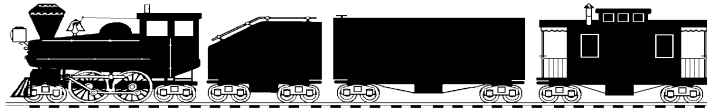


*Communiqué*  
*La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Cheveaux*  
*Grande Voiture du Missouri*



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**March 2014 - Grand Chef de Gare Ralph Turner**

**- L'Editeur Grant Willis**

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**The Grand Chef Sez**

Fellow Voyageurs:

First of all I would like to say thank you for the years of membership that each one of you have devoted to the Forty and Eight. The Grande du Missouri is very grateful for your membership and the time and effort of each Voyageur, without it we wouldn't have an organization.

New members more than likely will be harder to obtain because they don't want to pay dues now and in a few months turn around and pay next years' dues. Now is the time that we have to go after the ones who haven't paid their dues. In some cases all you have to do is ask in others you might need to put them in a headlock. By that I mean explain to them what they are missing, your Locale's programs and how they can help out by paying their dues. The key word is to ASK. Each of us knows numerous veterans who would make great 40/8ers or who have been 40/8ers in the past. Remember, our membership is by invitation and that means we have to ASK them to join. Sometimes we have to ask more than once, but the most important thing is that we do ASK.

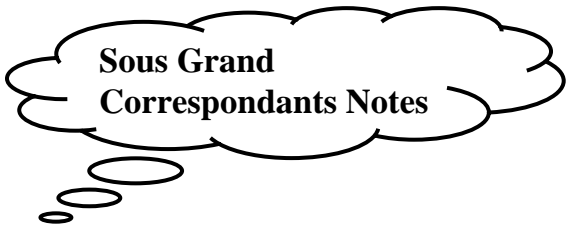
The Grande's Spring Wreck and Cheminot is quickly approaching. Date is: **March 28-30 at the Doubletree Hotel in St Louis.** We will be conducting an "ACTIVE WRECK"

with what I understand; quite a few P.G.'s. If any Voiture has any P.G.'s or "props" they want to bring; contact the Grand Conducteur, Jack Spitler with the information ASAP. Also Voiture 38 has reported that they will be bringing their "Spirit of St. Louis" Locomotive.

On the road this past month, I attended the Legion's Spring Conference. Thanks to the Department Commander, Tom Goodin for his great generosity. Also went Sunrise Beach to visit Voiture 1403. Thanks to Chef Jim Yahnke and the Voyageurs for the great hospitality. Lastly, I attended the wedding of Frank and Tina Angelo where 90% of the wedding party and a lot of the guests were 40/8ers from all over the Grande. I had the honor of being the best man at the wedding. Congratulations to Frank and Tina.

I hope to see everyone at the Grande Cheminot and Spring Wreck that will be held at the Doubletree Hotel in St Louis—28-30 March, 2014. Thanks for all the hard work that you do for *La Société des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux!*

**Ralph Turner**  
**Grand Chef de Gare**



Articles for the Newsletter are due at the end of each month. March 26, April 30, May 28, and June 25.

Some address changes to take note of:

Robert Emery  
16001 E 31st ST S  
Independence, MO 64055-2709

Arthur Wilson  
3125 Country Bluff Dr.  
St. Charles, Mo. 63301  
Home Phone 636-724-0669

Everything else remains the same as to email and cell phones

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**SPRING WRECK DERBY**

The Grande is once again going to have a fundraiser at the Spring Grande Cheminot & Wreck.

Each Voiture that is represented at the banquet will have a Jockey and one decorated Stick (Hobby) Horse entry. The more realistic the better, Owners of the horse **wear your silks** (colors). Each Voiture will decorate their Stick horse and select their own Jockey to ride in the Stick Horse Derby Parade. There will be a \$20.00 per Voiture entry fee. **If a Voiture does not participate in the Derby there will be a \$50.00 fine.** At the banquet the men or women, dressed as Jockeys with their Stick Horses, will go around the audience to collect money to be used to feed the horses. Make sure your Horse has a full belly or you may find your Jockey and Stick Horse at the bar instead of the starting gate. The Jockey who collected the most money will win a prize. Next, the Jockey and Stick Horse will

run 2 races. The races will be 10 (1 foot) squares and each Jockey representative will roll a die and the Jockey will move that many squares. Be careful, if your Horse number comes up you lose that turn. While the Stick Horses are getting into position at the starting gate, players can place their bets. \$2.00 bet for Win only. 50/50 split 50% to the Winning ticket holders and 50% to the Grande.

Stick Horses will be available for \$10 on Saturday or you can bring your own. Remember you will need to decorate the Horse.

Please plan on joining fellow Voyageurs at the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Spring Wreck, Stick Horse Decorating and Racing Contest. Brush off your STETSON; polish your Boots and Joy in on the fun.

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**DISTINGUISHED VOYAGEUR  
AWARD**

It is that time of the year again when your deserving candidates for Distinguished Voyageur should be submitted to the Grand Directeur. The nomination forms are furnished by the Grand Correspondant for any Voiture Local wishing to submit a candidate.

