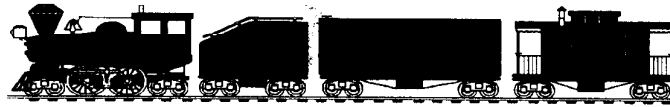




Communiqué
La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Cheveux
Grande Voiture du Missouri



March 2007

Grand Chef de Gare Donald W. Fligge L'Editeur Terry Lanning

The Grand Chef Sez

I visited several Voitures since my last article 38, 448, 460, 848, 1402 and I learned as always a lot. It is great to see the action and discussion about raising money for the many programs of the 40/8. Big programs in most Voitures are Nurses Training and Child Welfare. It makes me very proud of this organization to be a part of so much giving to others. We think a lot about the service members in harms way, but how often do we think about the families left behind. When I was in the Marines (editeur's note: we won't hold that against the Chef), it seems to me we were almost all single. Today I hear things are different. Many GI's are married and often children are involved. Among the lower rates I hear of financial difficulties. To bad the GI's can't concentrate just on their job without the worry back home. I don't have an answer. Something to think about. March 30, 31 and April 1 our Spring Wreck and Cheminot is in St. Louis. I hope to see many of you there. We always have a great time.

LOVE TO LIVE

Today, dear Lord, I'm 80, and there's much I haven't done. I hope, dear Lord, you'll let me live until I'm 81.

But then, if I haven't finished all I want to do, would you please let me stay a while until I'm 82?

So many places I want to go, so very much to see. Do you think that I could manage to make it to 83?

The world is changing very fast, there is so much in store. I'd like it very much to live until I'm 84.

And if by then I'm still alive, I'd like to stay 'til 85!

More places will be in the air, so I would like to stick and see what happens to the world then I turn 86.

I know, dear Lord, It's much to ask (and it must be nice in Heaven). But I'd really like to stay here until I'm 87.

I know by then I won't be fast, and sometimes I'll be late, but it would be so pleasant to be here at 88.

I will have seen so many things and had a wonderful time, so I'm sure that I'd be willing to leave when I'm 89.

Just one more thing I'd like to say: Dear Lord, I thank you kindly, but it it's okay with you, I'd love to live past 90!

The Grande du Missouri has its own web site at: grandedumissouri.com

If anyone has anything they want to add or comments on the web site send it to Robert Emery at his e-mail address remery18@comcast.net and copy Terry Lanning at t_lanning@charter.net.

GRANDE VOITURE DU MISSOURI

Spring Wreck and Cheminot
March 30 through April 1, 2007

Will be Held at the DoubleTree Hotel
St Louis at Westport
1973 Craigshire
St. Louis Mo. 63146
Tel (314) 434-0100
Fax (314) 434-5067

Hotel rates are as follows:
\$75.00 for Single and Double Occupancy
\$85.00 for Triple and Quad Occupancy
Current Tax rate will be 7.5%

Make all reservations directly with the Hotel by February 28, 2007.
When you make reservations please mention that you are with the 40/8 Honor Society

Friday March 30, 2007

Registration 12:00 til 5:00PM
Hospitality Room 3:00PM til ???

Saturday March 31, 2007

Registration 7:30 AM til noon
Hospitality Room 7:30AM til 9:00AM
Wreck will start at 9:00 AM
Lunch starting at 11:00AM
Hospitality Room open after Cheminot
Cheminot will start at 1:00 PM.
Cocktails starting at 6:00 PM
The Banquet will start at 7:00 PM.
Hospitality Room opened after Banquet

Sunday April 1, 2007

Donuts in the Hospitality Room 7:30AM til 10:00AM

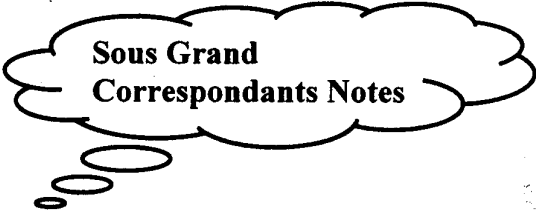
Make checks payable to Voiture 448 and send check to Art Wilson, 725 Beardsley, Ferguson, Mo. 63135 or Grant Willis, 8 Shireford Ln, Ferguson, Mo. 63135.

