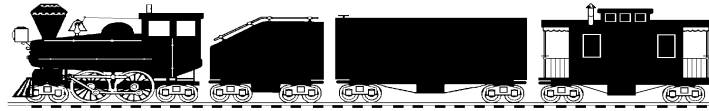


Communiqué
La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Cheveaux
Grande Voiture du Missouri



November 2015 - Grand Chef de Gare David Bexten

- L'Editeur Grant Willis

The Grand Chef Sez

Here it is already end of October. Fall is here with cool days, frosty mornings with leaves changing and falling. The weekend of October 3, we celebrated my homecoming in Jefferson City at Truman Hotel. A good time was had by all. I want to thank each and every one of you who came and supported me. The weekend definitely provided great memories. It was great to have all my family and 40 & 8 family together. On October 17th I attended Department Commander George Scarborough's homecoming in Independence. Congratulations George on your homecoming. It was a great time enjoyed by all. On October 28 I had the pleasure of visiting V1379 in Kansas City for their monthly promenade. I really enjoyed seeing my fellow Voyagers from Kansas City area. Their hospitality was overwhelming with a delicious meal and watching the Royals make their 2nd win of the world series playoff games. Veterans Day is soon approaching, and as always I will be attending several area school Veterans Day programs. As deer season approaches, I wish all the hunters good luck and please be careful. Before you know it Thanksgiving will have come and gone. I hope everyone can take time and reflect all we have to be thankful for. Take time to enjoy family and great food.

It's that time we need to get cracking on membership. Congratulations on the four Voitures that are 100% or better. Special congratulations to V460 for leading the pack at 106% and also congratulations on 2 Voitures who are 90% and greater. Currently the grande du is at 51.49% of goal with 503 members short. With a little extra effort this can easily be achieved. I would like to see us reach our goal of 100% by the end of the year so at that time we can start concentrating on our great programs. Until next time, for God and Country

Dave Bexten
Grand Chef de Gare du Missouri

**Sous Grand
Correspondants Notes**

Articles for the Newsletter are due at the end of each month. For the following months I would like to receive an article from the following Directeur's:

December – Child Welfare, Youth Sports
January – Voiture Activities, VAVS
February – Special Awards, Distinguished Voyager Award
March - Ritual

If you have anyone that would like to receive this communicate electronically please provide their email address to:

willis.grant@sbcglobal.net.

Here are some pen and ink changes for the Grand Yearbook:

SPRING GRANDE CHEMINOT & WRECK

April 1 to April 3, 2016

Ramada Plaza Hotel & Oasis Convention Center, Springfield, Missouri

GRANDE CHEMINOT & PROMENADE

July 1 to July 3, 2016

Ramada Plaza Hotel & Oasis Convention Center, Springfield, Missouri

FALL GRANDE CHEMINOT & GRAND CHEF'S HOMECOMING

October 7 thru 9, 2016

Ramada Plaza Hotel & Oasis Convention Center, Springfield, Missouri

Page 6 and 15 David Bexten email should be davidhbexten@gmail.com

Page 7 Calvin Bumgarner phone should be 913-522-1103

Page 7 Richard Pack phone should be 573-690-0308 and email devildogpack@gmail.com

Page 8 Kerry Boardman email should be kerryboardman@yahoo.com

Page 12 & 16 Kevin Johnson phone should be 573-586-8951

Page 13 Curtis Russell wife should be Pam

Page 13 Ann Roberts phone should be 660-744-3625 and email annroberts1@hotmail.com

Page 18 James Dwyer is deceased

Page 22 Dennis Van Bibber phone should be 636-359-6130

Page 24 Voiture 1379 meets on the 4th Wednesday

About the Missouri Veterans History Project

The Missouri Veterans History Project (MVHP) is a not-for-profit corporation organized to interview and record the stories of our Veterans. Our nation's Veterans each have a unique perspective to share about our history. First-hand recollections of their service provide a richer and more personal context to historical accounts.



