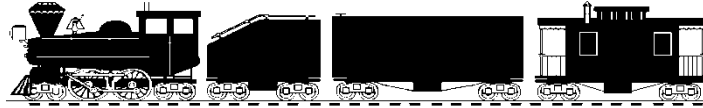




Communiqué
La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Cheveaux
Grande Voiture du Missouri



May/June 2012 - Grand Chef de Gare David S. Christian - L'Editeur Grant Willis

The Grand Chef Sez

Fellow Voyageurs

This will be my final Grand Chef sez Column. I want to thank all who have shown many kindnesses during this year that has passed by so quickly.

I recently was the victim of a computer hacker. A number of you may have been contacted by this hacker, purporting to be me. Art Wilson was the first to contact me asking if I was really in the Philippines, destitute, without funds, while trying to get home. The hacker had a good story. I wish to thank the many friends that have contacted me expressing concern about my well-being. I was able to contact my rsp and we determined that this hacker was still on line trying to extract funds for his use in my name. My rsp immediately kicked him off line, and I changed my password, and was OK from then on. My friend John Parton made the best response to this sneak thief, by responding "Good - You got him, you keep him, and we don't want him. He is your problem now." John puts a good aspect on a person's problems. Thanks John. It takes an incident like this to really know who your friends are. Thanks to all my friends.

Let me remind all to make your reservations

for the annual Grand Promenade at the Truman Hotel Jun 29 - 30 and July 1st. This is your opportunity to participate in the business of the Grand Voiture. Your voice is important and counts.

The Truman Day's ceremonies were held at the Presidential Library in Independence MO. Post 21 and its members put forward a lot of work to host this important event honoring our own President Harry Truman. All of those attending had a good time. Think about attending Truman Day's in the future, or stop by to visit his library in the future. This is a visit that you will remember fondly.

Please keep our Grand Chef de Train, in your prayers as he prepares for an operation this next week. He still needs your help gathering additional members for the year. We currently stand at 88.8% of our quota. We can do better.

The Grand du Missouri is now a member of the Missouri Associations of Veterans Organizations (MAVO). We have received information that our state legislature has arrived at a financial solution to prevent the closing of our seven Missouri Veterans. Our thanks to MAVO for leading this effort to protect our Missouri veterans. More will heard about MAVO and this effort at the Grand Promenade.

The Promenade Nationale will be held in Fort Mitchell, KY on September 11 - 15, 2012.

All are invited. Go to <http://www.fortyandeight.org/> to register. Looking forward to seeing you at our Grand Promenade in Jefferson City and at Fort Mitchell KY.

Thank you for your service and support of La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux

David S. Christian
Grand Chef de Gare du Missouri



Another reminder that the 2012 La Petite (which has the new report) can be obtained from this web site - <http://www.fortyandeight.org/storage/Petite2012.pdf>

Go out now and pull down your reports so that you can get an early start on them.

Address changes are very helpful to any organization. This helps us to keep updated records, but also reduced cost, not just for the Grand, but also Nationale.

1) Get your raffle tickets in so you have a chance to win.

2) All Grand Directeurs that took pins out this year need to send their money into the Nationale Directeur of their program.

3) All Voitures make sure you fill out all of your reports and send them to the Grand Directeur's. The reports are due by June 15, 2012. The Grande and Nationale needs to see what all of the Voitures are doing.

MAVO Legislative Update

HB1731 was heard on Thursday by Sen. Crowell's Senate Veterans Committee and the hearing lasted nearly two hours. Sen. Crowell had several budget people from Departments that are affected by the bill testify as to what the bill would do to their budgets. Of prime concern was that all of the Early Childhood Development money could not come from the Lottery because a large portion is funded through the Health and Social Services Departments, not Education and that money must come from another source. Be sure that all parties concerned are working to adjust the Appropriation Bills currently in the Senate to accomplish these issues. All testimony heard on Thursday was in favor of the bill, including a couple of folks from the ECD. We feel confident that the bill (or a Senate Substitute) will be approved in the next few weeks. We do not anticipate this happening until the Appropriations bills are passed which must occur by statute by May 11 of this year. That will leave one week to finalize HB1731 and get it to the Governor. The legislative session for this year ends at 6:00 p.m. on May 18th. My personal thanks goes to Dewey Riehn for all the work he has put in at the Capitol in support of this legislation and for his explanations to me on the behind-the-scenes work that is being done for us.

