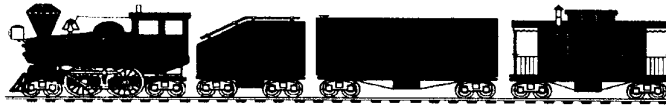




Communiqué
La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Cheveaux
Grande Voiture du Missouri



November 2007- Grand Chef de Gare Leslie (Grant) Willis, Jr - L'Editeur Terry Lanning

The Grand Chef Sez

The National Promenade and Grande Cheminot are both over with until next year. At the Grande Cheminot we had Nationale Sous Directeur of Membership, Ted Lang, visit us and congratulating us on the way membership is coming in. All of the Voiture's are getting membership in with the Grande setting at over 50%. This is immense and I hope everyone keeps up the great work. As many heard at the Grande Cheminot, Ted Lang has set our goal for the year at 1400. This is a stretch goal, but I think that the Show Me State can achieve this goal.

I will be traveling to Indianapolis in a couple of weeks to discuss with the other Grande's where the 40 et 8 is going with the recent decision by the National American Legion on the acknowledgment of the 40 et 8. If you have any comments or suggestions, I would be more than happy to bring them up at Nationale.

I remind everyone of Veterans Day next month and to please say thank you to a veteran. Remember that we did come back, but we have those reminiscences of those that did not return. Keep them and their families in your prayers this Veterans Day.

The Grande is once again sending out raffle tickets to everyone in an endeavor to raise a little money for the operation of the Grande. If you can please take the time to send your tickets back, it will be very much appreciated.

Let's all have fun this year

**Sous Grand
Correspondants Notes**

Each of the Directeurs should write at least one article for the Grand Newsletter. Articles are due by the last day of the month. The up coming months assigned is:

December 2007 – Special Awards
Directeur – David Brazie
December 2007 – Publiciste Directeur –
William Hilker

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 1541 Coon Supper 1/26/08 at Wentzville American Legion Post
- Voiture 1541 Night at the Races 3/1/08 at St. Charles American Legion
- Spring Wreck and Grand Cheminot 3/28-3/30/08 at Holiday Inn Wentzville
- Southland Dixie Promenade at Pascagoula, MS April 23 – 26, 2008
- Central States Promenade at Oklahoma City, OK May 1-3, 2008

Make the following pen and ink changes to the new Grande Directory:

- ◆ Voiture 1292 Correspondant's last name should be spelled Bexten
- ◆ Virgil Morice's new email address is virgilmorice@att.net
- ◆ Under the Grand Chefs de Gare Passe delete the "j" in Terry Lanning's email address. Also for William H. Moore his email address should read inhers60@yahoo.com changing the spelling for yahoo.
- ◆ Bob Eisenbath has replaced Robert T. Wilde as Grand Cheminot-at-Large.
- ◆ Add these email addresses:
 1. Gary Reno greno001@kc.rr.com
 2. Ralph Turner ralph.n.turner@us.army.mil
 3. Marvin Harper marehar@grm.net
 4. Wilbur Avery btavery2@juno.com
 5. Raymond Brodzinski rayj4417@yahoo.com
 6. Norm Gentry ngentry@swbell.net
 7. Sam Yancey sryancey@iland.net
 8. Voiture Nationale voiturenationale@msn.com
 9. Department Headquarters info@missourilegion.org
- ◆ New address for Bill Wiese
Brooking Park

307 South Woods Mill Road
Chesterfield, MO 63017
314-576-5545 and ask for Bill.

If there are any additional changes in the Directory then let Grand Correspondant Jerry Castulik or Terry Lanning know.

YOUTH
SPORTS

Youth Sports

Grand Directeur David Christian
The Youth Sports Program was established in 1994. Through this program, the 40&8 Society provides financial assistance in the form of grants to individual athletes or teams who lack the funds required to attend and participate in amateur sports programs. This program encompasses all amateur sports programs for all youths from 7 to 20 years of age.