Kimberley Lauer (left), Midwest Litigation videographer, with veterans Archie Sapp (center) and Chester Hilgedick (right). [Go behind the scenes at the filming of an interview here.](#)

The MVHP exists to record the stories of Missouri Veterans. We do this by:

- Training volunteers to interview and record the stories of Missouri Veterans.
- Organizing community-based campaigns to interview as many Veterans as possible
- Making the recordings available to [State Historical Society of Missouri](#), and [Library of Congress](#) and the Veteran.

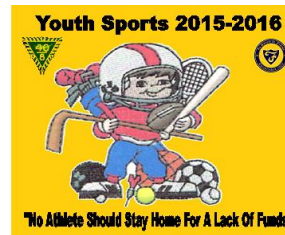
The recording is provided to the Veteran free of charge and are archived and made available to scholars, students, Veterans and the public through a partnership with The State Historical Society of Missouri, the Library of Congress and other organizations.

Board of Directors: MVHP was founded in 2011 by volunteers to record Veterans' stories. A nine-member [Board of Directors](#) oversees and manages the MVHP organization

Partners: A hands-on supportive advisory group comprised of Veterans' organizations, the [University of Missouri](#) and other interested groups supports the board's work. MVHP works closely with the [National Veterans History Project](#), which is an effort of the [American Folklife Center](#) of the Library of Congress. All of these groups provide their services

Where do the interviews go after they are conducted? All Veterans receive a video recording of their interview. In addition, all interviews become a part of the [Veterans History Project at the Library of Congress](#) in Washington, D.C. where they will be preserved and made available to researchers and the public. Learn about the [Veterans History Project at the national level](#). A copy may also be kept at [The State Historical Society of Missouri](#). without charge.

CALL OR EMAIL ANN ROBERTS,
VOITURE 1379-(660.744.3625)
ann.roberts1@hotmail.com



Through this program, the 40/8 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 **PLEASE CONTACT SOUS YOUTH SPORTS DIRECTOR, ANN ROBERTS FOR YOUR YOUTH SPORTS PINS. YOUR EFFORT 'WILL' help Special Olympics athletes throughout Missouri participate in**



**Special
Olympics**

sports of their choice. **CONTACT ANN ROBERTS FOR DETAILS. PINS: \$4.00 EACH. ☺ LET ME WIN. BUT, IF I CANNOT WIN, LET ME BE BRAVE IN THE ATTEMPT.**

BOWLING-NORTH AREA: NOV. 7TH St. Joe @ Southside Bowling Alley. Somo.org for bowling and other sports in your area of the state.

NEUF COMTÉS VOITURE LOCALE 1379

La Société 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux



Resolution

Whereas: Neuf Comtés Voiture Locale 1379, Grande du Missouri, La Société des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux, has a Voyageur Militaire who is deserving of consideration for the high office of:

Grand Commissaire Intendant du Missouri

AND

Whereas: Voyager Calvin Bumgarner was initiated into Voiture 1379 in 2009, served as Avocat and newly elected Chef de Gare 2015-2016. And

Whereas: Voyager Calvin Bumgarner has served the Grande Voiture du Missouri as Sous Grand Directeur Child welfare, Grand Directeur Child Welfare, Grand Cheminot And currently Sous Grand Chef de Train 2015-2016. And

Whereas: Voyager Calvin Bumgarner has been a member of the American Legion and Jarchow – Schroeder Post 61 for 19 years, serving on various committees and holding the offices of Finance Officer, Adjutant, 1st Vice Commander 2nd Vice Commander and Commander 2010 - 2011 and 2013-2014. And

Whereas: Voyager Calvin Bumgarner has served the 3rd District, The American Legion, Department of Missouri as District Sergeant of Arms, 1st Vice Commander, and District Commander 2012 – 2013.

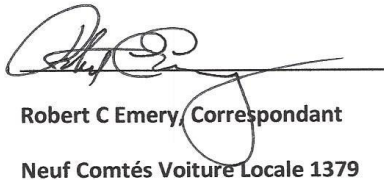
Whereas: Voyager Calvin Bumgarner has served The American Legion Department of Missouri as Zone 2 Vice Commander 2014 – 2015.

