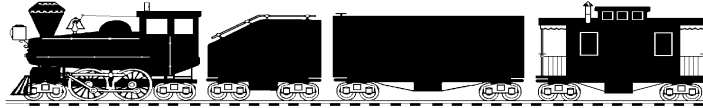


Communiqué
La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Cheveaux
Grande Voiture du Missouri



September 2008 - Grand Chef de Gare Robert Phillips - L'Editeur Grant Willis

The Grand Chef Sez

Fellow Voyageurs;

My year as your Grand Chef de Gare started off a bit slow. Tina and I attended the Department Convention in Jeff City where I renewed old acquaintances I have not seen in years along with making new ones. We attended Voiture 448's installation where I had the honor of installing their Officers.

The month of August has been a different story. Our travels have really kicked into "high gear". During the 1st week I had the honor of installing Officers at Voiture 292 in Columbia and Voiture 3 in Independence. During the 2nd week we were on the road to Voiture 1292 in Jeff City and my own Voiture 1541 in St. Peters; where I had the distinguished privilege of placing the 7th Chef de Gare Passe' pin upon Bob Eisenbath's lapel. Seven times as Chef de Gare is quite a feat!!! "Eizey" is one of a kind.

The following week we visited Voiture 1379 in Liberty for their installation. I also brought my brother, Tom and his wife along, and informed 1379 that he, my brother, is retired Army living in Leavenworth and is a potential P.G. Last I saw, Gary Reno was "working" on him. We left Leavenworth Sunday at noon and headed for Joplin and Voiture 293.

On Monday, we enjoyed lunch with Ken LaNear and Carl Bible of Voiture 293 and

had the opportunity to visit their Legion Post in Joplin. From there we headed to Springfield and Voiture 760 for their installation on August 26th.

We arrived back in Wentzville on the 27th and will have 3 days to relax before leaving for Orlando on the 31st for Promenade Nationale. ALL of the installations were well attended, the food was fantastic, and the hospitality was OUTSTANDING!!!

WE HAVE TO TRY!!!

BOB PHILLIPS
GRAND CHEF DE GARE

Sous Grand
Correspondants Notes

If you have something that your Voiture is holding please send me a flyer and I will see that it is put into the newsletter. We do have certain months when the newsletter is limited to space, such as this month, November and April, but I will see that they get into the previous month if given enough time before the event.

Address changes are always needed to keep the mailing list updated along with deaths within your Voiture.

Articles for the newsletter are needed by the

end of the month, which you can send to e Mail willis.grant@sbcglobal.net or mail to Grant Willis, 8 Shireford, Ferguson, Mo. 63135.

The following is a schedule for articles due from the Directeur's:

October - Nurses Training and Child Welfare

November - Ritual

December – Youth Sports and Box Car

January – Americanism and Voyageur Activities

February – POW/MIA and Special Awards

March – Distinguished Voyageur Award



UPCOMING DATES

- Grande Cheminot and Homecoming October 3 – 5, 2008 at Wentzville, MO
- Sept 2 through the 6 – Promenade Nationale at Orlando Florida
- Voiture 1379 ChickNic Sept 6, 2008, 1:00 at Wallace State Park, Cameron, MO

The Grande du Missouri web site is at:
grandedumissouri.com

If anyone has anything they want to add or comments on the web site send it to Robert Emery at his e-mail address remery18@comcast.net and copy Grant Willis at willis.grant@sbcglobal.net.

Voiture 38 - Barbecue's
Will be held at Ferguson's Pub,
2925 Mt Pleasant St, 63111
On the following Saturdays:
Sep 6, 2008

THE CARVILLE STAR HISTORY

Gillis W. Long Hansen's Disease Center Carville, Louisiana

The site of the Gillis W. Long Hansen's Disease Center is located in Carville, LA. It consists of 361.33 acres and has 93 buildings. The design integrates all aspects

of life, as it is a total community. The site generates it's own power, water, sewage disposal, and other practical necessities. It has it's own golf course, basketball and tennis courts, a lake for fishing and boating, a club room, and two (2) churches (one catholic and one protestant) to serve the spiritual needs of all patients.

