



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



May-June 2007 Grand Chef de Gare Donald W. Fligge L'Editeur Terry Lanning

The Grand Chef Sez

This is my last article for my term in office, it will be a thank you note as well as a few words about two important months, May and June.

I take this opportunity to thank all the Voitures for their fine efforts to get new Voyagers for the 40/8. I don't think we will top 100% but we will do very well. Also I was very well received wherever I went. To Promenades and fundraisers. I learned a lot in my visits. I take to heart all I've learned and wish I could have imparted some knowledge. The 40/8 is a great organization and I don't want us to forget (one country, one language, one flag).

In May, on the 4th, I will be in Sedalia at the VFW hall for Voiture 333 Americanism dinner. The Chef de Chemin de Fer will be there to speak. On May 7 and 8th I will be at the Truman Pilgrimage. The Chef de Chemin de Fer will also be there to lay a wreath and speak at the luncheon. I hope to see many Voyagers at both functions. May is also the month of remembrance. On Memorial Day there will be services all over the state. I wish each Voyager would attend a service.

TAPS

Day is done, gone the sun,

From the lakes, from the hills,
 From the sky.
 All is well, safely rest,
 God is nigh.

Fading light;
 Dims the sight and a star gems the sky.
 Gleaming bright from afar,
 Drawing nigh falls the night.

Thanks and praise, For our days,
 'Neath the sun, Neath the stars,
 'Neath the sky,
 As we go, This we know,
 God is nigh.

June is the month of our Flag. We picked the 14th of June to celebrate our one and only Flag. This is a symbol of freedom around the world. When Americans are in trouble around the world they look for our flag because they will get help where they see it fly. Let it ever be our only flag. Thank you Betsy Ross.

Is It Really Worth It?
 Is It Really Worth It?
 To defend the Stars and Stripes?
 To fight even a bit
 For those who can only gripe?

That Star-Spangled Banner
 For which men fought and died
 Waves in such a manner.
 That gives a man great pride.

Is it really worth it
That we never fought for gain?
Is liberty a bit
Better than a tyrant's fame?

Where are the Nathan Hales
Who had but one life to give?
He thought more of honor's grail
So you and I might live.

Is it really worth it
That your heart just swells with pride,
While others just don't care
That our men fought and died?

They say it's out of style
Being a hero today,
But just you wait awhile –
Another will come our way!

Is it really worth it
That you served your country well?
You gave your little bit,
But only the years will tell.

So when the flag goes by,
Be proud to stand straight and tall.
Wipe that tear from your eye.
Remember, it waves for all.
By Joseph E. Nostheide

I thank you for letting me have the high
office of Grand Chef de Gare. I say to you
Well Done Voyagers from this old
Marine. SEMPER FI

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
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Lanning at t_lanning@charter.net.



Sous Grand
Correspondants Notes

The next Grand Newsletter will not be
until after the Grande Promenade. Either
in late July or early August.
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

- Voiture 333 Americanism dinner
5/4/07 at VFW, Sedalia with Chef de
Chemin de Fer Terry Sims attending
 - Voiture 38 Bass Tournament 5/5/07 at
Lake of the Ozarks Public Beach #2
 - 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.
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You must make your reservations for the
Grande Promenade by May 30, 2007 to
get the 40/8 rate of \$75.00, otherwise you
will be paying a higher rate. Get your
reservations in.

Are You Going To Win!

You don't have a chance to win the
Grande raffle unless you send in your
raffle tickets. Pass the word on to the
other voyageurs. Send your money and
ticket stubs to Robert Phillips –
314 Kent Drive, Wentzville, MO 63385

Child Welfare

Grand Directeur John Neger

Is it good for the children? We have heard that expression many times over the past few years and it some times sounded like an expression made to someone else. Well we in the Forty and Eight have an opportunity to do something for the good of the children and it is through our Child Welfare Program.

The Directeur of the Child Welfare Program for each Voiture will have received a consolidated report form to fill out on your Voiture's activities in this area. Your Directeur will need your, each Voyageurs, help. Your Directeur will have his own facts and figures, but each Voyageur needs to supply him with your figures as to what you have done in this area.

