



Communiqué



La Société des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux

Grande Voiture du Missouri

July—August 2024 - Grand Chef de Gare Ron Leverenz

L'Editeur Robert C. Emery



Greetings Voyagers,
Being elected last
month as the Grand

Chef de Gare Du Missouri, I would like to introduce myself to many of you that I have never had the chance to meet in person. My name is Ron Leverenz of Voiture 760 Kickapoo. I reside in Springfield Missouri after many travels across this nation, and parts of the world as a U.S. Marine Mortarman. I am 57 years old, and own a small business locally. I have a beautiful wife and 1st Lady named Brittany. Together we have 5 wonderful children combined. I would like to give her the upmost gratitude for being behind me on my rise through the chairs to this position of Grand Chef. I really could not have done all this without her. As we know, behind every man is a better smarter woman. Thank you again dear.

The duties and experiences of each of the titles and positions I have held are being tested during this great year I hope to have. I wish us all to have a great 2024-25 year

and that all the Voitures in Missouri prosper. Membership is the backbone to our society.

Members are hand selected to each of our Voitures. keeping them active and full of qualified members to share the love of charity we dedicate ourselves to. So to keep it short... If you know a willing and honorable veteran, reach out and invite him or her in our ranks. We all know the need for new members. But just one member can bring us a whole new view on ideas. Just one can make that difference so reach out and welcome them in.

This is when we need to remember we are the "Honor Society of Veterans". That is a proud title to carry on our shoulders. Many of us have small Voitures, but even the smallest Voiture can be dedicated and help greatly within a community.

I hope you will contact me for support or help within your Voiture if you are needing anything. As a finger is circled in the air above our head. That sign is known to us as a voyager in need. This is the closeness we should have in knowing help is not far off.

Recently I attended and installed the new officers of Voiture 460 in St. Roberts. Greeted with smiles, laughter and a great after dinner with Friends and fellow comrades. Thank you again

for a great reception. I wish the newly elected officers a great year. I would like to also wish Rose Noonan, the newly elected Chef de Gare, a great year of leadership and prosperity within her Voiture. I noticed as I passed her the gavel, it had many dings and use.... I believe this is from her past year as the Chef. Hold on 460.

Another year of fun is on the way. Wrapping up this introduction I would like to wish all Grande Du Missouri a great 2024-25 year. I thank you all for your confidence in electing myself to this Position and hope to lead our Grande in the same direction as my many Grand Chef Passe's before me..... FORWARD!

Ron Leverenz
Ronleverenz@gmail.com
Grand Chef de Gare du Missouri.

Carville Star

Bonjour!

I am the Directeur of Carville Star. I will assume you are familiar with the Carville Star, but if there are any questions regarding the Carville Star, please send them my way.

The primary fundraiser for the Carville Star is the annual pin. Our cost is \$3.00, but it is customary to sell them for \$5.00 so the Voiture gets a piece of the revenue It is up to you what you sell them for. I will be getting the 2025 pins from the Nationale Directeur in September. Please let me know how many pins your voiture would like and I will get them to you.

Have a great year!!

Roger Wallenburg

417.425.5546

REMINDER: New mailing address for Voiture Nationale

VOITURE NATIONALE
1635 Hawthorne Drive
Plainfield, IN 46168-1868

If you have something that your Voiture is holding please send me a flyer and I will see that it is put into the newsletter. We do have certain months when the newsletter is limited to space, such as this month, November and April, but I will see that they get into the previous month if given enough time before the event. Address changes are always needed to keep the mailing list updated along with deaths within your Voiture.