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Spouse Name _____

Voiture Number _____ Registration per Voyaguer \$10.00 _____

Banquet per Person \$25.00 _____

Total _____



Sous Grand
Correspondants Notes

Each of the Directeurs should write at least one article for the Grand Newsletter. Articles are due by the first of the month. The months assigned are as follows:

April 2007 – Child Welfare –
Directeur John Neger

Directeurs and Voitures can email me their articles, announcements, or anything of interest to t_lanning@charter.net, or mail it to 2045 Granada Dr., Florissant, MO 63033.



UPCOMING
DATES

- Spring Cheminot & Wreck 3/30/07 – 4/1/07 at DoubleTree, St. Louis Co.
- Central States Promenade – 5/6 to 5/8/07 in Omaha, NE
- Truman Day Pilgrimage 5/8/07
- Grand Promenade 6/29/07 – 7/1/07 at DoubleTree, St. Louis Co.

Voiture Locale 38 now has a website.
That address is
<http://www.voiturelocale38.com/>

Voiture Activities
Directeur Ralph Turner

The 40 & 8 has always been called a fun

organization. How do we have fun? Voyageurs get together. It is that simple. If we can get the Voyageurs and their families together for fun, they might just get more involved in the 40 & 8. A good program usually helps increase membership. When non-members see us having fun, they may start asking questions about our organization. What actually is Voiture Activities? It is nothing more than any type of social gathering. A potluck dinner at the Locale before a prom, a baseball outing, a prayer breakfast or just about anything else that is not a Cheminot or Promenade. If you have a dinner or banquet associated with a Prom or Cheminot, then it would be an activity. These events do not need to take place with the Locale. Get outside and show the world what we are all about. When a bunch of people show up somewhere with the 40 & 8 logo in sight, people are going to start asking questions. Now that we all know how important the Voiture Activity Program is how do we make it work? **COMPLETE YOUR REPORTS!** For as long as I have been a Voyageur I have heard and seen all the great things that the 40/8 does. Unfortunately these are not always noted on our end of the year forms. Let's show National what Grande du Missouri does within our organization. List all events held throughout the year. Under description of event, just list what it was, i.e. brunch, Bar-B-Q, dance, kids party, etc. If you have a dinner or social hour in conjunction with a meeting, list that. If your Locale hosts a Grande event, be sure to list it. You should be filling out the report as you hold the event. At the end of the year, your report should be ready to send off. You know the type of things that interest your Locale. It is almost impossible to remember everything you have done at the end of the year so just record your information as it takes place throughout the entire year.

You are not going to believe this

however; I have attached the Voiture Activities form that is changing again. The major difference is the calculation of the percentage of participation. I am just glad I will be able to carry on the tradition of reporting the changes to the form that seems like a yearly occurrence.

Nurses Training
Directeur Gary L. Reno

First let me start off by saying what an honor and privilege it is to serve as your Grand Nurses Training Directeur. As we all know, I am following in the footsteps of a highly dedicated Forty and Eigher. For over thirty years Bill Russell was our Champion for Nurses Training. How does one top that. Simple, you can't, and I have no intention of trying. I do, however, have some thoughts on the subject and would like to share them with you.

First off, only YOU can make the difference. Only YOU can make this program successful in your Locale. Only YOU can make your Grand successful. Only YOU can keep Grand du Missouri the top Grand at Nationale. Well, congratulations on doing that thing that you do so well. Can we do better? Sure we can. The question is, "do we want to" or are we satisfied right where we are. As we all know, when you are the best you can't rest. Comrades, you set the standard now you must keep it. Secondly, I am sure that many of us know by now that Nationale saw fit to misuse Nurses Training Funds. Since they chose to do the same with POW/MIA Scholarship Funds it appears to be SOP with them, but we cannot let that overwhelm the initial objective. GRADUATE NURSES. We must stay focused on what we do best.

In closing here are some statistics to ponder. By 2012 there will be more than 2.9 million RNs employed. However,

because of job growth, job openings and nurses retiring or leaving the profession could lead to a shortage of more than one million nurses by the end of the decade. Is our Nurses Training Program important? I think it has passed important, it is VITAL!

