



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



February 2008- Grand Chef de Gare Leslie (Grant) Willis, Jr - L'Editeur Terry Lanning

The Grand Chef Sez

Since my last article I went to the Voiture 1541 Coon Supper and presented Chef Eisenbath with his 100% membership pin for 2008. The Coon was great and the comradeship was even better. In February I will be attending the Voiture 130 Washington's Birthday Party in Gower, Mo.

Membership is starting to move very slowly now and we need to kick it up a notch. We are getting close with the majority of the Voiture's only needing one or two members to achieve 100%. To date the only Voiture's to achieve 100% are Voiture's 1395, 1541 and 848. We have a few of the larger Voiture's that need to kick it into high gear, but I know we can get it done. So, let's try to achieve better than 90% by the Spring Wreck for all Voiture's in the state of Missouri.

Speaking of the Spring Wreck, it is coming up on us and Conducteur John Partin does need a list of PG's that each Voiture is going to bring. John has been working hard to make this a good wreck for all, so let's show our support by coming to the Spring Wreck and participating in the ritual. I know that John does need people to fill certain spots

in the Ritual (some speaking and some non-speaking parts).

The Grande has sent out the raffle tickets to everyone in an endeavor to raise a little money for the operation of the Grande. If you can please take the time to send your tickets back, it will be very much appreciated. The drawing will be at the Grande Promenade in June.

Let's all have fun this year

**Sous Grand
Correspondants Notes**

Each of the Directeurs should write at least one article for the Grand Newsletter. Articles are due by the last day of the month. The up coming months assigned is:

March 2008 – Voiture Activities Directeur
– Ralph Turner

March 2008 – Grand Organizer
Chairman – Virgil Morice

Directeurs and Voitures can email me their articles, announcements, or anything of interest to t_lanning@charter.net, or mail it to 2045 Granada Dr., Florissant, MO 63033.



UPCOMING DATES

- Voiture 130 Washington's Birthday Party 2/16/08 at Gower Legion Post
- Voiture 1541 Night at the Races 3/1/08 at St. Charles American Legion Post 312, doors open 6PM, Races start at 7PM.
- Spring Wreck and Grand Cheminot 3/28-3/30/08 at Holiday Inn Wentzville
- Southland Dixie Promenade at Pascagoula, MS April 23 – 26, 2008
- Central States Promenade at Oklahoma City, OK May 1-3, 2008

We need PG's for the Spring Wreck. Let the Grand Conducteur John Partin (314) 842-0982 know how many PG's your Voiture will be bringing.

**Americanism
Grand Directeur, Sam Guenther**

AMERICANISM DEFINED

AMERICANISM is the love of America; loyalty to her institutions as the best yet devised by man to secure life, liberty, individual dignity and happiness; and the willingness to defend our country and flag against all enemies, foreign and domestic.

AMERICANISM is a vital, active, living force.

AMERICANISM means peace, strength, the will and the courage to live as free men in a free land. It means a friendly hand to people everywhere who respect our institutions and our thinking. It is not

a word; it is a course, a way of life - the best way of life ever known - a challenge and a hope in this world.

AMERICANISM is an ideal of loyal patriotism, religious tolerance, righteous freedom fearless courage, honest integrity, abiding faith in the commanding destiny of the United States, and a phantom less love for the principles that led our forefathers to found this country.

AMERICANISM is complete and unqualified loyalty to the ideals of government as set forth in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States. It is respect for, and ready obedience to, duly constituted authority and the laws of the land. It is freedom without license, religion without bigotry, charity without bias and a desire to secure the blessings of liberty for our nation and for our posterity.

**Nurses Training
Grand Directeur, Clarence C (Chub)
Buckley**

Last year 40/8 gave scholarships to 2131 students of more than \$1,100,000.00. Bringing the total to more than \$20,000,000.00 since the programs inception in 1955. Graduating over 23,000 registered nurses.

If you have a deserving student and Voiture funds are already committed, application may be made to the Bolin trust. The key word here is committed not spent. Bolin Trust applications are available at the Voiture Nationale web site. There are two types of scholarships available through the Bolin Trust. The first is the more common, for students seeking a BSN (registered nurse degree). The second is for continuing education, or those seeking a Masters degree.

I still have some nurses training pins left, if you need some let me know.