Articles for the newsletter are needed by the Sous Grand Correspondants by end of the month, which you can send to e Mail remeryl8@comcast.net or snail mail to Robert C. Emery 16001 E 31ST ST S, Independence MO 64055-2709

The following is a schedule for articles due from the Directeur's:

- September - Nurses Training and Child Welfare
- October - Ritual December - Youth Sports and Box Car
- January - Americanism and Voyageur Activities
- February - POW/MIA and Special Awards
- March - Distinguished Voyageur Award

GRANDE CHEMINOT, JUNE 29, 2024
Oasis Hotel and Convention Center, Springfield, Missouri

With a rap of the gavel, Grand Chef de Gare Mike Scruby opened the Grand Cheminot at 1:00 PM with a salute to the Flag, the Pledge of Allegiance, and a prayer by Grand Aumonier Ted McCart. Grand Chef de Gare introduced our Distinguished Guests: Chef de Chemin de Fer Frank Campo and Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer John Edelblute and Kevin Johnson. Chef de Chemin de Fer wanted to sit in the back with fellow Voyageurs along with John Edelblute and Kevin Johnson.

Roll call of Grand Officers showed most were there. Roll call of Grand Chefs de Gare Passe showed that thirteen answered. Roll call of Grand Cheminots showed that there was a quorum. Absent was Voitures 38, 966, 1402, and 1403.

Grand Avocat Rich Heigert said we will use the same as last time. Grande Constitution and By Laws, Voiture Nationale Constitution and then Roberts Rules of Order.

Notion offered by Kevin Johnson and seconded by Janice Hartley, that the Grande Spring Cheminot minutes are accepted as printed and sent out...passed. There were no Executive Meeting Minutes to read. Grand Correspondant A.J. Noonan stated he received correspondence from Nationale. This included mailing address change due to Voiture Nationale moving their office to Plainfield, IN. The new address is Voiture Nationale, 1635 Hawthorne Drive, Plainfield, IN 46168. In addition – if you are planning to attend the Open House at 12 pm on 26 July you need to make your reservations with the Baymount Hotel at a cost of \$79 and send in registration form for an accurate count for food. Also received letter from Voiture Nationale that the following Voitures had reach 100% membership. They were Voiture 130, 460 and 1292. Grand Chef de Gare Mike Scruby presented 100% membership pins to Voiture Representatives. A.J. Noonan sent out a sheet to sign up if you are going to Promenade Nationale. A roster will be compiled of scheduled meetings. The form is not available on Voiture Nationale website. Grand Correspondant A.J. Noonan stated he had resolutions for Ron Leverenz for Grand Chef de Gare, Rose Noonan for Grand Chef de Train, Benjamin Sargent for Grand Commissaire Intendant and A.J. Noonan for Grand Correspondant. In addition, there was a Resolution for Ralph Turner for Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer which will be presented during Grand Promenade for approval.

Commissaire Intendant, Rose Noonan, presented the finance report. Finance report will be approved during Grand Promenade after the Audit Committee report.

Grand Chef de Train Ron Leverenz said we are at 94%. He called on the Sous Chef de Trains to report on their Voitures, to which David Voyles stated his Voitures were 95% still need 8 to reach 100% for his four Voitures and 1 was over 100% (Voiture 130). Dan Levasseur said his Voitures were 95% and Voiture 1292 was at 100%. The Grand has a total membership of 627 or 91.8%, down 57 from last year.

Cheminot Nationale A.J. Noonan said we will identify the 5 Delegates and 5 Alternates identified for Promenade Nationale from the sign in roster. Alternate Cheminot Hallie Williams had nothing further to add.

