



Communiqué



La Société des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux

Grande Voiture du Missouri

July—August 2026 - Grand Chef de Gare Benjamin Sargent L'Editeur Robert C. Emery



Greetings Voyageurs,

Thank you for your confidence in me by electing me Grand Chef

de Gare. I am honored to serve the Grande in this position. I want to thank Sou Chef de Chemin de Fer Passe Kevin Johnson for installing our officers. I also thank all who attended Grande Promenade and Chemino, it was a lot of fun and a great success. I look forward to getting out to visit your Locales so if you have an event happening, please shoot me an e-mail. I have already confirmed I am going to install officers for V460 on 21 July and V292 on 5 August. I will also be traveling to Michigan in August and will attend Grande du Michigan's Grande Promenade. I also want to address membership, as we move into the last month of the current membership year our Chef de Gares, Chef de Trains and Correspondents need to reach out to those non renewals and work at getting them paid up. Grande du Missouri is still at 89% short 62. I know membership is tough, but I feel we should

be able to do better, we had no movement in our statistics last week. I would ask you to look at the stats that Robert sends out each week and if you feel your locale is not getting credit for membership reach out to me. Again, I thank you for your confidence in me and God Bless this Grande.

V/R

Ben Sargent

Grand Chef de Gare

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Sous Grand Correspondants Notes

Another year is upon us and elections have been completed for Grande du Missouri so it is time to hear from our new dircteurs. The articles for the next Grande du Missouri Comunique will be due by August 31st 2026. POW/MIA, Carville Star, and Child Welfare

Also if you are new to Grande du Missouri and have not sent me your e-mail address, please send it to me so I can add it to my Grande du Missouri e-mail list.

LOCALE CORRESPONDANTS KEEP AN EYE OUT. THE 2027 MEMBERSHIP PACKETS WERE MAILED 7-1-26.

GRANDE CHEMINOT, June 20, 2026
Oasis Hotel and Convention Center, Springfield, Missouri

With a rap of the gavel, Grand Chef de Gare Rose Noonan 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. There were no special guests that were in attendance.

Roll call of Grand Officers showed the majority were there. Roll call of Grand Chefs de Gare Passe showed that 13 answered. Roll call of Grand Cheminots showed that there was a quorum with 10 in attendance. Absent was Voitures 3, 38, 966, 1402, and 1403.

Grand Avocat Kevin Johnson said we will use the Grande Voiture du Missouri Constitution and By Laws, Voiture Nationale Constitution and then Roberts Rules of Order.

Notion offered by Kevin Johnson and seconded by numerous individuals, 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 form Voiture Nationale for the following Voitures that achieved 100% membership. Voiture 460 (Chef de Gare Wade Mano) and Voiture 760 (Ron Leverenz) received their 100% memberships pins. Correspondant asked who was 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 Ben Sargent for Grand Chef de Gare, Forrest Johnson for Grand Chef de Train, Dan Levasseur for Grand Commissaire Intendant, A.J. Noonan for Grand Correspondant and Kevin Johnson for the high office of Chef de Chemin de Fer. The Resolutions were presented to Resolution Committee Chairman Dave Bexten for consideration and approval.

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

Grand Chef de Train Ben Sargent said overall Grande du Missouri was at 89.60% down 62 from quota of 596. Total membership is 534.

