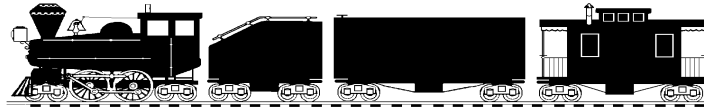


Communiqué
La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Cheveaux
Grande Voiture du Missouri



February 2015 - Grand Chef de Gare Leon Hill

- L'Editeur Grant Willis

The Grand Chef Sez

Voyagers, one month of 2015 is already gone, I guess the "Old Saying" Time flies is true. February is upon us, some of the Highlights for this month are: Super Bowl #49, Groundhog Day, Valentine's Day, and President's Day (formally called Washington's Birthday). The purpose of President's Day is to honor all the Presidents of the United States.

January has passed and we need to finish up on Membership renewals and continue working on recruitment of new Voyageurs.

Let's reach our goals and continue to support the great programs of the 40/8. Please remember to direct perspective Members to the www.fortyandeight.org website to learn more about our programs and what the 40/8 is all about.

I'm asking all Voitures to help reach our goal of 100% for the Grande Voiture du Missouri. Currently we are at 71.88%.

Let's try to make Grant Willis, Sous Membership Directeur Nationale look good! On January 4th, sadly, I attended the Funeral service for Grand Chef de Gare Passé Virgil Morice. Virgil was the Grand Chef de Gare in 2001. I wish Donna and his family the best.

Please plan to attend the next Grand function, the Spring Grande Cheminot and Wreck, March 27 thru 29, 2015 at the Truman Hotel in Jefferson City, Missouri.

Our Grande Fund Raiser Project this year is a Model Car Show and Races. If your Voiture needs a Car, please call or email me, and I'll mail you the car. I've mailed out a few cars already. The more cars we have the more fun it will be. Let's make this an Outstanding Fund Raising Event for the Grand.

I would like to Thank Grand Chef de Gare Passé Bob Phillips from Voiture 1541 for building the Race Track for this Event. It really looks nice, 4 lanes, painted and folds up easy. Thanks Bob!

In closing, I know we can reach our goal of 100%!

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

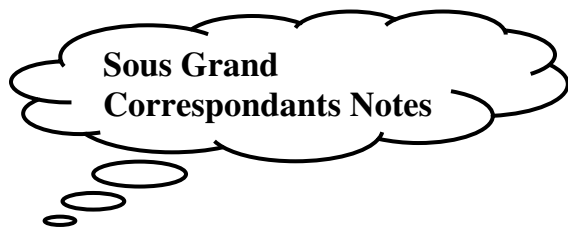
Our Grande Fund Raiser Project this year is a Model Car Show and Races. The entry fee is \$50.00. Non entry will be a \$50.00 penalty. The Car is very easy to assemble, just 2 pins and the rest snaps together.

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.



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:
March – Distinguished Voyageur Award

Email address change for Dave Bexten:
davidhbexten@gmail.com

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.

POW/MIA

Sorry I am so slow getting this out. I was waiting on some of this info to come in.

I am pleased to be able to give you a positive report this time around. On May 22, 2015 at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery and after 56 years, Air Force TSGT Louis John Clever will be finally put to rest. Graveside

services are scheduled for 2:30pm. He will once again be joined with his loving wife Deborah who is already interned there. Sgt. Clever was a crewman on a EC47 and on a tactical recon mission over Laos 5 Feb. 1969 when his aircraft went missing. His biography and the story behind the downed aircraft can be found at POWNETWORK.org. Maybe some of you can attend his funeral.

The Joint POW/MIA Accounting Office reported that 107 remains were identified in 2014 including WWII, Korea and Viet Nam.

Gary Reno

Spring Wreck/Cheminot

The Spring Wreck is approaching and those attending need to get their reservations in now. The dates are March 27 through the 29th at the Truman Hotel located in Jefferson City, Missouri. Our National guest, Chef de Chemin der Fer Mike Woods will be at this event.

For those who are going to have PG's for the wreck you will need to let Conducteur Steve Popplewell know (573) 645-8581.

See flyer later in this issue for schedules and prices for registration and hotel accomadations.

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



40/8 Voiture 1541
Presents...

A NITE AT THE RACES

All Proceeds to benefit Child
Welfare &
Nurses Training Programs

Beer • Set-Ups • Snacks • Attendance Prizes

Saturday March 7, 2015

**American Legion Post 312
2500 Raymond Dr.
St. Charles, MO 63301**

**Happy Hour
6:00pm - 7:00pm
Races Begin at 7:00pm**

\$10.00 per person

For Tickets

See a member of
40/8 Voiture 1541

Or

Send checks to:
Leon Hill

1011 Pegasus Circle
St. Peters, MO 63376

(make payable to Voiture 1541)
Questions? Call (636) 397-2850 or
(314) 406-2260



*Tickets also available
at the door.*

**Grande du Missouri Membership
January 29, 2015**

Grande du MISSOURI								
Voiture	2014	2015	2014	% of	short/over	Goal	% of	Short/over
	YTD	YTD	Year					
	Total	Total	End	Total				Goal
3	46	43	58	74.14%	-15	61	70.49%	-18
38	88	74	103	71.84%	-29	109	67.89%	-35
130	32	22	32	68.75%	-10	34	64.71%	-12
292	50	41	50	82.00%	-9	53	77.36%	-12
333	135	172	222	77.48%	-50	234	73.50%	-62
447	2	2	2	100.00%	0	3	66.67%	-1
448	78	71	110	64.55%	-39	116	61.21%	-45
460	61	57	71	80.28%	-14	75	76.00%	-18
520	13	10	13	76.92%	-3	14	71.43%	-4
760	59	51	73	69.86%	-22	77	66.23%	-26
966	5	4	5	80.00%	-1	6	66.67%	-2
1292	62	41	77	53.25%	-36	81	50.62%	-40
1321	62	54	65	83.08%	-11	69	78.26%	-15
1379	50	45	61	73.77%	-16	65	69.23%	-20
1395	16	15	16	93.75%	-1	17	88.24%	-2
1402	13	1	24	4.17%	-23	26	3.85%	-25
1403	19	18	27	66.67%	-9	29	62.07%	-11
1541	69	56	72	77.78%	-16	76	73.68%	-20
TOTALS	860	777	1081	71.88%	-304	1145	67.86%	-368

As you can see we are behind last year's totals by 83 members, which is significant. We have only one Voiture who is ahead of last year's totals and that is Voiture 333. We need to step up the pace in membership and with the Spring Wreck coming up next month, this would be a good time to recruit new members into our organization.

Our goal was to be 75% by now but we have missed that by 3.12% which equates to 34 members. Voiture 1402 is well behind with no membership being turned in this year. The one being counted is a Paid Up For Life member.

Let's all pull together and see if we cannot be at 100% by the Spring Wreck.