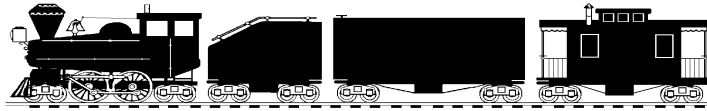


Communiqué
La Société des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux
Grande Voiture du Missouri



August 2017 - Grand Chef de Gare David Voyles - L'Editeur Grant Willis



The Grand Chef

Fellow Voyageurs,
 I want to thank the Voyageurs of the Grande for allowing me to be the Grande Chef de Gare of Missouri for the year of 2017 to 2018. Also I want to give special thanks to Voiture's 130, 292, 448, 1379, 1541, and Robert and Tina Phillips, Barb Sheets and Sandra Findeiss for bringing give away gifts for the Voyageurs and Guests at the Saturday night Banquet.

I have five Voiture's schedule at this time to install their officers. I want to thank Benjamin Sargent and his Voiture 460 for their great hospitality that I received at their installation. I am looking forward to installing the other Voiture's at a later date. As the Grande Chef de Gare I assure you that I will fulfill my obligation to the Voyageurs and the Grande.

There is a lot of knowledge in our Voiture's that could make our Grande stand out among the other Grande's. It is important that we share this knowledge among all Voyageurs. Working together we can make a difference in being a successful Grande. An active Voiture can help to get the word out to the public. We need the public to know what the 40/8 does for its community.

My wife Ruth and I want to thank all the ladies and Voyageurs who helped with the hospitality room during our turn at the Wreck and the Grande. Again, I want to take this opportunity to thank everybody for helping me to reach the high office of Grande Chef de Gare.

Grand Chef de Gare
 David N. Voyles

**Sous Grand
 Correspondants Notes**

Another year is upon us and it is time to hear from our new dircteurs. The articles for the next newsletter will be due by August 31st 2017.

Americanism, Carville Star, and
 Child Welfare

MEMBERSHIP

The membership report at the end of this newsletter shows where everyone is at as of July 27th. It is showing that we ended up 73 short for the year. We have been going down each year about this amount and if the trend does not change we will be closing shop in about 10 years. Now is the time to send out the renewal notices for 2018 and let's see if we can improve membership this year.

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

GRAND CHEMINOT, JULY 1, 2017
RAMADA PLAZA HOTEL, SPRINGFIELD, Missouri

With a rap of the gavel, Grand Chef de Gare Chip Berkley, opened the Grand Cheminot at 1:01 PM with a salute to the Flag, the Pledge of Allegiance, and a prayer by Grand Sous Aumonier Sam Guenther.

Roll call of officers showed more absent than excused. Roll call of Grand Chefs de Gare Passe showed that eleven answered. Roll call of Grand Cheminots showed that we had a quorum. Voyageurs don't know how to answer roll call so they paid a fine. Absent was Voitures 38, 966, 1321, 1395, and 1402. The Chef appointed Robert Phillips to be acting Grand Lampiste and Grant Willis to be Grand Guard de la Porte or vice versa, there was some question as to who was who. They both did a mighty fine job even if they did not know the password and gave out an incorrect password.

Sous Grand Avocat Grant Willis said we will use the same rules as outlined in Roberts Rules.

Notion offered by Kevin Johnson, seconded by Art Wilson, that the Grand Spring Cheminot minutes are accepted as printed and sent out...passed.

Grand Correspondant Terry Lanning asked to let him, Leon or Chip know if you have an interest in a National Committee position.

Grand Commissaire Intendant, Calvin Bumgarner, stated the finance report was passed out and he discussed it.

Grand Chef de Train Voyles said we are at 91% and called on the Sous Chef de Trains to report on their Voitures, to which A. J. Noonan stated his Voitures were at 84% and 22 short, Mike Scruby said his Voitures were at 94% and 18 short, and Terry McDonald said his Voitures were at 93% and 10 short. The Grand has a total membership of 850.

