreciate your help in making Chef Bexten's History Book a success. I can't do it without you.

Richard Pack

Grand Historien

4015 Cambridge Cir

Jefferson City, MO 65109

devildogpack@gmail.com

573-690-0308



L to R are Jack Spitler - Chef de Gare Voiture 1541, Eve M. Holzemer - Women Veterans Program Manager, and Leon Hill, Alternate Cheminot Nationale. A check for \$300.00 was presented to the VA Saint Louis Health Care System on behalf of Voiture Nationale, VAVS.



Voiture 38 Locomotive and its Crew



The Spirit of St. Louis
Voiture Locale 38
of the 40 and 8
will be hosting their

Third Annual Trivia Night

Saturday, August 22, 2015

Genesis Banquet Center
2651 Telegraph Road
St. Louis, MO 63125

Full open bar all evening

Tables of eight \$200 (\$25 per person)

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. – Trivia at 7:00 p.m.

For any additional information, call or email

Jim Dwyer at 636-296-5504 or jamesdwyer@att.net



To reserve your table, complete the form below
and mail with your check for \$200 to the address below.

Team Captain _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone # _____ email _____



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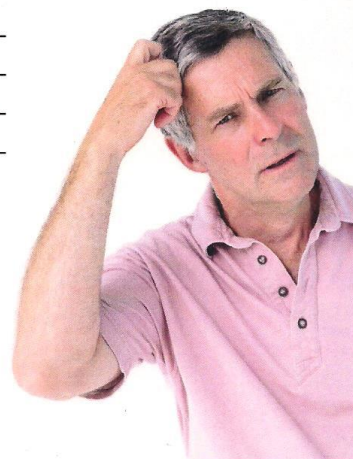
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Arnold, MO 63010

Make check payable to Voiture Locale 38

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**When: September 26th, 2015
7:00 P.M. till 11:00 P.M.**

Where:

**Our Lady of Mercy Country Home
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**Make Hotel reservations directly with Truman Hotel by September 1, 2015.
Mention 40 & 8 Honor Society, for special rates when making reservation.**

Friday, October 2, 2015

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

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

Saturday, October 3, 2015

Registration 9:00 A.M. until Noon

Executive Meeting 9AM

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

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

Hospitality Room open after Cheminot until 5:30PM

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, October 4, 2015

Check Out

HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME

Deadline for registration for the banquet is September 26th, 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

GRAND PROMENADE, June 28, 2015
TRUMAN HOTEL, JEFFERSON CITY, Missouri

With a rap of the gavel, Grand Chef de Gare Leon Hill, opened the Grand Promenade 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 may have been sleeping. Roll call of Grand Chefs de Gare Passe showed 11 answering. Roll call of Grand Cheminots showed there was a quorum. Absent were Voitures 3, 333, 447, 520, 966, 1395, and 1402.

Grand Avocat Richard Heigert offered a notion to follow the Voiture Nationale rules of procedure and if they do not apply then Roberts Rules of Order. Seconded by Kevin Johnson and passed.

Notion offered by John Kopp, seconded by Kevin Johnson, that the minutes of the July 20, 2014 Grande Promenade be accepted as printed and sent out...passed.

Grand Chef Leon Hill called on the Grande Promenade Committees starting with the Audit Committee chaired by Rich Heigert with the help of Sam Guenther and David Voyles. Also present were Grand Commissaire Intendant Chip Berkley and Grand Correspondant Terry Lanning. Rich stated the Audit took place on June 27, 2015 at the Truman Hotel at 10:00 AM. The Committee reconciled the ledger with the bank statements and all outstanding checks and deposits through June 27, 2015 were accounted for. The Grande began the year with \$2,811.01 and had deposits totaling \$16,930.17. Expenses totaled \$15,343.73 leaving a final balance of \$4,397.45. This is an increase of \$1,586.44 for the past year. Some of the causes were a reduction in travel expenses and use of email instead of regular mail for most of the Grandes newsletters. The Grande Voiture has two CD's, #721 for \$5,000 and #722 for \$4,000. This past year two CD's totaling \$9,000 were converted to investments at Stifel-Nicolaus. The committee recommends that the 2 CD's be renewed for 1 year in September. Also recommend that the Stifel-Nicolaus investment be reviewed next June to see what percentage of return is realized and make any adjustments then. The total worth of the Grand Voiture du Missouri as of today is \$22,397.45.. The Audit Committee would like to thank Grand Correspondant Terry Lanning and Grand Commissaire Intendant Chip Berkley for their excellent recordkeeping which made the audit much easier. Notion offered by Rich, seconded by Ed Jones, to approve the Audit Committee Report and the finance report as presented...passed.

