



Communiqué
La Société des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux
Grande Voiture du Missouri



October 2018 - Grand Chef de Gare Calvin Bumgarner

- L'Editeur Grant Willis



The Grand Chef

Fellow Voyageurs,
 I hope
 everyone is doing well.
 My travels this past

month have been very interesting. Started the month out traveling to Louisville Kentucky for the 99th National Promenade where we spent 4 days with fellow voyageurs with the same purposes, to support and learn more about our programs.

My focus was on membership and where we are as an origination. We have a big challenge ahead of us if we are going to keep afloat. We are currently at 37.24% for Grande du Missouri, that's a slow start. Since 2002 our membership has declined from 47,671 to just 24,136 at the close of the 2017 membership year. That is why they voted to raise dues \$5.00 for 2020. I know as we go on thru the year the membership gets harder to achieve. That's why we need to focus on retaining what we have and add new ones for the ones we lose. Let's work hard to maintain the membership for The Grande.

On September 18th I went to the MAVO meeting in Jefferson City and we met with the Director of the Missouri Veterans Commission Grace Link. She told us about the plans to spend 21 million on the Saint Louis Veterans Home and also trying to find funds to raise the salaries of the

CNA's in the Cameron and Warrensburg homes. It looks like they're working hard to try and help our veterans.

On September 20th went to breakfast at Voiture 333 in Sedalia and as always it was wonderful. Good food and great comradery. They also had a great loss all their records were lost in a fire. But they are getting back on track and were taking in memberships soon their numbers will improve.

On September 27th met with Voiture 3 in Lee's Summit. They were telling me about all the nurse's training scholarships that they have given out this year a total of 35. I am so glad they can do so much for these deserving students.

Let's keep up the good work and support all our programs.

P.S. if you are going to the Fall Grande Cheminot please send in your reservations.

Thanks for all you do.

Grand Chef de Gare

Grande du Missouri

Calvin Bumgarner

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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.

- Nov 2018 – Nurses Training, PR, Box Car
- Dec 2018 – Child Welfare, POW/MIA
- Jan 2019 – Special Awards, Voiture Activities
- Feb 2019 – Distinguished Voyageur
- Mar 2019 – Carville Star

Voiture 760 has changed their meeting date to be the third Tuesday of the month, at Post 69 starting at 7:00pm.

VAVS

The Forty & Eight, as are most Veterans Organizations, is an active member and participant in the VAVS program. As part of this program, Voyageurs (called Representatives or Deputy Representatives) represent the Forty and Eight by regularly attending the VAVS Committee meetings at their Local Veteran Administration Medical Centers (VAMC's). They as well as other Voyageur Volunteers visit the VAMC's on a regular basis, where they give comfort and assistance to, or just visit with, the hospitalized veterans. VAVS Volunteers are a priceless asset to the Nation's Veterans and to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The Forty & Eight has adopted an additional program for these veterans, called "Keep Those Wheelchairs Rolling." Under this program, the VAVS Representative (or Deputy Representative) writes a brief letter outlining a "need" of the patients. These "needs" may cover a project, equipment or comfort and convenience items needed by the hospitalized veterans. The entries are then judged on the need and benefit to the

patients, and those selected receive the item(s) requested, courtesy of the National Box Car Association.

Youth Sports



An amazing pin - An amazing program-No youth should go without the opportunity to play sports. This program encompasses all amateur sports programs for all youths from 7 to 20 years of age. Up Coming and News!



<https://somo.org/usagames> [Special Olympics Athlete Goes Beyond the Lanes](#) (Allison D'Agostino, Columbia Missourian) Missouri athletics did well ☺



<https://www.specialolympics.org/our-work/sports-and-games>. Locate which sports you like to GET INVOLVED WITH: youth, unified Sports, Camp Shriver.ALL GOOD ☺ Fall is BOWLING time. Youth preschoolers' activities start. Again---GO



THE <https://www.legion.org/baseball/teams/2018/mo>. WHATS NEWS!! Let us know-pictures, stories. Please share.

If need YOUTH SPORTS PINS, want to share pictures for the COMMUNIQUÉ?— just email Ann Roberts, MO Youth Sports Directeur: annroberts977@gmail.com.

