



Communiqué

La Société des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux

Grande Voiture du Missouri



November 2018 - Grand Chef de Gare Calvin Bumgarner - L'Editeur Grant Willis



The Grand Chef

Fellow Voyageurs,
Fall is upon
us and the leaves are
turning their bright and

beautiful colors. I hope everyone is doing well. October was a little slower month for me. I attended the American Legion Fall Conference and had the privilege of attending the 8/40 Pouvoir Banquet with the Departemental Chapeau Shirley Willis. A fun time was had by all! I just want to thank all the ladies of the 8/40 for all they do and all the support they give to La Société.

Membership is doing well. We went from 37.24% in September to 58.38% in October. Keep up the good work and let's get that 100% this year. Make those phone calls and let your Voyageur's know all the good things we do for La Société. Get the word out and let's get the Grande du Missouri on the right track.

Please take this newsletter and share it with your Voyageur's. Let them know what the Grande du Missouri is doing. Have a Wonderful Thanksgiving Holliday and remember to share with the less fortunate.

I am also looking forward to seeing you all at the Fall Grande Cheminot & Grande Chef's Homecoming in Springfield Nov. 10th.

Thanks again for all you do for La Société.

God Bless you and God bless
America

Thanks for all you do.
Grand Chef de Gare
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Sous Grand Correspondants Notes

I have listed an approximate schedule for the different Directeur's to submit their articles for the newsletter.

Dec 2018 – Child Welfare, POW/MIA
Jan 2019 – Special Awards, Voiture
Activities
Feb 2019 – Distinguished Voyageur
Mar 2019 – Carville Star

A phone number change for Kevin Johnson
– New number is 573-452-1157

VOITURE #1541 & SALON #771
CHRISTMAS PARTY: 2018



Our annual Christmas party will be held Wednesday December 12th 2018 at the Wentzville American Legion lower level. Doors open for happy hour from 6-7PM. The meal will be at 7PM followed by a visit



from Santa Claus. The cost is \$10 per person which covers your food and cocktails. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to James Hartley by either telephone (314)607-1433 or email kc0wdb@yahoo.com. The deadline for RSVP's is Wednesday December 4th. Absolutely no changes or additions will be accepted after this



date.

Membership

I'm concerned that some Voiture Locales are not familiar with the constitutional requirements for membership. Let's look at the requirements for membership eligibility, Article IV of the Constitution of La Société des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux is very explicit. No persons, other than honorably discharged U.S. military personnel and active duty U.S. military, may become members. There are no ifs, ands or buts about it. You **cannot** discriminate

based upon gender or race. There is **NO** requirement that a prospective member be a member of the American Legion.

Article V forbids Honorary Membership in La Société.

I know many of you belong to various veteran organizations, look at those members as possible members of your locale and ask them to join with us. We need to start now to recruit as well as retain. We are losing more members through death and walking out the back door than we are bringing in the front door. **Let's turn that around!!!**

Janice Hartley
Grand Chef de Train

The "Trickle Down Effect" of Membership and PR

By "trickle down" we usually mean an economic effect that has been around a long time but generally attributed to Ronald Reagan as an economic stimulus plan—and it seemed to work.

But I like the term trickle down in the aspect of doing something that has a beneficial effect on other things, and it gets built on or passed on—spreading. Let's look at membership first, then public relations ... Let's start with leadership in your Locale or Grand and perhaps even Nationale. Isn't it fair to say that the motivation, attitudes and behavior of one or more persons affects others? Of course. A lack of motivation, an apathetic attitude or behavior by anyone can have a negative effect that spreads or stops growth. But wow, imagine the opposite. An energetic, motivated, involved group of people leading will be the start of an infectious attitude that everybody catches. We learn from each other. In particular, we learn from observing and interacting with those who are hopefully good mentors. Bluntly spoken, banging the gavel alone will not suffice. The gavel is symbolically placed in the hands of the Chef to help remind him

to give proper instruction, to lead the membership where they should go, and to set them on the path to contemplate, strategize and plan for bigger and better things—the positive result will be growth, an energized and motivated membership and programs working.