Cheminot Nationale Mike Scruby had no report. Alternate Cheminot Ron Leverenz had no report. The highlights of the Grand Cheminot reports are: Voiture 130 conducted a Spring Flea Market and sold 2500 rags and 1800 trash bags for fundraising for the Nurses Training Fund. Assisted in over 45 Veteran funerals from Leavenworth National Cemetery, local and surrounding communities. Placed flags for many occasions to include National Holidays and Local events. Escorted students for Government Day. Voiture 130 achieved 100% Membership for 2026. Voiture 292. Awarded 1 Nurses Training Scholarship and Membership is at 73.91% with 17 Members for 2026. Voiture 333 membership is at 92 following 98 last year. We have had 9 deaths this year. I sent 7 membership cards to Nationale Thirsday following our Promenade – 5 new and 2 renewals. We selected 12 recipients of \$1000.00 nursing scholarships. Six of those recipients were given a certificate and their checks at the Promenade 2 days ago. We have also submitted a request for a Boland Scholarship. Our Flags for First Graders Program finished with 1715 flags at 43 schools being presented. Memorial Day activities in Sedalia began with flags at 3 cemeteries being placed on Saturday before Memorial Day by members from all 3 of the city's veteran groups, Boy Scouts and JROTC cadets. Following the placement, the volunteers were invited to a free breakfast prepared by the Knights of Columbus and sponsored by Voiture 333. The city Memorial Day Ceremony featured Chef de Gare Cliff McBride as the Master of Ceremonies and Voyageur Gerald Scott as a guest speaker. Gerald was a Vietnam War pilot who was shot down over Cambodia, had a parachute that failed to fully deploy, suffered tremendous injuries and was rescued before North Vietnamese soldiers captured him. Following the ceremony, the residents of Sedalia and surrounding communities were invited to a free lunch hosted by Voiture 333. We served approximately 200 at this lunch. Donations and sales of unused foodstuff netted the Voiture over \$225. I received an email from the American Ex-Prisoners of War asking if we would accept the donation of a brass plaque for the boxcar. The organization is donation a plaque to each state for their boxcar. The plaque is 14" x 24", museum quality brass, weighs 32 pounds and costs \$3000 each. Hopefully the plaque will arrive before the State Fair. We agreed and then received a follow-up email stating a second plaque is being made for the MO state house and will be presented by a fomer POW who spent 7.5 years in captivity. I will be coordinating with our State Representative to attempt to find when the presentation will be made so we can plan to have representation at the ceremony. Voiture 448 reported they are conducting a Murder Mystery Fundraiser on 27 Jun 2026. Contact Voiture for more details. Voiture 460 reported 3 Nurses Training Scholarships awarded. Voyageurs placed over 200 flags at the 5 local cemeteries for Memorial Day. Participated in the Flag Retirement Ceremony at Legion Post 331 on 14 June 2026.

Over 800 Flags were retired during Ceremony. Voiture is conducted Queen of Hearts each Wednesday evening as fundraiser for 40/8 Programs to include Nurses Training, Youth Sports, Child Welfare and Americanism. Voiture 460 is at 100% Membership for 2026 with 56 Voyageurs. Voiture 760 reported location vary for their Promenades. Voiture awarded 3 Nurses Training Scholarships this year. Membership is currently at 100%. Voiture 760 has 24 Voyageurs paid for 2026. Voiture 1292 reported 97.30% for Membership. Voiture 1321 but should be 100% for the year. Voiture 1292 reported their Annual Golf Tournament will be held on 11 July 2026 at the Oak Hill Golf Course. This is their major fundraiser for Nurses Training Scholarships and 40/8 Programs throughout the year. Sponsorships are still available. Contact Frenchie for further details. Voiture has awarded 8 Nurses Training Scholarships @ \$2000 each. Voiture 1321 reported they have 1 Nurse in Training. The continue to conduct Blood Drives and support the local food pantry. The Law Officer of the Year, Tyler Griffin and his wife will be attending the banquet and receive his award this evening. Voiture 1379 had no report. Voiture 1541 reported they conducted a Calvin Kane ceremony/Memorial was held at the May Promenade for Victor Hernandez and Richard Trammel. We had our annual "Night at the Races" fundraiser ad the even was a success ensuring we can again fund our programs for another year.

All annual reports were submitted and after a "2" year hiatus, the Locale submitted a History Book. Membership: We finished with 39 paid for 2026. Nurses Training- The Locales Nurses Training program is back up and running. We currently are authorized "3" nurses for our program. We had 2 out of the 3 graduate and nurses training pins were sent out. We have one in training and have another in line but awaiting the updated nurse application as she made a couple errors. We are looking for a 3rd. Our Installation of Officers will be Wednesday July 22nd 7 PM at the Wentzville America Legion. Voiture donated \$120.00 to the O'Fallon fire protection district for their youth training program teaching children what to do in case of a fire and fire prevention.

Grand Medicine – No Report. He was sitting in the peanut gallery plotting his escape.

Grand Historien – Reported he received a History Book from V1541 and had a Scrapbook for Grand Chef de Gare Rose Noonan. Stated he would present them for judging at Promenade Nationale in Gettysburg in September.

Grand Avocat Kevin Johnson had nothing further to report.

