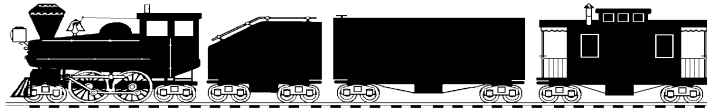


Communiqué
La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Cheveaux
Grande Voiture du Missouri



October 2015 - Grand Chef de Gare David Bexten - L'Editeur Grant Willis

The Grand Chef Sez

Here it is, already the end of September. I just returned from a great trip to the 96th Promenade National in Green Bay, Wisconsin. I met lots of new friends and shared good times with old friends. Grande du Missouri was represented very well with 15 delegates in attendance.

One of my goals this year as Grand Chef de Gare is to raise awareness of 40/8 and to publicize what a great organization it truly is. I have been totally amazed at the amount of people who have never heard of the 40/8. I would like to encourage each member to do their best in publicizing what we are and what we stand for.

Another thing all Voyageurs need to look at is their Constitution and By Laws. Please make sure they are up to date. Due to increased membership of women in our organization, we need to ensure the word "widowers" is included in our by laws.

This weekend is fast approaching and I am looking forward to seeing a great turnout for the Grande Cheminot and Homecoming October 2, 3 and 4th at the Truman Hotel 1510 Jefferson Street Jefferson City MO. 65109.

Safe Travels,

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:

November – Carville Star, Box Car
December – Child Welfare, Youth Sports
January – Voiture Activities, VAWS
February – Special Awards, Distinguished Voyageur Award
March - Ritual

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

willis.grant@sbcglobal.net.

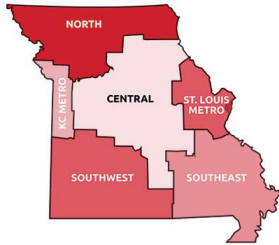
James Dwyer Pass Chef de Gare of Voiture 38 passed away on September 6, 2015.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS MISSOURI-WHAT'S HAPPENING, & MORE

‘NO ATHLETE SHOULD STAY AT HOME FOR THE LACK OF FUNDS’ AND MIGHT I ADD—SUPPORT, FAMILY, VOLUNTEERS, COMMUNITY. (Voyageur’s Guide)

*ATHLETE’S OATH: Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt.

* COACHES’ OATH: In the name of all coaches, I promise that we shall take part in these Special Olympics Games, respecting and abiding by the rules which govern them, in the true spirit of sportsmanship, for the glory of the sport and honor of our teams. [Somo.org]



IF you want to see all of SOMO's other YouTube videos including State Games' highlights, public service announcements and interviews over the years, go to www.YouTube.com/SpecialOlympicsMO.

Families VOYAGURES/LOCALS- (*Special* Olympics Missouri is dedicated to not only serving our 16,500 athletes, but their families as well. However we can make the process easier for you, please just let us know.

Pitch in!

Just like we are here to help you and your athletes, we need YOUR help to keep this program running. Here's how you can pitch in: **Help your coaches by:**

- * Transporting other athletes to and from practices/events
 - Procure facility usage
 - Procure equipment/uniforms
 - Become a [coach](#)
 - Form a [Fan Club](#) and help raise funds, provide transportation, State Games Assessments, uniforms, etc.
 - Help with paperwork
 - Keep track of uniforms and wash them after events
 - Keep track of physicals and make sure they are updated as needed
 - Learn how to use GMS (a computer program) and register your teams and athletes
 - Keep track of ID Badges
 - Seek sponsorships or grants to help pay for State Games Assessments, uniforms, equipment, facilities, transportation and banquets- Asking what you can do for them

▪ **OTHER WAYS TO HELP !! ☺**

- Promote SOMO and the [Training for Life Campus](#)
- Join committees at the local, area and state level
- [Join a Fan Club](#)
- [Join a GMT \(Games Management Team\)](#)
- [Join SMAC \(Sports Management Advisory Council\) Become an Event Manager;](#)
Sell raffle tickets (Drive it Home Raffle); Go OVER THE EDGE
- [Sell raffle tickets \(Drive It Home Raffle\);](#) TAKE POLAR PLUNGE!!



▪ Ann's Shining Stars
(Agency88.058) Team @ Summer Games, May 29-June 1, 2015). MOSU-
Columbia, MO.

Fall AND WINTER-2015-2016 'Events-Sports'. State Outdoor Games: Bocce, Flag Football, Golf, Softball, and Tennis. Jefferson City, MO (1001 Diamond Ridge, MO).

Bowling-North Area (SOMO) Nov. 7th St. Joe Southside Bowl KC Metro Area(SOMO)



14th Nov, Chillicothe BOWL area competition, 5 Dec. Kirksville.

Want to see more Bowling areas/FUN-GO TO [somo.org/calendar]

Winter SPORTS-Basketball, etc. Go TO (SOMO.org).VOLUNTEER/FUN-(somo.org)

***VOYAGUERS-GRANDE du MISSOURI—ENJOY THE FUN! BY ANN MARIE ROBERTS,
SOUS DIRECTOR, YOUTH SPORTS.***

Membership 2016 October 1, 2016

Grande du MISSOURI

Voiture	2015	2016	2015	% of	short/over	Goal	% of	Short/over
	YTD	YTD	Year					
	Total	Total	End	Quota				Goal
3	9	9	47	19.15%	-38	50	18.00%	-41
38	45	44	97	45.36%	-53	102	43.14%	-58
130	3	16	30	53.33%	-14	32	50.00%	-16
292	9	9	44	20.45%	-35	47	19.15%	-38
333	134	43	190	22.63%	-147	200	21.50%	-157
447	2	2	2	100.00%	0	3	66.67%	-1
448	23	43	95	45.26%	-52	100	43.00%	-57
460	48	69	65	106.15%	4	69	100.00%	0
520	1	1	10	10.00%	-9	11	9.09%	-10
760	25	35	64	54.69%	-29	68	51.47%	-33
966	4	4	4	100.00%	0	5	80.00%	-1
1292	0	29	75	38.67%	-46	79	36.71%	-50
1321	11	49	66	74.24%	-17	70	70.00%	-21
1379	29	35	59	59.32%	-24	62	56.45%	-27
1395	15	15	15	100.00%	0	16	93.75%	-1
1402	1	1	16	6.25%	-15	17	5.88%	-16
1403	9	22	24	91.67%	-2	26	84.62%	-4
1541	22	22	80	27.50%	-58	84	26.19%	-62
TOTALS	390	448	983	45.57%	-535	1041	43.04%	-593

So far, membership is looking good for the Grande du Missouri with 45.57% of goal turned in. The first Nationale goal if 50% by October 31st and from this start it looks like we may make that in a couple of weeks. Let's keep up the good work and make all of the goals this coming year.