I have 350 Nurses Training Pins for sale. \$2.00 each or 2 for \$4.00. Locale Directeurs may take some on consignment. Let me know.

Please feel free to contact me if I can be of any assistance. After all, I work for you. God Bless.

You can contact Gary at (816) 628-5773 or e-mail: namvet7071@earthlink.net

Grand Organizer
Virgil Morice

I hope that every Voyageur knows that the Grand Organizer shall supervise the organization of new Voitures Locaux or the reinstatement of suspended Voitures Locaux within the Grand Voiture of Missouri. All requests for information and chartering shall be referred to the Grand Organizer. I have two Sous Grand Organizers and they are listed on page six of the Grand Voiture Directory.

Voiture 1321 Cook Outs

Voiture 1321 Cook Outs will be held at Buchheits Store in Herculaneum, Mo. on the following dates:

March 17 & 18,
April 28 & 29,
May 12 & 13,
June 23 & 24,
July 21 & 22,
Sept. 15 & 16,
Oct. 13 & 14
Nov. 23, 24 & 25.

We will be in Ste. Genevieve, Mo. on August 11 & 12 for the Jour de Fete.

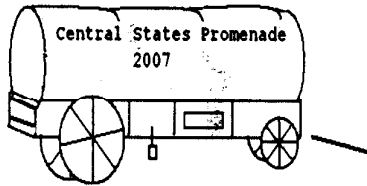
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Greetings to all Voyageurs, Dames and Friends:

The Grande du Nebraska would like to extend a invitation to attend Central States Promenade 2007. This event will take place in Omaha on the 6th through the 8th of May,2007. The hotel of choice will be the Holliday Inn off of I-80 at the 72nd Street exit. The rooms will be \$ 79.00 a night and the price will be good for three (3) days before and for three (3) days after. Please make your reservations with the hotel.

Within this letter you will find information in regards to registration, hotel reservations, the golf game, advertising, booster club and other activities that have been scheduled for your pleasure and enjoyment.

The registration fee for The Central States Promenade will be \$ 50.00 per person plus booster fees. The registration fee covers, The BBQ Dinner, Banquet , Central States Book, the Central States Pin and all the refreshments that you can consume during your stay with us. A continental breakfast is also included in the registration fee Wednesday morning.

Sunday May 6, 2007 Registration will open from 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. at the Hotel The Nebraska Hospitality room will open at 3:00 P.M. and will continue until 12:00 P.M.

**Jim Rush
President CSP 2007**

Gateway Voiture Locale 448

La Société des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux



PROMENADE 3RD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH
ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: Gateway Voiture Locale 448, Grande Voiture du Missouri, La Société des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux, has a Voyageur Militaire who is deserving of your consideration for the high office of

GRAND CORRESPONDANT du MISSOURI

and

WHEREAS: Voyageur Jerry J. Castulik was initiated into Voiture 448 on May 22, 1976, served as Chef de Cuisine, Directeur Voiture Activities, is a member of the Ritual Team, Commis Voyageur, Conducteur, Correspondant, Commissaire Intendant, Chef de Train, Chef de Gare in 1982-1983, and is currently the Sous Correspondant for the past twenty years, and

WHEREAS: Voyageur Jerry J. Castulik has served the Grande Voiture du Missouri as Grand Cheminot, Grand Directeur Carville Star, Sous Grand Chef de Train, Grand Commissaire Intendant, Grand Chef de Train, Grand Chef de Gare in 1995-1996, President of the Central States Promenade in 1996-1997, currently serving as Commissaire Intendant on the Central States Promenade Executive Committee, and is currently the Grand Correspondant for his twelfth year, and

WHEREAS: Voyageur Jerry J. Castulik has served Voiture Nationale as Alternate Cheminot Nationale, Cheminot Nationale, Committeeman on the National Child Welfare Committee, and the Secrétaire National of the National Box Car Association for fourteen years, and