The highlights of the Grand Cheminot reports are: Voiture 3 is at 107%, has 25 nurses in training, had a dinner for their nurses; Voiture 130 is selling towels and raised \$8,000, they are getting new voyagers to help out; Voiture 333 presented a Jr ROTC Cadet of the Year a trophy, have 2 nurses in training, had a nursing scholarship fundraiser selling sandwiches, had their annual Memorial Day picnic and made \$1,000, will be in the Sedalia 4th of July Parade, concerning work on the Box Car they ordered new shields and Plexiglas backings for the shields, will do the restoration where the box car is located, all work should be done by the 2018 State Fair; Voiture 448 had a BBQ on June 3rd at Cabela's, had a Christmas Party and Easter Party at Marygrove kids home, will now be meeting at Post 338; Voiture 460 have 17 nurses in training, spent \$100 on some local sports teams, will have a BBQ on 7/4/17 at Post 331, and is having a gun raffle; Voiture 760 1 nurse in training, \$1,000 for Ozark Food Harvest, \$500 for Battered Women's Home; Voiture 1292, had a BBQ for Nurses Training, had a golf tournament and made \$5,500, is at 94%; Voiture 1379 will have their ChickNick on August 19, 2017, 2 nurses in training; Voiture 1541 will have their Car Show on August 19, 2017, posted colors for Memorial Day, Installation will be on September 27, 2017 at 6:00pm, Voyageur Ralph Stross is having some medical problems, conducted a Calvin Kane ceremony, 3 nurses in training, had their Night at the Races and did good, have 2 new PG's.

Grand Historien Hallie William said he received one Voiture History book from Voiture 1541 and won 1st place. He also received reports from Voiture 1321 who won 3rd place and Voiture 460 who won 2nd place.

Grand Directeur Child Welfare Benjamin Sargent could not be here but sent in his report. A. J. Noonan read the report which said as you all should know this is one of the oldest programs in the 40/8. We have been and will be about children. He received 6 reports showing cash spent of \$77,000, logged 7,500 miles and 2,500 hours. 1st place went to 1321, 2nd place went to 460 and 3rd place went to 1379.

Grand Directeur Voiture Activities George Ridley said he received 9 reports. 1st place went to 448, 2nd place went to 460 and 3rd place went to 333.

Grand Directeur Nurses Training Jim Hartley said there are 64 Nurses in Training in the Grande and spent \$54,850. He received 11 reports. 1st place went to 3, 2nd place went to 460 and 3rd place went to 292. Jim offered a notion to give the PG fines collected of (\$142.12) to the Boland Trust, seconded by Ralph Turner and passed.

Grand Sous Directeur Aumonier Sam Guenther said to let him know if any Voitures have any deceased to add to the Memorial Ceremony.

Grand Publiciste Bob Emery said he received 9 reports. 1st place went to 1292, 2nd place went to 1379 and 3rd place went to 460.

Grand Directeur Americanism Bob Emery said he received 11 reports for a total of \$677,906. 1st place went to 1541, 2nd place went to 448 and 3rd place went to 333.

Grand Directeur Box Car Janice Hartley said you can order pins and card now for 2018. All of the 2017 pins and cards have been paid for. 1st place went to 460 and received the trophy, 2nd place went to 448 and 3rd place went to 1541.

Grand Directeur Carville Star Jerry Phelps - Mike Scruby gave his report and said 6 reports were received. 1st place went to 1379, 2nd place went to 1541 and 3rd place went to 460.

Grand Directeur POW/MIA Frank Angelo - AJ Noonan gave his report and said 6 reports were received and 225 pins were sold. 1st place went to 460, 2nd place went to 448 and 3rd place went to 1321. He has 75 pins to sell, so if anyone wants any let him know.

Grand Directeur Ritual Kevin Johnson said he received 3 new suggested passwords. He will send them to Voiture National, but you do not need the Grand approval, a Voiture can send them directly to Voiture National. He received 10 reports. He asked Rich Heigert to complete the form to submit Voiture 1321 Ritual report for the Joel A. Bunch Award. 1st place went to 1321, 2nd place went to 448 and 3rd place went to 460.

Grand VAVS Chairman Rose Noonan said she received 7 reports. She received a thank you letter from Training for Life for the Grande's \$50 donation. 1st place went to 1321, 2nd place went to 460 and 3rd place went to 1541.

Grand Directeur Youth Sports Ann Roberts written report said 1st place went to 460, 2nd place went to 1379 and 3rd place went to 448.

Grand Sous Correspondant, Grant Willis said the Grand Chef and any other articles are due to him by the end of the month. If anyone else has anything to put in the Grande Newsletter then send it to him. If a voyageur wants the newsletter then send Grant their email address and he will email the newsletter to them. The next newsletter will go out August 1st. If a voyageur changes their email address then let him know.

Time and Place Committee Art Wilson said we will be here for all of 2018.

Aide de Camp Terry McDonald said him and the Chef attended 30 events this year.

Central States - Art Wilson said the 2017 one in Austin had a good turnout. The Grande is setting up the one in Missouri in May 2018.

