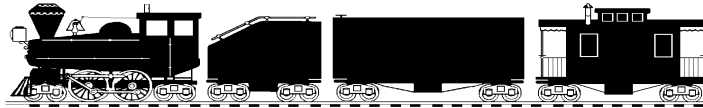


Communiqué
La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Cheveaux
Grande Voiture du Missouri



December 2014 - Grand Chef de Gare Leon Hill

- L'Editeur Grant Willis

The Grand Chef Sez

Voyagers, as we begin the Holiday Season, visiting family, friends, attending Gala Events and Christmas Parties, please drive careful and arrive at your designation safe. Please remember to work on Membership so we can achieve our goals and reach over 100% for the Grand Du Missouri.

This organization has outstanding programs and members. Growing membership will insure this continues. Take advantage of help offered from your Sous Grand Chef de Train for your Voiture. The following is a list of the Sous Grand Chef de Trains:

- Janice Hartley
(Voitures 38-448-966-1321-1541)
- Frank Angelo
(Voitures 447-460-760-1395)
- David Voyles
(Voitures 3-130-333-1379-1402)
- Allen Heidbrink
(Voitures 292-520-1292-1403)

Do you have Perspective Members? If so, go into the www.fortyandeight.org website and print out information regarding our Programs. Take the time to explain what the 40/8 is.

Membership, Membership, I know it's a broken record but Membership is one of our ongoing programs. We need to maintain our members and do all we can to gain new members.

Please plan to attend the next Grand

function, the Spring Grande Cheminot & Wreck, March 27 thru 29, 2015 at the Truman Hotel in Jefferson City, Missouri. Happy Holidays to you and your Family and safe travels!

If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at 314-406-2260 or email me at lhil2@aol.com.

God Bless our Troops and the United States of America.

Yours in Service, Leon Hill

Grand Chef de Gare du Missouri

**Sous Grand
Correspondants Notes**

Articles for the Newsletter are due at the end of each month. The schedule for articles due from the Directeur's will be as follows:
 January – Americanism, Voyageur Activities and Aumonier

February – POW/MIA, and Special Awards

March – Distinguished Voyageur Award

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 Fund Raiser Project for 2015

Grande Cheminot and Spring Wreck

All Voiture Locals will have the opportunity to participate in our Model Car Show and Races. Builder and enthusiasts will have the opportunity to show off their latest designs. Entry fee will be \$50.00. Non entry will be a \$50.00 penalty for the Event.

Rules:

1. Voiture will receive (1) Model Car Kit to be assembled and decorated. (Paint, Stickers, bigger engine, tires, etc.)
2. Each Entry will have a driver (Voyageur) dressed in Driver Apparel.
3. The Driver will take the Car around to the Voyageurs and Guest in attendance at the Spring Cheminot and Wreck Banquet accepting donations.
4. Each Entry will be entered in Race Heats to determine the fastest Car. The winner of each Heat will be entered into the final Race heat.
5. \$2.00 Bets will be taken for each Race Heat. The Bets will be taken prior to the beginning of each Race Heat. (like a Horse Race)
6. Each Car will be judged on Looks, Driver Apparel, Speed and Money Collected.

All Rule questions will be decided by the Grand Chef de Gare.

HISTORIEN

Fellow Voyageurs,

For the period July 2014-June 2015 I have been tasked with preparing the Grande du Missouri History book. 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 could email me a picture or two in JPG format. 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 ajblues9243@sbcglobal.net. I appreciate your help in making this years History Book a success. I can't do it without you.

Allen J. Schultz
Grand Historien

He was getting old and paunchy
And his hair was falling fast,
And he sat around the Legion,
Telling stories of the past.

Of a war that he once fought in
And the deeds that he had done,
In his exploits with his buddies;
They were heroes, every one.

And 'tho sometimes to his neighbors
His tales became a joke,
All his buddies listened quietly
For they knew where of he spoke.

But we'll hear his tales no longer,
For ol' Joe has passed away,
And the world's a little poorer
For a Veteran died today.

He won't be mourned by many,
Just his children and his wife.
For he lived an ordinary,
Very quiet sort of life.

He held a job and raised a family,
Going quietly on his way;
And the world won't note his passing,
"Tho a Veteran died today.

When politicians leave this earth,
Their bodies lie in state,
While thousands note their passing,
And proclaim that they were great.

Papers tell of their life stories
From the time that they were young,
But the passing of a Veteran
Goes unnoticed, and unsung.

Is the greatest contribution
To the welfare of our land,
Some jerk who breaks his promise
And cons his fellow man?

Or the ordinary fellow
Who in times of war and strife,
Goes off to serve his country
And offers up his life?