The highlights of the Grand Cheminot reports are: Voiture 130 reported they are currently at 103% for a total of 39 Voyageurs. During their Annual Scholarship Awards & Dinner \$12,000 in Scholarships were awarded. Placed 108 Banners along main street and the square. Voiture conducted the Calvin Kane Memorial Service and participated in flag presentations and several parades to include Memorial Day Parade. Voiture 292 reported participated Boys State, Child Welfare programs, volunteered at VA Hospital and will be cooking for them over the 4th of July weekend. Reported they have lost ten members this year. Voiture 333 participated in Memorial Day Activities, placed flags at local cemeteries. Awarded 16 Nurses Training Scholarships totaling \$10,000 along with a \$1000 JROTC Scholarship. 75-year anniversary Merci Train celebration is scheduled for 24 August 2024 starting with a Flag Raising and Ceremony. Event is scheduled for 11 am followed by a free lunch. Posters are available for anyone who wants them. One additional membership renewal was sent in bringing Voiture 333 to 100.9% with 105 Voyageurs. Voiture 448 participated in an Easter Party at Marygrove Children's Home. Hosted a Barbeque for Active-Duty personnel and former residents of Marygrove. Participated in Memorial Day Services at Jefferson Barracks Cemetery and hosted a Murder Mystery Dinner fundraiser. Voiture 460 placed flags on Veteran graves for Memorial Day, participated in Flag Day Ceremony (retiring 860 flags), sponsored a baseball team, awarded two Nurses Training Scholarships totaling \$1000, membership at 100% with a total of 59 Voyageurs. Voiture 1292 reported two additional Nurses Training Scholarships awarded. One Nurse completed and graduated from the program, hosted a breakfast for 130 people as a fundraiser for Nurses Training Scholarships, Nurses Training Golf Tournament is scheduled for 13 July 2024. Participated in funerals and color guard. Day away Promenade and conducted a Flag retirement ceremony retiring over 2400 flags from various Veteran Organizations (American

Legion, VFW, DAV etc) Voiture 1321 hosts Barbeque Fundraisers on one Saturday and Sunday each month from April thru October at Bucheits store in Herculaneum, MO. Profits have funded 5 Nurses Training Scholarships and sponsored one Boy for Boys State. Hosted Bingo for 55 patients at the Jefferson Barracks Hospital. Voiture 1379 has 1 Nurse in the Nurses Training Program. Voiture 1541 currently have 3 students in our Nurses Training Program, memberships is currently at 47 Voyageurs for a 87% renewal. Voiture 1541 has lost 3 Voyageurs this past year. Held their elections during the May Promenade and conducted their Annual Calvin Kane Ceremony. Installation of Officers is scheduled for 28 August 2024 at the Wentzville American Legion.

Grand Historien Frank Angelo said he received two Voiture History book reports from Voiture 460 and 1541. Voiture 1541 won 1st place and V460 won 2nd Place. Grand Chef de Gare History Book will be presented during the Grand Homecoming.

Grand Avocat Richard Heigert requested each Voiture go back and relook their Constitution and By Laws to update them as needed and resubmit to him for review and then be sent to Avocat Nationale for approval.

Grand Directeur Child Welfare. Kevin Johnson presented award certificates for Child Welfare, Carville Star and Nurse Training. Received 7 reports for Child Welfare: 1st place went to 448, 2nd place went to 1541 and 3rd place went to 1321. Received 8 reports (6 were No Reports) for Carville Star. 1st place went to 460, 2nd place went to 448 there was no 3rd place certificate presented. Received reports for Nurses Training. 1st place went to 130, 2nd place went to 1292 and 3rd place went to 460. Kevin Johnson congratulated Voiture 130 and 1292 for their outstanding support and the remaining Voitures actively involved with Nurses Training.

Grand Directeur Voiture Activities Calvin Bumgarner received 7 reports. 1st place went to 333, 2nd place went to 448 and 3rd place went to 1292. Calvin congratulated everyone for their hard work throughout the year.

Grand Aumonier Ted McCart said to let him know if any Voitures have any deceased for the Memorial Ceremony.

Grand Drapeau East not present.

Grand Drapeau West Ron Leverenz no report but will discuss banner under old business.

Grand Publiciste David Bexten received 4 reports. He then presented awards to 1st place went to 1292, 2nd place went to 1541 and 3rd place went to 448.

Grand Directeur Americanism Robert Emery. There were 11 reports turned in. 1st place went to 1541, 2nd place went to 1292 and 3rd place went to 130. There was a total of \$760,185.50 cash and services. Robert also reported on Flags for 1st Graders. 1st Place went 292, 2nd Place went to 1292 and 3rd Place went to 333.

