



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



January 2019 - Grand Chef de Gare Calvin Bumgarner

- L'Éditeur Grant Willis



The Grand Chef

Fellow Voyageurs,
 I Hope everyone
 is well and had a
 Wonderful Christmas

Holiday with their family and friends.

This month has been busy, with all the Christmas parties and traveling through the state. My wife Karen, aid to camp Robert and I went to Christmas Parties at Voiture 292 in Columbia, Voiture 1541 in St. Louis, Voiture 1321 in Park Hills, Voiture 1292 in Jefferson City and our own Voiture 1379 In Kansas City. I want to thank them all for their hospitality and good food. It was a joy being with all of you sharing your stories of helping Children, Veterans and their family's this Holiday Season.

With the closing of 2018 and starting a new year, membership is our biggest challenge. We ended up 2018 with 73.07 % currently #2 in our region. Not a bad start. We need 209 to get to 100 %. I know we can do it, but it won't be easy. We must work hard to make this happen. I would like to see us be at 100% by Spring Wreck and with the new PG,s to put the icing on the cake. You all know what you must do to make this happen. Get out there do your best and let's get Grande du Missouri 100%.

If there is anything, I can help you with please give me a call.

Happy New Year let's make this one special. Thanks again for all you do for Grand du Missouri.

God Bless you and God bless America

Thanks for all you do.

Grand Chef de Gare

Grande du Missouri

Calvin Bumgarner

Email: cbumgar522@aol.com

Cell # 913-522-1103

**Sous Grand
 Correspondants Notes**

I have listed an approximate schedule for the different Directeur's to submit their articles for the newsletter.

Feb 2019 – Distinguished Voyageur

Mar 2019 – Carville Star

Missouri BOX CAR

The Merci Boxcar was located in the State Capitol, Jefferson City, Missouri, by Frank P. Reynolds, Grand Chef de Gare Passe, 1949 – 1950. The boxcar was stripped and the rust

began to eat up the metal parts. Frank Reynolds did what he could to have the Boxcar moved to Sedalia. With the cooperation of the Pettis County Court, the Boxcar was moved to the State Fair Grounds in Sedalia. Later the Boxcar was moved to a permanent location where it is resting on rails under a canopy with steps leading up to the Boxcar so people can look inside the Boxcar. Voiture 333, Sedalia is providing care for the Boxcar.

Voyageur Doctor and Mrs. H. V. Herider painted the present forty Coats of Arms and the diagonal emblem of the country of France.

They are to be commended for their unselfish devotion to duty and the Merci Boxcar. All voyageurs of Missouri said "Merci Beaucoup" for a job well done.

Members of Voiture 333 observe an annual pilgrimage. They decorate the Boxcar in August each year during the week of the state fair. The Grande Voiture du Missouri has contributed \$75.00 annually towards the upkeep of this Boxcar. Later St. Louis voyageurs wanted to give the Boxcar to the railway museum in the area. At this time the state officials had not agreed that the Boxcar was their property. Voiture 333 contended that the Boxcar was rightfully state property since they, the members, the County court, and the MAPAC Railroad, had invested quite a bit into the project; members of Voiture 333 would not consider moving the Boxcar. The Grande Voiture de Missouri then stopped giving \$75.00 annually for the upkeep of the Boxcar.

Since that time, it has been the responsibility of this small Voiture locale, V-333, to take care of the Merci Boxcar at its present Location. The state finally put the Boxcar on their property list at the fairgrounds. Voiture 333 still decorates the boxcar each year during fair week. The Boxcar doors are

locked with padlocks provided by Voiture 333. They store the Coats of Arms plaques inside the Boxcar. The state has limited funds because it cannot take full responsibility for the upkeep of this Boxcar; however, Voiture 333 will continue to look after the Boxcar at its present location keeping it freshly painted when needed.

The area is beautifully landscaped. There are numbers of flower beds in the front built up with railroad ties. During the summer months this is a place that one must stop be and see in order to appreciate the flowers and landscape. A very special thanks to Charles W. Mickey, Cheminot National 1983, Grand Chef de Gare Passe 1982 and Russel H Miller, Correspondant Voiture 333, for their unselfish devotion to the Merci Boxcar and the above information; Merci Beaucoup, Mickey and Russel. Knowing as long as you are the Correspondant the Boxcar will have a very dear friend – one who really cares. At present the Boxcar is in excellent condition.

The above article was printed in the 1982 - 1983 National Forty and Eighther. I found this in the old archives we have at Department Headquarters.