The trickle-down effect for public relations is endless...but first and foremost, there must be some kind of PR program or action in order to have this effect. It has always been my opinion that public relations or the lack thereof is one of the weakest links in La Société programs. Actually, public relations is not a program, but a mechanism and strategy to promote your Locale or Grand within the community and internally to members. No “program” - no trickle down. We’ve discussed in the Bulletin and the PR Manual the positive effects of a good PR

program—I want to address briefly newsletters. A good newsletter and its information trickles down to the membership. An internal newsletter is not only a communications tool, but also serves to unite your membership and make them more loyal. When your Voyageur’s Militaire know what is going on, attendance at promenades increases, there is more retention of members.

The general happiness of our membership grows in direct proportion to the zeal and ability with which our leaders demonstrate the principles of La Société—then that zeal “trickles down.”• L’Editeur

The above was extracted from the September 2018 issue of the Press Association of La Société

When cleaning out the Grand Voiture file cabinets at Department Headquarters we came across some old history, one of which I have attached below from 1945. In the next months I will also be placing a few other pieces of history.



Voyageur for Life

"Boys, I really appreciate it," President Truman is saying to a committee of Voyageurs from Voiture Trois, Kansas City, Mo., who are presenting him with a life membership card in the Forty and Eight. The President is now the only Voyageur who doesn't have to pay dues, the first ever to receive a life membership in La Societe.

At the immediate right of the President is Carl Hise, Correspondant of Voiture Trois, with the gold membership card in his hand. At the President's left in the front is John S. Cannon, Chef de Gare, who made the presentation. The ceremony took place on the lawn of the summer White House in Independence, Missouri.

President Truman has been a member of the Kansas City Voiture for twenty years. He seemed very pleased to see the old timers of the Voiture and enjoyed reminiscing about the time he was Wrecked back in 1925, just before the Promenade Nationale in Omaha.

In addition to Chef Cannon and Correspondant Hise, the committee was composed of William L. Johnson, Commissaire Indendant; Hershel Ressler, Chef de Train; Earl B. Taylor, Harry Moore, Harry Denni, Harry M. Gambrel, A. B. Weyer, George Fiske, Arthur C. Wahlstedt, Robert W. Reed, Lee Brosnahan, Paul G. Koontz, Winifry G. Nathan, Kenneth W. King, James A. Young, Rufus Burris and Durries Crane.—Kansas City Star Photograph.

La Societe Comes Through in a Critical Year

By BARTLETT BODER

Directeur National of Voiture Activities

FOR La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux, the official year, if not the calendar year of 1946, is drawing to a close. Under the able and self-sacrificing leadership of Ottis Mercer and his six Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer, Sid M. Ferree, Harry J. Fisher, R. G. Land, Fred Linn, E. B. Martin and William H. Walker, La Societe has topped all records for membership; it has participated in a grand way in bringing

War II veterans into the Legion in such numbers that they now far outnumber War I veterans.

The year was a critical period for both the Legion and La Societe, for without the tact and a spirit of renunciation shown, these two organizations would have been supplanted by separate organizations of War II veterans to the detriment of the cause and care of veterans of both wars.

Do any of you remember the crepe

hangers of two or three years ago who said that the younger vets would never join up with the older vets of the Legion, but would have a separate organization? And how wrong they have been proved, and how they have had to eat their words!

This is the first year Charlie Ardery has been back with us after his long and outstanding service in War II. He must be proud of this year's accomplishments. And good old Carl Nielsen, the sage of Gig Harbor. How much we all owe to him for holding down two jobs in the war years, in his pleasant and diplomatic way. Hugh Torbert, Avocat National; Phil Clements, Historian; and Aumonier National Black; also A. H. Heller, Ralph Dowd and Harry Burum, Jr., George Huish and Clarence Mackenburt, all directing important committees nationales. And also we must not forget the self-effacing work of our executive, finance and trophies and awards committees.

No brief summary such as this would be complete without mentioning some of the publications which have come to the writer's desk and which have been very helpful and inspirational. To mention a few: there is the Red Lantern, the official publication of La Grande Voiture of Pennsylvania. Dr. Joseph Fox, Grand Correspondant, is the editor. There is also the Marne Taxi, good enough to be a Grande Voiture publication but published by Voiture 25, Portland, Oregon. Le Petit Papier, four sheets of fine type, two columns wide by nine and one-half inches, carries the news of the Grande Voiture of New Hampshire, Nelson Hogue, l' editeur. It is surprising how much news can be

carried in so small a publication.

Another publication which has been helpful this year to your Directeur National, is The Buckeye, published by the Grande Voiture of Ohio. It is published by Ed. S. Brock, Grand Chef de Gare, of Portsmouth, Ohio, and Glenn E. Allen, Grand Correspondant, of Rocky River. Also the delightful publication from Staten Island, New York, of Voiture Locale 595 of Richmond County, known as Le Cheval De Fer. They embellish their news with very timely little cartoons.