A couple of other bills were passed by the House this week and now go to the Senate. There are now 23 bills that have been passed by the House and are awaiting Senate action along with 4 Senate bills that are awaiting House approval. One of the bills passed on Thursday is HJR85 sponsored by Rep. Solon that would allow electronic pull-tab machines in any place that has regular lottery sales. The proceeds from the electronic pull-tabs would be designated for the Veterans Commission Capital Improvements Trust Fund and would help

restore some of the reserve funds that have been used the last few years to keep the veterans homes solvent.

Another bill is HCS HB 1574 & 1097 sponsored by Rep. Meadows that would authorize veterans who provide proper documentation to have their veteran status placed on their drivers license.

Also passed by the House this week was HCS HB 2019 which is a Supplementary Appropriations bills that includes \$5 million for the design and construction of a new veterans home in Kansas City. We do not expect that part of the bill to survive the Senate hearings on the bill.

There are two hearings scheduled for Tuesday of next week: the House Veterans Committee will hear testimony on SCS SB 715, which raises the age limit for service in the state militia; and the Senate Rules Committee will heat HCR 12 which concerns the authorization for the Honor and Remember Flag.

We also want to welcome the 40&8 Society, a statewide and national veterans organization, to membership in MAVO. Their application for membership was approved at the MAVO meeting on Tuesday. With their addition, MAVO now has 24 veterans organizations as members along with 4 Associate member organizations. The next MAVO meeting will be on 19 September at DAV Chapter 17 home in Jefferson City at 1:30 p.m.

Thank you for all you do.

Rich Heigert
MAVO Legislative Chairman

***National Past Chef de Gare Club
(NPCC) Members,***

If you have recently had occasion to look

through the 40&8's Emblem Sales Catalog, or visited the 40&8's Emblem Sales On-Line Store, you would have seen that there are precious few items available, that are associated with the NPCC. Basically, you have a choice of an NPCC patch, decal, pin, jacket or shirt. Needless to say, the number of items available in the catalog isn't exactly equal to the level of service and involvement demonstrated by those unique individuals who qualify for NPCC membership. The lack of items has been mentioned before, and was even discussed during the NPCC Breakfast at a recent Promenade National event. At that time, my response was, "What NPCC items would you like to see in the catalog?" The response I received was not exactly overwhelming.

I should also mention that the Emblem Sales staff has repeatedly indicated an interest in offering more NPCC related items, and is the current driving force behind this Request. But, Emblem Sales only wishes to provide more NPCC related items if the NPCC membership has a interest in such, and a desire to purchase such related items. The Emblem Sales operation provides a wonderful convenience for our membership, but it must always be realized that it is first a business operation, of which cost effectiveness is a concern.

The availability of NPCC related promotional and support items in the Emblem Sales catalog question has again been raised, and I am asking for your help in determining the kinds of NPCC items that should be offered in the 40&8 Emblem Sales Catalog. This is NO time to be bashful, quiet, or lazy and just leave it up to someone else. If you have an idea or suggestion, LET'S HEAR IT! Ask your fellow NPCC members what they would like to see and then LET'S HEAR THAT! Nothing is to big, or to small, or to expensive, or to

cheap. In other words, ALL suggestions will be considered. NOTHING IS OUT OF THE QUESTION! Hats? Tee shirts? Polo shirts? Dress shirts? Poker chips? Golf cart? Lamp shades (don't as me!)? Challenge coin? Stationary? Logo Bar-B-Q Grill? What say YOU?

The NPCC is riding a "wave" of interest and popularity. The current membership of 1043 is the largest it has been at this point in the year, for at least the last 5 years. I guess you could say that the NPCC is HOT! People that belong to the NPCC are proud of the 40&8 and their special position, having served as a Chef de Gare, within La Societe. Let's develop some Emblem Sales

items that NPCC members can show, use or wear to outwardly display their personal pride in their accomplishments, and in La Societe. The quicker you respond, the quicker we can make it happen. Thanks for your service and involvement!

Have a good day, and a Happy Mother's Day!

