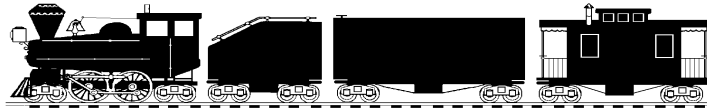


Communiqué

La Société des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux

Grande Voiture du Missouri



February 2017 - Grand Chef de Gare Chip Berkley - L'Editeur Grant Willis

The Grand Chef Sez

Fellow Voyageurs,

Voyageurs, it is time to share some alternative facts with you. We have achieved 125% of our membership goals. You can now relax and not worry about membership again until this August.

Unfortunately, alternative facts don't change our reality. We are now at a little over 80% of our membership goal. I would like to thank the Sous Chef de Trains and their advisors in achieving this level of renewals. We need to continue pushing to get as many renewals as we can.

Don't forget to report the number of PG's you have to be wrecked to Chef de Train, Dave Voyles. His Wrecking Crew is preparing to provide us with a memorable event for these new members.

I don't know about the rest of the Voitures in the state but my Locale has been blessed to only have had one fire to deal with so far this year. Hopefully this will be the only one for us. Please remind your members of the need for fire safety during the winter months, especially if they heat with wood stoves.

The "Salute to Hospitalized Veterans" will be taking place the week of February 13-17th. If you have the chance to get by one of the State Veteran's Homes or by one of the VA Hospitals, stop by and visit. Contact them and schedule a visit or

an event such as a BBQ or a pizza party. The guys really appreciate the break in the routine.

I do have one more alternative fact for you. I have it on good authority from the National Park Service, based on attendance numbers, that the Kansas City Chiefs are going to win the Superbowl this year. I would however not advise you to bet an overabundance of money on that outcome. May you all be safe. I hope to see many of you in Springfield next month for our Spring Cheminot and Wreck.

Yours in Service,

Grand Chef de Gare



(573) 424-8877

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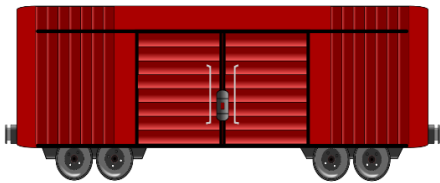
Sous Grand Correspondants Notes

Articles for the next Newsletter are due at the end of each month. **I would like to see articles for Voiture Activities and Ritual**

for the March issue of the Communiqué.

A reminder to everyone to get your reservations made for the Spring Wreck and Cheminot. The form with all of the information can be found later in this communiqué. Let's 'ot wait until the last minutes to get reservations turned in.

If you have anyone that would like to receive this communiqué electronically please provide their email address to:
willis.grant@sbcglobal.net.



**GRAND DIRECTEUR BOX
CAR**

Last October I sent out Crew Cards, Associate Crew Cards and Pins to those Voitures that I contacted during our Grande Cheminot & Promenade held last July. Just as a reminder, the cost of either card is \$1.00 each and the pins are \$3.00 each. I hope to be able to pay Box Car Nationale as soon as possible for the pins and cards that are on consignment.

It is now time to start sending in the funds collected from the sale of pins and cards. Checks are to be made out to National Box Car Association (NBCA). Indicate what the monies are for (i.e. Pins \$30, Crew cards \$50, Associate cards \$10 for a total of \$90).

Send checks to me and I will forward onto the National Box Car Association with appropriate form so your Voiture Locale will be credited properly.

If I can be of any help feel free to call or email me anytime.

Janice Hartley
Grand Directeur Box Car

26 Jody Dr
St Peters, MO 63376-2311
314-799-4568
jjhartley@charter.net

SPRING WRECK DERBY

The Grande is once again going to sponsor a fundraiser at the Spring Grande Cheminot & Wreck, to help defray the cost of running the Grande.

This year, the fundraiser will focus on the Jockey. Each Voiture that is represented at the banquet will sponsor a Jockey. The more realistic the better, the Jockey will dress in their "Horse Racing Colors". There will be a \$50.00 entry fee per Voiture. **If a Voiture does not participate, there will be a \$50.00 fine.** At the banquet the men or women, dressed as Jockeys, will go around the attendees to collect money to be used to feed the horses. The Jockey who collected the most money will win a prize. Next, the Jockey will participate in a few races. The races will be held on a plastic mat consisting of 10 (1 foot) squares and each Jockey representative will roll a die and the Jockey will move that many squares. Be careful, if your Jockey number comes up you lose that turn. While the Jockeys are getting into position, players can place their bets. \$2.00 bet for Win only. 50/50 split 50% to the Winning ticket holders and 50% to the Grande.