In addition to the above mentioned there are countless 40 and 8 publications which unfortunately have not followed the request early this year to

put the Directeur National on their mailing lists. I hope the next Directeur National will have more of them. I must not drop this subject without mentioning "Swampeast", the official publication of Voiture 460 of south-east Missouri. It would be a credit to a much larger Voiture, and it keeps its widely scattered membership fully informed.

The election season of Voitures Locales and Grande Voitures is about over. I am looking forward to seeing other Voiture activities representatives at the Golden Gate. Until then, Au Revoir.

Avez—vous fait tous vos preparatives pour San Francisco?

Chef Mercer Sees Missouri in Action

By W. LEE MORGAN

Grand Publicist

THE Grande Voiture du Missouri, with Grand Chef de Gare John O. Newberry, has made its 1946 report of stewardship to Chef de Chemin de Fer Ottis E. Mercer. The Missouri Voyageurs did not only tell the Chef de Chemin de Fer what they are doing—they showed him during his trip across the state this summer.

From the remarks Chef Mercer made on his last day in Missouri, he is more than satisfied that La Societe can be proud of the job done, especially in child welfare and in activities in behalf of the recently returned veterans, not forgetting the practice of good Ameri-

canism at all times and the constant backing of the entire American Legion program.

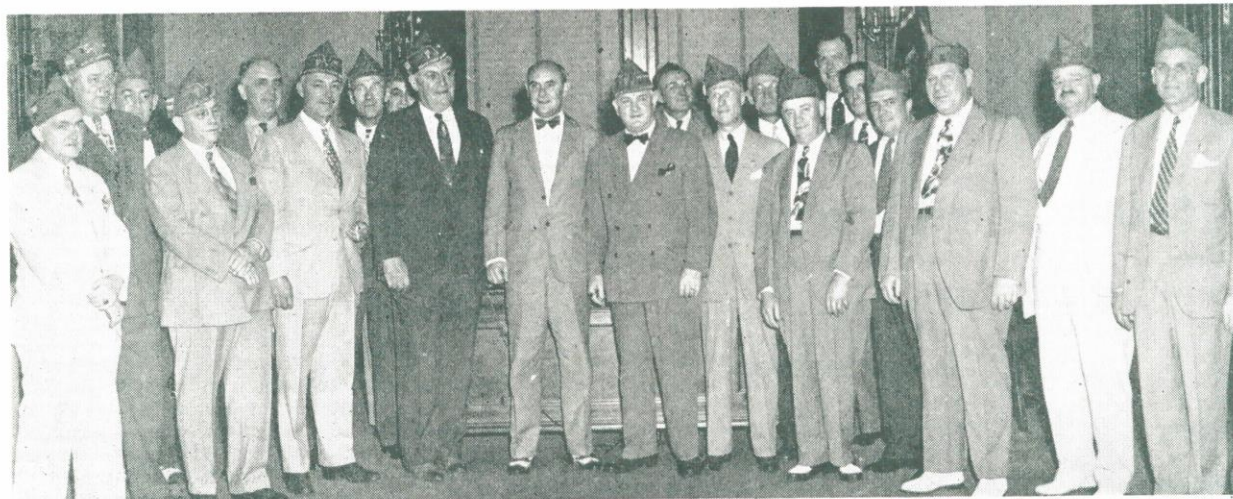
Chef Mercer reached Kansas City at eight o'clock on the morning of June 19th, 18 Voyageurs Militaire, tried and true, of Voiture Trois forming the reception committee. First order of business was breakfast in the Pine Room at Fred Harvey's, followed by an inspection tour of Voiture Trois' Abri, then an informal get-together at the President Hotel headquarters, with an abundance of hospitality and good comradeship.

The Hillcrest Golf and Country Club

was the scene of a steak luncheon in honor of Chef Mercer and the state officers. A dinner dance at the Quivira Lakes Golf and Country Club was the highlight of the activities that evening. Chef de Gare John S. Cannon and his staff of Voyageur assistants received an outstanding vote as good hosts.

June 20th features a visit by Chef Mercer and party to Boys State, held at the Missouri State School for the Deaf at Fulton, the home of Grand Correspondant Truman Ingle, who is Superintendent of the school. There were 452 boys in attendance at Boys State, and all were enthusiastic in their praise of the benefits and pleasures derived from the privilege of taking part in this Legion activity.