Each Voyageurs participation in the area of child welfare includes such things as cash assistance and services rendered other than cash. Well what are these activities? They include the obvious ones like direct cash assistance to children or their family, procuring food, clothing, etc., but also includes participation in Boys State, Girls State, donations to the Salvation Army, United Way. It also includes Flags for First Graders, support for sports organizations like Little League and American Legion Baseball. I think you get the idea, it covers almost anything that benefits children.

So as I said in the beginning, "Is it good for the children"? You bet it is and it is also good for us, all of us, because we can look back in pride at what we did for our community and the children in it.

Remember, the your Directeur needs this information before June 1st so that he can get his report into the Grande Directeur by June 15, 2007.

I am enclosing a short story titled "The Chapeau", by a Voyageur from South Dakota, that sums up the effect that the Child Welfare Program can have on those we are able to help. It says it a lot better than I can.

The Chapeau

My name is Nathan Peterson, they call me Nate. Yesterday was my birthday, I'm four years old. Mom made me a small birthday cake, no candles, not much food in the house. I saw a car pulling up, two guys getting out wearing funny looking hats. I wonder what is in the boxes that they are carrying up to the house? Guess I had better go investigate!

Hi, my name is Nathan Peterson, they call me Nate. I am six years old. Today in school, some men brought American Flags to our class. They talked about what this Flag meant, and how we were suppose to take care of it. Then they gave each of us a Flag. I asked for two so I could give one to my little sister. They wore funny looking hats. I think I have seen hats like these before.

I'm Nathan Peterson, call me Nate. I'm nine years old. It's kind of a slow summer, Mom has been working hard but there isn't much money. I would like to swim more but that's expensive. Guess I will go down to the swimming pool anyway and watch the other kids. What do you mean they paid for everyone to swim. Well, I'll be! Say, I am getting so I kind of like those hats.

Hi! I'm Nate Peterson, I'm twelve years old. Joe and me are going down and watch the parade this morning. Well here we are, and here come the flags. Hey Joe, are we supposed to take off our caps and cover our hearts as the flags go by? Say, I recognize those caps and the flag says 40 & 8. So that's who they are!

I'm PFC Peterson, we are in camp not too far from Bagdad. The last two days have been pretty rough, but I guess now we will have a few hours to relax. Got a letter from home, maybe I will have time to read it. Mom says she is back in school and doing well. Said she got some money from the 40 & 8. She sure seems pleased. It's hard to imagine Mom as a nurse. Well, hope to see her pretty soon.

Hi, Mr. Peterson, I'm James Brown, they call me Jimmy! I'm four years old. My brothers and me sure do like the clothes you fellows brought over and this pair of shoes fits just right. By the way mister, you sure have a funny looking hat!

GRANDE VOITURE DU MISSOURI

Grande Promenade
June 29 through July 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 May 30, 2007.
When you make reservations please mention that you are with the 40/8 Honor Society

Friday June 29, 2007
Registration 3:00 til 5:00PM
Hospitality Room 3:00PM til ???
Saturday June 30, 2007
Registration 8:00 AM til noon
Hospitality Room 8:30AM til 1:00PM
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 July 1, 2007
Promenade starts at 9:00 AM

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 _____

Banquet per Person \$25.00 _____
Total _____

Gateway Voiture Locale 448

La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux



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

Resolution for an Amendment to the Grande Voiture du Missouri Constitution

- WHEREAS, The Grande Voiture du Missouri names a number of Sous as appointed and elected officers and names officers for Disaster Relief, and,
- WHEREAS, The Disaster Relief program has been terminated by Nationale and should be deleted from the Grande Voiture du Missouri Constitution, and,
- WHEREAS, The number of Sous needed for various offices change from time to time and the specific number of Sous should not be specified in the Grande Voiture du Missouri Constitution for most of the offices. A Sous can be appointed under the current Grande Voiture du Missouri Constitution, and,
- WHEREAS, There is a need to change Article IV, Section 1.(a) and (b) of the Grande Voiture du Missouri Constitution to delete most of the elected and appointed Sous; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, by Gateway Voiture #448, St. Louis County, Missouri, at its regular Promenade this 19th day of April, 2007, that a recommendation be made to the delegates of the Grande Voiture du Missouri July 2007 Promenade, that Article IV, Section 1.(a) and (b) of the Grande Voiture du Missouri Constitution be amended to read:
- “Section 1.(a). Elective. The elective officers of this Grande Voiture shall be:

Grand Chef de Gare
Grand Chef de Train
Grand Commissaire Intendant
Grand Correspondant
Cheminot Nationale
Alternate Cheminot National
6 Sous Grands Chefs de Train
Grand Medicin
Grand Garde de la Porte
Grand Historien
Grand Avocat

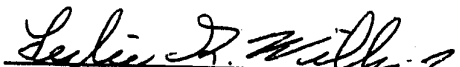
Grand Commis Voyageur
Grand Directeur Child Welfare
Grand Directeur Voiture Activities
Grand Directeur Nurses Training
Grand Aumonier
Grand Drapeau East
Grand Drapeau West
Grand Lampiste
5 Grandes Cheminots-At-Large
and such others as the annual Grande Promenade may determine.

Section 1.(b). Appointive. The following officers of this Grande Voiture shall be appointed by the Grand Chef de Gare with the consent and approval of the Annual Grande Promenade:

Sous Grand Correspondant
Grand Publiciste (Grand Directeur Public Relations)
Grand Organizer
Grand Conducteur
Grand Directeur Carville Star
Grand Directeur Americanism
Grand Directeur Box Car
Grand Directeur POW/MIA
Grand Directeur Ritual
Grand Directeur Special Awards
Sous Grand Directeur Special Awards (Law & Order)
Sous Grand Directeur Special Awards (Hero of the Year)
Grand VAVS Chairman
Grand Directeur Youth Sports
Time & Place Committee (3 members)
Distinguished Voyageur Award Committee (2 members each year for a 3 year term)
Executive Committee "Advisory" & Protocol
(All Chefs de Chemin de Fer Passe and Sous Chefs de Chemin de Fer Passe)
and such others as the Annual Grande Promenade may determine."

This resolution will be forwarded to the Grande Voiture du Missouri for approval at the July 2007 Grand Voiture du Missouri Promenade.


John S. Fink, Chef de Gare Voiture 448


Leslie Grant Willis, Correspondant Voiture 448



La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux
Grande Voiture du Missouri

OFFICIAL CALL

**TO: ALL GRAND CHEMINOTS
ALL GRAND OFFICERS
ALL GRAND CHEFS de GARE PASSE
ALL VOITURE'S CHEFS de GARE & CORRESPONDANTS
ALL VOYAGEURS OF GRANDE VOITURE du MISSOURI**

This is the OFFICIAL CALL for the Grande Promenade and Cheminot to be held June 29th, 30th, July 1st, 2007, at the DoubleTree Hotel, Westport, 1973 Craigshire, St. Louis County, Missouri 63146, (314) 434-0100.

There will not be an Executive Board Meeting. If one comes up, it will be posted in the Hospitality Room. The Grande Promenade Committee Meetings will also be held on Saturday Morning and the time and place will also be posted in the Hospitality Room.

The Grande Cheminot will be held on Saturday June 30th, 2007 at 1:00 PM at the DoubleTree Hotel. The Grand Chef de Gare, Donald W. Fligge, urges all Grand Directeurs that are giving out awards to the Locales for this year, that it be done during this Cheminot and not the Grande Promenade on Sunday. It could save you a fine.

The Grande Promenade will be held on Sunday Morning, July 1st, 2007 starting at 9:00 AM sharp. Chairmen of the Grande Promenade Committees, Audit, Credentials, Constitution, Nominations, and Resolutions, will give their reports at this time along with the election of new Officers, delegates and alternates for the 88th Promenade Nationale in September 5th-8th, 2007 in Overland Park, Kansas.

ALL GRAND OFFICERS AND GRAND CHEMINOTS ARE EXPECTED TO GIVE A REPORT OF THEIR ACTIVITIES AND SUBMIT A COPY IN WRITING TO THE GRAND CORRESPONDANT.

All Voyageurs are to be in proper attire. The following Officers are expected to be in coat, tie, shirt, long pants, socks and shoes: Grand Chef de Gare, Grand Chef de Train, Grand Commissaire Intendant, Grand Correspondant, Grand Garde de la Porte, Grand Lampiste, Grand Conducteur, Sous Grand Conducteurs, and Grand Aumonier.