Please send your \$50 entry fee to: The Grand Correspondant, Terry Lanning, 2045 Granada Dr., Florissant, Mo.63033.

For those Voiture's that are not planning on participating, please send your fine of \$50.00 to our Grand Correspondant Terry Lanning.

40 & 8 NIGHT AT THE RACES FUNDRAISER:

The annual Voiture #1541 "Night at the Races" fundraiser will be held in the small hall at the St. Charles American Legion on Saturday March 4th. Doors will open at 6PM. Races start at 7PM. Admission is \$10 per person which covers entry and racing program. Draft beer and soda provided. Cash bar available for mixed drinks. You may bring your own snacks should you desire. Advance tickets are available from any member of the 40 & 8 and will also be available at the door. All proceeds benefit the 40 & 8's nurses training and child welfare programs. If you have any questions you may either contact Chef de Gare Janice Hartley at (314)799-4568 or event coordinator Leon Hill (314)406-2260. We hope to see you there to support this worthy organizations event.

SPRING WRECK

Could all Voiture's Locales please provide me with how many PGs your Voiture will be bring to the Spring Wreck or an estimate thereof. They can send their responses to me as I am helping Tommy Goodin with this.

Vince Rost
vince.rost@yahoo.com
757-754-1112

MEMBERSHIP

Well here we are in February and the membership numbers have come down to a crawl. We are presently sitting at 82.90% leaving us 159 members short of 100%. If this week we can get at least 50% of the 159 turned into national, we would be sitting in a good position, but to do this we will need to

start knocking on doors. We also need to start looking at recruiting some new members for the current year.

CENTRAL STATES PROMENADE

This year the Central States Promenade will be held in Austin, Texas on April 27 – 30, 2017 at the Crown Plaza Hotel, 6121 N. I-35, Austin Texas.

Registration fee is \$80 per person and will include the Friday evening BBQ at the hotel, Saturday evening banquet, 2017 Central States Promenade pin, Souvenir Program and the Hospitality Room hosted by the Grande Voiture du Texas. (Registration form attached)

Missouri will be hosting the Saturday morning Salty Dog Party by the pool to show everyone some Missouri Hospitality and event everyone to Missouri in 2018.

**PLEASE COMPLETE THIS REGISTRATION
FORM CLEARLY AND RETURN TO:
GRANDE VOITURE DU TEXAS / CSP-2017
P.O. BOX 170074
AUSTIN, TX 78717
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
GRAND DU TEXAS / 2017 CSP**

**Promenade registrations need to be
received prior to April 14, 2017.**

**QUESTIONS
PLEASE CONTACT ME PHONE OR EMAIL
DAVID KNUTSON: 512-736-2377
EMAIL: davidknutson@sbcglobal.net**

**An email will follow with all the other activities
that will be going on to include tours, attractions,
hospitality hours, and menus.**

CENTRAL STATES PROMENADE 2017

April 27 – April 30, 2017

Registration Form (PLEASE PRINT)

NAME: _____ EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____ City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ CELL/WORK PHONE: _____

Voiture/Cabane #: _____ GRAND DU: _____

Will Spouse/Guest attend? (YES) _____ (NO) _____ NAME: _____

HIGHEST OFFICE HELD: VOYAGEUR: _____

DAME: _____

CURRENT OFFICE HELD: VOYAGEUR: _____

DAME: _____

DO YOU PLAN TO PLAY IN THE GOLF TOURNAMENT? _____ HANDICAP: _____

WILL SPOUSE/GUEST PLAY IN THE GOLF TOURNAMENT? _____ HANDICAP: _____

REGISTRATION AND ACTIVITIES REMITTANCE

Registration Fee: ----- X \$80.00 = \$ _____

Voyageur's Saturday Luncheon: ----- X \$20.00 = \$ _____
Select from reverse side - Item #: 1 2 3 4 5 (CIRCLE ONE)

Ladies' Saturday Luncheon: ----- X \$20.00 = \$ _____
Select from reverse side - Item #: 1 2 3 4 5 (CIRCLE ONE)

Golf Tournament: Includes cart ----- X \$50.00 = \$ _____

CSP 2017 Shirt: Men's & Ladies _____ X \$30.00 = \$ _____
State Size and Quantity of Each

Friday Tour: (PART 1 and PART 2 @ \$25 per person) _____ X \$25.00 = \$ _____

____ Part 1 ONLY = \$20 per person / ____ Part 2 ONLY = \$20 per person _____ X \$20.00 = \$ _____
(Maximum of 44 on Part 2 of Friday Tour)