There shall be no more than three Awards per year – two active and one posthumously. Only one nomination may be submitted each year from each Voiture Local. The committee will consider nominations for two additional years if not accepted in the first year, but must be resubmitted after three years.

The nominations must be in the hands of the committee before the Grande Voiture du Missouri Spring Cheminot. The Voiture Local is responsible for attendance of award winner or family member, if posthumous, at the Grand Promenade for award presentation.

Voyageurs Militaire of La Société des

Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux with ten years or more are eligible. Grand Chefs de Gare Passé du Missouri are not eligible for this award.

Awards will be in the form of an "In Appreciation" certificate with citation appropriately engrossed and bound at a cost not to exceed \$100.00, each.

Voiture Locales are not obligated to submit nominations each year nor is the committee obligated to make awards each year.

I know we have some exceptional voyageurs out there in our locals, so lets honor them with the Distinguished Voyageur Award.

Get your nominations in now before it is too late.

Grant Willis  
Chairman  
Distinguished Voyageur Award Committee.

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### **SPRING WRECK** **REGISTRATION**

If you have not already done do, I would like to encourage all Voyageurs to attend the Grande du Missouri Spring Wreck/Cheminot March 28-30. A registration form is included with this Communique. This is an opportunity to meet fellow Voyageurs from throughout Missouri. Voiture #1541 is hosting the event and we will do our best to ensure a great time is had by all. If you plan on attending, I'd like to request that I have registrations in hand by Friday March 21<sup>st</sup>. This is especially important if you plan to attend the banquet. As we are having a sit down meal, we must let the hotel catering staff know a count of meals ahead of time so that we have sufficient food for everyone. Grand Chef de Train Leon Hill is finalizing the main course meal choices as I write this article. For those of you who have already registered, I will be contacting you via email, postcard, or phone

for your selection. Thank you for your cooperation and I look forward to seeing you on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

Allen J. Schultz  
Correspondant  
**Voiture #1541**

# GRANDE VOITURE DU MISSOURI GRANDE CHEMINOT and WRECK

March 28, 29 and 30, 2014



**DOUBLETREE HOTEL ST. LOUIS AT WESTPORT**  
1973 Craigshire  
ST. Louis, MO 63146  
Phone: (314) 434-0100  
1-866-786-8088  
Fax: (314) 434-0140

Room Rate is \$79.00 (plus tax) per night  
For Standard King or Standard Double Queen Occupancy

**So Register EARLY**

**Handicap rooms available**

Make Hotel reservations directly with Doubletree Hotel by **March 7, 2014**  
Mention 40 & 8 Honor Society, for special rates when making reservation.

**Friday, March 28, 2014**

Registration: 3:00 until 5:00 P.M. (In Hospitality Room)  
Hospitality Room 3:00 P.M. - ????

**Saturday, March 29, 2014**

Registration 9:00 A.M. until Noon  
Wreck 9:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.  
LUNCH 11:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.  
1:00 P.M. Wreck Continues

Hospitality Room opens immediately after Wreck till 5:30 P.M.  
Grand Chef de Gare Passe' Social Hour – 5:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.  
Social Hour 6:00 P.M. – Cash Bar  
Banquet: 7:00 P.M.

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

**Sunday, March 30, 2014**

Grande Cheminot 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

**ALL GUESTS TRY TO CHECK OUT BEFORE 12:00 P.M.**

**HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME**

You may make Hotel Reservations for Grande Promenade July 18, 19, and 20, 2014 & Grande Cheminot and Homecoming September 26, 27, and 28, 2014 at this time.

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

Voiture Number \_\_\_\_\_ Banquet/Person \$35.00 X No. Guests \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee \$10.00 (Voyageurs Only) \_\_\_\_\_

**Total \$** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Membership Report as of 2/27/2014

	2013	2014	2013		
	YTD	YTD	Year	% of	
Voiture	Total	Total	Total	Quota	Short
3	46	48	58	82.76%	-10
38	102	97	114	85.09%	-17
130	30	32	30	106.67%	2
292	49	50	52	96.15%	-2
293	10	0	10	0.00%	-10
333	121	148	211	70.14%	-63
447	2	2	2	100.00%	0
448	88	78	117	66.67%	-39
460	57	61	60	101.67%	1
520	11	13	12	108.33%	1
760	59	63	71	88.73%	-8
966	5	5	5	100.00%	0
1292	66	71	75	94.67%	-4
1321	60	62	70	88.57%	-8
1379	44	50	48	104.17%	2
1395	17	16	17	94.12%	-1
1402	26	13	26	50.00%	-13
1403	27	26	31	83.87%	-5
1541	69	69	71	97.18%	-2
Totals	889	904	1080	83.70%	-176

### **Membership**

Membership is going good, currently at 83.7%. This means that our next goal of 100% is by April 30. This is great, but let's not stop now, let's get those renewals turned in and look at those members that dropped last year and try to get them back. Thank you for all your Hard Work with membership, I appreciate it. We need to continue to attract new members in order to grow this great Organization. Our next goal of 100% by April 30, that's 176 renewal we need to pick up or one step further would be to get 194 renewals and new members by this date and achieve Quota and goal for the year. **WE CAN DO THIS.**

Leon Hill  
Grand Chef de Train