At Westphalia the night of June 20th, Chef Mercer, Grand Chef Newberry, Cheminot National Fred A. Carlton and the rest of the official party



Chef Mercer in St. Louis

When Chef de Chemin de Fer Ottis E. Mercer visited St. Louis as the guest of Voiture 38, St. Louis, and Voiture 448, St. Louis County, they took him around to see the Mayor. Here he is with escorting Voyageurs in the Mayor's office. The photo shows, left to right, Voyageur William D. Farrow, Grand Organizer Passe F. Lee Price; Chef de Gare Passe Joseph Bernard, Grand Publicist W. Lee Morgan, Voyageur Edgar R. Vaughn, Cheminot National Fred A. Carlton, Correspondant Thomas Mahoney, Voiture 448; Grand Chef de Gare John O. Newberry, Mayor Aloys P. Kaufmann, the Chef de Chemin de Fer, Chef de Gare Passe Edward R. Metzger, Chef de Gare Jack T. Byrnes, Voiture 38; Voyageur Edwin Frankmann, Chef de Gare Ray Drummond, Voiture 448; Voyageur Chester Borntraeger, Voyageur George Stemmler, Voyageur Edward J. Scanlon, Voyageur Ray G. Kuhn, Chef de Gare Passe Dr. Emil A. Burst and Correspondant Larry E. Chrisco, Voiture 38. The escort was a special committee from the two Voitures appointed for the affair.

GRANDE VOITURE DU MISSOURI

GRAND CHEMINOT and WRECK

March 22, 23 and 24, 2019

Holiday Inn Earth City
3400 Rider Trail South
St. Louis, MO 63045
Phone: (314) 291-6800

Room Rate is \$109.00 (plus tax) per night
(Includes Breakfast)

For Standard King or Standard Double Queen Occupancy
Handicap rooms available

Make Hotel reservations directly with Holiday Inn by March 8, 2019
Mention "40 & 8" to receive room rate with breakfast included

Friday, March 22, 2019

Registration: 1500 until 1800
Hospitality Room 1500 - ????

Saturday, March 23, 2019

Registration 0900 - Noon

Wreck 0900-1130

LUNCH 1130 - 1300

1300 wreck continues

Hospitality Room open after Wreck until 1700

Grand Chef de Gare Passe' Social Hour - 1700 - 1800

Social Hour 1800 - Cash Bar

Banquet: 1900

Hospitality Room: After Banquet - ??????

Sunday, March 24, 2019

Grande Cheminot 0900 - NOON

Check Out

HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME

Deadline for registration for the banquet is March 15, 2019, NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

To register for the Cheminot, make Check payable to Voiture 1541

Send to:

Allen Schultz
1427 Summergate Parkway
St. Charles, MO 63303-6384

Last Name _____ First _____ Spouse/Guest _____

Title: _____ Voiture Number _____

Banquet/Person \$35.00 X No. Guests _____ = _____

Registration Fee \$10.00 (Voyageurs Only) _____

Total \$ _____

Membership

November 1, 2018

Voiture Name	Voiture	2018	2019	2018	% of	short/over
		YTD Total	YTD Total	Year End Total		
HEART OF AMERICA	3	31	15	43	34.88%	-28
SPIRIT OF ST. LOUIS	38	61	59	72	81.94%	-13
JESSE JAMES	130	32	30	35	85.71%	-5
HEART OF MISSOURI	292	35	33	35	94.29%	-2
STATE FAIR	333	54	72	129	55.81%	-57
GATEWAY	448	55	39	84	46.43%	-45
CENTRAL OZARK	460	40	40	57	70.18%	-17
KICKAPOO	760	20	20	36	55.56%	-16
MARK TWAIN	966	4	0	4	0.00%	-4
CAPITOL	1292	29	30	63	47.62%	-33
MINERAL AREA	1321	57	51	69	73.91%	-18
NEUF COMPT	1379	30	33	42	78.57%	-9
HEART OF THE OZARKS	1395	13	2	13	15.38%	-11
ATCHISON NODAWAY HOLT Co.	1402	21	11	21	52.38%	-10
LAKE OF THE OZARK	1403	3	9	15	60.00%	-6
TWO RIVERS	1541	35	43	58	74.14%	-15
Missouri Total		520	487	776	62.76%	-289