Now there for it be resolved

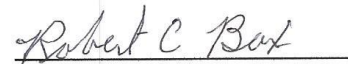
that we, the members of Neuf Comtés Voiture Locale 1379 at a regular Promenade assembled this 22nd day of July 2015 do enthusiastically and unanimously endorse Voyager Calvin Bumgarner for the high office of Grand Commissaire Intendant, Grande du Missouri for the year 2016 – 2017 to be voted on at the Grande Promenade du Missouri, held in June 2016.

Adopted Unanimously

this 22nd day of July by Neuf Comtés Voiture Locale 1379, Caldwell County, Missouri, at its regular Promenade assembled.



Robert C Emery, Correspondant
Neuf Comtés Voiture Locale 1379



Robert Box, Chief de Gare
Neuf Comtés Voiture Locale 1379

FALL GRAND CHEMINOT, OCTOBER 3, 2015
TRUMAN HOTEL, JEFFERSON CITY, Missouri

With a rap of the gavel, Grand Chef de Gare Dave Bexten, opened the Fall Grand Cheminot at 1:00 PM with a salute to the Flag, the Pledge of Allegiance, and a much needed prayer by Grand Aumonier John Kopp.

Roll call of officers showed more absent than excused. Roll call of Grand Chefs de Gare Passe showed that eleven answered. Roll call of Grand Cheminots showed that we had a quorum. Voyageurs don't know how to answer roll call and many paid fines for it. Absent were Voitures 447, 520, 966, 1395, and 1402.

Grand Avocat Rich Heigert said we will follow the same Rules of Procedure.

Notion offered by Ralph Turner, seconded by Grant Willis, that the Grand Promenade and Cheminot minutes are accepted as printed and sent out...passed.

Grand Correspondant Terry Lanning gave the minutes of the Executive Meeting, held on October 3, 2015, at 9:00am. The budget was read by Dave Voyles. Art Wilson offered a notion to accept the budget as printed, seconded by Chip Berkley ... passed. Grand Chef Passe Leon Hill proposed having a Hillbilly Golf Tournament fundraiser at the Spring Wreck. There will be a contest for best dressed contestant and there will be betting for the golf tournament. If a Voiture does not participate then a \$50 fine and \$50 for a Voiture to participate. Notion by Bob Phillips and seconded by Calvin Bumgarner to have this fundraiser...passed. Discussed when we should invite the Chef de Chemin de Fer to the Grande. Kevin Johnson offered a notion to invite the Chef de Chemin de Fer to the Grand Spring Wreck and Cheminot, seconded by Bob Phillips...passed. Discussed how the Grande can help the Voitures in distress that being 447, 520, 966, 1395, and 1402. Dave Voyles will talk to V1402. Terry stated he received a call from Chef Voiture 520 Dennis Van Bibber about their desire to close. Members plan on transferring to Voiture 1541. Discussed Missouri holding the Central States Promenade in 2018. The last prior Grand Chef will be the President, that being Chip in 2018. Chip thought he heard a train go by. There are several possibilities on where it could be held. One possibility is at the Ramada Inn in Springfield, Embassy Suite in KC (where we had it the last time) or in Branson. Chef Bexten appointed Rich Heigert, Art Wilson, and Dave Voyles to be on an Ad Hoc Committee to look into possible locations. Executive meeting closed 9:55am. John Kopp offered a notion to accept Executive meeting minutes, seconded by George Ridley...passed.

Grand Correspondant Terry Lanning stated the new yearbooks and envelopes for the Grand Directeurs are in the back of the room. He also read a resolution for Grand Commissaire Intendant for Calvin Bumgarner.

Grand Commissaire Intendant, David Voyles, stated the finance report and budget were passed out and discussed them. Notion offered by Tom Goodin, second by Ralph Turner, to accept the budget and Finance report...passed.

Grand Chef Berkley said we are at 45% and called on the Sous Chef de Trains to report on their Voitures, to which A. J. Noonan, Janice Hartley, Calvin Bumgarner, and Richard Pack did. The Grand has a total membership of 448, or 45%. This is 58 members better than at this time last year. Grand Chef Bexten made a challenge for each Voiture to be 100% by the end of the year.

Cheminot Nationale Ralph Turner reported on the Nationale Promenade. There were 16 present from Missouri which is great. There is no change in the password. Ralph attended the POW/MIA committee and they are considering opening the scholarships to MIA's. Last year we did not have any POW/MIA report sent in.