Grand Chef Leon Hill called on the Resolutions Committee chaired by Art Wilson. Art reported that he opened the committee at 9:30AM in the Board Room. In attendance were 9 voyageurs representing 6 Voitures. Art stated he had resolutions for Dave Bexten for Grand Chef de Gare, Thomas "Chip" Berkley for Grand Chef de Train, David Voyles for Grand Commissaire Intendant, and Terry L. Lanning for Grand Correspondant. They recommended these be approved and passed on to the Nomination Committee for action. There was a resolution for Terry L Lanning for the High Office of Commissaire Intendant National. The Resolutions committee agreed to approve the resolution for Terry Lanning for Commissaire Intendant National. Committee adjourned at 9:55 AM. Art Wilson offered a notion to approve the Resolution Committee report, seconded by Rose Noonan...passed. Art also offered a notion to approve the resolution for Terry Lanning for Commissaire Intendant National, seconded by Dave Christian and passed.

Grand Chef Leon Hill called on the Chairman of the Credential Committee, Dave Bexten. Dave gave the voting strength for each Voiture plus Grand Chef de Gare present with an overall count of 71. Dave offered a notion, seconded by Tom Goodin, that the report be accepted as given...passed.

Grand Chef Leon Hill called on the Constitution Committee chaired by Robert Phillips opened at 9:00AM. Robert reported no recommendations for changes. No Voiture Locales sent in a revised Constitution for approval this year. Recommendation that each Locale review their current constitution and if necessary, submit to the Grande Avocat a revised one for approval. Meeting adjourned at 9:06AM. Robert offered a notion that his report be accepted, seconded by John Kopp...passed.

New Business —.

Grand Chef Leon Hill called on the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Kevin Johnson. Kevin reported that the meeting was held at the Truman Hotel. There were a number of voyageurs in attendance. The Nominating Committee recommends to the Grande these elected officers. Kevin read the recommendation of the Committee for elective officers for 2015-2016.

ELECTIVE OFFICERS	NAME	VOITURE
Grand Chef de Gare	David Bexten	1292
Grand Chef de Train	Thomas (Chip) Berkley	292
Grand Commissaire Intendant	David N. Voyles	130
Grand Correspondant	Terry L. Lanning	448
Cheminot Nationale	Ralph Turner	460
Alternate Cheminot Nationale	Leon L. Hill	1541
Voitures (447-460-760-1395)		
Sous Grand Chef de Train	A.J. Noonan	460
Advisor	Kevin Johnson	460
Voitures (38-448-966-1321-1541)		
Sous Grand Chef de Train	Janice Hartley	1541
Advisor	Robert Phillips	1541
Voitures (3-130-333-1379-1402)		
Sous Grand Chef de Train	Calvin Bumgarner	1379
Advisor	Edward Jones	1379
Voitures (292-520-1292-1403)		
Sous Grand Chef de Train	Richard Pack	1292
Advisor	Larry Ebersold	1292
Grand Medicin	Errol Wilson	760
Sous Grand Medicin	Dannie Farris	292
Grand Garde de la Porte	John Paul Kopp	1379
Grand Historien	Richard Pack	1292
Grand Avocat	Richard A Heigert	1321
Sous Grand Avocat	Leslie G. Willis	448
Grand Commis Voyageur	Orval L. Jensen	130
Grand Directeur Child Welfare	Benjamin Sargent	460
Sous Grand Dir. Child Welfare	Marvin Tulla	460
Grand Directeur Voiture Activities	George W. Ridley	448
Sous Grand Dir. Voiture Activities	Chris Bryson	460
Grand Directeur Nurses Training	Jim Hartley	1541
Sous Grand Dir. Nurses Training	Jack Spitler	1541
Grand Aumonier	John Kopp	1379
Sous Grand Aumonier	Sam Guenther	1403
Grand Drapeau East	Dave Christian	38
Grand Drapeau West	Kerry Boardman	3
Grand Lampiste	Vernon Hudspeth	1379
Grand Cheminot-at-Large	Robert G. Eisenbath	1541
Grand Cheminot-at-Large	Kevin Johnson	460
Grand Cheminot-at-Large	Arthur L. Wilson	448
Grand Cheminot-at-Large	Clarence Buckley	760
Grand Cheminot-at-Large	Robert Phillips	1541

David Bexten was elected by acclamation as Grand Chef de Gare. Thomas "Chip" Berkley was elected by acclamation as Grand Chef de Train. David Voyles was elected by acclamation as Grand Commissaire Intendant. Terry L. Lanning was elected by acclamation as Grand Correspondant. Notion offered by Rich Heigert, seconded by George Ridley, that the balance of the officers be elected by acclamation...passed. Kevin read the appointed officers with permission by Grand Chef de Gare Elect, David Bexten, and they are:

APPOINTED OFFICERS	NAME	VOITURE
Sous Grand Correspondant	Leslie G. Willis	448
Grand Publiciste	Robert Emery	1379
Grand Organizer	Robert W. Phillips	1541
Sous Grand Organizer	Larry Ebersold	1292
Sous Grand Organizer	Clarence C. Buckley	760
Grand Conducteur	Terry McDonald	292
Sous Grand Conducteur	Tom Goodin	1292
Sous Grand Conducteur	Ed Trube	1292
Sous Grand Conducteur	Jerry Phillips	1379
Grand Directeur Americanism	Robert C. Emery	1379
Sous Grand Dir. Americanism	Sam M. Guenther	1403
Grand Directeur Box Car	Ed Schmidt	1379
Sous Grand Directeur Box Car	Shane Zimmer	1292
Sous Grand Directeur Box Car	Hallie Williams	448
Grand Directeur Carville Star	Mike Scruby	1379
Grand Directeur POW/MIA	Frank Angelo	460
Sous Grand Directeur POW/MIA	Matt Ervin	460
Sous Grand Directeur POW/MIA	Allen Schultz	1541
Grand Directeur Ritual	Rose Noonan	460
Sous Grand Directeur Ritual	Kevin Johnson	460
Grand Directeur Special Awards	Robert E. Lee	292
Sous Grand Dir. Special Awards Law & Order	Robert E. Lee	292
Sous Grand Dir. Special Awards Hero of the Year	Mike Brueckmann	38
Grand Directeur VAVS	Tom Goodin	1292
Sous Grand Directeur VAVS	William H. Hoppe	1321
Sous Grand Directeur VAVS	Billie Gammill	1379
Grand Directeur Youth Sports	Curtis Russell	292
Sous Grand Directeur Youth Sports	Ann Roberts	1379
Executive Committee "Advisory" & "Protocol"	Richard A. Heigert	1321
	Leslie G. Willis	448
Time & Place Committee (chair)	Arthur L. Wilson	448
	Larry R. Ebersold	1292
	Kevin Johnson	460
Distinguished Voyageur (chair)	Leon Hill (2)	1541
	Terry L. Lanning (2)	448
	Edward R. (1)	1379
	Robert W. Phillips (1)	1541
	Ralph Turner (3)	38
	Leslie G. Willis (3)	448
Distinguished Guest Committee	Robert Phillips	1541
	Terry L. Lanning	448
	Richard A. Heigert	1321
MAVO	Charlie Goodin – Legislative	1292

	Representative	
	Tom Goodin– Delegate at Large	1292
Grand Chef de Gare	David Bexten - Delegate	1292
Grand Chef de Train	Thomas (Chip) Berkley	292
Grand Correspondant	Terry Lanning - Delegate	448
Aide de Camp	Larry Ebersold	1292

Notion offered by Rich Heigert, seconded by George Ridley, that the appointments by the Grand Chef de Gare Elect, David Bexten, be approved as read...passed.

Notion offered by Rich Heigert, second by Dave Christian, that the delegates to the 2015 Promenade Nationale at Green Bay, Wisconsin be Janice Hartley, Leon Hill, John Kopp, Calvin Bumgarner, and Ann Roberts. Leon Hill being the Chairman of the delegation with the right of appointment and Terry Lanning being the Secretary of the delegation...passed.

Grand Chef Leon Hill relieved the members of the Grande Promenade Committees.

Newly elected David Bexten gave a short speech and he thanked everyone.

Ralph Turner turned over Junior Doc Buzzard to Leon Hill to take care of.

The Promenade was recessed at 9:50 AM to let the families and friends in for the Memorial Service and installation of officers.

The Grande Promenade came back to order at 10:05 AM. Grand Chef Leon Hill turned the podium over to Grand Aumonier, John Kopp. He was assisted by Rich Heigert and Grand Correspondant, Terry Lanning for the Memorial Service.

Grand Chef Leon Hill asked that the installing officer Kevin Johnson come to the podium. Kevin installed the newly elected Grand Chef de Gare, David Bexten, first. Afterwards Kevin installed the rest of the elected and appointed officers.

Installing Officer, Kevin Johnson, took out of office the Past Grand Chef de Gare Leon Hill and presented him with a Past Grand Chef's pin. Leon Hill then spoke to the membership thanking them for the great year he had.

Installing Officer, Kevin Johnson, then gave the gavel of authority to the new Grand Chef de Gare David Bexten.

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 Bexten, closed the Grand Promenade in the proper manner at 10:44 AM.

Submitted by
Terry L. Lanning
Grand Correspondant