Grand Directeur POW/MIA Janice Hartley. – said 5 reports were received. 1st place went to 1541, 2nd place went to 448 and 3rd place went to 1321. There was an accrued total of \$63, 986.50

Grand Directeur Box Car – John Kramer. There were 3 reports turned in. 1st place went to 448, 2nd place went to 1541 and 3rd place went to 1321.

Grand Directeur Ritual Duane DeClue – Received 8 reports. 1st place went to 1321, 2nd place went to 1541 and 3rd place went to 1292.

Grand Directeur Special Awards Ben Sargent - He received 3 reports for this year. 1st place went to 1321, 2nd place went to 1292 and 3rd place went to 448. Voiture 1321 submitted Harry T. Barnes Jr for Distinguished Voyageur of the Year.

Grand VAVS Chairman Chip Berkley – received 9 reports this year. 1st place went to 1541, 2nd place went to 1379 and 3rd place went to 448.

Grand Directeur Youth Sports Grand Correspondant AJ Noonan gave Ann Puck's report. She received 6 reports for a total of \$480,514. 1st place went to 448, 2nd place went to 1541 and 3rd place went to 1292.

Time and Place Committee Kevin Johnson: Those upcoming for the next few years need to look into locations and date. Ensure you send proposals to the Time and Place Committee for their review before signing contracts.

Below are listed the upcoming events with Time and Place and any information we have available at this time.

105th Promenade Nationale

Time: September 17 – 21, 2024

Place: Kalahari Resort & Conference Center, Sandusky, OH

Rate: \$120 (plus tax) per night Double Queen, \$160 King Suite

Fall Grande Cheminot & Grand Chef de Gare's Homecoming

Date: October 4-5, 2024

Place: Oasis Hotel & Convention Center, Springfield, MO.

Rate: \$109 (plus tax) per night.

Grande Cheminot & Spring Wreck

Date: April 4-6, 2025

Place: Oasis Hotel & Convention Center, Springfield, MO.

Rate: \$114 (plus tax) per night.

Central States 2025

Date: May 8-10, 2025

Place: Oasis Hotel & Convention Center, Springfield, MO.

Rate: \$114 (plus tax) per night.

Grande Cheminot & Promenade

Time: July 4-6, 2025

Place: Oasis Hotel & Convention Center, Springfield, MO.

Rate: \$114 (plus tax) per night.

106th Promenade Nationale

Date: TBD

Place: Gettysburg, PA

Rate: TBD

Grande Cheminot & Grand Chef de Gare's Homecoming

Time: October 10-11, 2025

Place: Oasis Hotel & Convention Center, Springfield, MO.

Rate: \$114 (plus tax) per night.

Old Business – Grande du MO banner. Status: Still haven't found the second banner. Cost for a new banner has been challenging. Screen printing is an option but not recommended. Kevin Johnson will reach out to other Grandes to see if there are known locations / vendors that have supported them with their banners. Thank you note has been to Voiture Nationale on behalf of Grande du Missouri for their support.

New Business – 105th Promenade sign-up sheet – Delegates and Alternates will be determined during Grande Promenade on Sunday.

Good of the Grande Voiture – None

Distinguished Guest: Chef de Chemin de Fer Frank Campo said it was freezing in the back of the room.

Further business – None

Grand Chef de Gare Mike Scruby closed the Grand Cheminot at 2:55 PM.

Submitted by,

AJ Noonan

Grand Correspondant

Grande du Missouri

GRANDE PROMENADE, June 30, 2024
Oasis Hotel and Conference Center, Springfield, Missouri

With a rap of the gavel, Grand Chef de Gare Mike Scruby opened the Grand Promenade sharply at 9:00 AM with a salute to the Flag, the Pledge of Allegiance, and a prayer by Grand Aumonier Ted McCart.