Jerry J. Castulik
Grand Correspondant

Donald W. Fligge
Grand Chef de Gare

SPRING GRAND CHEMINOT, MARCH 31, 2007 PAGE-1
DOUBLETREE HOTEL BANQUET ROOM, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI

With a rap of the gavel, Grand Chef de Gare, Donald W. Fligge, opened the Spring Grand Cheminot sharply at 1 PM with a salute to the Flag, the Pledge of Allegiance, and a much needed prayer by Grand Aumonier, Marvin Harper.

Grand Chef Don introduce the Alternate N.E.C. from Missouri, Richard Heigert.

Roll call of officers showed more absent than excused and the rest were obnoxious, belligerent, and a pain in the rear as usual. Roll call of Grand Chefs de Gare Passe, showed that nine answered roll call. Roll call of Grand Cheminots showed that we had a quorum. Absent were Voitures 292, 293, 333, 447, 520, 848, 966, 1292, & 1395.

Acting Grand Advocate, Ray Brodzinski, stated that we follow the Rules of Procedure as before.

Notion offered by Dennis Estes, second by Wilfred Watskey, that the Fall Grand Cheminot minutes be accepted as printed and sent out.....passed

Grand Correspondant reported that he received a phone call from Henry Kwiatkowski, Grand Correspondant du Louisiana. He requested that Voiture 1577 number be transfer to Louisiana and Missouri would get their Grande's Voiture 1558. Notion offered by Rich Heigert, second by Art Wilson, that the Grande switch Voitures with Louisiana,,,,,passed

The Grand Correspondant read the following resolving clause for the following resolutions. For Grand Chef de Gare, Leslie G. Willis, Jr., Voiture 448. For Grand Chef de Train, Robert W, Phillips, Voiture 1541. For Grand Commissaire Intendant, Gary L. Reno, Voiture 1379. For Grand Correspondant, Terry B. Vogel, Voiture 333. For Grand Correspondant, Jerry J. Castulik, Voiture 448.

Grand Commissaire Intendant, Robert Phillips, reported that the finance report were placed on the chairs and asked if there were any questions. Notion offered by Jerry Castulik, second by Virgil Morice, to accept the report subject to audit....passed

Grand Chef de Train, Leslie Willis, called on his Sous for their reports. Reports were given by Sous Grand Chefs de Train Julio Bambini, David Christain, and Robert Emery. Willis gave reports for Sous Grand Chefs de Train Sam Pickens, Larry A. Schollmeyer, and John Morten. Willis stated that the Grande has 1212 members, but with the changes we need only 95 to reach 100%. Grant presented awards to the Locales with 100% or better. They were Voitures 333, 130, 1402, 520, 1292, 1403, 1395. The Grande is at 92% and Willis would like to see 100% by the Grande Promenade.

Alternate Cheminot Nationale, Clarence Buckley, reported that the "male" word was taken out of the Nationale Constitution. He urged the Locales to check their Constitution and see if they need to be changed.

Grand Chef Fligge gave out the new "password" and its meaning.

Grand Cheminot reports were given out by Voiture 3, 38, 130, 448, 460, 760, 1321, 1379, 1402, 1403, % 1541.

Grand Directeur Voiture Activities, Ralph Turner, reported that once again there are changes in the annual report and it is said that its easier to fill out. Ralph urged the Voitures to send in their reports.

Grand Directeur Nurses Training, Gary Reno, stated that he wants to get all the reports in like they did last year. Reno also stated that by the year 2012, the country will be short of nurses by 1.1 million. Missouri will be short 6.9% of nurses. Gary also stated that many students would like to take nurses training in college but they do not have enough teachers to do this.

Sous Grand Directeur Nurses Training, Wilfred Watskey, report that his Voiture gave a nurses training dinner for 17 students and 10 of these are graduating. He already has the replacements for the 10 graduating.

Grand Aumonier, Marvin Harper, asked the Locales that they send their deceased members since July 1, 2006 to the Grand Correspondant so they can be remembered at the services at the Grande Promenade.

Grand Conducteur, "Max" Henderson, reported that Voiture 760 has two new voyageurs from the wreck held this morning.

Grand Directeur Box Car, Bill Evans, stated he has no report but has pins and to see him after the Cheminot.