Promenade National - Terry Lanning attended the Finance Meeting and said the Sandy Fund has \$14,111 left over. A Voiture will be able to fill out a claim form to sponsor a vet's escort that is taking the Freedom Flights up to \$500 per person. When the funds are used up the program will stop. Ed Schmidt went to the Box Car meeting where the Grande received an award. Voiture 333 is going to refurnish the Box Car and could use some money. Leon Hill went to the Time and Place meeting; Louisville, KY was awarded the 2018 Promenade National. Rich Heigert attended Americanism meeting. They emphasized that Americanism covers everything. Chip Berkley attended the Special Awards and said few were received. The Hero of the Year must be 18 or over. No nomination for City of the Year. Jim Hartley attended the Nurses Training meeting and said they would like each Grande to sponsor one nurse.

Ann Roberts attended Youth Sports. Each Grand can submit a claim for funds. The pins will now sell for \$4.00. Each Grande should sell as many pins as possible. YS sponsors the Special Olympics Games in Pennsylvania. Dave Bexten attended Public Relations. Everyone needs to get the word out about what the 40/8 is and turn in reports at the end of the year. Make sure the constitutions are updated. Grant Willis attended the Membership. Last year we were down in membership. This year there will be the same awards and goals. Grants goal is 100% by 12/31/2015. Voitures need to get out in the public to state what your Voiture does. Janice attended the VAVS and said Voyageurs are not getting credit for volunteers at hospitals. Chubs Buckley attended the Carville Star and said subscriptions are down. John Kopp attended Ritual and said 3/15/2016 will be the 40/8 birthday. There is a new prayer. Don Emley was elected Chef de Chemin de Fer, he is from Wisconsin. Grant Willis was appointed Sous Membership Directeur, Ralph Turner was appointed Sous Box Car Directeur and Terry Lanning was elected Commissaire Intendant National.

Some of the highlights of the Grand Cheminot reports are: Voiture 38 their last Chef Jim Dwyer passed away, had a trivia night, BBQ on November 1st at Lindners Pub, their loco has been out on 5 trips, putting together their fundraising calendars, Jerri Smith is off the binnacle list; Voiture 130 sells towels and raised \$3,100 for their nurses in training; Voiture 292 will have a BBQ at VA on 10/14/15, sponsored American Legion baseball; Voiture 333 have flags on Sedalia Avenue, provides money for kids home, will participate in Veterans Day parade; Voiture 448 had a BBQ in June, held their installation on 7/25/15, on 10/9/15 will have a fish fry at Post 400, will have their xmas party at Marygrove on 12/6/15, are now meeting at the Elks in Manchester; Voiture 460 supported a couple of teams, have 10 nurses at \$5,000, spent \$212 on a Veteran in need, membership at 106%; Voiture 760 2 nurses in training, will have an xmas party for 2nd graders; Voiture 1292 4 nurses in training, kids xmas party on 12/8/15; Voiture 1321 has 5 nurses in training, has their cooker out; Voiture 1379 had their ChickNick, 2 new pg's; Voiture 1403 has 2 nurses in training, will be having a BBQ fundraiser soon; Voiture 1541 had their wet and wild Car Show, Christmas party will be 12/16/2015, presented a donation to Eve Holtzemer Womens Veteran Program Manager of VA St. Louis Health Care System, sponsoring a nurse for the Boland trust fund.

Grand Directeur Child Welfare Benjamin Sargent said he has new 2016 pins if anyone wanted any let him know.

Grand Directeur Voiture Activities George Ridley said to put everything in the Voiture Activities report.

Grand Directeur Nurses Training Jim Hartley said he has two applications to send into the Boland program. He may need a Voiture to sponsor one of them. He has pins if anyone needs them let him know.

Grand Directeur Aumonier John Kopp said to let him know if a Grand Officer is sick or passes away so he can send them a card.

Grand Drapeau East Dave Christian said the colors are posted.

Grand Publiciste Bob Emery said to send items to him to put on the web.

Grand Directeur Americanism Bob Emery said he had new pins if anyone wanted any pins to let him know and to report everything.