Once each year, we ask for your contributions to support Youth Sports for the up coming year. The Youth Sports program provides the opportunity to solicit funding for Youth Sports programs through the sale of Pins, Cards and the opportunity for gifts and donations to be used at the local, state and National levels.

Pins and Cards have been distributed to Voitures Locales in Missouri. If additional pins and/or cards are needed, please contact me. When your Voiture Locale has completed its pins and cards campaign, please forward the report of funds, along with funds raised to me. As always, any voyager Militaire unable to make his personal contribution to his/her Voiture Locale, may forward that contribution directly to me. I will notify your Chef de Gare of your contribution.

I am able to bring a word of thanks from the *Director of Youth Sports Nationale*, *Raymond C. Carrier* for last year support

of the Youth Sports program. Grande du Missouri was the only Grande singled out for outstanding recognition at his report to Nationale at Overland Park Kansas. You should take pride that you have earned this recognition.

The motto of Youth Sports is "That no athlete shall stay at home, do to lack of funds".

Your support of programs on the local, state and national level happens with the purchase of the Youth Sports pins, cards, donations of individuals and Voitures Locales. Last year, Cash expended for Youth Sports participation was \$ 311,643, Assistance and Services other than cash was valued at \$ 413,668, for an overall total of \$ 725,311. Congratulations to all that supported this fine program that supported more than 22,751 individual youth athletes

And congratulations to LaSociete for this opportunity to serve.

Chef de Chemin de Fer Terry Sims also expressed his thanks to "all Voyageurs who made the Youth Sports Program what is today".

You can contact David Christian at:
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Festus, MO 63028
dschristian2082@aol.com
636-931-3568

ARLINGTON

In Arlington white crosses grow
Along the foothills row by row.
And up the gentle slopes they flow,
Then circling round, down they go
In gentle curves to the river below
Lost memories in the evening glow.

Beneath chalk like markers at parade rest,
Sleep fallen heroes at the military crest.
They who died and did their best,
Then suddenly a body-bag guest,
A plastic shroud, a wooden vest,
An unexpected turn in a dead man's chest.

Columns to the left, columns to the right;
Ghostly shadows dot the night.
Clustered among the crowded height,
Those who fought and fought the fright
And those who found and lost the fight
For honor, for duty, for country.

Tonight, a polished sentinel slow steps the
hill;

A silent soldier who drills with skill,
With measured cadence, with iron will,
In silent tribute to those who kill,
Who try and die in turn--yet still,
We gratefully honor those who fill
Arlington.

By Clark Thornton

CRABBY OLD MAN

When an old man died in the geriatric ward of a small hospital near Tampa, Florida, it was believed that he had nothing left of any value. Later, when the nurses were going through his meager possessions, they found this poem. Its quality and content so impressed the staff that copies were made and distributed to every nurse in the hospital. One nurse took her copy to Missouri.

The old man's sole bequest to posterity has since appeared in the Christmas edition of the News Magazine of the St. Louis Association for Mental Health. A slide presentation has also been made based on his simple, but eloquent, poem. And this little old man, with nothing left to give to the world, is now the author of this "anonymous" poem winging across the internet.

Crabby Old Man

What do you see nurses? What do you see?
What are you thinking..... when you're
looking at me?
A crabby old man, not very wise,
Uncertain of habit with faraway eyes?

Who dribbles his food..... and makes no reply.
When you say in a loud voice....."I do wish
you'd try!"
Who seems not to notice the things that
you do.

And forever is losing a sock or shoe?

Who, resisting or not... lets you do as you will,
With bathing and feeding . the long day to fill?

Is that what you're thinking?..... Is that what you see?

Then open your eyes, nurse..... you're not looking at me.

I'll tell you who I am as I sit here so still,
As I do at your bidding, .. as I eat at your will.
I'm a small child of Ten... with a father and mother,
Brothers and sisters who love one another.

A young boy of Sixteen with wings on his feet
Dreaming that soon now. a lover he'll meet.