WHEREAS: Voyageur Jerry J. Castulik has been a member of the Oliver Guy Vassar Post 143, The American Legion, for thirty-three years and served on various committees and holding the office of Finance Officer for six years, Adjutant for nine years, and Post Commander in 1976-1977, and

WHEREAS: Voyageur Jerry J. Castulik had served the 10th District, The American Legion, Department of Missouri, as Chairman of County Government and Cadet Patrol for nine years, served on various other Committees and Commissions of the 10th District, served on the Executive Committee-At-Large Northern Zone, had been the Recording Adjutant for seven years, Northern Zone Vice Commander, External Vice Commander, Senior Vice Commander, and was 10th District Commander and Chairman of The American Legion, Department of Missouri Sub-Committee in 1988-1989, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the members of Gateway Voiture Locale 448, at a regular Promenade assembled this 21st day of December, 2006 do enthusiastically and unanimously endorse Voyageur Jerry J. Castulik for the high office of Grand Correspondant, Grande Voiture du Missouri for the year 2007-2008 to be voted on at the Grande Promenade du Missouri, held in July, 2007

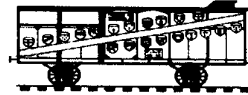
ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, this 21st day of December, 2006 by Gateway Voiture Locale 448, St. Louis County, Missouri, at its regular Promenade assembled.

Leslie G. Willis, Jr.

Leslie G. Willis, Jr., Correspondant
Gateway Voiture Locale 448

John S. "Jack" Fink

John S. "Jack" Fink, Chef de Gare
Gateway Voiture Locale 448



MEMBERSHIP GRAND VOITURE du MISSOURI
as of March 1, 2007

LOCALE	2006	2007	PERCENT	Short/Over
3	142	122	85%	-20
38	155	142	91%	-13
130	32	32	100%	0
292	67	61	91%	-6
293	16	15	93%	-1
333	53	74	139%	21
447	14	2	14%	-12
448	224	188	83%	-36
460	66	63	95%	-3
520	14	14	100%	0
760	133	72	54%	-61
848	16	14	87%	-2
966	15	7	46%	-8
1292	67	67	100%	0
1321	91	79	86%	-12
1379	33	27	81%	-6
1395	18	22	122%	4
1402	43	44	102%	1
1403	58	58	100%	0
1541	70	66	94%	-4
Totals	1,327	1,169	88%	-158

Missouri Veterans Open Bass Tournament

Sponsored by Local Chapter 38 - 40 & 8 Society

Saturday - May 5, 2007



CONTRIBUTING SPONSORS

To support: Nurses Training, Child Welfare
and Americanism Programs

Lake of the Ozarks Public Beach # 2

Catch and Release Tournament

For more information, call Emil (314-771-2089),
Ray (314-352-1367) or David (636-931-3568)

Denny Dennis
Sporting Goods

\$110.⁰⁰ per Boat
70% Payback

Includes \$10.⁰⁰ Big Bass
100% Payback Big Bass

American Legion
Post 525

LAKE OF THE OZARKS Take Off - 7:00 a.m.
PUBLIC BEACH # 2 Weigh In - 3:00 p.m.

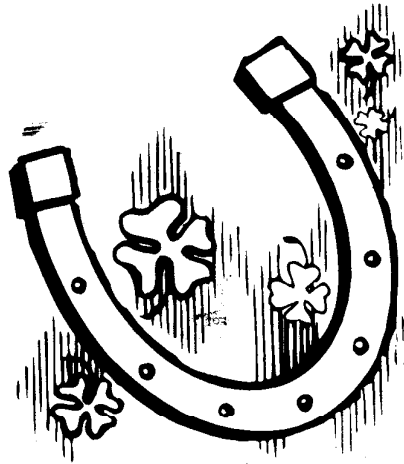
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VFW
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Midwest
Bass Masters

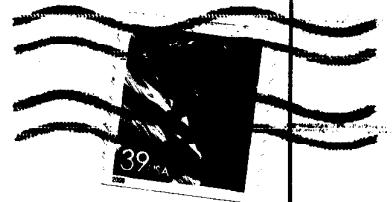
After Weigh In. . . Delicious Hot Dog meal
Raffles Available
50/50 Drawing

Happy St. Patrick's Day



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