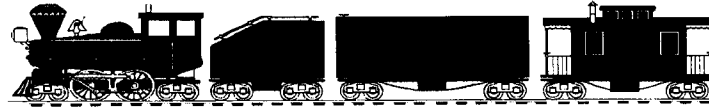




Communiqué
La Société des 40 Hommes et 8 Cheveux
Grande Voiture du Missouri



December 2009 - Grand Chef de Gare Gary Reno

- L'Éditeur Grant Willis

The Grand Chef Sez

Fellow Voyageurs;

We'll, here it is Christmas and I'm sure your home is as busy as ours as we prepare for the most wonderful holiday of the year. As for me, I was having a tough time getting into the spirit of things. After all, my only Son left today for Cincinnati Ohio for his new job. Promoted to District Manager, his Company decided that he should be there right now instead of waiting a few more weeks so that he could enjoy the Christmas Holidays with his family. Then I quickly realized how thoughtless I had become with my thinking. I say thoughtless because I failed to remember the thousands of families who are doing without their loved ones who are serving to keep our country free. Then there are those families, of all our wars, who are still waiting for answers. Answers about their loved one who are still listed as POW and MIA. The homeless, the wounded and the poor.

I think it is too easy for us to get so caught up in ourselves that we tend to forget what we have and be thankful for it. As for me, I now have a much better appreciation for what I have and a much brighter perspective towards this Holiday Season, not the least of which is for my Comrade Voyageurs and Legionnaires. May God Bless and Keep each of you safe and healthy.

WE HAVE TO TRY!!!

GARY RENO
GRAND CHEF DE GARE

**Sous Grand
Correspondants Notes**

If you have something that your Voiture is holding please send me a flyer and I will see that it is put into the newsletter.

We do have certain months when the newsletter is limited to space, such as this month, November and April, but I will see that they get into the previous month if given enough time before the event.

Address changes are always needed to keep the mailing list updated along with deaths within your Voiture.

Articles for the newsletter are needed by the end of the month, which you can send to e Mail willis.grant@sbcglobal.net or mail to Grant Willis, 8 Shireford, Ferguson, Mo. 63135.

The following is a schedule for articles due from the Directeur:

February – Americanism and Voyageur Activities

March – POW/MIA and Special Awards
April – Distinguished Voyageur Award

The next Newsletter will be February 2010.



UPCOMING DATES

- January 23, 2010 Voiture 1541 Coon Supper
- March 13, 2010 Voiture 1541 Night at the Races
- Grande Cheminot and Spring Wreck March 26 – 28, 2010, Jefferson City MO at the Truman Hotel

The Grande du Missouri web site is at: grandedumissouri.com
If anyone has anything they want to add or comments on the web site send it to Robert Emery at his e-mail address remery18@comcast.net and copy Grant Willis at willis.grant@sbcglobal.net.

A Couple of Grand Chef de Gare Passé who were under the weather are:

Update

Rich Heigert – who is doing great and should be back with us in the spring.

Art Wilson –had open heart surgery and is also doing great and should also be back with us in the Spring.

Art wanted to thank everyone for their cards and prayers doing his recovery.

The Grande du Missouri has received two announcements for Candidates for the office of Chef de Chemin de Fer for 2010-2011:

1) Joe Ser III from Grande du Virginia. Retired from the Air Force. Has held the office of Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer and Directeur of Nurses Training for 3 years as well as other offices.

2) Henry E. "Hank" Kwiatkowski from Grande du Louisiana. Has held the office of Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer 2009 and Sous Directeur of Disaster Relief, Membership and Americanism, Grand Correspondent 14 years as well as other offices. He organized and supervised Louisiana national emergency relief efforts after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita devastated Louisiana.

My Comrade Voyageurs

In our ongoing efforts to better serve you, our membership, we are making the following change.

Effective January 1, 2010, the price of the basic (new voyageur) chapeau, including lettering, and shipping will be lowered to \$33.00. Additional lettering for specific officer titles will be an additional \$.65 per letter. This pertains to all chapeaux - locale, grande, or nationale.

The ordering process will be done through Voiture Nationale.