ADVERTISEMENT REMITTANCE

Full-Pg - \$75, Half-Pg - \$40, Qtr-Pg - \$25, Business Card - \$15 \$

Booster: _____ \$2.00 each name _____ X \$ 2.00 = \$ _____

Booster: _____ Booster: _____
(Mr. & Mrs. Counts as 2 Names)

TOTAL REMITTANCE ----- \$ _____

For the Banquet please indicate how many: Voyageurs _____, Guest(s) _____

MEMO: Your registration fee includes a personal set of Credentials; the 2017 Souvenir Central States Program book; the Official Central States Promenade 2017 Pin; your Friday evening Barbeque, your Saturday evening banquet and the Hospitality Rooms of your Host the Grand Voiture du Texas.

Central States Promenade Order Form

2017

Name		Date		Due Date: 04-01-17							
Phone #		Email:									
Voiture/ Cabane		Grand du									
Item #	Description	Sizes								Unit	Total
		XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL		
#1	Men's Pocket Polo- White K540P									30.00	\$
#2	Ladies V-Neck Polo- White L540									30.00	\$
	XXL+ sizes add 3.00									3.00	\$
Return this form with your registration by 04-01-17										Total	\$
Any questions contact: David J. Knutson Cell: 512-736-2377 mailto:davidknutson@sbcglobal.net											



#1 Men's 100% polyester Self-fabric collar Tag-free label 3-button placket Left chest pocket open cuff sleeves Double-needle sleeve cuffs and hem S-4XL	#2 Ladies 100% polyester V-neck with Johnny collar Self-fabric collar Tag-free label Open cuff sleeves Double-needle sleeve cuffs and hem S-4XL	
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GRANDE VOITURE DU MISSOURI

SPRING GRAND CHEMINOT and WRECK

MARCH 31 TO APRIL 2, 2017



RAMADA PLAZA HOTEL OASIS CONVENTION CENTER
2546 NORTH GLENSTONE AVE
SPRINGFIELD, MO. 65803
Phone: (417)-866-5253
1-888-532-4338

Room Rate is \$84.00 (plus tax) per night
For Standard King or Standard Double Queen Occupancy

So Register EARLY

Handicap rooms available

Make Hotel reservations directly with Ramada Plaza by **March 2, 2017**.
Mention 40 & 8 Honor Society, for special rates when making reservation.

Friday, March 31, 2017

Registration: 3:00 until 6:00 P.M. (In Sahara Room)
Hospitality Room 3:00 P.M. - ????

Saturday, April 1, 2017

Registration 9:00 A.M. until Noon
Wreck 9:00 to 11:30AM
LUNCH 11:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. in Sahara Room
1:00 – Wreck Continues.
Hospitality Room opens after Wreck until 5:00PM
Grand Chef de Gare Passe' Social Hour – 5:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.
Social Hour 6:00 P.M. – Cash Bar
Banquet: 7:00 P.M. in the Maui Ballroom
Hospitality Room: After Banquet – ??????

Sunday, April 2, 2017

Grande Cheminot 9:00 AM to 12:00PM

Deadline for registration for the banquet is March 2, 2017 NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

Make your Check payable to Voiture 130 for registration and Banquet

Send to:

DAVID VOYLES
PO BOX 36
AMAZONIA, MO. 64421

Last Name _____ First _____ Spouse/Guest _____

Title: _____ Voiture Number _____

Banquet Buffet/Person \$30.00 X No. Guests _____ = _____

Registration Fee \$10.00 (Voyageurs Only) _____

Total \$ _____



**40/8 Voiture 1541
Presents
A NITE AT THE RACES**

**All Proceeds to benefit
Child Welfare & Nurses
Training Programs**

Beer – Soda - Snacks – Attendance Prizes

Saturday March 4, 2017

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

Happy Hour 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Races Begin at 7:00 pm

\$10.00 per person

**For Tickets See a Member of 40/8 Voiture 1541 or
Send check to:**

**Leon Hill 1011 Pegasus Circle ST Peters, MO 63376
(Make checks payable to Voiture 1541)
Questions? Call Leon (314) 406-2260**

Tickets also available at the door.