A groom soon at Twenty .. my heart gives a leap,
Remembering the vows.. that I promised to keep.

At Twenty-Five, now ...I have young of my own.
Who need me to guide . and a secure happy home.

A man of Thirty my young now have grown fast,
Bound to each other ... with ties that should last.

At Forty, my young sons have grown and are gone,
But my woman's beside me. to see I don't mourn.

At Fifty, once more, babies play 'round my knee,
Again we know children my loved one and me.

Dark days are upon me my wife is now dead.
I look at the future I shudder with dread.
For my young are all rearing .. young of their own.
And I think of the years..... and the love that I've known.
I'm now an old man..... and nature is cruel.
Tis jest to make old age look like a fool.

The body, it crumbles..... grace and vigor, depart.

There is now a stone.... where I once had a heart.

But inside this old carcass a young guy still dwells,

And now and again my battered heart swells.

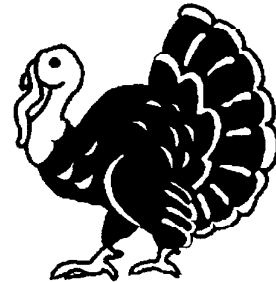
I remember the joys... .. I remember the pain.
And I'm loving and living..... life over again.

I think of the years.....all too few, gone too fast.

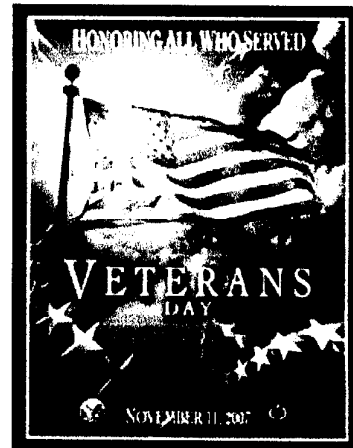
And accept the stark fact..... that nothing can last.

So open your eyes, people open and see...
Not a crabby old man. Look closer....see....
ME!!

Remember this poem when you next meet an older person who you might brush aside without looking at the young soul within... ..we will all, one day, be there, too!



HAPPY THANKSGIVING





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 CHEFS de GARE & CORRESPONDANTS
ALL VOYAGEURS OF GRANDE VOITURE du MISSOURI

This is the OFFICIAL CALL for the Spring Grande Cheminot and Wreck to be held March 28th, March 29th, & March 30th, 2008 at the Holiday Inn, 900 Corporate Parkway, Wentzville, MO 63385.

The Active Wreck will be held on Saturday, March 29th, 2008, at 9:AM at the Holiday Inn in Wentzville.

The Spring Grande Cheminot will be held on Saturday, March 29th, 2008 at the Holiday Inn at 1:00 PM.

The Banquet will be held on Saturday Evening, March 29th, 2008, at 7:00 PM at the Holiday Inn. Cocktail hour from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

There is no Executive Board Meeting scheduled on Saturday Morning. If this changes, time and place will be posted in the Hospitality Room on Friday.

All Grand Officers and Grand Cheminots are expected to give a report of their activities and submit a written copy 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 Garde de la Port, Grand Lampiste, Grand Conducteur, Sous Grand Conducteurs, and Grand Aumonier.

Jerry J. Castulik
Grand Correspondant

Leslie G. Willis, Jr.
Grand Chef de Gare

EXECUTIVE MEETING, OCTOBER 6, 2007
DOUBLETREE HOTEL, RM. 201, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI

Grand Chef de Gare, Leslie G. Willis, opened the meeting at 9:08 AM. \$1.00 fines were issued for those that were late.

Roll call by the Grand Correspondant showed that we had a quorum.