As the number of long term patients at the center continues to decline, the Carville property is clearly larger than needed. Congress decided that the centers activities be moved to a smaller more cost efficient location in Baton Rouge, LA. Only the long term care patients would remain. The patients were given several options, of which two were to leave Carville and receive an assisted living allowance monthly check from the government to assist them and live wherever they wished, or to remain there for the rest of their lives if they desired. Approximately 100 patients decided to stay, as that was the only home they had known. Today there are 17 patients still at Carville, and well-manicured cemetery on the grounds is testament to the many who have made Carville their eternal home.

The property was turned over to the state of Louisiana for use as an "at risk youth" training center, together with other health and educational activities. The National Guard professionally manages it.

The STAR has made, and continues to make a significant contribution in the area of Hansen's disease to the U.S. and worldwide control efforts. The STAR is published semi-annually with an ever growing circulation in the U.S. and in over 130 countries worldwide. The STAR will continue to play an important role for many years to come. The STAR will not be discontinued since it has been an incredibly valuable publication and will continue to be needed.

Your contributions and subscriptions are needed to keep the program growing, and to increase the circulation to those facilities that so desperately need this information to keep abreast of new procedures used for

treatment and hopefully to eradicate this terrible affliction.

Provided by Leon Hill
Grand Directuer
Carville Star

Correction to Grand Cheminot and Homecoming Flyer – Reservations for the Banquet are due by September 26. PLEASE GET YOUR REGISTRATIONS IN EARLY.

Health and Welfare

Bob Eisenbath, Grande Chef de Gare Passe, had a quadruple by-pass on July 18. He is at home and doing very well.



40&8 Veterans invite Press to National Convention in Orlando Sept 3 - 6, 2008

INDIANAPOLIS July 29, 2008 The national headquarters of the Forty & Eight veterans organization will hold its 89th annual Promenade Nationale (national convention) at the Rosen Plaza Hotel and Convention Center in Orlando, Florida, September 3 - 6, 2008.

The Forty & Eight's National commander, Chef de Chemin de Fer **Bernie Sampson**, of Woodville, NY, cordially invites all members of the media to attend.

The Forty & Eight recognizes the key importance of the Press.

"When tyrants overseas take over a country, the first thing they get rid of is the free Press" said Sampson.

"America's veterans who have fought for freedom abroad, understand that a free Press helps keep freedom strong here at home."

Sampson welcomed "All members of the Press to please join us in celebrating our upcoming Promenade Nationale in Orlando."

Convention activities will include a display of parade "locomotives", a party for disadvantaged area children, and recognition of the organization's "Americanism" and "Law Officer of the Year" award recipients; plus various activities related to the organization's many charitable and patriotic programs, including Child Welfare, Youth Sports, and Nurse's Training.



GRANDE VOITURE DU MISSOURI

FALL CHEMINOT AND HOMECOMING

October 3 through 5, 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 September 3, 2008.
When you make reservations please mention that you are with the
40/8 Honor Society.

Friday, October 3, 2008
Registration 3:00 til 8:00PM
Hospitality Room 3:00PM til ???
Saturday, October 4, 2008
Registration 8:00 AM til noon
Hospitality Room 8:30 AM til 1:00PM
Executive Meeting 9:00AM
Cheminot will start at 1:00PM
Cocktails starting at 6:00PM
The Banquet will start at 7:00PM
Hospitality Room opened after Banquet
Sunday, October 5, 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 \$5.00 _____
(Voyageurs only)

Choice of: _____ New York Strip _____ Stuffed Chicken Breast



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

This is the OFFICIAL CALL for the Grande Cheminot and Grand Chef de Gare, Robert W. Phillips Homecoming to be held October 3rd, 4th, and 5th 2008, at the Holiday Inn Hotel, 900 Corporate Parkway, Wentzville, Missouri 63385, (636) 327-7001.

There will be an Executive Board Meeting on Saturday morning at 9:00 AM. Place will be posted in the Hospitality Room.

The Fall Grande Cheminot will be held on Saturday October 4, 2008 at 1:00 PM at the Holiday Inn Hotel.

ALL GRAND OFFICERS AND GRAND CHEMINOTS ARE EXPECTED TO GIVE A REPORT OF THEIR ACTIVITIES AND SUBMIT A COPY IN WRITING 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 Correspondant, Grand Garde de la Porte, Grand Lampiste, Grand Conducteur, Sous Grand Conducteurs, and Grand Aumonier.

