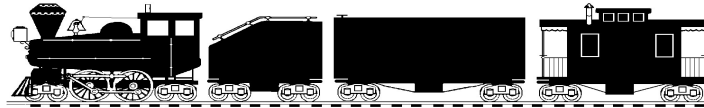


# *Communiqué*

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

### *Grande Voiture du Missouri*



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**January 2016 - Grand Chef de Gare David Bexten - L'Editeur Grant Willis**

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

Fellow Voyageurs:

Can you believe it? The holidays already have come and gone. I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and wishing you a Happy and prosperous New Year. Patty and I had a wonderful Christmas this year. All of our children were able to be with us this year. It was truly an enjoyable and busy week.

We would like to extend a special thank you to all the Voiture's who invited us to their Christmas parties, as usual in 40/8 style. The friendship, hospitality and food was above and beyond. Thanks again. I would like to apologize to the Voiture Locals we couldn't make do to scheduling conflicts. To the Voiture Locals that I haven't been able to visit, I will be visiting all of you in the next couple months, weather permitting.

Now that the holidays are behind us, it is time to get cracking on membership. On the last report, the Grand was at 73%, 264 members short of goal. I know everyone knows someone who hasn't renewed. Please remind them dues are past due.

Now is also the time to be thinking of recruiting new Voyageurs. Believe it or not the Grand Cheminot and Grand Wreck will be here before you know it. Let's have many new P.G.'s to wreck this year. Chef de Train, Chip and his conductor, Terry McDonald has been busy planning the

Spring Wreck and Cheminot. It will be held at the Ramada Oasis and Conference Center in Springfield, Missouri on April 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. This year will be April Fools! A great weekend for a wreck.

Yours in Service

Dave Bexten

Grand Chef de Gare de Missouri

#### **Sous Grand Correspondants Notes**

Articles for the Newsletter are due at the end of each month. For the following months I would like to receive an article from the following Directeur's:

February – Special Awards, Distinguished Voyageur Award

March - Ritual

If you have anyone that would like to receive this communiqué electronically please provide their email address to:

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

## Conducteur

I am getting things organized for the Spring Wreck and need to have a count of PG's that will be wrecked. If you are bring PG's to the Spring Wreck please provide the number to the email address below:

[tbmcdonald@hotmail.com](mailto:tbmcdonald@hotmail.com)

I have been calling people to get parts assigned, if you have a part assigned and is not going to show up, please give me a call so I can get replacements assigned.

Also, if anyone is wanting to donate any raffle items please let me know ahead of time.

Terry McDonald  
573-449-3790

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## Youth Sports

**Be a Below-Zero Hero!-BECAUSE- According to the 40 & 8 Veteran Organization, "NO athlete should stay at home for the lack of funds." An amazing statement for all. ☺**

This "unbearable" event is a unique opportunity to show your bravery as you support local Special Olympics athletes by walking, running or crawling into the frigid winter waters that Missouri has to offer.

Proceeds benefit Special Olympics Missouri's year-round program of sports training and competition for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. SOMO exists to provide year-round sports and training opportunities for individuals with intellectual disabilities and our athletes need you to get involved. Become a coach,

volunteer, recruit a future athlete and learn how you can make a difference!

Participants must be at least 10 years old and raise a minimum of \$75 by event day. The Polar Plunge is a project of the Law Enforcement Torch Run(R) for Special Olympics Missouri. Various police departments, highway patrols, correctional centers and other law enforcement agencies around the state are proud to host this event.

### 2016 Plunge Dates:

Jan 30 Kansas City  
Jan 30 Springfield  
Feb 6 Cape Girardeau  
Feb 6 St Louis  
Feb 13 Kirksville  
Feb 13 Mexico  
Feb 20 Columbia  
Feb 20 Joplin  
Feb 20 St Joseph  
Feb 27 Hannibal  
Feb 27 Lake of the Ozarks  
Feb 27 Lake Viking  
Feb 27 Maryland Heights  
Mar 5 Rolla

Please note: The recent trend of these "dare plunges" or "cold water challenges," are in no way whatsoever associated with Special Olympics. Special Olympics Missouri conducts 14 official Polar Plunges annually. These events are sanctioned by Special Olympics Missouri and are organized with safety precautions, such as divers, lifeguards, medical and emergency personnel, shelter, warming mechanisms, and emergency procedures in place to ensure a safe, fun experience for all our Polar Plunge participants. We take the health and safety of our supporters very seriously and would encourage those participating in these "cold water challenges" to consider

displaying their bravery at an official Special Olympics Polar Plunge instead where they can plunge in a safe environment, while supporting a good cause.

All the money raised at the 2015 Polar Plunge will support local Special Olympics athletes. Sure, we're all about year-round sports training and competition, that's our mission. But there is so much more to our program.

"For many of the athletes involved in Special Olympics, this is the only time that people talk to them at all. Many people with intellectual disabilities go all day without being spoken to at all," shared Michael Myers, an officer with the St. Charles Police Department and the father to SOMO athlete Brooke. "Of the many things that can't be measured in medals are the relationships that have been built with Brooke and other athletes, as well as, between our family and other families."

## **Get involved in your local program.**

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### **MEMBERSHIP**

Membership is still coming in even though it has slowed down some, which is what we expect at this time of the year. Now that we have moved through the Holidays and entered into the new year, let us remind everyone who has not paid their 2016 dues are now delinquent and do not have a valid membership card.

The Grand du Missouri this past year has stayed ahead of last year's year to date totals and is presently ahead by 38 members. A couple of months ago we were ahead by over 100 members which is outstanding, but now is the time to start making some personal contact with our delinquent members and get them to pay their dues.