The new budget, last year budget, and the final finance report were given out to the members. Grand Correspondant explained the few changes that were made. Notion offered by Castulik, second by Clarence Buckley, to accept the new budget....passed

Art Wilson spoke on this year raffle and wishes to send out 1500 letters with 4500 tickets. Estimate cost \$600.00 to \$700.00. Art needs address labels from each locale of their membership. The Grand Correspondant will order the envelopes for Wilson. Notion offered by Castulik, second by Virgil Morice, to go with the raffle.....passed

Grand Chef Grant spoke on the active wreck to be held at the Grand Spring Cheminot. It was discuss at length. Equipment will be needed from different locales. The Mayor will be Castulik and the So Long will be performed by Don Fligge. Notion offerd by Castulik, second by Virgil Morice, to go with the active wreck....passed

Grand Chef Willis spoke on The American Legion Convention held in Reno, Nevada, stating that The American Legion turned down the agreement to form a ADHOC Committee between The American Legion and The Forty et Eight. A letter of apology was sent to the The American Legion from the Forty et Eight for the letter that was sent in the 1950's.

The Grand Chef went on to say, that Voiture Nationale will hold a meeting on November 3rd & 4th in Indianapolis with a least one member from each Grande to discuss eligibility of members to join the 40/8 from other organizations or any veterans eligible during the correct time of service. Many other items will also be discussed. The cost of going to this meeting is to be paid by the individual attending which will be our Grand Chef Willis, Notion offered by Art Wilson, second by Norm Reichel, to give the Grand Chef \$500.00 from the money market fund for this trip.....passed

Art Wilson spoke on the Grand Spring Cheminot and Wreck that used be to by bids from different Locales. Now it falls on the Grand Chef de Train for these affairs. Art suggested that a registration fee of \$5.00 be added to the Grand Fall Cheminot and the Grande Promenade due to the higher prices now. Notion offered by Art Wilson, second by Virgil Morice to have a registration fee of \$5.00 for the Grand Fall Cheminot and the Grande Promenade for Voyageurs only....passed

Grand Chef Grant closed the meeting at 9:40 AM.

Submitted by

Jerry J. Castulik

Grand Correspondant

FALL GRAND CHEMINOT OCTOBER 6, 2007 PAGE 1
DOUBLETREE HOTEL, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI

Grand Chef de Gare, Leslie "Grant" Willis, opened the Fall Grand Cheminot sharply at 1:00 PM with a salute to the Flag, The Pledge of Allegiance, and much need prayer by Grand Aumonier Pro Tem, George Ridley. Heaven help us.

Grand Chef Willis had the Garde de La Porte escort Ted Lange, National Sous Directeur Membership, to the head table.

The Grand Chef announced that if any electronic equipment or phone starts ringing during the Cheminot, the Voyageur will pay dearly.

Before roll call, the Grand Correspondant announced the items on the tables and for the members to pick them up after the Cheminot. For doing this, the Grand Correspondant was fined when he was told to do roll call by the Grand Chef.

Roll call by the Grand Correspondant showed more absent than excused, and some of these were the obnoxious ones, and the rest were weid and mean. Roll call of Grand Chefs de Gare Passe showed that 9 answered roll. Roll call of Grand Cheminots showed that we had a quorum. Absent were Voitures 292, 293, 33, 447, 460, 520, 848, 966, 1395, 1402.

The Grand Correspondant was forced to read the minutes from the Grand Cheminot held June 30, 2007. He was allowed to read part of them and the Grand Chef stopped him. Motion offered by Virgil Morice, second by George Ridley, to accept the minutes as read and printed....passed

Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting held this morning were read by the Grand Correspondant. Motion offered by Virgil Morice, second by George Ridley, to accept the minutes as read....passed

Grand Commissaire Intendant, Gary Reno, stated that the Budget for 2007-2008 was distributed and approved by the Executive Board. Reno then stated that the finance report was also distributed and asked if there were any questions. Motion offered by Castulik, second by Virgil Morice, to accept the finance report as printed subject to audit....passed

Grand Chef de Train, Robert Phillips, stated if their membership from last year is smaller this year, it is due to the deceased members they had from this past year. Phillips call on his Grand Sous Chefs de Train, Julio Bambini and Larry Ebersold. Bob gave the reports for absent Grand Sous Chefs de Train Pickens, Dreeste, Hoffrogge, and Morton.

