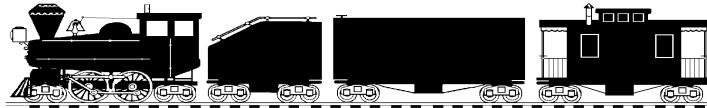


Communiqué
La Société des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux
Grande Voiture du Missouri



June/July 2017 - Grand Chef de Gare Chip Berkley - L'Editeur Grant Willis

The Grand Chef Sez

Fellow Voyageurs,

The Memorial Day weekend is upon us. I have already been to a couple of different cemeteries to pay my respects to the fallen. By the time you get your copy of this newsletter many of you will have attended or participated in one or more ceremonies with your Legion Post or Voiture. As we pause to remember the fallen let us not forget the living that served in our Armed Forces.

Many of those that served are living in our nursing homes and hospitals. They would love to see you and talk to someone throughout the year. One of my pet projects throughout the years has been the VAVS. I look forward to grilling burgers and brats for the VA patients on Memorial Day.

Lora and I got to attend the Truman Day event in Independence, MO. Thanks to Tom Goodin, the 40/8 was recognized at their luncheon. Terry and I attended the Memorial Service at V- 38 on May 15th and the three of us visited V- 1379 on May 24th. It has been my pleasure to travel around the state on behalf of the 40/8. This has been a wonderful experience for both myself and Lora. There won't be much time left for us to show up at your functions but if there is anything I can do for you, your Locale or the Grande, please give me a call.

I look forward to serving the 40/8 for many years to come and to breaking the curse of the Central States President. We will have hotel staff on hand Friday afternoon, June 30th, 2017 to meet with our committees handling the BBQ, luncheons and Banquet arrangements for our 2018 Central States Promenade. Hope to see many of you attending the Grande Cheminot on Saturday and the Grande Promenade on Sunday. Don't forget to submit your names of our departed Voiture's for the Memorial Service.

Yours in Service,

Grand Chef de Gare



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**Sous Grand
Correspondants Notes**

This is the last newsletter for the current year. The articles for the next newsletter

will be due by July 31st 2017.

REPORTS

Reports are due to the Grand Directeur's no later than June 15, 2017. So, you Locale Directeur's need to start putting your reports together and getting them in the mail prior to June 15th to be eligible for any awards

MEMBERSHIP

The membership report at the end of this newsletter shows where everyone is at as of May 25th and it is not looking good. Missouri has not sent in any memberships for a few weeks now, thus the 90.97 percentage and 84 members short of 100%. We really need to work and reducing this shortage before the end of July.

FROM CENTRAL OZARKS VOITURE LOCALE 460 GUN RAFFLE

Central Ozarks Voiture 460 is raffling a 30-30 lever action rifle to support our Locale Programs. Now, Many of you may say "Great, another gun raffle" Folks this isn't a cheap off the shelf everyday rifle this is a Classic Henry Repeating Arms lever action 30-30 with brass in-lays and an octagon barrel. This is a beautiful rifle 100% made in the USA and well worth taking the chance to win. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20 Contact Chef Ben Sargent at msgsg2@yahoo.com or any Central Ozarks Voyageur for tickets. These will also be available at the summer Promenade Springfield. Drawing will be held 4 July, 2017 at the American Legion Post 331. You need not be present to win.

Hope to hear from you



2017 Grand Promenade Registration

Included in this newsletter is a copy of the registration form for the Grand Promenade and Cheminot that will be held at the end of June. If you are going to come and have not registered, you need to get it done by June 2 for the hotel and June 15th for the Banquet. See you in Springfield.

We Are Having A ChicNic

WHERE:
Wallace State Park
Cameron, MO
I-35 to exit 48
Follow the green information
Signs

WHEN:
August 19th, 2017 at 1:00 P.M.
At the
Enclosed Shelter



Hosted by:
40et8 Nuef Comtes Voiture 1379
A Non-Profit Fun and Honor Society
of Veterans

Donation: \$10 Adults
\$ 5 Children 13 and under
Door Prizes and a Raffle
Proceeds Go Towards Nurses Training



GRANDE CHEMINOT AND PROMENADE



June 30th to July 1st, 2017

Ramada Plaza Hotel Oasis Convention Center

2546 North Glenstone Ave.

Springfield, Missouri 65803

417-866-5253

888-532-4338

Room Rate \$84.00 (+TAX) per night

For Deluxe King or Deluxe Double

PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE

Handicapped Rooms Available

Make your reservations directly with Ramada Plaza by June 2nd, 2017

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

Friday

Registration 3 P.M. to 6 P.M. in the Sahara Room

Hospitality Room 3 P.M. until ??? in the Sahara Room

Saturday

Registration 9 A.M. to 12 P.M. in the Sahara Room

Committee Meetings 9 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.

Lunch 11:30 A.M. to 1 P.M. in the Sahara Room

Grande Cheminot 1 P.M. to 4 P.M. in the Coco Ballroom

Grand Chef de Gare Passé Social Hour 5 P.M. to 6 P.M. in the Arabian Room

Social Hour 6 P.M. to 7 P.M. – Cash Bar/Banquet 7 P.M.

Hospitality Room opens after Banquet

Sunday

Grande Promenade 9 A.M. to 12 P.M. in Coco Ballroom

HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME

Deadline to register for the banquet is June 15, 2017

Make your check payable to Voiture 130 for registration

Send to: David Voyles

P.O. BOX 36

Amazonia, MO 64421

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Spouse/Guest _____

Title _____ Voiture Number _____

Banquet Buffett \$30.00/Person x Number of Guest _____ \$ _____

Registration Fee \$5.00 (Voyageurs Only) _____ \$ _____

Total \$ _____

MEMBERSHIP
May 25, 2017

Grande du MISSOURI

Voiture	2016	2017	2016	% of	short/over	Goal	% of	Short/over
	YTD	YTD	Year					
	Total	Total	End	Quota				Goal
3	41	44	42	104.76%	2	45	97.78%	-1
38	85	83	88	94.32%	-5	93	89.25%	-10
130	30	34	30	113.33%	4	32	106.25%	2
292	40	38	40	95.00%	-2	42	90.48%	-4
333	165	151	166	90.96%	-15	175	86.29%	-24
448	96	84	96	87.50%	-12	101	83.17%	-17
460	69	63	69	91.30%	-6	73	86.30%	-10
760	52	39	56	69.64%	-17	59	66.10%	-20
966	4	4	4	100.00%	0	5	80.00%	-1
1292	67	69	73	94.52%	-4	77	89.61%	-8
1321	66	67	66	101.52%	1	70	95.71%	-3
1379	51	45	55	81.82%	-10	58	77.59%	-13
1395	15	15	15	100.00%	0	16	93.75%	-1
1402	21	21	22	95.45%	-1	24	87.50%	-3
1403	22	18	22	81.82%	-4	24	75.00%	-6
1541	86	71	86	82.56%	-15	91	78.02%	-20
TOTALS	910	846	930	90.97%	-84	985	85.89%	-139