The politician's stipend
And the style in which he lives,
Are often disproportionate,
To the service that he gives.

While the ordinary Veteran,
Who offered up his all,
Is paid off with a medal
And perhaps a pension, small.

It is not the politicians
With their compromise and ploys,
Who won for us the freedom
That our country now enjoys.

Should you find yourself in danger,
With your enemies at hand,
Would you really want some cop-out,
With his ever-waffling stand?

Or would you want a Veteran
His home, his country, his kin,
Just a common Veteran,
Who would fight until the end.

He was just a common Veteran,
And his ranks are growing thin,
But his presence should remind us
We may need his likes again.

*For when countries are in conflict,
We find the Veteran's part,*

*Is to clean up all the troubles
That the politicians start.*

*If we cannot do him honor
While he's here to hear the praise,
Then at least let's give him homage
At the ending of his days.*

*Perhaps just a simple headline
In the paper that might say:
"OUR COUNTRY IS IN MOURNING,
A VETERAN DIED TODAY."*

**Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year**

GRANDE VOITURE DU MISSOURI

SPRING GRAND CHEMINOT and Wreck

MARCH 27, 28 and 29, 2015



TRUMAN HOTEL JEFFERSON CITY
1510 JEFFERSON STREET
JEFFERSON CITY, MO 65109
Phone: (573)-635-7171
1-800-392-0202
Fax: (573)-635-7519

Room Rate is \$65.00 (plus tax) per night
Room Rate includes breakfast for up to 2 people per room
For Standard King or Standard Double Queen Occupancy

So Register EARLY

Handicap rooms available

Make Hotel reservations directly with Truman Hotel by **MARCH 4, 2015**.
Mention 40 & 8 Honor Society, for special rates when making reservation.

Friday, March 27, 2015

Registration: 3:00 until 6:00 PM (In Hospitality Room)
Hospitality Room 3:00 PM - ????

Saturday, March 28, 2015

Registration 9:00 AM until Noon
Wreck 9:00AM – 12:00PM

LUNCH 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

1:00PM Wreck Continues

Grand Chef de Gare Passe' Social Hour – 5:00PM-6:00PM

Social Hour 6:00 PM – Cash Bar

Banquet: 7:00 PM Hospitality Room: After Banquet – ???????

Sunday, March 29, 2015

Grande Cheminot 9:00AM – 12:00AM.

Check Out

HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME

Deadline for registration for the banquet is MARCH 24th, 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 \$10.00 (Voyageurs Only) _____

Total \$ _____

Meal Choice (circle one) Top Inside Round of Beef (or) Grilled Chicken Italiano



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'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 27th to March 29th, 2015 at the Truman Hotel, 1510 Jefferson Street, Jefferson City, MO 65109, phone (573) 635-7171, or (800) 392-0202.

The Active Wreck will be held on Saturday, March 28th, 2015, at 9:00AM in Jefferson City.

The Spring Grande Cheminot will be held on Sunday March 29th, 2014 at 9:00 AM at the Truman Hotel.

There may be an Executive Board Meeting scheduled on Saturday. If there is one, 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

Leon Hill
Grand Chef de Gare

**Grande du Missouri Membership
November 27, 2014**

	2014	2015	2014					
Voiture	YTD	YTD	Year	% of	short/over	Goal	% of	Short/over
	Total	Total	End	Quota			Goal	Goal
3	46	36	58	62.07%	-22	61	59.02%	-25
38	73	50	103	48.54%	-53	109	45.87%	-59
130	19	18	32	56.25%	-14	34	52.94%	-16
292	50	41	50	82.00%	-9	53	77.36%	-12
333	110	154	222	69.37%	-68	234	65.81%	-80
447	2	2	2	100.00%	0	3	66.67%	-1
448	46	27	110	24.55%	-83	116	23.28%	-89
460	61	48	71	67.61%	-23	75	64.00%	-27
520	13	6	13	46.15%	-7	14	42.86%	-8
760	44	44	73	60.27%	-29	77	57.14%	-33
966	5	4	5	80.00%	-1	6	66.67%	-2
1292	49	28	77	36.36%	-49	81	34.57%	-53
1321	51	23	65	35.38%	-42	69	33.33%	-46
1379	50	39	61	63.93%	-22	65	60.00%	-26
1395	16	15	16	93.75%	-1	17	88.24%	-2
1402	13	1	24	4.17%	-23	26	3.85%	-25
1403	17	12	27	44.44%	-15	29	41.38%	-17
1541	60	31	72	43.06%	-41	76	40.79%	-45
TOTALS	725	579	1081	53.56%	-502	1136	50.97%	-557