Cheminot Nationale, Clarence Buckley stated that the next Promenade Nationale will be held in Orlando, Florida. The main item talked about was membership at the Promenade. Buckley also gave out the new password to the membership. Buckley went to the Nurses Training Meeting and stated that they are going to come out with a new pin next year.

Grand Correspondant spoke on the Box Car meeting, it was stated they were ahead about 12% ahead in money from last year. Castulik asked how many members they had for the year and they came back with the number of crew cards sent out and how many were sold. They said the same thing about the associate cards and LaFemme cards, but never a total for all three. It seems that the Program is still going down.

On Resolution, Castulik reported that Indiana withdrew their resolution about the American Legion. Nebraska submitted a resolution that a number of legionnaires were PUFL in Nebraska before the American Legion National started the program. They were asking Voiture Nationale to accept the Legion and allow them to be PUFL's in the 40/8. The resolution passed at the meeting and it also was passed by Voiture Nationale.

Child Welfare was attended by Rich Heigert and he came to the Grand Correspondant stated how bad the report from Missouri was. It showed "0" all the way across the report sheet for Missouri.

Art Johnson went to the Historien Meeting and had taken Voiture 448 history books and it took 1st place.

Dave Christian stated that his Youth Sport report will be in the next newsletter. He stated that in the meeting, that Missouri was mentioned as having the best Program. This was mainly due to the work Bob Wilde did. Still under Youth Sports, Dave reported that he has Terry Lanning to help him. Dave also has new pins for \$3.00 and the Locale keeps .50 of this. The Y/S cards are \$1.00 and the Locale gets to keep .50 also like the pins.

Cheminot reports were given by Voitures 3, 38, 130, 448, 760, 1292, 1321, 1379, 1403 and 1541.

Grand Directeur Nurses Training, Clarence Buckley, reported that he has new pins. He also spoke on the Ardery Trust Fund has been increased to \$200.0 per child and \$800.00 per family with four children. Clarence also spoke on the POW/MIA Program that they sent \$8,000.00 to the Kritina victims and are now looking for money for their scholarship fund.

Under Grand Aumonier, the Grand Correspondant requested that the Locale Correspondants send in their deceased members to him so that they may be remembered at the Grand Promenade.

Grand Publiciste, William Hilker, stated that those with computers, bring up under Voiture Nationale, for information what the 40/8 is about and to give this information to the new PG's.

Grand Conducteur, John Partin, reported that we will have a active wreck at the Spring Cheminot and he will need help.

Grand Directeur Americanism, Sam Guenther, reported he went to the meeting at Promenade Nationale and the National Directeur was fired before the meeting was started. Sam stated it was not much of a meeting.

Sous Grand Correspondant, Terry Lanning, reported that he has the newsletter and distributed to the members that are present to save on postage. He thanked the Grand Directeurs for their reports for the newsletter. Terry reported on the Promenade Nationale Finance Meeting he attended. He stated that Nationale lost \$6000.00 to \$7000.00 this past year. They also lost 2000 members. The 40/8er will be sent out only 4 time a year in a magazine form.

Time & Place Committee, Art Wilson, stated the forms are out for the Grand Spring Cheminot and to get it in early. He announced that Grande Cheminot & Promenade will be held at the Holiday Inn in Wentzville on June 27,28,29, 2008. The Grand Fall Cheminot & Homecoming will also be held at the Holiday Inn Wentzville on October 3,4,5, 2008.

Distinguished Voyageur Award Committee, Virgil Morice, urged the Locale to send in a application for a Voyageur who deserve it.

Central States Promenade, Norm Reichel, reported that we will go to Oklahoma City, OK next year and it will be held on May 1 thru 4, 2008 at the Airport Holiday Inn. This past year, Missouri came home with the Covered Wagon for having the most Voyageurs in attendance.