Roll call of officers showed most were still present. Roll call of Grand Chefs de Gare Passe showed 13 answering. Roll call of Grand Cheminots showed there was a quorum. Absent was Voitures 38, 966, 1402, and 1403.

Grand Avocat Rich Heigert said we will use the Grande and Voiture Nationale's Constitution and By Laws then Roberts Rules of Order.

Chef de Chemin de Fer Frank Campo was asked to come forward and sit at the front tables for the remaining of the Promenade and Installation of Officers. He thanked everyone for their hospitality and enjoyed his weekend. He thanked Mike for purchasing breakfast this morning. Reminded us the importance of using the Ritual Manual and our Traditions. Tell our story about the 40 and 8. Membership is important and reporting from our Voitures need to capture what we do. Mentor our new members – get them involved. Special Awards are important – Americanism Awards are available to recognize those individuals who excel. Think outside the box – Youth Sports is not only Baseball and Soccer. There are many areas that can be recognized. Events should be family friendly – family oriented. What happens at Ziggies – stays at Ziggies.

Grand Chef de Gare Mike Scruby called on the Grande Promenade Committees starting with the Audit Committee chaired by David Voyles with the help of Terry Lanning and Frank Angelo. Also present were Grand Commissaire Intendant Rose Noonan and Grand Correspondant A.J. Noonan. David stated the Audit took place on June 29, 2024 in the Arabian room of the Oasis Hotel and Conference Center at 9:00 AM. The financial records were matched with the bank statements. The Grande began the year with \$1,455.08 and had deposits totaling \$5,858.06. Disbursements totaled \$4,885.05 along with Disbursements not in the Budget of \$234.28 leaving a final balance of \$2,193.81. The Grande du Missouri has two one year CD's, #721 for \$3,000 due 9/23/2024 at 3.5% and #722 for \$1,000 due 9/20/2024 at 3.5%. The Stifel-Nicolaus investment account is \$9,000. There were total assets for the year of \$15,193.81. The Audit Committee recommends the Grande keep this investment another year. The Audit Committee wants to thank the Commissaire Intendant Rose Noonan for her great bookkeeping. Also, wants to thank Terry Lanning and Frank Angelo for helping him with the audit. Audit Committee also recommended that \$2,000 be moved to the Now Checking Account when CD 721 matures and renews. David offered a notion that this report and the financial report with the recommendation to move \$2000 to the Now Checking Account from yesterday be accepted and approved, seconded by Kevin Johnson...passed. Terry Lanning offer a notion to accept the Finance Report given during the Grand Cheminot on 29 Jun 2024. Second by Robert Emery. Passed.

Grand Chef de Gare Mike Scruby called on the Resolutions Committee chaired by David Bexten. David reported that he opened the committee at 9:00 AM in the hospitality room. There were 12 members present. David stated 5 Resolutions presented: Ron Leverenz for Grand Chef de Gare, Rose Noonan for Grand Chef de Train, Benjamin Sargent for Grand Commissaire Intendant, A.J. Noonan for Grand Correspondant and Ralph Turner for Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer. Committee recommended these be approved and passed on to the Nomination Committee for action. Notion to accept report by Frank Angelo and seconded by Janice Hartley, passed.

Grand Chef de Gare Mike Scruby called on Credentials Committee Chair Ron Leverenz. He said the Credential Committee met Saturday 29 Jun 24 in the Hospitality Room. There were 18 Voyageurs present to include Chef de Chemin de Fer Frank Campo. He gave the voting strength for each Voiture (38) plus Grand Chefs de Gare Passe's present (13) for a total of 51 votes which was a correction to what was reported of 47. Ron offered a notion, seconded by Kevin Johnson, that the report be accepted as given...passed.

Grand Chef de Gare Mike Scruby called on the Constitution and By Laws Committee chaired by Rich Heigert. The Committee met Saturday at 9:00 AM with 13 Voyageurs representing 8 Voitures. No new business was brought forward. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 AM. Rich offered a notion to accept his report, seconded by Kevin Johnson...passed.