DISTINGUISHED VOYAGEUR AWARD

Grande Voiture du Missouri Distinguished Voyageur Award will be made by a Distinguished Voyageur Award Selection Committee in accordance with the following criteria:

AWARD

1. There shall be no more than three Distinguished Voyageur Awards each year – two active and one posthumous.
2. Nominations must be submitted on forms designed by the Committee. Nomination forms will be furnished by the Grand Correspondant on request from Voiture Locale.
3. Only one nomination may be submitted each year from each Voiture Locale of the Grande Voiture du Missouri. Committee may continue to consider nominations for two additional years. Nominations may be submitted at the end of three years.
4. Nominations must reach the Distinguished Voyageur Award Committee prior to the Grande Voiture du Missouri Spring Cheminot. Voiture Locale is responsible for attendance of award winner or family member, if posthumous, at the Grande Promenade for award presentation.
5. Voyageurs Militaire of La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux with ten years or more are eligible. Grand Chefs de Gare Passe du Missouri are not eligible for this award.
6. Awards will be in a form of an “In Appreciation” certificate with citation appropriately engrossed and bound at a cost not to exceed \$100, each.

Voiture Locale are not obligated to submit nominations each year nor is the Committee obligated to make awards each year.

If you have an applicant that you wish to submit, please contact Chairman Grant Willis at willis.grant@sbcglobal.net and he will send you the form that needs to be sent out. All nominations must be in the hands of the Chairman by March 27, 2017.

MEMBERSHIP

February 2, 2016

Grande du MISSOURI

	2016	2017	2016					
	YTD	YTD	Year	% of			% of	Short/over
Voiture	Total	Total	End	Quota	short/over	Goal	Goal	Goal
3	37	41	42	97.62%	-1	45	91.11%	-4
38	73	71	88	80.68%	-17	93	76.34%	-22
130	16	32	30	106.67%	2	32	100.00%	0
292	40	38	40	95.00%	-2	42	90.48%	-4
333	149	132	166	79.52%	-34	175	75.43%	-43
448	81	74	96	77.08%	-22	101	73.27%	-27
460	69	58	69	84.06%	-11	73	79.45%	-15
760	46	37	56	66.07%	-19	59	62.71%	-22
966	4	4	4	100.00%	0	5	80.00%	-1
1292	62	59	73	80.82%	-14	77	76.62%	-18
1321	63	66	66	100.00%	0	70	94.29%	-4
1379	46	44	55	80.00%	-11	58	75.86%	-14
1395	15	15	15	100.00%	0	16	93.75%	-1
1402	21	21	22	95.45%	-1	24	87.50%	-3
1403	22	14	22	63.64%	-8	24	58.33%	-10
1541	83	65	86	75.58%	-21	91	71.43%	-26
TOTALS	827	771	930	82.90%	-159	985	78.27%	-214

		2016	2017	2016		
		YTD	YTD	Year	% of	
Voiture Name	Voiture	Total	Total	End	Quota	short/over
SPIRIT OF ST. LOUIS	38	73	71	88	80.68%	-17
GATEWAY	448	81	74	96	77.08%	-22
MARK TWAIN	966	4	4	4	100.00%	0
MINERAL AREA	1321	63	66	66	100.00%	0
TWO RIVERS	1541	83	65	86	75.58%	-21
Mike Brueckmann/Grant Willis		304	280	340	82.35%	-60
Missouri Total	5	827	771	930	82.90%	-159

Voiture Name	Voiture	2016			% of Quota	short/over
		2016 YTD Total	2017 YTD Total	2016 Year End Total		
HEART OF AMERICA	3	37	41	42	97.62%	-1
JESSE JAMES	130	16	32	30	106.67%	2
RUSSELL H. MILLER	333	149	132	166	79.52%	-34
NEUF COMPT	1379	46	44	55	80.00%	-11
ATCHISON NODAWAY HOLT Co.	1402	21	21	22	95.45%	-1
Mike Scruby/Ed Jones		269	270	315	85.71%	-45
Missouri Total	5	827	771	930	82.90%	-159

Voiture Name	Voiture	2016			% of Quota	short/over
		2016 YTD Total	2017 YTD Total	2016 Year End Total		
CENTRAL OZARK	460	69	58	69	84.06%	-11
KICKAPOO	760	46	37	56	66.07%	-19
HEART OF THE OZARKS	1395	15	15	15	100.00%	0
AJ Noonan/Ralph Turner		130	110	140	78.57%	-30
Missouri Total	3	827	771	930	82.90%	-159

Voiture Name	Voiture	2016			% of Quota	short/over
		2016 YTD Total	2017 YTD Total	2016 Year End Total		
HEART OF MISSOURI	292	40	38	40	95.00%	-2
CAPITAL	1292	62	59	73	80.82%	-14
LAKE OF THE OZARK	1403	22	14	22	63.64%	-8
Terry McDonald/Dave Bexten		124	111	135	82.22%	-24
Missouri Total	3	827	771	930	82.90%	-159