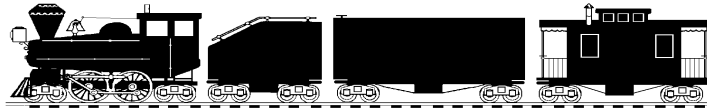


# *Communiqué*

## *La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Cheveaux*

### *Grande Voiture du Missouri*



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**January 2015 - Grand Chef de Gare Leon Hill**

**- L'Editeur Grant Willis**

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#### **The Grand Chef Sez**

Voyageurs, I hope everyone had a Wonderful Christmas and Holiday Season. Since our last Newsletter, I attended some great Events and Parties. Linda and I were invited to Voiture 292's Christmas Party, Voiture 1321 and Salon 491's Promenade and Christmas Party, and Voiture 1541's Christmas Party. We had a great time! I also, attended the Christmas Party for Special Needs Children at Voiture 1292 held at American Legion Post #5 in Jefferson City, MO. The Kids seem to really enjoy themselves.

A New Year is here and I ask all Voitures to work on your Membership goals and reach 100% for Missouri in 2015.

Please finish up on renewals and continue working on recruitment of new Voyageurs. Membership is needed to continue the great programs of the 40/8. Please direct perspective Members to the

[www.fortyandeight.org](http://www.fortyandeight.org) website to learn more about our programs. This is a fun organization with outstanding programs. The next Grand function will be the Spring Grande Cheminot and Wreck, March 27<sup>th</sup> thru 29<sup>th</sup> at the Truman Hotel in Jefferson City, MO. 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.

Please plan to attend this event.

If you have any questions or concerns please call me at 314-406-2260 or email me at [lhil2@aol.com](mailto:lhil2@aol.com).

God Bless our Troops and the United States of America.

Yours in Service,,Leon Hill

Grand Chef de Gare du Missouri

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## 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:  
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](mailto:willis.grant@sbcglobal.net).

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### AMERICANISM

Americanism is the activity of any Voiture or Voyageur in service to the public. While participating in your communities' activities, you are not only accumulating hours, miles and dollars for the Americanism Program, you are promoting the Forty and Eight Americanism Program and its ideals by setting an example of a Veteran's love for his community, state and nation.

My fellow voyageur now is the time to start putting your Voiture Locale's activities for the 2014-2015 year down on paper for your annual reports. If you have done anything for the Forty and Eight, American Legion, VFW or any other veterans organization, then please report those activities to your Americanism Directeur Locale or Correspondant Locale for inclusion in their end of year reports. It is far easier to keep a running total, than it is to try and remember all of your activities at the end of the year. That being said we are still under reporting our activities to Nationale every year. Some times from forgetting to make note of things in the annual reports but mainly from not wanting to seem like we are bragging about what we do. So please report all your activities through out the year and

let everyone know what the Forty and Eight is doing.

The 40 and 8's Flags for First Graders Program (FFFG's) is the Veterans chance to show the very young what Americanism really means. Remember, you do not have to stop with the first grade, some school systems ask that the FFFG's presentation be made before an assembly of elementary classes. Just insure that you are reporting your FFFG's activities to the Grande Voiture.

I still have plenty of the 2015 Americanism pins available for \$3.00 each. For every ten pins you purchase, you will get one free pin.

If you are interested in pins please contact me and I will get the pins to you.

So far only one Voiture Locale has purchased pins.

I also have the following BOXCAR coins available for \$10.00 each.