TEN COMMANDMENTS OF THE 40&8

1. The Voyageur Militaire is the life blood of the Voiture and La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux.
2. My fellow Voyageurs and I are La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux, without our active support it ceases to exist.
3. As a Voyageur Militaire, I am the representative of my Voiture Locale and Voiture Nationale, La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux. Whatever I do or say reflects directly upon myself and my Fellow Voyageurs Militaire.
4. As a Voyageur Militaire, I am responsible for what my Voiture Locale and Voiture Nationale stands. It can be no more than what my fellow Voyageurs and I, together, make it.
5. As a Voyageur Militaire, I should not criticize what my fellow Voyageurs do for the Forty & Eight unless I have a better suggestion and I am prepared to do it myself.
6. As a Voyageur Militaire, I must remember that the fact that I bear the title of Forty & Eight Voyageur is not enough. I must continue to be an active member to be a Forty & Eight Voyageur.
7. As a Voyageur Militaire, I should treat my Fellow Voyageurs with the respect, honor and understanding that I would like to receive from them.
8. It is not my right to be a Voyageur Militaire, it is an Honor. I should respect that Honor by abiding by all Forty & Eight precepts.
9. La Societe does me an Honor by calling on me. I am not doing my Voiture a favor by serving. It is both an obligation and privilege.
10. Whatever differences my Fellow Voyageurs and I may have, we are all bound together by the bonds of our Loyalty to our Voiture, to La Societe and to all American Legionnaires.

Taken from L'ETOILE DU NORD,
May 1923

Sous Grand Directeur Special Awards (Law & Order) Jack Fink had a lung operation and has been in the hospital for the last month.

On January 28, 2008 Grand Correspondant Jerry Castulik had a back operation and is being treated for some cancer in his back. He will be laid up for a while and Sous Correspondant Terry Lanning will be handling the Grand Correspondant job until Jerry can resume the job.

Don't Forget About Valentine's Day

Honor Flight (based in Springfield, Ohio) is a non-profit organization created solely to honor America's veterans for all their sacrifices. Honor Flight flies our heroes to Washington, DC to visit and reflect at their memorials. Top priority is given to the senior veterans – WWII survivors along with those other veterans that may be terminally ill. Based on recent statistics, we are losing WWII veterans at the rate of 1200 per day. Honor Flight continues to do whatever it takes to fulfill the dreams to our veterans and, very importantly, our senior heroes travel absolutely free. For more information go to www.honorflight.org

In Missouri, Franklin County Honor Flight, Inc. is working closely with Honor Flight to take WWII veterans to DC for a one-day trip to see the WWII and other memorials. For more information concerning Franklin County Honor Flight, Inc. contact Jim Tayon (636) 584-8144, Dave Hall (636) 583-4242, or Larry Davis (636) 8141.

(Editors note: This is provided for your information. If interested then thoroughly check it out.)

RESOLUTION

Whereas: Capital City Voiture Locale 1292, Grand Voiture du Missouri, La Society des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux, has a Voyageur Militair who is deserving of your consideration for the high office of

Grand Commissaire Intendant

And

Whereas: Voyageur Larry R. Ebersold was initiated into Voiture 1292 in March 1993 and has served on various committees and held various Locale offices including correspondant for 5 years, Chef de Train for 2 years, Chef de Gare for 2 years and is currently serving as Aumonier, and

Whereas: Voyageur Larry R. Ebersold has previously, and is currently serving the Grand Voiture du Missouri as Grand Sous Chef de Train and

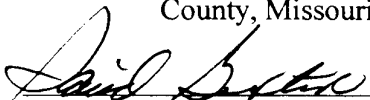
Whereas: Voyageur Larry R. Ebersold has been a member of American Legion Post 229 for 24 years and been a member of the Executive Board Committee for 22 years, and served on various committees and held various offices including Post Commander for 2 terms, and during that time served on various committees and held various offices for the 8th District Department of Missouri including 2 years as 8th District Commander.

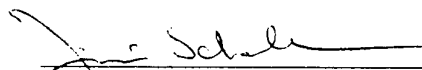
Now, Therefore be it Resolved:

That we, the members of Capital City Voiture Locale 1292, at a regular Promenade assembled this 13th day of December, 2007 do unanimously endorse Voyageur Larry R. Ebersold for the high office of Grand Commissioner Intendant for the year 2008-2009 to be voted on at the Grande Promenade du Missouri, held on June 29th, 2008.