As we continue to go forward you can be assured that we are constantly looking for ways to be more efficient and effective in utilizing our resources.

Yours for La Société,
Jerry Brady
Chef de Chemin de Fer



Merry Christmas and A

Happy New Year



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'S CHEFS de GARE & CORRESPONDANTS
ALL VOYAGEURS OF GRANDE VOITURE du MISSOURI**

This is the OFFICIAL CALL for the Spring Grande Cheminot and Wreck to be held March 26th to March 28th, 2010 at the Truman Hotel, 1510 Jefferson Street, Jefferson City, MO 65109, phone (573) 635-7171, toll free (800) 392-0202.

The Active Wreck will be held on Saturday, March 27th, 2010, at 9:00AM in Jefferson City.

The Spring Grande Cheminot will be held on Saturday March 27th, 2010 at 1:00 PM at the Truman Hotel.

There is no Executive Board Meeting scheduled on Saturday morning. If this changes, the time and place will be posted in the Hospitality Room.

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.

Terry L. Lanning
Grand Correspondant

Gary Reno
Grand Chef de Gare

GRANDE VOITURE DU MISSOURI

Spring Wreck & Grande Cheminot

March 26 through March 28, 2010

Will be held at the

Truman Hotel

1510 Jefferson Street

Jefferson City, Mo. 65109

Phone: 573-635-7171

FAX: 573-635-7519

Toll Free in Missouri 800-392-0202

Hotel Rates are as follows:

\$55.00 for Single and Double Occupancy

Make all reservations directly with the Hotel by March 12, 2010.

When you make reservations please mention you are with the 40et8 Honor Society.

Friday, March 26, 2010

Registration: 3:00 till 5:00 P.M.

Hospitality Room 3:00 P.M. – ????

Saturday March 27, 2010

Registration: 9:00 A.M. till NOON

Spring Wreck 9:00 AM

Lunch 11:30 AM

Cheminot 1:00 PM

Grand Chef de Gare Passé Social Hour – 5:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M

Cocktails 6:00 PM

Banquet 7:00 PM

Hospitality Room opened after Banquet

Sunday March 28, 2010

Donuts and Coffee 7:00 AM till 9:00 AM

Make checks payable to Voiture 1292

Send to

David Bexten

1343 County Road 632

Freeburg, Mo. 65035

Last Name _____ First _____ Spouse/Guest _____

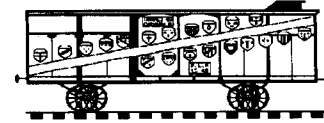
Voiture Number _____ Banquet per Person \$25.00 x No. of Guest _____ = _____

Buffett

Registration Fee \$10.00 _____

(Voitures Only)

Total: _____



MEMBERSHIP GRAND VOITURE DU MISSOURI
as of December 9, 2009

LOCALE	2009	2010	PERCENT	Short/Over
3	71	68	96%	-3
38	145	97	67%	-48
130	29	18	62%	-11
292	56	42	75%	-14
293	12	11	92%	-1
333	160	111	69%	-49
447	2	2	100%	0
448	177	103	58%	-74
460	63	59	94%	-4
520	10	11	110%	-0
760	80	68	85%	-12
966	8	7	88%	-1
1292	76	50	66%	-26
1321	78	66	85%	-12
1379	42	29	69%	-13
1395	22	14	64%	-8
1402	34	22	65%	-12
1403	45	29	64%	-16
1541	66	54	82%	-12
Totals	1,176	861	73%	-315

The Forty & Eight

*Charitable Veterans Since 1920***** 501(c)(19) non profit, tax exempt*

~ LEGACY OF HONOR ~

La Societe - also known as the “**Forty & Eight**” - is an independent fraternal organization of veterans. Our organization’s formal title is *La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux*; or the Society of Forty Men and Eight Horses. Established in 1920 by members of the American Legion as a fun and honor society, Forty & Eight’s founders based the organization on their military experiences in W.W.I. France. The box car of the French railways, which carried forty men (quarante hommes) or eight horses (huit chevaux) to the front, is the symbol of the organization. The numerals “40/8” on a triangle of French horizon blue is the logo of *La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux*. Today our organization’s titles are in French and we meet in symbolic W.W.I. train depots, in grateful homage to the sacrifices of our Doughboy founders and indeed to honor all Americans who yet serve.