Old Business - None

New Business – Grand Chef de Gare Mike Scruby called on the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Kevin Johnson. Kevin Johnson reported that the meeting was held at the Oasis Hotel and Convention Center on June 29, 2024 at 9:15am. There were 16 Voyageurs present representing 8 Voitures.

Five resolutions were given to the committee and made available for those present at the meeting to read. After a very short discussion it was agreed the following recommendations would be presented to the Grand Promenade. Kevin read the recommendation of the Committee for elective officers for 2024-2025

ELECTIVE OFFICERS	NAME	VOITURE
Grand Chef de Gare	Ron Leverenz	760
Grand Chef de Train	Rose Noonan	460
Grand Commissaire Intendant	Benjamin Sargent	460
Grand Correspondant	A.J. Noonan	460
Cheminot Nationale	Hallie Williams	448
Alternate Cheminot Nationale	John (Mike) Scruby	1379
Voitures (460-760-1321) Sous Grand Chef de Train	Theodore McCart	1321
Voitures (38-448-966-1541) Sous Grand Chef de Train	Gene Vaucher	1541
Voitures (3-130-1379-1402) Sous Grand Chef de Train	Calvin Bumgarner	1379
Voitures (292-333-1292-1403) Sous Grand Chef de Train	Lora Berkley	292
Grand Medicin	Tommy Thomas	460
Grand Garde de la Porte	Harry T. Barnes Jr.	1321
Grand Historien	Ron Turner	760
Grand Avocat	Richard A. Heigert	1321
Sous Grand Avocat	David N. Voyles	130
Grand Directeur Child Welfare	Hallie Williams	448
Grand Directeur Voiture Activities	Calvin Bumgarner	1379
Grand Directeur Nurses Training	Dan Levasseur – Sous Directeur Kevin Johnson	1292 / 460
Grand Aumonier	Theodore McCart	1321
Grand Drapeau East	Janice Hartley	1541
Grand Drapeau West	Ron Leverenz	760
Grand Lampiste	Vacant	
Grand Cheminot-at-Large	Ralph Turner	460
Grand Cheminot-at-Large	Kevin Johnson	460
Grand Cheminot-at-Large	Terry Lanning	448
Grand Cheminot-at-Large	Clarence Buckley	760
Grand Cheminot-at-Large	Robert Phillips	1541

Ron Leverenz was elected by acclamation as Grand Chef de Gare. Rose Noonan was elected by acclamation as Grand Chef de Train. Benjamin Sargent was elected by acclamation as Grand Commissaire Intendant. A.J. Noonan was elected by acclamation as Grand Correspondant. Motion offered by Rich Heigert, seconded by Kevin Johnson, that the balance of the officers be elected by acclamation...passed.

Kevin Johnson read the appointed officers with permission by Grand Chef de Gare Elect, Ron Leverenz, which are:

APPOINTED OFFICERS	NAME	VOITURE
Sous Grand Correspondant	Robert Emery	1379
Sous Grand Correspondant	Terry Lanning	448