Old Business - none

New Business - The Central States wagon was won by Missouri and it is present. There is \$217.00 in fine money collected in the last year and not paid out. Kevin offered a notion to pay it to the Building Fund, seconded by Ralph and passed.

Good of the Grande Voiture - Past Grand Chef breakfast, meet in lobby at 6:40am. .

Grand Chef de Gare Berkley a fermé le Grand Cheminot de manière appropriée à 2:32 PM.

Submitted by,
Terry L. Lanning
Grand Correspondant

GRAND PROMENADE, July 2, 2017
RAMADA INN, SPRINGFIELD, Missouri

With a rap of the gavel, Grand Chef de Gare Chip Berkley, 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 Sous Grand Aumonier Sam Guenther.

Roll call of officers showed more absent than excused and the rest were sleeping. Roll call of Grand Chefs de Gare Passe showed 8 answering. Roll call of Grand Cheminots showed there was a quorum. Absent was Voitures 38, 333, 966, 1321, 1395, and 1402.

Sous Grand Avocat Grant Willis offered a notion to use Roberts Rules and the Standing Rules. Seconded by Janice Hartley and passed.

Notion offered by Art Wilson, seconded by Kevin Johnson, that the minutes of the July 3, 2016 Grande Promenade be accepted as printed and sent out...passed.

Grand Chef Chip Berkley called on the Grande Promenade Committees starting with the Audit Committee chaired by Grant Willis with the help of Terry McDonald and Janice Hartley. Also present were Grand Commissaire Intendant Calvin Bumgarner, Grand Chef Chip Berkley, and Grand Correspondant Terry Lanning. Grant stated the audit took place on July 1, 2017 at the Ramada Inn at 9:00 AM. The Committee reconciled the financial ledger with the bank statements and all outstanding checks. The Grande began the year with \$4,277.61 and had deposits totaling \$5,397.15. Disbursements totaled \$7,890.48 leaving a final balance of \$2,054.54. The Grande Voiture has two one year CD's, #721 for \$5,000 and #722 for \$4,000, both earning .6%. The Stifel-Nicolaus investment portfolio's value is \$9,102.09. Dividends are being paid at an average of 3.31% as of 5/31/2017. The committee recommends that the Grand renew CD 722 for \$4,000 for another year and CD 721 we will cash in \$1,000 and transfer into the checking account and renew the balance of \$4,000 for another year. The Audit Committee wishes to congratulate the Commissaire Intendant Calvin Bumgarner and Grand Correspondant Terry Lanning for the somewhat excellent condition of the financial records. Notion offered by Grant, seconded by Janice Hartley, to approve the Audit Committee Report and the finance report as presented...passed. Grant then said Calvin should be fined for \$5.90 for the amount his books were off.

Grand Chef Chip Berkley called on the Resolutions Committee chaired by Art Wilson. Art reported that he opened the committee at 9:00 AM. In attendance were 6 voyageurs representing 4 Voitures. Art stated he had resolutions for David Voyles for Grand Chef de Gare, Calvin Bumgarner for Grand Chef de Train, Janice Harley 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 Commissaire Intendant National. The Resolutions committee agreed to approve the resolution for Terry Lanning for Commissaire Intendant National. Committee adjourned at 9:06 AM. Art offered a notion to approve the Resolution Committee report, seconded by Kevin Johnson...passed. Art also offered a notion to approve the resolution for Terry Lanning for Commissaire Intendant National, seconded by Jim Hartley and passed.

Grand Chef Chip Berkley called on the Chairman of the Credentials Committee, David Voyles. David gave the voting strength for each Voiture plus Grand Chefs de Gare Passe present with an overall count of 42. David offered a notion, seconded by Janice Hartley, that the report be accepted as given...passed.

Grand Chef Chip Berkley called on the Constitution Committee chaired by Robert Phillips opened at 9:30 AM. 5 Voyageurs were present representing 5 Voitures. Robert reported no recommendations for changes. Robert stated approximately 7 of Voiture Locales still need to update their constitution. Robert offered a notion that his report be accepted, seconded by Kevin Johnson...passed.

New Business – Grand Chef Chip Berkley called on the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Kevin Johnson. Kevin reported that the meeting was held at the Ramada Inn at 9:45 AM. There were 5 Voiture Locales represented.

