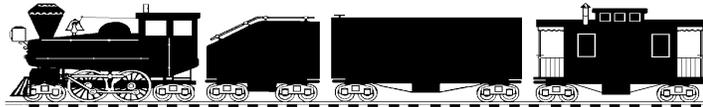




Communiqué
La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Cheveaux
Grande Voiture du Missouri



March 2016 - Grand Chef de Gare David Bexten - L'Editeur Grant Willis

The Grand Chef Sez

Fellow Voyageurs,

Well here we are the 1st of March already. We have really been blessed with some great weather. The old saying, if March comes in like a lamb, it will go out like a lion. Guess we will see. Hope the weather is nice for the Spring Wreck and Cheminot.

Speaking of Spring Wreck and Cheminot, which is April 1st, 2nd and 3rd of April, it will be here before you know it. Make sure you get your reservations in if you haven't already. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the Wreck and Cheminot. Hopefully we will have several P.G.'s to wreck.

Thanks to Chip Berkley and his crew for hosting the Cheminot and Wreck. I know they have been busy planning.

On February 18th, along with Grand Historian Richard Pack, we had the honor to visit Voiture 333 in Sedalia. It was great to see such a large turnout. The hospitality was great, and of course a great breakfast. After the Promenade we had the privilege to go to the State Fair Grounds to see Box 40/8 Box Car. V-333 has a big fundraiser going to remodel the Box Car which is in great need of repair.

Also want to thank Sous Grand Chef de train Calvin Bumgarner along with his wife Karen and along with Grand Publiciste Robert Emery for coming down from Kansas City.

As the year winds down, please keep working on membership. Grand du Missouri is currently standing at 86%. We are presently 134 short of goal. We still have 5 Voiture's at 100% or over. I say thanks! Sous Chefs, now is the time to make those phone calls. With a little effort, I am confident we will make 100%.

Yours in Service
Dave Bexten
Grand Chef de Gare de Missouri

**Sous Grand
Correspondants Notes**

Articles for the Newsletter are due at the end of each month.

If you have anyone that would like to receive this communique electronically please provide their email address to:
willis.grant@sbcglobal.net.

You will notice below this year's rules for the Grand Fund raiser, Hilly Billy Golf. The entry fee is \$50.00 and should be sent to The Grand Correspondant, Terry Lanning, 2045 Granada Dr., Florissant, Mo.63033. For

those Voiture's that do not want to participate you fine is \$50.00 also sent to our Grand Correspondant Terry Lanning. This fund raiser we have every year has been replacing the annual raffle tickets we use to send out and helps in defraying the cost to keep the Grand running instead of raising dues.

Grand Spring Wreck

Fellow Societe Officers,

Please provide an estimate of the number and gender of the PG that will attend the Spring Wreck in Springfield, Missouri on the morning of Saturday, April 2, 2016. Also include your Voiture number and note if any of your candidates has a significant physical limitation. A ballpark guess by March 5, 2016 would be better than full accuracy in mid-April.

If you do not have PGs to Wreck from your Voiture, please let me know that also.

I encourage you to bring your eligible PGs to the Spring Wreck. They will gain comradery with their fellow voyageurs going through the Wreck with them.

Do not assume another officer from your Voiture will provide a guess of the number of PGs for you. Only three of 18 Voitures replied to a similar request last December.

Thank you in advance.

Terry McDonald
Grand Conducteur Du Missouri
tbmcdonald@hotmail.com
Pers Cell: 573-289-1708

GRANDE VOITURE ACTIVITIES

As the New Year begins, I would like to review some information with you about Grand Voiture Activities functions and discuss with you, what you can put into your

yearly Grande Voiture Activities Reports. When filling out your Locale Voiture Activities Report here are some items that are a part of your dues you pay, Ardery Fund (\$0.25) and Boland Fund (\$0.25) donations.

Here are some that you collect and should be part of your Voiture Activities Report, Youth Sports (\$1.00), Box Car (\$1.00) and Carville Star (\$2.00).

As I have tried to think of many functions over the year that we can include in the Voiture Activities Report and here is a list of a few: Nationale Promenades & Cheminots, Grande Promenade and Grande Cheminots, Department Convention and Department Conferences. Voiture Locale functions and Post functions w/ 40/8ers, Installations 40/8 and District, Christmas Parties, Easter Parties, Dinners, Breakfast, Brunch or Luncheons, BBQ's or Picnics, Dinner for a Special Occasions, Dance or Karaoke, Bingo or Casino Night, Special Parties for Children. Involvement in any and all Parades you participated in, Patriotic Holiday Observances, Public Memorial Services and Hosting a Grande Event.