Grand Publiciste	David Bexten	1292
Grand Organizer	Thomas (Chip) Berkley	292
Sous Grand Organizer	David Bexten	1292
Sous Grand Organizer	David Voyles	130
Grand Conducteur	Frank Angelo	460
Sous Grand Conducteur	Dan Levasseur	1292
Sous Grand Conducteur	Steve Rossberg	460
Sous Grand Conducteur	Forrest Johnson – missed during announcement	1541
Sous Grand Conducteur	Vacant	
Grand Directeur Americanism	Robert Emery	1379
Sous Grand Directeur Americanism	Calvin Bumgarner	1379
Grand Directeur Box Car	John Kramer	1321
Grand Directeur Carville Star	Roger Wallenberg	760
Grand Directeur POW/MIA	Frank Angelo	460
Sous Grand Directeur POW/MIA	Johnny Richardson	460
Grand Directeur Ritual	Duane Declue	1321
Grand Directeur Special Awards	Wade Mano – Sous Directeur Ben Sargent	460 / 460
Grand Directeur VAVS	Thomas (Chip) Berkley	292
Sous Grand Directeur VAVS	Kerry Watkins	760
Sous Grand Directeur VAVS	Don Newman II	1541
Sous Grand Directeur VAVS	Dennis Ecker	1321
Sous Grand Directeur VAVS	Samuel Mercer	1321
Sous Grand Directeur VAVS	Vacant	
Grand Directeur Youth Sports	Ann Puck	1379
Executive Committee "Advisory" & Protocol	Richard A. Heigert	1321
Time & Place Committee Chairman	Kevin Johnson	460
	David Bexten	1292
	Janice Hartley	1541
Distinguished Voyageur Chairman	Calvin Bumgarner (1)	1379
	Terry L. Lanning (1)	448
	Janice Hartley (3)	1541
	Robert W. Phillips (3)	1541
	Ralph Turner (2)	460
	David Bexten (2)	1292
Distinguished Guest Committee	Kevin Johnson	460
	Terry L. Lanning	448
	Ralph Turner	460
MAVO	Chip Berkley – Legislative Representative	292
	Dan Levasseur – Delegate at Large	1292
	Grand Chef de Gare Ron Leverenz - Delegate	760
	Grand Chef de Train Rose Noonan - Delegate	460
	Grand Correspondant A.J. Noonan - Delegate	460
Aide de Camp	Clarence Buckley	760

Notion offered by Kevin Johnson, seconded by Ben Sargent, that the appointments by the Grand Chef de Gare Elect, Ron Leverenz, be approved as read...passed.

Notion offered by Kevin Johnson, 2nd by Terry Lanning, that the delegates to the 2024 Promenade Nationale at Sandusky, Ohio be Ron Leverenz, AJ Noonan, Ralph Turner, Hallie Williams, and Chip Berkley. The Alternates will be Rose Noonan, Lora Berkley, Frank Angelo and Mike Scruby. AJ Noonan being the Chairman of the delegation with the right of appointment and Rose Noonan being the Secretary of the delegation...passed.

Grand Chef de Gare Mike Scruby relieved the members of the Grande Promenade Committees and thanked them for their service.

Newly elected Ron Leverenz thanked everyone for electing him. He is honored and glad to be part of the 40/8 and looks forward to the upcoming year.

The Promenade was recessed at 9:57 AM to let the families and friends in for the Memorial Service and Installation of Officers.

The Grande Promenade came back to order at 10:15 AM. Grand Chef de Gare Mike Scruby turned the podium over to Grand Aumonier Ted McCart. He was assisted by Kevin Johnson and Grand Correspondant A.J. Noonan for the Memorial Service.

Grand Chef de Gare Mike Scruby asked that the installing officer Grand Chef de Gare Passe Kevin Johnson come to the podium. Kevin installed the newly elected Grand Chef de Gare, Ron Leverenz, first. Afterwards Chef de Chemin de Fer Frank Campo installed the rest of the elected and appointed officers.

Installing Officer, Chef de Chemin de Fer Frank Campo, gave the gavel of authority to the new Grand Chef de Gare Ron Leverenz. Grande Chef de Gare Passe Mike Scruby was presented his Grand Chef de Gare Passe pin and his new Chapeaux. Much laughter when Frank presented his Chapeaux. Grand Chef de Gare Ron Leverenz was mentioned as a good candidate for the BIG Gavel (Paul Bunyon) at Promenade Nationale.

At this time, the families and friends were asked to leave so that we may proceed in closing the Grande Promenade.