Four resolutions were given to the committee and made available for those present at the meeting to read. After a very short discussion in was agreed the following recommendations would be presented to the Grand Promenade. Kevin read the recommendation of the Committee for elective officers for 2017-2018

ELECTIVE OFFICERS	NAME	VOITURE
Grand Chef de Gare	David N. Voyles	130
Grand Chef de Train	Calvin Bumgarner	1379
Grand Commissaire Intendant	Janice Hartley	1541

Grand Correspondant	Terry L. Lanning	448
Cheminot Nationale	David Bexten	1292
Alternate Cheminot Nationale	Thomas (Chip) Berkley	292
Voitures (460-760-1321-1395) Sous Grand Chef de Train	A.J. Noonan	460
Voitures (38-448-966-1541) Sous Grand Chef de Train	Hallie Williams	448
Voitures (3-130-1379-1402) Sous Grand Chef de Train	Mike Scruby	1379
Voitures (292-333-1292-1403) Sous Grand Chef de Train	Terry McDonald	292
Grand Medicin	Tommy Thomas	460
Grand Garde de la Porte	Vincent Rost	1292
Grand Historien	Robert Emery	1379
Grand Avocat	Leslie G. Willis	448
Sous Grand Avocat	Richard A. Heigert	1321
Grand Directeur Child Welfare	Benjamin Sargent	460
Sous Grand Dir. Child Welfare	Robert E. Lee	292
Grand Directeur Voiture Activities	Mike Brueckmann	38
Grand Directeur Nurses Training	Jim Hartley	1541
Grand Aumonier	Rose Noonan	460
Sous Grand Aumonier	Sam Guenther	1403
Grand Drapeau East	Larry Alderson	1292
Grand Drapeau West	Kerry Boardman	3
Grand Lampiste	George W. Ridley	448
Grand Cheminot-at-Large	Ed Jones	3
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 N. Voyles was elected by acclamation as Grand Chef de Gare. Calvin Bumgarner was elected by acclamation as Grand Chef de Train. Janice Hartley was elected by acclamation as Grand Commissaire Intendant. Motion offered by Grant Willis, seconded by Bob Phillips, 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 N. Voyles, and they are:

APPOINTED OFFICERS	NAME	VOITURE
Sous Grand Correspondant	Leslie G. Willis	448
Grand Publiciste	Robert Emery	1379
Grand Organizer	David Bexten	1292
Sous Grand Organizer	Art Wilson	448
Sous Grand Organizer	Rich Heigert	1321
Grand Conducteur	Robert Emery	1379
Sous Grand Conducteur	Shane Zimmer	1292
Sous Grand Conducteur	Terry McDonald	292
Sous Grand Conducteur	Vincent Rost	1292
Sous Grand Conducteur	Larry Alderson	1292
Sous Grand Conducteur	Joel Doyscher	1379
Sous Grand Conducteur	Kerry Boardman	3

Grand Directeur Americanism	Robert Emery	1379
Grand Directeur Box Car	Joel Doyscher	1379
Sous Grand Directeur Box Car	Shane Zimmer	1292
Sous Grand Directeur Box Car	Ernie Parker	333
Grand Directeur Carville Star	Mike Scruby	1379
Sous Grand Directeur Carville Star	Vernon Hudspeth	1379
Grand Directeur POW/MIA	Frank Angelo	460
Sous Grand Directeur POW/MIA	Allen Schultz	1541
Grand Directeur Ritual	Kevin Johnson	460
Sous Grand Directeur Ritual	Jay D'Andrea	760
Grand Directeur Special Awards	Richard Pack	1292
Grand Directeur VAVS	Thomas Goodin	1292
Sous Grand Directeur VAVS	William H. Hoppe	1321
Sous Grand Directeur VAVS	Don Newman II	1541
Grand Directeur Youth Sports	Ann Roberts	1379
Sous Grand Directeur Youth Sports	Charlie Thomure	460
Executive Committee "Advisory" & "Protocol"	Richard A. Heigert	1321
	Leslie G. Willis	448
Time & Place Committee (chair)	Arthur L. Wilson	448
	David Bexten	1292
	Kevin Johnson	460
Distinguished Voyageur (chair)	Leon Hill (3)	1541
	Terry L. Lanning (3)	448
	Edward R. Jones (2)	1379
	Robert W. Phillips (2)	1541
	Ralph Turner (1)	460
	Leslie G. Willis (1)	448
Distinguished Guest Committee	Robert Phillips	1541
	Terry L. Lanning	448
	Richard A. Heigert	1321
MAVO Grand Chef de Gare Grand Chef de Train Grand Correspondant	Tom Gooding – Legislative Representative	1292
	Thomas (Chip) Berkley– Delegate at Large	292
	David N. Voyles-Delegate	130
	Calvin Bumgarner-Delegate	1379
	Terry Lanning - Delegate	448
Central States Committee	Ralph Turner	460
	David Voyles	130
	Thomas (Chip) Berkley	292

Notion offered by Kevin Johnson, seconded by Kerry Boardman, that the appointments by the Grand Chef de Gare Elect, David Voyles, be approved as read...passed.