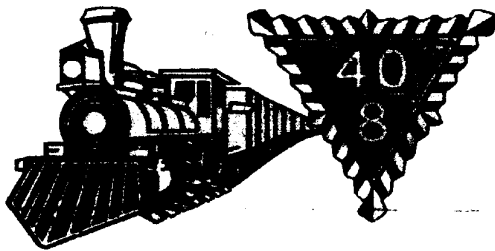
Adopted Unanimously,

This 13th day of December 2007 by Capital City Voiture Locale 1292, Cole County, Missouri at its regular Promenade assembled.


David Bexten, Correspondant
Capital City Voiture Local 1292


Jim Schaller, Chef de Gare
Capital City Voiture Locale 1292

87th Annual
Washington's Birthday Party



Wear Your Chapeau

\$22.50 per person

Jesse James Voiture Locale 130
@ American Legion Post #393
91 N 3rd. St. Gower MO

February 16, 2008

Social Hour.....5:00

Dinner.....6:30

Las Vegas Night.....8:00

Super Duper Auction..... 10:00

The Washington birthday party will be a Las Vegas Night & Auction. Ladies are invited as well as Legionnaires who are prospective voyageur Militaire.

Send Reservations to:
Orval Jensen
P.O. Box 82
Gower, MO 64454

Name: _____
Number of Persons: _____
Send Remittance with reservations

RSVP February 12, 2008

40/8 VOITURE 1541

AN AMERICAN LEGION HONOR SOCIETY

PRESENTS A NIGHT AT THE RACES

**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT CHILD WELFARE AND
NURSE TRAINING PROGRAMS**

BEER SET-UPS SNACKS ATTENDANCE PRIZES

WHEN: MARCH 1ST, 2008

TIME: 6:00-7:00PM HAPPY HOUR. RACES START AT 7:00

LOCATION: ST CHARLES AMERICAN LEGION POST #312
2500 RAYMOND DRIVE, ST CHARLES MO 63301

COST: \$10.00 PER PERSON

**SEND REMITTANCE TO: LEON HILL
1011 PEGASUS CIRCLE
ST PETERS, MO 63366**

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT LEON HILL (636) 397-2850.

**FOR TICKETS SEE AND MEMBER OF THE 40/8 VOITURE #1541 OR
TICKETS MAY ALSO BE PURCHASED AT THE DOOR THAT NIGHT.**

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

GRANDE VOITURE DU MISSOURI

GRANDE SPRING WRECK AND CHEMINOT

March 28 through 30, 2008

Will be held at the
Holiday Inn
900 Corporate Parkway
Wentzville, MO 63385
Tel (636) 327-7001
Fax (636) 327-7019

Hotel rates are as follows:
\$72.00 For Single and Double Occupancy
\$72.00 For Triple and Quad Occupancy
Current Tax rate will apply

Make all reservations directly with the Hotel by February 28, 2008.
When you make reservations please mention that you are with the
40/8 Honor Society.

Friday March 28, 2008

Registration 3:00 til 5:00PM
Hospitality Room 3:00PM til ???

Saturday March 29, 2008

Registration 8:00AM til noon
Spring Wreck 9:00AM
Lunch 11:30AM
Cheminot will start at 1:00PM
Cocktails starting at 6:00PM
Banquet will start at 7:00PM
Hospitality Room opened after Banquet

Sunday March 30, 2008

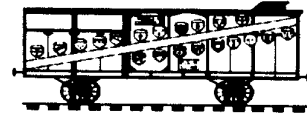
Donuts/Coffee 7:00 til 9:00AM

Make checks payable to Voiture 1541 and send to Leon Hill,
1011 Pegasus Circle, St. Peters, MO 63376

Last Name _____ First _____ Spouse _____

Voiture Number _____ Banquet per Person \$25.00 _____
Registration Fee \$10.00 _____
(Per Voyageur)

Choice of _____ Roast Top Sirloin Beef _____ Chicken Cordon Bleu



MEMBERSHIP GRAND VOITURE DU MISSOURI
as of January 23, 2008

LOCALE	2007	2008	PERCENT	Short/Over
3	130	102	78%	-28
38	156	139	89%	-17
130	32	30	93%	-2
292	61	57	93%	-4
293	15	10	66%	-5
333	83	82	98%	-1
447	9	2	22%	-7
448	211	138	65%	-73
460	67	62	92%	-5
520	14	13	92%	-1
760	90	81	90%	-9
848	14	15	107%	1
966	11	6	54%	-5
1292	69	60	86%	-9
1321	87	66	75%	-21
1379	32	31	96%	-1
1395	20	21	105%	1
1402	44	38	86%	-6
1403	57	36	63%	-21
1541	65	66	101%	1
Totals	1,267	1,055	83%	-212

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