Membership

The attached membership renewal notice can be used to send out to your unpaid voyageurs. If you would like your own electronic copy then go to <http://www.fortyandeight.org/forms-petite/> and select Membership Renewal, then save to your file were you can fill out and send out as either a hard copy or you can email to you members who have not yet paid.

Membership is presently behind a little from last year at this time and hopefully this will change over the next month. We should all be working membership now to get those renewals in and also looking at getting some new members in.



Our Grand Chef Calvin and his wife Karen at the National Banquet.

Promenade Nationale

We heard from many Directeur's of the various committees while attending Promenade Nationale in Louisville, Kentucky and those in attendance will be making their reports at the Fall Cheminot.

At Promenade Nationale Grant Willis was appointed Sous Directeur Public Relations and Janice Hartley was appointed Sous Directeur Box Car.

Also, the time and place committee selected the 2021 National Promenade to be in Springfield, Missouri hosted by the Grand du Missouri. More information to come on this important event.

.All and all a good time had by all 16 attendees.



Our Grand Chef de Train Janice and her husband Jim at the National Banquet



Forty and Eight Membership Renewal Notice for



Voiture Locale Amount due Notice No Date

Make check payable to the Voiture Locale listed above. If you have already paid your dues please disregard.

Voyageur: _____ Return to: _____

Thank You for your continued support.



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GRANDE CHEMINOT AND HOMECOMING



November 9th to November 11th, 2018

Oasis Hotel and Convention Center

2546 North Glenstone Ave.

Springfield, Missouri 65803

417-866-5253

888-532-4338

Room Rate \$90.00 (+TAX) per night

For Deluxe King or Deluxe Double

PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE

Make your room reservations directly with Oasis Hotel by October 8th, 2018

Handicapped Rooms Available

Mention 40&8 Honor Society for special rate when making reservations

Friday

Registration 3 P.M. to 6 P.M. in the Kalahari-Mojave Rooms

Hospitality Room 3 P.M. until 11 P.M. in the Kalahari-Mojave Rooms

Saturday

Registration 9 A.M. to 12 P.M. in the Kalahari-Mojave Rooms

Lunch 11:30 A.M. to 1 P.M. in the Kalahari-Mojave Rooms

Grande Cheminot 1 P.M. to 4 P.M. in the Maui Ballroom

Grand Chef de Gare Passé Social Hour 5 P.M. to 6 P.M. in the Kalahari-Mojave Rooms

Social Hour 6 P.M. to 7 P.M. – Cash Bar/Banquet 7 P.M. in the Maui Ballroom

Hospitality Room opens after Banquet

Sunday

HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME

Deadline to register for the banquet is October 25, 2018 - NO EXCEPTIONS

Make your check payable to **Voiture 1379** for registration

Send to: Robert C. Emery

16001 E 31ST ST S

Independence, MO 64055-2709

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Spouse/Guest _____

Title _____ Voiture Number _____

Banquet Buffett \$30.00/Person x Number of Guest _____ \$ _____

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

Total \$ _____

Membership

September 27, 2018

Voiture Name	Voiture	2018 YTD Total	2019 YTD Total	2018 Year End Total	% of Quota	short/over
HEART OF AMERICA	3	16	15	43	34.88%	-28
SPIRIT OF ST. LOUIS	38	58	59	72	81.94%	-13
JESSE JAMES	130	26	28	35	80.00%	-7
HEART OF MISSOURI	292	35	7	35	20.00%	-28
STATE FAIR	333	3	3	129	2.33%	-126
GATEWAY	448	19	18	84	21.43%	-66
CENTRAL OZARK	460	40	38	57	66.67%	-19
KICKAPOO	760	17	7	36	19.44%	-29
MARK TWAIN	966	4	0	4	0.00%	-4
CAPITOL	1292	23	0	63	0.00%	-63
MINERAL AREA	1321	52	42	69	60.87%	-27
NEUF COMPT	1379	25	20	42	47.62%	-22
HEART OF THE OZARKS	1395	13	2	13	15.38%	-11
ATCHISON NODAWAY HOLT Co.	1402	1	11	21	52.38%	-10
LAKE OF THE OZARK	1403	3	3	15	20.00%	-12
TWO RIVERS	1541	25	36	58	62.07%	-22
Missouri Total		360	289	776	37.24%	-487