This is also the time of the year when we need to start recruiting some new members. Our Grand Spring Wreck will be April 1, 2, and 3. Our Grand Conducteur is working hard on getting everything set up so that we have a first class wreck. One thing Terry is looking for is the names of the PG's that will be attending the Spring Wreck, so when you get your names together please remember to also send them to Terry.

# GRANDE VOITURE DU MISSOURI



GRANDE CHEMINOT and PROMENADE



**APRIL 1st, 2nd and 3rd, 2016**

Ramada Plaza Hotel & Oasis Convention Center

2546 North Glenstone Ave

Springfield, MO 65803

417.866.5253

888.532.4338

Room Rate: \$82.00 (+Tax) per night

For Deluxe King or Deluxe Double

Room Rate includes free breakfast

**MULTIPLE EVENTS AT THE HOTEL THAT WEEKEND: TO ASSURE A ROOM**

**PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE**

Handicapped Rooms Available

Make your reservations directly with Ramada Plaza by March 3rd

Mention 40 & 8 Honor Society for special rate when making reservations

## Friday

Registration 1500 until 1800

Hospitality Room 1500 until ????

## Saturday

Registration 0900 until 1200

Wreck 0900-1130

LUNCH 1130 - 1300

1300 - Wreck Continues

Hospitality Room opens immediately following Wreck until 1730

Grande Chef de Gare Passe' Social Hour 1700 -1800

Social Hour 1800 – Cash Bar

Banquet 1900 Hospitality Room: After Banquet until ????

## Sunday

Grande Cheminot 0900-1200

Check Out

HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME

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**Deadline to register for the banquet is March 3, 2016 NO EXCEPTIONS**

Make your check payable to Voiture 292 for registration and meal.

Send to: TD Berkley  
2545 County Rd 289  
Columbia, MO 65202

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Guest \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Voiture Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Banquet \$25.00/Person x Number Guests \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee \$10.00 (Voyageurs Only) \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Meal Selection: will have confirmed by next issue \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Voyageur: BBQ Chicken 1/4 or Pulled Pork Circle one

Guest: BBQ Chicken 1/4 or Pulled Pork Circle one



La Société 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 April 1st to April 3rd, 2016 at the Ramada Plaza Hotel & Oasis Convention Center, 2546 North Glenstone Avenue, Springfield, MO 65803, phone (417) 866-5253, or (888) 532-4338.

The Active Wreck will be held on Saturday, April 2nd, 2016, at 9:00AM in Springfield.

The Spring Grande Cheminot will be held on Sunday April 3rd, 2016 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

David Bexten  
Grand Chef de Gare

*La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux*  
*La Quartier Locale de la Heart of Missouri Voiture 292*



RESOLUTION

Where as: Heart of Missouri Voiture Locale 292, La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux, Boone County, Missouri has a Voyageur Militaire who is deserving of your consideration for the high office of

GRAND CHEF DE GARE

and

Where as: Voyageur Thomas "Chip" Berkley has served American Legion Post 424 for over 26 years, participating in almost every fund raising event along the way, as chief cook and bottle washer.

Where as: Voyageur Thomas "Chip" Berkley has served Voiture 292 with distinction.

Where as: Voyageur Thomas "Chip" Berkley has served the Grand du Missouri as a Sous Chef de Train, eleven years as the Grand Directeur VAVS, the Grand Commissaire Intendant and currently surviving his position as Grande Chef de Train.

Now: Therefore be it resolved by Heart of Missouri Voiture 292, La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux, Boone County, Missouri in their regular Promenade duly assembled this 2nd day of December 2015, do hereby enthusiastically endorse Voyageur Thomas "Chip" Berkley for the high office of Grand Chef de Gare for the year 2016-2017, to be voted on at the Grande Promenade du Missouri to be held in July, 2016.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, this 2nd day of December, 2015 by Heart of Missouri Voiture 292, Boone County, Missouri at its regular assembled Promenade.

*Les Davis*

Les Davis, Correspondant

*Daniel Farris*

Dannie Farris, Chef de Gare



## Membership 2016 December 30, 2015

Grande du MISSOURI								
	2015	2016	2015					
	YTD	YTD	Year	% of			% of	Short/over
Voiture	Total	Total	End	Quota	short/over	Goal	Goal	Goal
	Total	Total	Total					
3	40	34	47	72.34%	-13	50	68.00%	-16
38	58	61	97	62.89%	-36	102	59.80%	-41
130	18	16	30	53.33%	-14	32	50.00%	-16
292	41	40	44	90.91%	-4	47	85.11%	-7
333	162	133	190	70.00%	-57	200	66.50%	-67
447	2	0	2	0.00%	-2	3	0.00%	-3
448	61	66	95	69.47%	-29	100	66.00%	-34
460	51	69	65	106.15%	4	69	100.00%	0
520	6	0	10	0.00%	-10	11	0.00%	-11
760	44	38	64	59.38%	-26	68	55.88%	-30
966	4	4	4	100.00%	0	5	80.00%	-1
1292	38	45	75	60.00%	-30	79	56.96%	-34
1321	49	55	66	83.33%	-11	70	78.57%	-15
1379	40	45	55	81.82%	-10	58	77.59%	-13
1395	15	15	15	100.00%	0	16	93.75%	-1
1402	1	13	16	81.25%	-3	17	76.47%	-4
1403	12	22	24	91.67%	-2	26	84.62%	-4
1541	42	66	80	82.50%	-14	84	78.57%	-18
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>684</b>	<b>722</b>	<b>979</b>	<b>73.75%</b>	<b>-257</b>	<b>1037</b>	<b>69.62%</b>	<b>-315</b>