Membership is open to any honorably discharged U.S. military personnel and active duty U.S.

military. The Forty & Eight has **34,000 member Voyageurs** worldwide. Many Voitures have **Parade Trains** and **Hobo Clowns** that bring smiles as they delight children and promote patriotism.

~ **OUR PURPOSE** ~

"To assist and promote the welfare and well-being of those who served in the Armed Forces of the United States, during all wars and conflicts recognized by the Congress of the United States, and their widows and orphans; to participate in all memorial services for and to be part in and to encourage others to participate in the proper observance of all days honoring veterans; to preserve the memories of our Services in the Armed Forces of our Country; to actively participate within our membership in projects relating to (a) the welfare of the children of America; (b) the health of our Nation by fostering a nurses training program; and (c) selected charitable endeavors."

~ **LEGACY OF CHARITY** ~

- Forty & Eight's **Child Welfare** program was founded in 1923 to help children in physical distress. In the 1930s, the Forty & Eight lead a national effort to inoculate every child against Diphtheria, bearing the expense for thousands of destitute American children.
- Today the Child Welfare program, in conjunction with the **Charles W. Ardery Child Welfare Trust**, expends more than \$8,000,000 annually. Aid is coordinated by local units of the Forty & Eight when local relief agencies are unable to move rapidly or cannot act. The program also supports childhood diabetes and cystic fibrosis research.
- Our **Nurses Training** program, unique to our organization, was established in 1955 as a means of ensuring adequate numbers of skilled nurses for our nation in time of war and peace. Augmented by the **George B. Boland Nurses Scholarship Trust**, the Forty & Eight Nurses Training program has graduated over 30,000 Registered Nurses with total program grants exceeding \$20,000,000.
- The Forty & Eight has a long association with the **Gillis W. Long National Disease Center** of Carville, Louisiana; a leading leprosy and tuberculosis research center. The Forty & Eight entirely funds the publication of the **Carville Star Magazine** for medical research.
- In partnership with the **Veterans Administration Voluntary Service V.A.V.S** program, our members volunteer at over 200 veteran medical facilities. The Forty & Eight's **Keep Those Wheelchairs Rolling** program meets patient needs for medical equipment.
- Forty & Eight's **Youth Sports** program provides financial assistance for youths 7 to 20, encompassing all amateur sports programs, including AAU/USA Junior Olympics and Special Olympics.
- Our **Americanism** program is committed to furthering the American way of life by sponsoring Flags for First Graders, Boys State, Girls State, civic programs for youths and seniors, and memorial dedication ceremonies. The Forty & Eight offers annual awards for Law Officer of the Year and Hero of the Year.

- The Forty & Eight **POW/MIA** program supports national efforts to return remains and provides a Scholarship Fund to aid families of POW/MIAs.
- Forty & Eight affiliates include, the **National Box Car Association** which raises funds for all Forty & Eight programs, the **Societe de La Femme** women's auxiliary, and the **Press Association of La Societe (P.A.L.S.)**

The Forty & Eight has recently championed *The Military Chaplain's Fund* that provides clothes and necessities for Armed Forces members injured in Afghanistan and Iraq.

The Legacy of Honor shown above will help you in your marketing of the 40 et 8. Use its attributes along with one more which is having fun.

VOITURE 1541 would like to invite you to our annual Coon Supper

When: Saturday January 23, 2010

Time: 6 – 7 PM Cocktail Hour

Meal at 7 PM

Location: Wentzville American Legion Post

**Menu: Includes Coon, Ham, German Potatoe Salad, Cole Slaw,
Green Beans and Deserts**

Donations will be accepted after the meal

All proceeds benefit Child Welfare and Nurses Training Programs

**If you have any questions contact Chef de Gare Ken Ziegemeier
(636) 278-3631**

Thank you in advance for your SUPPORT