Grand Directeur Box Car Ed Schmidt said last year we did a good job on pins and cards. He has the new pins if anyone wants any. Won an award at Promenade National.

Grand Directeur Mike Scruby said he has new 2016 pins if anyone wanted any let him know.

Grand Directeur Frank Angelo said he has new 2016 pins if anyone wanted any let him know.

Grand Directeur Special Awards Robert Lee said to contact him if anyone has a Law Officer that they want to put up.

Sous Grand Directeur Youth Sports Ann Roberts said Voiture 1379 had 50 hours of volunteering for Special Olympics. No athlete should stay at home because of a lack of funds, nor a place to play, practice and compete in a sport.

Grand Sous Correspondant, Grant Willis said the Grand Chef and any other articles are due to him by the end of the month. If anyone else has anything to put in the Grande Newsletter then send it to him. If a voyageur wants the newsletter then send him their email address and he will email the newsletter to them.

Time and Place Committee Chairman Art Wilson said the spring wreck and for the next 2 years all Grande functions will be held at the Ramada Inn in Springfield.

Distinguished Voyageur Award Chairman Grant Willis said to send him nominations prior to the Spring Wreck. He will have a meeting at the Spring Wreck.

Old Business - none

New Business - none

Grand Chef de Gare Bexten closed the Fall Grand Cheminot in the proper manner at 3:10 PM.

Submitted by,
Terry L. Lanning
Grand Correspondant

At the banquet the Grand Chefs de Gare Passe made Sam Guenther an Honorary Grand Chef de Gare. Our new Grand Chef Bexten gave a menintious speech that was exhilarating and a little more information than some would want to know.



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
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 Not Yet Established NO EXCEPTIONS

Make your check payable to Voiture 292 for registration.

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

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Spouse/Guest _____

Title: _____ Voiture Number: _____

Banquet \$XX.00/Person x Number Guests _____ \$ _____

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

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

Voyageur: Food or Food (circle one)
Guest: Food or Food (circle one)

The prices and menus for the Banquet will be finalized by the January issue of the Newsletter. In the meantime hotel reservation can be made. See you at the Spring Wreck

Membership 2016 October 29, 2016

Grande du MISSOURI								
	2015	2016	2015					
	YTD	YTD	Year	% of			% of	Short/over
Voiture	Total	Total	End	Quota	short/over	Goal	Goal	Goal
			Total					
3	30	16	47	34.04%	-31	50	32.00%	-34
38	50	53	97	54.64%	-44	102	51.96%	-49
130	18	16	30	53.33%	-14	32	50.00%	-16
292	9	40	44	90.91%	-4	47	85.11%	-7
333	134	78	190	41.05%	-112	200	39.00%	-122
447	2	0	2	0.00%	-2	3	0.00%	-3
448	23	43	95	45.26%	-52	100	43.00%	-57
460	48	69	65	106.15%	4	69	100.00%	0
520	6	0	10	0.00%	-10	11	0.00%	-11
760	39	37	64	57.81%	-27	68	54.41%	-31
966	4	4	4	100.00%	0	5	80.00%	-1
1292	0	36	75	48.00%	-39	79	45.57%	-43
1321	19	49	66	74.24%	-17	70	70.00%	-21
1379	29	41	55	74.55%	-14	58	70.69%	-17
1395	15	15	15	100.00%	0	16	93.75%	-1
1402	1	1	16	6.25%	-15	17	5.88%	-16
1403	10	22	24	91.67%	-2	26	84.62%	-4
1541	30	37	80	46.25%	-43	84	44.05%	-47
TOTALS	467	557	979	56.89%	-422	1037	53.71%	-480

So far, membership is looking good for the Grand du Missouri with 56.89% of goal turned in. We did achieve the 50% goal by October 31st which is great but let's not stop now. Let's keep up the good work and see if we can achieve 100% by December 31st. Voiture 447 members transferred into Voiture 760 and Voiture 520 members were transferred into Voiture 1541. Both of these Voiture charters will be turned in at the September National Promenade. The following Voiture's need to do some work to get past the 50% goal, they are Voiture's 3, 333, 448, 1292, 1402, and 1541.