As always I am looking for Cheminot Reports at the Grande Fall and Spring Cheminot's to help with the Grande Voiture Activities Reports for each Voiture, so if you have a report, please get it to me at the Spring Cheminot.

WHAT IS VOITURE ACTIVITIES?

The Combined Programs of La Societe of any activities that involves a Voyageur Militaire. The following is more information that may be useful for your report: Membership, Americanism, Box Car, Carville Star, Child Welfare, Nurses Training, Ritual, Youth Sports, Fund Raisers, and Public Relations.

George W. Ridley
Grande Director Voiture Activities
gwr@mail.com - 314-524-1942

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: the office of Grand Chef de Train is a position of great responsibility and

WHEREAS: David N. Voyles has established his eligibility for the Forty and Eight by serving in Vietnam from 1970-1972 and

WHEREAS: Voiture Voyles has served his Voiture Locale 130 as a member in several Committees and

WHEREAS: Voiture Voyles has served his Voiture Locale 130 as their Chef de Gare and

WHEREAS: Voiture Voyles has held a position of Grand Directeur of Box Car and the position of Grand Directeur of Youth Sports for the year of 2010-2011 and

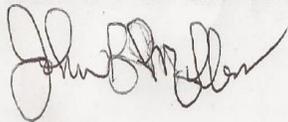
WHEREAS: Voiture Voyles held the position of Grand Drapeau West, from 2012-2014 and Sous Grand Chef de Train for the year of 2014-2015, and Grand Commissaire Intendant for 2015-2016.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

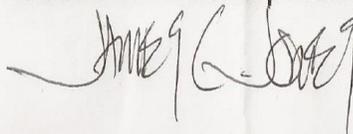
That Voiture Voyles has expressed his desire to serve as Grand Chef de Train for the year 2016-2017, be it further

RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Grand Voiture du Missouri for their approval. This resolution was presented at a regular promenade of the Forty and Eight, in Saint Joseph, Missouri on February 18, 2016 and was indorsed by the membership.

John B. Miller Chef de Gare



James C. Jones Correspondant



GRANDE VOITURE DU MISSOURI



GRANDE CHEMINOT and PROMENADE



APRIL 1st, 2nd and 3rd, 2016

Ramada Plaza Hotel & Oasis Convention Center
2546 North Glenstone Ave
Springfield, MO 65803
417.866.5253
888.532.4338

Room Rate: \$82.00 (+Tax) per night
For Deluxe King or Deluxe Double
Room Rate includes free breakfast

MULTIPLE EVENTS AT THE HOTEL THAT WEEKEND: TO ASSURE A ROOM
PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE

Handicapped Rooms Available

Make your reservations directly with Ramada Plaza by March 3rd

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

Friday

Registration 1500 until 1800
Hospitality Room 1500 until ????

Saturday

Registration 0900 until 1200
Wreck 0900-1130
LUNCH 1130 - 1300
1300 - Wreck Continues

Hospitality Room opens immediately following Wreck until 1730

Grande Chef de Gare Passe' Social Hour 1700 -1800

Social Hour 1800 – Cash Bar

Banquet 1900 Hospitality Room: After Banquet until ????

Sunday

Grande Cheminot 0900-1200

Check Out

HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME

Deadline to register for the banquet is March 3, 2016 NO EXCEPTIONS

Make your check payable to Voiture 292 for registration and meal.

Send to: TD Berkley
2545 County Rd 289
Columbia, MO 65202

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Spouse/Guest _____

Title: _____ Voiture Number: _____

Banquet \$25.00/Person x Number Guests _____ \$ _____

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

Meal Selection: will have confirmed by next issue Total \$ _____

Voyageur: BBQ Chicken 1/4 or Pulled Pork Circle one

Guest: BBQ Chicken 1/4 or Pulled Pork Circle one

Annual Grande Voiture du Missouri Fund Raiser

Hill Billy Golf Rules

Hill Billy Golf is played with 2 or more players. Each player has 3 bolos, a bolo consists of 2 golf balls that are attached by a rope. The object is to toss the bolo at the ladder and wrap it around one of the rungs. The ladder has 3 rungs. Ladders are set 15 feet apart.

Game Play: **Hill Billy Golf** is played in rounds, each player will toss 3 bolos during the round. Each player must toss all 3 bolos before the next player begins his turn.

The bolos can be tossed anyway the player chooses, but each bolo must be tossed one by one. The bolos may be bounced off the ground, if the player chooses.

Scoring: Each rung of the ladder has a point value:

Top Rung: 3 Points Middle Rung: 2 Points Bottom Rung: 1 Point

A bonus point is awarded to players who hang all three bolos on the same rung or one bolo per rung. The score for the round is calculated after all players have tossed their bolos.