Rich Heigert offered a notion that the Grande Promenade fine money (\$200 – actually \$185 reported by Grand Conducteur Frank Angelo but an additional \$15 donated to make it an even \$200) be deposited in the Now Checking Account to help offset the cost of a new Grande du Missouri Banner. Seconded by several with discussion and passed. The Traveling Trophy was presented to the Grand Chef de Gare Ron Leverenz to safe keep until Central States 2025 hosted by Grande du Missouri.

The Grande Chef de Gare Ron Leverenz closed the Grande Promenade at 11:53 AM.

Submitted by
A.J. Noonan
Grand Correspondant
Grande du Missouri



**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 Grande Fall Cheminot and Grand Chef de Gare Ron Leverenz Homecoming to be held October 4th and October 5th, 2024 at the Oasis Hotel & Convention Center, 2546 North Glenstone Avenue, Springfield, MO 65803, phone (417) 866-5253.

There will be an Executive Board Meeting on Saturday morning at 9:00 AM in the Hospitality Room.

The Fall Grande Cheminot will be held on Saturday, October 5th, 2024 at 1:00 PM at the Oasis Hotel & Convention Center.

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.

**A.J. Noonan
Grand Correspondant**

**Ron Leverenz
Grand Chef de Gare**

GRANDE VOITURE du MISSOURI

GRANDE HOMECOMING and CHEMINOT

October 4th through October 6th, 2024

Oasis Hotel and Convention Center
2546 North Glenstone Ave.
Springfield, Missouri 65803
417-866-5253



Room Rate \$109.00 (+TAX) per night

NO BREAKFAST INCLUDED

For Deluxe King or Deluxe Double

PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE

Handicapped Rooms Available

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

Friday, October 4th, 2024

Registration: 1500 until 1800

Hospitality Room 1500 - ???

Saturday, October 5th, 2024

Registration 0900 – Noon

Committee Meetings: 9:00 – 11:30 AM

LUNCH 1130 – 1300

Grande Cheminot 1300

Hospitality Room opens after Cheminot until 1700

Grand Chef de Gare Passe' Social Hour – 1700 – 1800

Social Hour 1800 – Cash Bar

Banquet: 1900

Hospitality Room: After Banquet – ??????

NO SUNDAY MEETINGS

Check Out

HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME

Deadline for registration for the banquet is September 20, 2024

To register for the Grande Homecoming, make Check payable to Voiture 760

Send to:

Ron Leverenz

425 Boonville Ave

Springfield, Missouri. 65806

Last Name _____ First _____ Spouse/Guest _____

Title: _____ Voiture Number _____

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

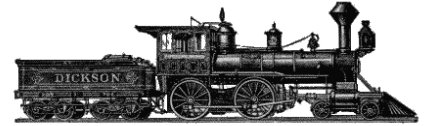
Registration Fee \$10.00 (Voyageurs Only) _____

Total \$ _____



1-Aug-24

Membership Grande Voiture du Missouri



	Voiture	2023 Year End	2024 To-date	2024 Quota	Sh/Ov Quota	% of Quota
HEART OF AMERICA	3	34	33	34	-1	97.06%
SPIRIT OF ST. LOUIS	38	53	49	53	-4	92.45%
JESSE JAMES	130	39	41	39	2	105.13%
HEART OF MISSOURI	292	30	27	30	-3	90.00%
STATE FAIR	333	104	105	104	1	100.96%
GATEWAY	448	67	63	67	-4	94.03%
CENTRAL OZARK	460	59	59	59	0	100.00%
KICKAPOO	760	29	23	29	-6	79.31%
MARK TWAIN	966	2	2	2	0	100.00%
CAPITAL	1292	73	74	73	1	101.37%
MINERAL AREA	1321	74	60	74	-14	81.08%
Neuf Comtés	1379	37	35	37	-2	94.59%
ATCHISON NODAWAY HOLT Counties	1402	18	11	18	-7	61.11%
LAKE OF THE OZARK	1403	9	4	9	-5	44.44%
TWO RIVERS	1541	54	47	54	-7	87.04%
Missouri Total		682	633	682	-49	92.82%