Sous Grand Directeur Special Awards (Law & Order), Jack Fink, reported that he has a candidate by the name of Matthew L. Keeney from Marble Hill, MO. He belong to the Missouri State Highway Patrol and has been in law enforcement for 10 years. Jack read his resume and offered a notion that we submit him for the Law Officer of the Year, second by George Ridley.....passed

Grand Correspondant read a application for Hero Of The Year from Voiture 333. The nominees are a father and son that that help get a man out of a burning car and it took them three times to do this. Notion offered by Jerry Castulik, second by Virgil Morice, to submit this application to Nationale for consideration.....passed

Sous Grand Directeur Youth Sports, Terry Lanning, asked that the Locales get their reports in. Many voyageurs work with the American Legion and other organizations that they can use on their reports.

Time & Place Committee, Rich Heigert, reported that the Grande Promenade will be here again on June 29th, 30th, & July 1st, 2007. The Grand Fall Cheminot & Homecoming will also be here on October 5th, 6th, 7th, 2007. Room rates will stay the same. The Spring Grand Cheminot & Wreck will be held at the Holiday Inn Express in Wentzville on March 28th, 29th, 30th, 2008. The Grande Promenade will also be held here on June 27th, 28th, 29th, 2008. The Fall Grand Cheminot & Homecoming will also be held here on October 3rd, 4th, 5th, 2008. More to come later.

Sous Correspondant, Terry Lanning, thanked all the Grand Directeurs for their articles in the newsletter. Terry also thanked Bob Emery for getting us a webpage for Missouri.

Distinguished Voyageur Award Committee, Ray Brodzinski, stated that the Committe had a meeting and a report will come later.

Distinguished Guest Committee, Richard Heigert, stated that the Chef de Chemin de Fer, Terry Sims, will be in Independence for the Truman Day affair. Grand Chef Don also stated that the Chef de Chemin de Fer will be at the Americanism Dinner at the VFW Hall in Sedalia on May 4th sponsor by Voiture 333.

Grand Correspondant spoke on the Central States Promenade being held in Omaha, Nebraska on May 6th, 7th, 8th, 2007. Jerry stated that he is on the Executive Board of C.S.P. and told the Voyageur at the meeting that the dates are not good because this is happening on Truman Day in Missouri. They stated that they would do something about it but never did because they already had the hotel booked.

Under Good Of The Voiture, Art Wilson, urged the Voyageurs to send their money in for the raffle tickets that were sent out. This money is needed to help run the Grande Voiture and their Programs. Grand Chef Don asked the two Voyageurs to stand up and be recognized. Both were from Voiture 760. Grand Chef Fligge then asked that Bill Russell come to the podium. He was presented with a Citation of Appreciation for the many years he served as Grand Directeur Nurses Training. The Big Chef also presented a Citation of Appreciation to the Grand Correspondant, Jerry Castulik, for helping him during his year.

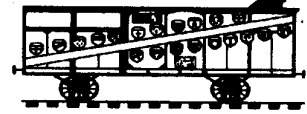
Rich Heigert spoke on the House and Senate voted to set a deadline for getting out of Iraq. Rich spoke on Missouri House passing and is in the Senate a bill to eliminate income tax on Social Security and this looks like it may pass. The House and Senate are working on tax credits for the military retired. Rich spoke on other tax issues that happening in Missouri. Rich also spoke on the WW-II and Korea medallions, that a few are still left.

Grand Chef de Gare Fligge closed the Spring Grand Cheminot in the proper manner at 2:43 PM.

Submitted by,
Jerry J. Castulik
Grand Correspondant



MEMBERSHIP GRAND VOITURE du MISSOURI
as of April 23, 2007



LOCALE	2006	2007	PERCENT	Short/Over
3	142	128	90%	-14
38	155	151	97%	-4
130	32	32	100%	0
292	67	61	91%	-6
293	16	15	93%	-1
333	53	77	145%	24
447	14	2	14%	-12
448	224	206	91%	-18
460	66	68	103%	2
520	14	14	100%	0
760	133	84	63%	-49
848	16	14	87%	-2
966	15	8	53%	-7
1292	67	71	106%	4
1321	91	89	97%	-2
1379	33	30	90%	-3
1395	18	22	122%	4
1402	43	47	109%	4
1403	58	59	101%	1
1541	70	67	95%	-3
Totals	1,327	1,245	94%	-82

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