Players are encouraged to knock the opponents' bolos off of the ladder. Bolos that are knocked off the ladder score no points.

Winning:

Winners of each round will advance until one person reaches 11 points. Players must get exactly 11 points to win the game. If at the end of the round the players are tied at 11 points the game will continue until one player is 2 points ahead of their opponents at the end of the round.

Players are encouraged to dress approximately so use your imagination.

Winner will be judged on the following: Game Placement, Golf Attire and Money Collected. Players will move around the tables collecting money prior to start of game. \$2.00 bets will be taken on each player on each game, place your Bets on who you think will Win!

Entry Voiture's fee will be \$50 for participant or non-participant.

Game rules can be modified at the discretion of the Judge.



Federal Benefits and Local Community Resources for Veterans and Their Families

Sponsored By: Ann Roberts, Service Officer-(Dist. 4, Dept. of Missouri Am. Legion; Post 1974-Catholic War Veterans, Missouri, & in conjunction with other Veteran Organization in MO, & KS.

2115 Maturana Drive Liberty, MO 64068

Date: Saturday, June 11, 2016

Time: 9 am to 1:30 pm

**Flag ceremony & American Legion Band accompaniment-
9:30am**

**Location: 2115 Maturana Dr., Liberty, MO,
(Our Lady of Mercy Country Home-Tighe Hall)**

Come with your questions about your VA Benefits.

Representatives will be on site to support you with information and application for services through local, State and Federal agencies.

Spouses, families and loved ones of Veterans are encouraged to attend!

- VA Healthcare
- Claims Assistance
- Veterans Service Organizations
- Elderly Care
- Resources and Benefits for Veterans' Family Members
- Health Screenings
- Education Assistance
- Food Vendors
- Specialty Programs
- Employment Agencies Looking to Hire Veterans
- Information and Assistance on Locally Available Resources
- Mortgages and Housing Information
- Low Income Subsidy Programs
- Much More...

☺ **Donations accepted to defray cost to VBF-2016. Send donations to Adjutant John Kopp, Post 61. On memo line: Veterans Benefit Fair-2016, Liberty, MO**

Thank you Veterans for your service!

Youth Sports-March 2016 40 & 8 Communique'

WHAT does these images have in common in Grande du Voiture Missouri?

WHAT is on the horizon in Missouri with Special Olympics?



EVENTS AND GAMES !

*One would see all kinds of volunteers and FANS attending Regional Basketball games,



AND March

18 to 20, 2016. One team participating is

Voyager Ann Roberts, V. 1379 take her Shining Stars Special Olympics athletes bowling at Stat Games-at "Fort Leonard Wood, in Missouri. Cheer us on. Join US!!. There will be over 3000 athletes from all over Missouri participating in bowling and basketball games. 😊 Now, what do the above images have in common? GO to this site: [<https://somo.org/indoor>] to also volunteer. BUT, note this-Shining Stars is HAPPY to announce that received a donation to help with the transportation and SGA game fee for the State Special Olympics Indoor games for Voiture 1379. Thank You.

What comes next in Special Olympics? Spring outdoor games, fund-raising for the "Training for Life Special Olympics Missouri Campus and more. Somo.org; then Spring/Summer state games at the end of May .



Membership February 25, 2016

Grande du MISSOURI

Voiture	2015	2016	2015	% of Quota	short/over	Goal	% of Goal	Short/over Goal
	YTD Total	YTD Total	Year End Total					
3	43	39	47	82.98%	-8	50	78.00%	-11
38	79	79	97	81.44%	-18	102	77.45%	-23
130	22	24	30	80.00%	-6	32	75.00%	-8
292	41	40	44	90.91%	-4	47	85.11%	-7
333	174	149	190	78.42%	-41	200	74.50%	-51
447	2	0	2	0.00%	-2	3	0.00%	-3
448	71	81	95	85.26%	-14	100	81.00%	-19
460	61	69	65	106.15%	4	69	100.00%	0
520	10	0	10	0.00%	-10	11	0.00%	-11
760	57	46	64	71.88%	-18	68	67.65%	-22
966	4	4	4	100.00%	0	5	80.00%	-1
1292	64	65	75	86.67%	-10	79	82.28%	-14
1321	58	63	66	95.45%	-3	70	90.00%	-7
1379	48	46	55	83.64%	-9	58	79.31%	-12
1395	15	15	15	100.00%	0	16	93.75%	-1
1402	16	21	16	131.25%	5	17	123.53%	4
1403	20	22	24	91.67%	-2	26	84.62%	-4
1541	77	82	80	102.50%	2	84	97.62%	-2
TOTALS	862	845	979	86.31%	-134	1037	81.49%	-192