The series so far includes - 2015 (locomotive), 2014 (BOXCAR/POW-MIA), 2013 (BOXCAR/ASK NOT), 2012 (BOXCAR/Pledge of Allegiance)

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The passing of Ann Brodzinski wife of Grand Chef de Gare Passé Raymond Brodzinski:

Brodzinski, Anne M. (nee' Behr), 87, Fortified with the Sacraments of Holy Mother Church on Friday, November 28, 2014. Loving wife of the late Raymond J. Brodzinski; loving mother of Raymond W., Kenneth J. (Susan) Brodzinski, and the late Karen A. Chanitz; beloved grandmother of Lily and Claudia Brodzinski (mother Hilary Northcutt), and Joel, Claire, and Steven Brodzinski; dear sister, sister-in-law, aunt, cousin, and friend to many. Services: Visitation will be Tues, Dec. 2, 4-9pm,

HOFFMEISTER COLONIAL Mortuary, 6464 Chippewa 63109. Mass of Christian Burial Wed, Dec. 3, 11am, Shrine of St. Joseph, 11th and Biddle, 63106, with procession from Hoffmeister at 10:30am. Interment Jefferson Barracks. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Friends of the Shrine of St. Joseph are appreciated.

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### MAVO

Attached is the flyer for the Annual Legislative Days on the Hill in Jefferson City. This years' dates are January 26 and 27, 2015. Times for individual activities are listed on the flyer. Make your plans to attend today. You are all welcome to attend both the Missouri Veterans Commission meeting on the 26th and also the MAVO meeting later that same day. Also plan to greet your legislators at the reception at American Legion Post 5 that evening. As you visit your representative or senator please talk to them about the Legislative Agenda of MAVO. I have also included a copy of the 2015 MAVO Legislative Agenda. As of last year there will no longer be a Joint Testimony to the House and Senate Veterans Committees; however, the Missouri Veterans Commission has plans to brief both of those Committees on the long term plans for the Missouri Veterans Commission and MAVO will be included in those briefings. The new Legislature will convene on 7 January, 2015.

Richard A. Heigert

MAVO Legislative Chairman

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Good News. The fifth item of the Legislative Agenda 2015 has been accomplished. The World War I Centennial Commission has been working on this issue. Very Pleased to announce through the efforts of Congressman Clever, Senators McCaskill and Blunt a provision was an amendment to the FY 2015 Defense Bill which passed the

House and then the Senate on Friday, December 12, 2015 89-11. This bill names The Liberty Memorial in Kansas City as the National World War I Memorial and Museum and creates Pershing Park in Washington, D.C. as a National WWI Memorial.

Jim Whitfield, Commissioner

U.S. World War I Centennial Commission.

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We have lost Virgil Morice V-1321, Grand Chef de Gare Passe 2001. Virgil passed on January 1, 2015 and was laid to rest on January 5, 2015 at Jefferson Barracks.

May his soul rest in peace - Amen

# 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 24<sup>th</sup>, NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**

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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*

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**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS:** the office of Grand Commissaire Intendant is a position of  
great responsibility and

**WHEREAS:** David N. Voyles has established his eligibility for the Forty  
and Eight by serving in Vietnam from 1970-1972 and

**WHEREAS:** Voiture Voyles has served his Voiture Locale 130 as a  
member in several Committees and

**WHEREAS:** Voiture Voyles has served his Voiture Locale 130 as their  
Chef de Gare and

**WHEREAS:** Voiture Voyles has held a position of Grand Directeur of  
Box Car and the position of Grand Directeur of Youth  
Sports for the year of 2010-2011 and

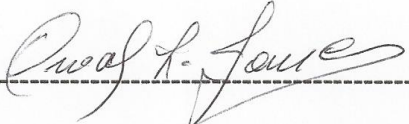
**WHEREAS:** Voiture Voyles held the position of Grand Drapeau West,  
from 2012-2014 and now serving as Sous Grand Chef de  
Train for the year of 2014-2015, now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

**That Voiture Voyles has expressed his desire to serve as  
Grand Commissaire Intendant for the year 2015-2016  
be it further**

**RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Grand  
Voiture du Missouri for their approval.**

**This resolution was presented at a regular promenade of the Forty  
and Eight, in Saint Joseph, Missouri on October 16, 2014, and was  
indorsed by the membership.**

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**Orval L. Jensen, Chef de Gare**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John B. Miller", written over a horizontal dashed line.

