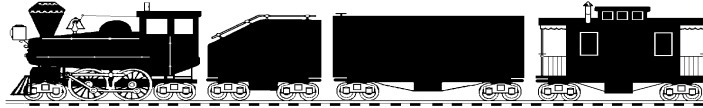


Communiqué
La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Cheveaux
Grande Voiture du Missouri



December 2010 - Grand Chef de Gare Larry Ebersold - L'Editeur Grant Willis

The Grand Chef Sez

Fellow Voyageurs:

The Holiday season is upon us and I want to start off by wishing you and yours the best of everything. Health, happiness and even a little extra wealth if that is possible during these times. The smiles seem a little broader and everyone's spirits are a little higher during this time of year as we are surrounded by family and friends. Yes, we all have a great deal to be thankful for. However, let us not forget who has and is making that possible. Take a few minutes to think about and thank all that have and are serving this great country of ours. They are the ones that have and are ensuring that we at home can enjoy this wonderful time of year.

I plan on doing a lot of traveling over the next few weeks. I plan to visit 1541, 1321 and 460 before the year ends along with a swing through the southwest part of the state. After the 1st, I plan on another swing through the northwest and later through the northeast. If any of you have anything going on please let me know and I'll try to attend.

Congratulations are in order for 293 and 447. They are both at 100% and I understand that 292 will be this week along

with another to be wrecked soon. Speaking of membership if you haven't got a 2011 card in your pocket, you need to ASAP. The emails and phone calls from Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer Molen about our lack of membership is starting to put a damper on my Holiday Spirit. Please get your membership together and get it in. Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Larry GRAND CHEF DE GARE

**Sous Grand
Correspondants Notes**

The following is a schedule for articles due from the Directeur's:
January – Publicity, Americanism and Voyageur Activities
February – POW/MIA and Special Awards
March – Distinguished Voyageur Award

GOD BLESS AMERICA

Spring Wreck and Cheminot

All Voyageurs Militaire are invited to attend the Grande Cheminot and Wreck in Festus on April 8 and 9, 2011. We are planning an exciting weekend, that will provide you the opportunity for each to participate in your Forty and Eight Grande Societe, or state-wide organization. Best Western provides a complementary breakfast daily.

Complementary full use of the local YMCA is available for all Best Western Guests. Our YMCA includes a full size indoor swimming pool, weight/exercise rooms, walking track, etc. for crafts and antiques in Historic Kimswick, the home of the famous Blue Owl restaurant. You may want to visit our Jefferson County Veterans Video Wall of Honor on Friday, at our county seat, in the Jefferson County Administration Center, 529 Maple Street, Hillsboro, MO 63050. Sorry, county offices are not open for business on Saturday.

We also have the new River City Casino in the area.

Complete and return the registration to enjoy a fine weekend.

Festus has fine dining at a number of local restaurants, as well as many familiar franchise restaurants.

Local things to do and visit in the Festus area include: visiting Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, the opportunity to shop

WARNING TO VETERANS - Forwarded by Kevin Secor, VSO Liaison, Office of the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs. An organization called Veterans Affairs Services (VAS) is providing benefit and general information on VA and gathering

personal information on veterans. This organization is not affiliated with VA in any way.

<http://www.vaservices.org/us/index.html>

VAS may be gaining access to military personnel through their close resemblance to the VA name and seal. Our Legal Counsel has requested that we coordinate with DoD to inform military installations, particularly mobilization sites, of this group and their lack of affiliation or endorsement by VA to provide any services.

In addition, GC requests that if you have any examples of VAS acts that violate chapter 59 of Title 38 United States Code, such as VAS employees assisting veterans in the preparation and presentation of claims for benefits, please pass any additional information to Mr. Daugherty at the address below.