Grand Directeur Child Welfare. Hallie Williams presented award certificates for Child Welfare. Received 6 reports for Child Welfare: 1st place went to 1541. 2nd place went to 448 and 3rd place went to 760.

Grand Directeur Nurses Training. Dan Levasseur presented award certificates for Nurses Training. Received 7 reports this year. 1st Place was awarded to 1292. 2nd Place went to 760 and 3rd Place went to 333.

Grand Aumonier Ted McCart said to let him know if any additional Voyageurs need to be added to TAPS for the Memorial Ceremony conducted during Grande Promenade on Sunday.

Grand Drapeau East – No report.

Grand Drapeau West – No report.

Grand Publiciste David Bexten received 4 reports. He then presented awards. 1st place went to 1292. 2nd place went to 1379 and 3rd place was a tie and certificates went to 460 and 1541.

Grand Directeur Americanism Robert Emery. There were 7 reports turned in. 1st place went to 130, 2nd place went to 460 and 3rd place went to 1541. There was a total of \$389,005.50 in cash and services. Actual hours: 27,261. Actual Miles: 336,570. Actual Cash: 84,414.

Grand Directeur POW/MIA – Not present. Will present awards on Sunday at Grand Promenade.

Grand Directeur Box Car – John Kramer. He received 5 reports of activity and awarded 1st place to 333, 2nd place 1321 and 3rd place 1541.

Grand Directeur Carville Star – Not present. No awards presented.

Grand Directeur Ritual Frank Angelo presented award certificates. 4 Reports were received. 1st place went to 1541, 2nd place went to 460 and 3rd place went to 448.

Grand Directeur Special Awards Wade Mano – Law Officer of the Year (LOY) submitted by Voiture 1321 will be awarded during Banquet on 20 Jun 26.

Grand VAVS Chairman Chip Berkley – received 6 reports this year plus one addition after deadline. 1st place went to 448, 2nd place went to 1292 and 3rd place went to 1541. Miles reported: 22,000. Hours: 2,138. Money spent: 13,000.

Grand Directeur Youth Sports. Kevin Johnson presented the Awards. Received 7 reports for a total of \$119,484. Total cash expended \$83,380.00. Assistance and Services other than cash: Miles Drivenn: 18,494. Volunteer Hours 17,610. 1st place went to 448, 2nd place went to 46 and 3rd place went to 760.

Distinguished Voyageur Committee Chairman Calvin Bumgarner. No report.

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

107th Promenade Nationale

Time: September 22 – 26, 2026

Place: The Eisenhower, Gettysburg, PA

Rate: \$129 (plus tax) per night. See Registration form for additional prices.

Fall Grande Cheminot & Grand Chef de Gare's Homecoming

Date: October 16-17 2026

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

Rate: \$119 (plus tax) per night.

Grande Cheminot & Spring Wreck

Date: March 19-21, 2027

Place: Holiday Inn St. Louis Airport West, Earth City, MO.

Rate: \$144 (plus occupancy tax – no sales tax will be charged if reservations is under 40/8). Breakfast is included in price.

Central States 2027

Date: April 2027 (Exact dates to be published)

Place: Oklahoma City, OK

Rate: Registrations fees, hotel information and event details will be announced when finalized.

Grande Cheminot & Promenade

Time: June 18-20 2027

Place: Holiday Inn St. Louis Airport West, Earth City, MO.

Rate: \$144 (plus occupancy tax – no sales tax will be charged if reservations is under 40/8). Breakfast is included in price.

Fall Grande Cheminot & Grand Chef de Gare's Homecoming

Date: October 2027 – actual date TBD

Place: Holiday Inn St. Louis Airport West, Earth City, MO

Rate: 144 (plus occupancy tax – no sales tax will be charged if reservations is under 40/8). Breakfast is included in price.

Old Business – None

New Business – 107th Promenade sign-up sheet – Delegates and Alternates will be determined during Grande Promenade on Sunday.

Good of the Grande Voiture – None

Further business – Garde de La Porte collected \$97 in Fines and submitted to Grand Correspondant for safe keeping.

Grande Chef de Gare Passe Hour at 1700 in Hospitality Room.

Grand Chef de Gare Rose Noonan closed the Grand Cheminot at 2:50 PM.