As many voyageurs do know the Merci Boxcar again went through a complete restoration from top to bottom. This was again accomplished by the members of Voiture 333. A special thanks to Chef de Gare Don Barbour and Correspondant Ernie Parker and the members of Voiture 333 for their unselfish devotion to this project. The rededication of the Merci Boxcar was held in August 2018 at the Missouri State Fair.



GRANDE VOITURE DU MISSOURI GRAND CHEMINOT and WRECK

March 22, 23 and 24, 2019



Holiday Inn Earth City
3400 Rider Trail South
St. Louis, MO 63045
Phone: (314) 291-6800

Room Rate is \$109.00 (plus tax) per night
(Includes Breakfast)

For Standard King or Standard Double Queen Occupancy
Handicap rooms available

Make Hotel reservations directly with Holiday Inn by March 8, 2019
Mention "40 & 8" to receive room rate with breakfast included

Friday, March 22, 2019

Registration: 1500 until 1800
Hospitality Room 1500 - ????

Saturday, March 23, 2019

Registration 0900 - Noon
Wreck 0900-1130
LUNCH 1130 – 1300
1300 wreck continues
Hospitality Room open after Wreck until 1700
Grand Chef de Gare Passe' Social Hour – 1700 – 1800
Social Hour 1800 – Cash Bar
Banquet: 1900
Hospitality Room: After Banquet – ???????

Sunday, March 24, 2019

Grande Cheminot 0900 - NOON

Check Out
HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME

Deadline for registration for the banquet is March 15, 2019, NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

To register for the Cheminot, make Check payable to Voiture 1541

Send to:

Allen Schultz
1427 Summergate Parkway
St.Charles, MO 63303-6384

Last Name _____ First _____ Spouse/Guest _____

Title: _____ Voiture Number _____

Banquet/Person \$35.00 X No. Guests _____ = _____

Registration Fee \$10.00 (Voyageurs Only) _____

Total \$ _____



40/8 Voiture 1541

Presents

A NITE AT THE RACES

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

Beer – Soda – Attendance Prizes

Saturday March 2, 2019

American Legion Post 312

2500 Raymond Drive

St Charles, MO 63301-4842

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 63376-6049

(Make checks payable to Voiture 1541)

Welcome to bring your own snacks. Alcoholic beverages can be purchased at the bar.

Questions - Call Leon Hill (314) 406-2260

Tickets are also available at the door.



La Societe 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 March 22nd to March 24th, 2019 at the Holiday Inn Earth City, 3400 Rider Trail South, St. Louis, MO 63045, phone (314) 291-6800.

The Active Wreck will be held on Saturday, March 23rd, 2019, at 9:00AM at the Holiday Inn Earth City.

The Spring Grande Cheminot will be held on Sunday March 24th, 2019 at 9:00 AM at the Holiday Inn Earth City.

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 male Officers are expected to be in coat, tie, shirt, long pants, socks and shoes, whereas female Officers are expected to be in a dress or skirt and blouse or slacks and blouse 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

Calvin Bumgarner
Grand Chef de Gare

Membership

December 27, 2018

Voiture Name	Voiture	2018 YTD Total	2019 YTD Total	2018 Year End Total	% of Quota	short/over
HEART OF AMERICA	3	31	39	43	90.70%	-4
SPIRIT OF ST. LOUIS	38	64	70	72	97.22%	-2
JESSE JAMES	130	32	30	35	85.71%	-5
HEART OF MISSOURI	292	35	33	35	94.29%	-2
STATE FAIR	333	99	93	129	72.09%	-36
GATEWAY	448	66	56	84	66.67%	-28
CENTRAL OZARK	460	45	42	57	73.68%	-15
KICKAPOO	760	24	23	36	63.89%	-13
MARK TWAIN	966	4	4	4	100.00%	0
CAPITOL	1292	35	40	63	63.49%	-23
MINERAL AREA	1321	59	54	69	78.26%	-15
NEUF COMPT	1379	38	36	42	85.71%	-6
HEART OF THE OZARKS	1395	13	2	13	15.38%	-11
ATCHISON NODAWAY HOLT Co.	1402	21	11	21	52.38%	-10
LAKE OF THE OZARK	1403	3	9	15	60.00%	-6
TWO RIVERS	1541	54	51	58	87.93%	-7
Missouri Total		623	593	776	76.42%	-183

RENEW, REINSTATE, JOIN

**Let's bring in those new members at the Grand Spring
Wreck in March**