Notion offered by Grant Willis, second by Art Wilson, that the delegates to the 2017 Promenade Nationale at Bossier City, Louisiana be Leon Hill, Kevin Johnson, Calvin Bumgarner, Grant Willis and Janice Hartley. The Alternates will be Jim Hartley, David Bexten, Ed Jones, Chubs Buckley, and Leon Hill. David Voyles being the Chairman of the delegation with the right of appointment and Terry Lanning being the Secretary of the delegation...passed.

Grand Chef Chip Berkley relieved the members of the Grande Promenade Committees.

Newly elected David Voyles thanked everyone for electing him and he will give 110%.

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 Chip Berkley turned the podium over to Sous Grand Aumonier Sam Guenther. He was assisted by Kevin Johnson and Grand Correspondant Terry Lanning for the Memorial Service.

Grand Chef Chip Berkley asked that the installing officer Kevin Johnson come to the podium. Kevin installed the newly elected Grand Chef de Gare, David Voyles, 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 Chip Berkley and presented him with a Past Grand Chef's pin. Chip Berkley 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 Voyles.

At this time, the families and friends were asked to leave so that we may proceed in closing the Grande Promenade.

David Bexten officially presented Jr. Eagle to Chip Berkley to keep for the year.

The new Grande Chef de Gare Voyles closed the Grand Promenade in the proper manner at 10:43 AM.

Submitted by
Terry L. Lanning
Grand Correspondant



GRANDE CHEMINOT AND HOMECOMING



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For Deluxe King or Deluxe Double

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Handicapped Rooms Available

Mention 40&8 Honor Society for special rate when making reservations

Friday

Registration 3 P.M. to 6 P.M. in the Sahara Room
Hospitality Room 3 P.M. until ??? in the Sahara Room

Saturday

Registration 9 A.M. to 12 P.M. in the Sahara Room Lunch 11:30 A.M. to 1
P.M. in the Sahara Room Grande Cheminot 1 P.M. to 4 P.M. in the Coco
Ballroom Grand Chef de Gare Passé Social Hour 5 P.M. to 6 P.M. in the
Arabian Room Social Hour 6 P.M. to 7 P.M. – Cash Bar/Banquet 7 P.M. in
the Maui Ballroom Hospitality Room opens after Banquet

Sunday

HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME

Deadline to register for the banquet is September 22, 2017 - NO EXCEPTIONS

Make your check payable to Voiture 130 for registration

Send to: David Voyles

P.O. BOX 36

Amazonia, MO 64421

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Spouse/Guest _____

Title _____ Voiture Number _____

Banquet Buffett \$30.00/Person x Number of Guest _____ \$ _____

Registration Fee \$5.00 (Voyageurs Only) _____ \$ _____

Total \$ _____

MEMBERSHIP
July 27, 2017

Grande du MISSOURI

Voiture	2016	2017	2016	% of	short/over	Goal	% of	Short/over
	YTD	YTD	Year					
	Total	Total	End	Quota				Goal
3	42	45	42	107.14%	3	45	100.00%	0
38	88	84	88	95.45%	-4	93	90.32%	-9
130	30	35	30	116.67%	5	32	109.38%	3
292	40	40	40	100.00%	0	42	95.24%	-2
333	166	155	166	93.37%	-11	175	88.57%	-20
448	96	84	96	87.50%	-12	101	83.17%	-17
460	69	63	69	91.30%	-6	73	86.30%	-10
760	56	40	56	71.43%	-16	59	67.80%	-19
966	4	4	4	100.00%	0	5	80.00%	-1
1292	73	69	73	94.52%	-4	77	89.61%	-8
1321	66	68	66	103.03%	2	70	97.14%	-2
1379	55	45	55	81.82%	-10	58	77.59%	-13
1395	15	15	15	100.00%	0	16	93.75%	-1
1402	22	21	22	95.45%	-1	24	87.50%	-3
1403	22	18	22	81.82%	-4	24	75.00%	-6
1541	86	71	86	82.56%	-15	91	78.02%	-20
TOTALS	930	857	930	92.15%	-73	985	87.01%	-128