Submitted by,

AJ Noonan

Grand Correspondant

Grande du Missouri

GRANDE PROMENADE, June 21, 2026
Oasis Hotel and Conference Center, Springfield, Missouri

With a rap of the gavel, Grand Chef de Gare Rose Noonan opened the Grande 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 12 answering. Roll call of Grand Cheminots showed there was a quorum. Absent was Voitures 3, 38, 966, 1402, and 1403.

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

Grand Chef de Gare Rose Noonan called on the Grande Promenade Committees starting with the Audit Committee chaired by Terry Lanning with the help of Janice Hartley and Frank Angelo. Also present were Grand Commissaire Intendant Forrest, Grand Correspondant A.J. Noonan, Grand Chef de Gare Rose Noonan and Dan Levasseur. Terry Lanning stated the Audit took place on June 20, 2026 in the Arabian room of the Oasis Hotel and Conference Center at 8:00 AM. The financial records were matched with the bank statements. The Grande began the year with \$4379.67 and had deposits totaling \$6,348.98. Disbursements totaled \$6,269.86 leaving a final balance of \$4,458.79. The Grande du Missouri has two one year CD's, #722 for \$1,000 due 9/20/2026 at 3.5% and #723 for \$1,000 due 11/18/2026 at 3.5%. The Stifel-Nicolaus investment account portfolio current value is \$12,286.80. Dividends are being paid at an average of 3.45% as of May 31st, 2026. The Audit Committee recommends the Grande keep this investment another year. The Audit Committee wants to thank the Commissaire Intendant Forrest Johnson and Grand Correspondant AJ Noonan for the excellent condition of the financial records. Terry offered a notion that this report and its actions along with the financial report from Grand Cheminot on 20 Jun 2026 be accepted. Seconded by Kevin Johnson...passed.

Grand Chef de Gare Rose Noonan called on the Resolutions Committee chaired by Dave Bexten. Dave reported that he opened the committee at 9:00 AM in the hospitality room. There were at least 16 members present. Dave stated 5 Resolutions presented: Ben Sargent for Grand Chef de Gare, Forrest Johnson for Grand Chef de Train, Dan Levasseur for Grand Commissaire Intendant and A.J. Noonan for Grand Correspondant. Committee recommended these be approved and passed on to the Nomination Committee for action. Notion to accept report by Dave Bexten and seconded by Dan Levasseur and John Kramer, passed.

Grand Chef de Gare Rose Noonan called on Credentials Committee Chair Ben Sargent. He said the Credential Committee met Saturday 20 June 26 in the Hospitality Room. There were 16 Voyageurs present. He gave the voting strength for each Voiture (39) plus Grand Chefs de Gare Passe's present (11) for a total of 50 votes. The following Voitures had no Voyageurs represented: V3, V38, V966, V1402, and V1403. Ben offered a notion, seconded by Janice Hartley, that the report be accepted as given...passed.

Grand Chef de Gare Rose Noonan called on the Constitution and By Laws Committee chaired by Ralph Turner. He departed early for a family event and had no report. The Committee met Saturday at 9:00 AM with 16 Voyageurs representing 8 Voitures. No new business was brought forward. Meeting lasted less than 2 minutes. No notion was required.

Old Business – Grand Directeur of POW/MIA presented her awards. Grand Correspondant found the 100% Membership pins for Voiture 130. Grand Chef de Gare presented these to Voiture 130 (Dan Petit)

New Business – Grand Chef de Gare Rose Noonan 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 20, 2026 at approximately 9:20 am. 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 2026-2027, The Grande will forward the Resolution for Kevin Johnson for Chef de Chemin de Fer 2028 to Voiture Nationale.

ELECTIVE OFFICERS	NAME	VOITURE
Grand Chef de Gare	Benjamin Sargent	460
Grand Chef de Train	Forrest Johnson	1541

Grand Commissaire Intendant	Dan Levasseur	1292
Grand Correspondant	A.J. Noonan	460
Cheminot Nationale	Ron Leverenz	760
Alternate Cheminot Nationale	Rose Noonan	460
Voitures (460-760-1321)	John Kramer	1321
Sous Grand Chef de Train		
Voitures (38-448-966-1541)	Gene Vaucher	1541
Sous Grand Chef de Train		
Voitures (3-130-1379-1402)	Calvin Bumgarner	1379
Sous Grand Chef de Train		
Voitures (292-333-1292-1403)	Chip Berkley	292
Sous Grand Chef de Train		
Grand Medicin	Tommy Thomas	460
Grand Garde de la Porte	Harry T. Barnes Jr.	1321
Grand Historien	AJ Noonan	460
Grand Avocat	Kevin Johnson	460
Sous Grand Avocat	Ralph Turner	460
Grand Directeur Child Welfare	Hallie Williams	448
Grand Directeur Nurses Training	Dan Levasseur	1292
Grand Aumonier	Theadore 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	Calvin Bumgarner	1379
Grand Cheminot-at-Large	Chip Berkley	292