**John B. Miller, Correspondant**



## Capital Voiture #1292



### RESOLUTION

Whereas: Capital City Voiture Locale 1292, Grande Voiture du Missouri, La Societe des Quarante homes et Huit Chevaux, has a Voyageur Militair who is deserving of your consideration for The High office of

GRAND CHEF de GARE

AND

Whereas: Voyageur David H. Bexten was initiated into Voiture 1292 in March 2000 and has served on various committees and held Various Locale offices including correspondent for 2 years, Chef de Train for 2 years, Chef de Gare for 2 years. Currently serving as Aumonier.

Whereas: Voyageur David H. Bexten has previously served the Grand Voiture Du Missouri as Sous Grand Conducteur and Grand Conducteur and Sous Chef de Train and Director of Carville Star and commissaire intendant and is currently serving as Grand Chef de Tran.

Whereas: David H. Bexten has been a member of American Legion Post 317 for 45 years. Has served on various committees and held various offices including Post Commander for 12 terms, and during that time served on various committees and held various offices for the Eighth District Department of Missouri including 3 years as Eighth District Commander. Has previously served at Department Level Membership Committee, and Zone 1 Vice Commander and Chairman of Department Commanders Sub Committee. Currently serving on board of directors of Foundation Committee.

Now, Therefore be it Resolved:

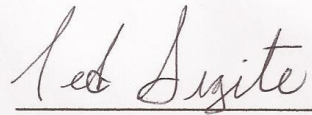
That we, the members of Capital City Voiture Locale 1292, at a regular Promenade assembled this 11 day of November , 2014 do unanimously endorse Voyageur David H. Bexten for the high office of Grand Chef de Gare for the year 2015-2016 to be voted on at the Spring Grande Cheminot and Wreck March 27-29, 2015.

Adopted Unanimously:

This 11 day of November, 2014 by Capital City Voiture Locale 1292, Cole County, Missouri at its regular Promenade assembled.

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Vincent Rost, Correspondant  
Capital City Voiture Locale 1292

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Ted Sigite', written over a horizontal line.

Ted Sigite, Chef de Gare  
Capital City Voiture Locale 1292



<p align="center"><b>Grand du Missouri Membership</b>  <b>January 2, 2015</b></p>
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Grande du MISSOURI								
Voiture	2014	2015	2014	% of	short/over	Goal	% of	Short/over
	YTD	YTD	Year					
	Total	Total	End	Quota			Goal	Goal
3	46	40	58	68.97%	-18	61	65.57%	-21
38	88	58	103	56.31%	-45	109	53.21%	-51
130	28	18	32	56.25%	-14	34	52.94%	-16
292	50	41	50	82.00%	-9	53	77.36%	-12
333	110	162	222	72.97%	-60	234	69.23%	-72
447	2	2	2	100.00%	0	3	66.67%	-1
448	78	61	110	55.45%	-49	116	52.59%	-55
460	61	51	71	71.83%	-20	75	68.00%	-24
520	13	6	13	46.15%	-7	14	42.86%	-8
760	47	44	73	60.27%	-29	77	57.14%	-33
966	5	4	5	80.00%	-1	6	66.67%	-2
1292	59	38	77	49.35%	-39	81	46.91%	-43
1321	55	49	65	75.38%	-16	69	71.01%	-20
1379	50	40	61	65.57%	-21	65	61.54%	-25
1395	16	15	16	93.75%	-1	17	88.24%	-2
1402	13	1	24	4.17%	-23	26	3.85%	-25
1403	19	12	27	44.44%	-15	29	41.38%	-17
1541	68	42	72	58.33%	-30	76	55.26%	-34
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>808</b>	<b>684</b>	<b>1081</b>	<b>63.27%</b>	<b>-397</b>	<b>1145</b>	<b>59.74%</b>	<b>-461</b>