Butch Miller
Program Coordinator

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**GET YOUR RESERVATION
IN NOW FOR THE GRAND
PROMENADE AND
CHEMINOT**

GRANDE VOITURE DU MISSOURI

GRANDE CHEMINOT and PROMENADE

June 29, 30 and July 1, 2012



Truman Hotel
1510 Jefferson Street
Jefferson City MO 65109
Phone: 800-392-0202
573-635-7171



Fax: 573-635-7519

Room Rate is \$ 63.10 (tax included) per night

Suite Rate is \$103.26 (tax included) per night

For Single or Double Occupancy

Smoking Rooms on second floor only

Three Handicap rooms available

Make Hotel reservations directly with Truman Hotel by **June 1, 2012**
Mention 40 & 8 Honor Society, for special rates when making reservation.

Friday, June 29, 2012

Registration: 3:00 until 5:00 P.M.(in Hospitality Room)

Hospitality Room 3:00 P.M. - ???

Saturday, June 30, 2012

Registration 9:00 A.M. until Noon

Committee Meetings 9:00 AM – 11:00 A.M.

LUNCH 11:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Grande Cheminot 1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Hospitality Room open 4:00 P.M. 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 July 1, 2012

Grande Chef de Gare Passé Breakfast – 7:00 A.M.

Grande Promenade – 9:00 A.M.

Memorial Service & Installation of Officers – 10:15 A.M.

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

You may make Hotel Reservations for Grande Cheminot and Homecoming
September 28, 29, 30, 2012 at this time.

To register for the Cheminot, make Check payable to Voiture 130

Send to:

Robert Emery

11501 East 14 th Street South, Apt. Q

Independence MO 64052-3894

Last Name _____ First _____ Spouse/Guest _____

Voiture Number _____ Banquet/Person \$25.00 X No. Guests _____ = _____

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

Total \$ _____



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 to July 1st, 2012 at the Truman Hotel, 1510 Jefferson Street, Jefferson City, MO 65109, phone (573) 635-7171, toll free (800) 392-0202.

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 be held on Saturday morning and the time and place will be posted in the Hospitality Room.

The Grande Cheminot will be held on Saturday, June 30th, 2012 at 1:00 PM at the Truman Hotel. The Grand Chef de Gare, David Christian, urges all Grand Directeurs that are giving out awards to the Locales to do it during the Cheminot on Saturday. It could save you a fine.

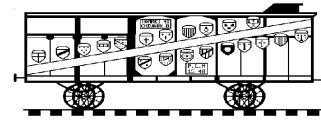
The Grande Promenade will be held on Sunday morning, July 1st, 2012 starting at 9:00 AM sharp. Chairmen of the Grande Promenade Committees, Audit, Credentials, Constitution, Nominations, and Resolutions, will give their reports at this time along with the election of new Officers, Delegates and Alternates for the 93rd Promenade Nationale in September 12th-15th, 2012 in Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky.

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.

Terry L. Lanning
Grand Correspondant

David S. Christian
Grand Chef de Gare



MEMBERSHIP GRAND VOITURE DU MISSOURI

May 10, 2012

Voiture Name	Voiture	2011 To- date	2012 To- date	2012 Quota	Sh/Ov Quota	% of Quota
HEART OF AMERICA	3	65	58	76	-18	76.3%
SPIRIT OF ST. LOUIS	38	133	123	146	-23	84.2%
JESSE JAMES	130	29	30	29	1	103.4%
HEART OF MISSOURI	292	58	52	59	-7	88.1%
CROSSROADS OF MISSOURI	293	12	11	12	-1	91.7%
RUSSELL H. MILLER	333	239	258	272	-14	94.9%
TABLE ROCK LAKE	447	2	2	2	0	100.0%
GATEWAY	448	133	113	154	-41	73.4%
CENTRAL OZARK	460	62	63	62	1	101.6%
COON COOKERS	520	10	12	11	1	109.1%
KICKAPOO	760	78	77	82	-5	93.9%
MARK TWAIN	966	7	6	7	-1	85.7%
CAPITAL	1292	79	76	91	-15	83.5%
MINERAL AREA	1321	62	69	81	-12	85.2%
NEUF COMPT	1379	45	46	45	1	102.2%
HEART OF THE OZARKS	1395	17	16	17	-1	94.1%
ATCHISON NODAWAY HOLT Counties	1402	24	25	29	-4	86.2%
LAKE OF THE OZARK	1403	37	37	43	-6	86.0%
TWO RIVERS	1541	70	67	70	-3	95.7%
Missouri Total		1162	1141	1288	-147	88.6%

**GOD BLESS AMERICA AND
ITS VETERANS**