Ben Sargent was elected by acclamation as Grand Chef de Gare. Forrest Johnson was elected by acclamation as Grand Chef de Train. Dan Levasseur was elected by acclamation as Grand Commissaire Intendant. A.J. Noonan was elected by acclamation as Grand Correspondant – though he really thought someone would come off the floor and assume his duties. Notion offered by Kevin Johnson seconded by Terry Lanning, that the remaining officers be elected by acclamation...passed.

Kevin Johnson read the appointed officers with permission by Grand Chef de Gare Elect, Ben Sargent, 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	Vacant	
Grand Conducteur	Janice Hartley	1541
Sous Grand Conducteur	Steve Rossberg	460
Sous Grand Conducteur	Harry T. Barnes Jr.	1321
Sous Grand Conducteur	Chris Neal	1292
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 Wallenburg	760
Grand Directeur POW/MIA	Frank Angelo	460
Sous Grand Directeur POW/MIA	Johnny Richardson	460
Grand Directeur Ritual	Frank Angelo	460
Grand Directeur Special Awards	Wade Mano	460
Grand Directeur VAVS	Thomas (Chip) Berkley	292
Sous Grand Directeur VAVS	Don Newman II	1541
Sous Grand Directeur VAVS	Dennis Ecker	1321
Sous Grand Directeur VAVS	John Kramer	1321
Sous Grand Directeur VAVS	Vacant	
Grand Directeur Youth Sports	Ralph Turner	460
Executive Committee "Advisory" & Protocol	Richard A. Heigert	1321
	Kevin Johnson	460
	Ralph Turner	460
Time & Place Committee Chairman	AJ Noonan	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 Ben Sargent - Delegate	460
	Grand Chef de Train Forrest Johnson - Delegate	1541
	Grand Correspondant A.J. Noonan - Delegate	460
Aide de Camp	Steve Rossberg	460

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

The Delegates and Alternates for 2026 Promenade Nationale at Gettysburg, PA are Kevin Johnson, AJ Noonan, Hallie Williams and Chip Berkley. The Alternates will be Rose Noonan, Frank Angelo, John Kramer. Ralph Turner and Ron Leverenz. Committee assignments will be made when form is published by Nationale. AJ Noonan will assign personnel based on Grande positions. There are no Voiture Delegates this year since only 10 Voyageurs are attending.

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

Newly elected Ben Sargent thanked everyone. He is honored and glad to be part of the 40/8 and looks forward to the upcoming year.

The Promenade was recessed at 9:45 AM to let the families and friends in for the Memorial Service and Installation of Officers.

The Grande Promenade came back to order at 10:00 AM. Grand Chef de Gare Rose Noonan 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. Tornado warnings went off during the Memorial Service causing a minor distraction to this solemn occasion.

Grand Chef de Gare Rose Noonan 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, Ben Sargent first then installed the rest of the elected and appointed officers.

Installing Officer, Kevin Johnson, gave the gavel of authority to the new Grand Chef de Gare Ben Sargent. Grand Chef de Gare Passe Rose Noonan was presented her Grand Chef de Gare Passe pin and her new Chapeaux by Grand Chef de Gare Passe AJ Noonan.

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

Grande Chef de Gare Ben Sargent closed the Grande Promenade at 10:45 AM.

Submitted by

A.J. Noonan
Grand Correspondant
Grande du Missouri

Reminder from the Grand Correspondant:

All Voitures need to submit their newly elected officers and directures for the Grande du Missouri yearbook.

