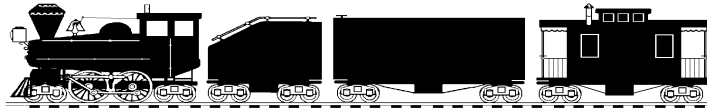


*Communiqué*  
*La Société des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux*  
*Grande Voiture du Missouri*



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

**The Grand Chef Sez**

Fellow Voyageurs,

Welcome to 2017. Hard to believe we are starting a new year already but here it is. With the arrival of the new year it brings us to the membership marker Nationale wants us to be at of 75%. We are about as close as you can get without actually achieving it. Our number is currently at 74.8% of our membership goal, with 696 members. Thank you for all the work by the Correspondants, Sous Chef de Trains, advisors and members in getting the renewals in.

It is possible to achieve the 100% membership goal but it will take some effort. Don't forget to report the number of PG's you have to wreck to Dave.

I have been lucky with the weather. Only one event was affected to the point travel was not advisable. We were unable to make it to Park Hills before Christmas due to ice and sub-zero temperatures. Hopefully they will not hold it against me for not traveling during the bad weather and will let me reschedule my visit even though Lora won't be in attendance.

I am not even going to try to predict what this next year will bring in change. I watched what I thought would be the impossible take place this fall as a field of 16 was whittled to one. In three weeks we will have a new regime take charge of our

country. I will not use the phrase "it can't get any worse" because we all know that it always can. It can also get better. We can hope and pray that it does get better and that we, as an organization, continue with our efforts and programs for the veterans and children in our communities.

Right now, I'm gonna kick back, watch some football, and prepare to welcome in 2017. May you all be safe and I hope to see you in Springfield in March.

Yours in Service,  
*Grand Chef de Gare*



*TD "Chip" Berkley*

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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 February 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 communique. Let's 'ot wait until the last minutes to get reservations turned in.

If you have anyone that would like to receive this communique electronically please provide their email address to:  
[willis.grant@sbcglobal.net](mailto:willis.grant@sbcglobal.net).

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## **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



# 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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**MEMBERSHIP**  
**December 29, 2016**

**Grande du MISSOURI**

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>					
<b>Voiture</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>% of</b>	<b>short/over</b>	<b>Goal</b>	<b>% of</b>	<b>Short/over</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Quota</b>			<b>Goal</b>	<b>Goal</b>
			<b>Total</b>					
3	34	32	42	76.19%	-10	45	71.11%	-13
38	61	54	88	61.36%	-34	93	58.06%	-39
130	16	30	30	100.00%	0	32	93.75%	-2
292	40	38	40	95.00%	-2	42	90.48%	-4
333	133	129	166	77.71%	-37	175	73.71%	-46
448	66	59	96	61.46%	-37	101	58.42%	-42
460	69	58	69	84.06%	-11	73	79.45%	-15
760	38	27	56	48.21%	-29	59	45.76%	-32
966	4	4	4	100.00%	0	5	80.00%	-1
1292	45	51	73	69.86%	-22	77	66.23%	-26
1321	55	66	66	100.00%	0	70	94.29%	-4
1379	45	40	55	72.73%	-15	58	68.97%	-18
1395	15	15	15	100.00%	0	16	93.75%	-1
1402	13	21	22	95.45%	-1	24	87.50%	-3
1403	22	11	22	50.00%	-11	24	45.83%	-13
1541	66	61	86	70.93%	-25	91	67.03%	-30
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>722</b>	<b>696</b>	<b>930</b>	<b>74.84%</b>	<b>-234</b>	<b>985</b>	<b>70.66%</b>	<b>-289</b>