Under God Of The Voiture, Grand Chef Grant, asked for approval to appoint Robert Eisenbath as Grand Cheminot-At-Large to replace Robert Wilde. Notion offered by Castulik, second by Virgil Morice, to approve the appointment.....passed

At this time, Grand Chef Grant, call on our guest, Ted Lange, National Sous Directeur Membership. Ted send greetings from Chef de Chemin de Fer Bernie Sampson and Voiture Nationale. Lange stated that Missouri is doing a good job by being over 50%. He also stated that if Missouri hits 1400 members, they will receive a large wooden eagle like the one setting on the side of the room. Ted mentioned that we are losing 2000 members a year and this needs to be turned around to keep Voiture Nationale going. Lange also spoke on the Ardery Trust Fund and urges the Locales to use it. He also said that we need to communicate more and try to bring new members in. He thanked the Grande for letting him visit and hopes to come back during his year.

Dave Christian stated that he spoke to the National Directeur of Ritual about how the password is picked. He stated that some Grandes send this in to the Committee. Grand Chef Willis, spoke on this and stated that he was at the meeting. He explained what went on in the meeting and there were three choices for a new password. The Grandes present voted on this and the new password was passed.

Art Wilson spoke on a program started in Missouri to help Veterans when they come home. It's called "Hero To The Home Town" where homes of some of these veterans need to get fix up. He stated that if your Locale has any extra money, send it to Department Headquarter in Jefferson City to help the veterans that need it.

Grand Chef Willis, closed the Grand Fall Cheminot in the proper manner at 2:48 PM.

Submitted By
Jerry J. Castulik
Grand Correspondant

GRANDE VOITURE DU MISSOURI

GRANDE SPRING WRECK AND CHEMINOT

March 28 through 30, 2008

Will be held at the
Holiday Inn
900 Corporate Parkway
Wentzville, MO 63385
Tel (636) 327-7001
Fax (636) 327-7019

Hotel rates are as follows:
\$72.00 For Single and Double Occupancy
\$72.00 For Triple and Quad Occupancy
Current Tax rate will apply

Make all reservations directly with the Hotel by **February 28, 2008**.
When you make reservations please mention that you are with the
40/8 Honor Society.

Friday March 28, 2008

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

Saturday March 29, 2008

Registration 8:00AM til noon
Spring Wreck 9:00AM
Lunch 11:30AM
Cheminot will start at 1:00PM
Cocktails starting at 6:00PM
Banquet will start at 7:00PM
Hospitality Room opened after Banquet

Sunday March 30, 2008

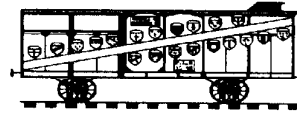
Donuts/Coffee 7:00 til 9:00AM

Make checks payable to Voiture 1541 and send to Leon Hill,
1011 Pegasus Circle, St. Peters, MO 63376

Last Name _____ First _____ Spouse _____

Voiture Number _____ Banquet per Person \$25.00 _____
Registration Fee \$10.00 _____
(Per Voyageur)

Choice of _____ Roast Top Sirloin Beef _____ Chicken Cordon Bleu



**MEMBERSHIP GRAND VOITURE DU MISSOURI
as of October 23, 2007**

LOCALE	2007	2008	PERCENT	Short/Over
3	130	97	74%	-33
38	156	81	51%	-75
130	32	22	68%	-10
292	61	41	67%	-20
293	15	10	66%	-5
333	83	69	83%	-14
447	9	2	22%	-7
448	211	77	36%	-134
460	67	51	76%	-16
520	14	11	78%	-3
760	90	78	86%	-12
848	14	8	57%	-6
966	11	0	0%	-11
1292	69	29	42%	-40
1321	87	53	60%	-34
1379	32	21	65%	-11
1395	20	19	95%	-1
1402	44	31	70%	-13
1403	57	22	38%	-35
1541	65	51	78%	-14
Totals	1,267	773	61%	-494

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