Terry L. Lanning
Grand Correspondant

Robert W. Phillips
Grand Chef de Gare



FISHER HOUSE

in St Louis



"...BECAUSE A FAMILY'S LOVE IS GOOD MEDICINE."

Dear Friend:

IMAGINE...if you had to undergo weeks or months of medical treatment and rehabilitation and could NOT have your family at your side to provide love comfort and support.

Yet, many of our Veterans from current and past conflicts face this distinct possibility when they must travel to St. Louis for the intense, specialized medical care provided by the VA. **Their families simply cannot afford the expense of commercial lodging for an extended period during the healing and recuperation process.**

This is where a **Fisher House** makes a real and positive difference in the treatment of Veterans from conflicts in Iraq, Afghanistan, Vietnam, Korea, WWII, or any period of military service. **The Fisher House provides warm, caring, and comfortable lodging...AT NO CHARGE...to the families of hospitalized military members and Veterans.** These houses are conveniently located near military and VA hospitals. They are staffed with a full-time manager and several volunteers who work together to make the families' stays as comfortable as possible.

The St. Louis VA Medical Center and the national Fisher House Foundation plan to build a 21-bedroom suite facility on the Jefferson Barracks VA campus in south St. Louis. **The need is real.** Recently, the St. Louis VA Medical Center was designated a "Regional Polytrauma Center," to serve Veterans from Kansas, Missouri, and southern Illinois. These centers offer care to Veterans who have experienced severe or multiple injuries such as: traumatic brain injury, spinal cord injury, mass amputations, shrapnel wounds, fractures, blindness, hearing loss, or mental health issues.

The total cost for our planned Fisher House is about \$5 million for construction and furnishing in 2008. The national Fisher House Foundation will contribute half of this cost. **However, the remaining half (or \$2 ½ million) must be raised locally.**

We are asking you to help us build this Fisher House to support Veterans and their families. **A CONTRIBUTION OF ANY AMOUNT WILL BE TRULY APPRECIATED.**

Your gift will benefit thousands of deserving veterans and their families over the next decade.

THANK YOU

Note: Your donations are tax-exempt to the maximum extent allowed by law.
Our staff members are all unpaid volunteers.

YES!! I want to help families of hospitalized Veterans and military members by constructing a Fisher House at the Jefferson Barracks Center in south St. Louis.

Donations can be made directly online at: <http://www.fisherhouseinstl.org/>

Enclosed is my check for \$_____.
(Please make checks payable to: **Fisher House in St. Louis**).

I prefer to charge my gift of \$_____ to:

MasterCard

VISA

Amex

Name as it appears on card _____

Account # _____ Exp. Date _____

CVV Code (see images below): _____

Billing Address _____

Signature _____

Visa/Mastercard CVV



A 3-digit number in reverse italics on the back of your credit card

American Express CVV



A 4-digit number on the front, just above your credit card number

Please mail check/credit card information to:

Voluntary Service
VA Medical Center
#1 Jefferson Barracks Road
St. Louis, MO 63125

Please send acknowledgement of this gift and tax receipt to:

Your Name:

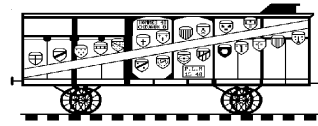
Mailing Address:

For additional information or questions, please contact Jim Donahoe, President, Fisher House in St. Louis Board.

E-mail: donahoejb@hotmail.com

Phone: 314-973-0012

Thank you for your support.



MEMBERSHIP GRAND VOITURE DU MISSOURI
as of August 7, 2008

LOCALE	2007	2008	PERCENT	Short/Over
3	130	115	89%	-15
38	156	156	100%	0
130	32	30	93%	-2
292	61	59	96%	-2
293	15	12	80%	-3
333	83	114	137%	31
447	9	2	22%	-7
448	211	211	100%	0
460	67	65	97%	-2
520	14	14	100%	0
760	90	90	100%	0
848	14	17	121%	3
966	11	9	82%	-2
1292	69	72	104%	3
1321	87	86	98%	-1
1379	32	35	109%	3
1395	20	21	105%	1
1402	44	38	86%	-6
1403	57	53	93%	-4
1541	65	70	107%	5
Totals	1,267	1,269	100.16%	2

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Sous Grand Correspondant
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