A.J. Noonan

Grand Correspondant

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DIXON, MO 65459-8154

When sending correspondence to Voiture Nationale, be sure to use the correct address;

Voiture Nationale

1635 Hawthorne Dr.

Plainfield, IN. 46168

Audry Trust

What is the Ardery Trust? The Charles W. Ardery Trust is a Trust established to provide reimbursements of funds expended by a Voiture Locale or a Grand Voiture to provide an emergent need for children of families up to 17 years of age. The definition of emergent is any situation which has

occurred of a serious nature demanding Prompt Attention. These situations may arise from natural disasters. Examples being floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, and fires. Fire being the most claims we deal with. These emergent cases are given top priority and are undertaken by Voiture Locales and Grands in these effective areas when those established agencies like Red Cross and Churches and Community Welfare are unable to immediately assist. Be advised however that this aid is not intended to actually replace or supplement any assistance which may be available through those previously mentioned agencies. Those Locales and Grands can take the effected families shopping and replace up to \$500 in clothing per child. However, there is a \$2000 cap per family. You assisting Locales and Grands need to then submit to the Ardery Trust Committee receipts and reports from agencies, such as fire departments, for the listed disaster. The committee swiftly reviews the documentation when received from the Nationale Office and promptly acts upon it. Usually with in the same day. Voyageurs, I encourage your Locale and Grand utilize this Amazing Ardery Trust fund for any disaster in your areas. Once again all required for reimbursement of your expended funds is filling out the required forms off the National Website. The 2 required forms are listed. Once filled out, send all information to the Nationale, along with receipts and any agency reports of the disaster.

Frank W. Kronen Ardery Trust National Member Advisor Chef de Chemin de Fer 2023



GRANDE VOITURE DU MISSOURI
Grande Cheminot and Homecoming
October 16 to October 17, 2026
Oasis Hotel and Convention Center
2546 North Glenstone Ave.
Springfield, MO 65803
417-866-5253

Room Rate \$119.00 (+Tax) per night for
Deluxe King or Deluxe Double
PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE
Handicapped Rooms Available
Make your reservations directly with Oasis Hotel
Mention 40&8 Honor Society for special rate when making reservations
Cut off for reservations at Group rate is 21 September, 2026

Friday October 16, 2026

Registration 1500 – 1800 Kalahari/Mojave Lobby
Hospitality Room 1500 - ??? Kalahari / Mojave Room
Past Chefs meeting 1800-UTC Arabian Room

Saturday October 17, 2026

Registration 0900 – 1200
Lunch 1130 – 1300 Kalahari / Mojave Room (Hospitality Room)
Grande Promenade 1300 – 1600 Sahara Room
Grand Chef de Gare Passé Social Hour 1700-1800 Kalahari / Mojave Room (Hospitality Room)
Social Hour 1800 Cash Bar Fiji Ballroom
Banquet 1900-UTC Fiji Ballroom
Hospitality Room will be open after the Banquet

Sunday October 18, 2026

Have a safe trip home.

To register for the Grande Promenade and Cheminot. Make check payable to Voiture 460
Please have registrations sent in by 01 October 2026

Send to:
Ben Sargent
25625 Swan Road
Richland, MO 65556

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Spouse/Guest _____

Title _____ Voiture _____

Banquet / Person: \$42.00 X No. Guest _____ = _____

Registration Fee \$15.00 (Voyageurs Only) _____

Total Enclosed: _____

Membership Grande du Missouri

2-Jul-26

Voiture Name	Voiture	2025	2026	2025	Sh/Ov Quota	% of Quota
		Year End	To-date	Quota		
HEART OF AMERICA	3	32	27	32	-5	84.38%
SPIRIT OF ST. LOUIS	38	44	42	44	-2	95.45%
JESSE JAMES	130	40	41	40	1	102.50%
HEART OF MISSOURI	292	23	17	23	-6	73.91%
STATE FAIR	333	100	94	100	-6	94.00%
GATEWAY	448	61	58	61	-3	95.08%
CENTRAL OZARK	460	55	56	56	0	100.00%
KICKAPOO	760	24	24	24	0	100.00%
MARK TWAIN	966	2	2	2	0	100.00%
CAPITAL	1292	72	54	72	-18	75.00%
MINERAL AREA	1321	47	41	47	-6	87.23%
NEUF COMPT	1379	32	26	32	-6	81.25%
ATCHISON NODAWAY HOLT Counties	1402	14	11	14	-3	78.57%
LAKE OF THE OZARK	1403	4	3	4	-1	75.00%
TWO RIVERS	1541	45	39	45	-6	86.67%
Missouri Total		595	535	596	-61	89.77%