Michael G. Daugherty
Staff Attorney
Department of Veterans Affairs
Office of General Counsel

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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all

Grand du Missouri Membership

Please note the status of your Voiture Locale 2011 membership to date. Missouri currently stands in 34th place with all other states. On January 15th all should be at the 75% milestone, Missouri membership is currently at 57%. Please submit your memberships to Nationale in a timely manner. Each Voiture's goal is shown on the membership report. That the quota's can be achieved. Remember the 80 - 20 rule. The first 80% is achieved fairly easily, but we have to work for the final 20%. Remember, we are shooting to achieve at least 75% by January 15th.

Thanks for your support and effort to achieve the growth of each Voiture Locale and our Forty and Eight Society.

David S. Christian, Grande Chef de Train.

Voiture du Missouri					
As of 3 December 2010					
Voiture Name	Voiture	2011 To-date	2011 Quota	Sh/Ov Quota	% of Quota
HEART OF AMERICA	3	41	76	-35	53.9%
SPIRIT OF ST. LOUIS	38	82	146	-64	56.2%
JESSE JAMES	130	26	29	-3	89.7%
HEART OF MISSOURI	292	58	59	-1	98.3%
CROSSROADS OF MISSOURI	293	12	12	0	100.0%
RUSSELL H. MILLER	333	123	250	-127	49.2%
TABLE ROCK LAKE	447	2	2	0	100.0%
GATEWAY	448	50	154	-104	32.5%
CENTRAL OZARK	460	59	61	-2	96.7%
COON COOKERS	520	10	11	-1	90.9%
KICKAPOO	760	58	82	-24	70.7%
MARK TWAIN	966	5	7	-2	71.4%
CAPITAL	1292	54	91	-37	59.3%
MINERAL AREA	1321	2	81	-79	2.5%
NEUF COMPT	1379	31	42	-11	73.8%
HEART OF THE OZARKS	1395	14	17	-3	82.4%
ATCHISON NODAWAY HOLT Counties	1402	23	29	-6	79.3%
LAKE OF THE OZARK	1403	19	43	-24	44.2%
TWO RIVERS	1541	47	66	-19	71.2%
Missouri Total		716	1258	-542	56.9%

40/8 Coon Supper

Voiture #1541 would like to invite you to our annual
Coon Supper

When: Saturday January 22, 2011
Time: 6-7PM Cocktail Hours, Meal 7PM

Menu includes – Coon, Ham, German Potatoes
Salad, Cole Slaw, Green Beans and Dessert

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 Bill
Kull (636)946-2158

Thank you in advance for your Support

GRANDE VOITURE DU MISSOURI

Grande Cheminot and Wreck

April 8 through April 10, 2011

Will be held at the

Best Western Shalimar Plaza and Conference Center

1200 West Gannon Drive

Festus, MO 63028

Phone: 636-937-0700

Fax: 636-937-3723

Room Rate is \$62.10 per night

For Single or Double Occupancy

Make Hotel reservations directly with Best Western by **March 23, 2011**
Mention 40 & 8 Honor Society, for special rates, when making reservation.

Friday, April 8, 2011

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

Hospitality Room opens at 3:00 PM

Saturday, April 9, 2011

Registration 9:00 A.M. till NOON

Wreck 9:00 – 11:00 AM

LUNCH 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Grande Cheminot 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Grand Chef de Gare Passé Social Hour – 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Social Hour 6:00 PM

Banquet: 7:00

Hospitality Room: 9:30 PM – 11:30 PM

Sunday, April 10, 2011

Have a Safe Trip home

You may make Hotel reservations for Grande Promenade June 24, 25, 26, 2011 & Grande Cheminot and Homecoming October 7, 8, 9, 2011 at this time.

To register for the Cheminot, make Check payable to Voiture 38

Send to

James H. Gualdoni

11840 Eddie & Park Road

St. Louis, MO 63126

Last Name _____ First _____ Spouse/Guest _____

Voiture Number _____ Banquet / Person \$25.00 x No. Guests _____ = _____

Buffett

Registration Fee \$ 10.00 _____

(Voitures Only)

Total \$ _____