



## Communiqué



# La Société des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux

## Grande Voiture du Missouri

April 2024 - Grand Chef de Gare John "MIKE" Scruby

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Greetings voyageurs  
I hope everyone had a  
Blessed Easter with  
family and friends.  
As I write this news-  
letter we are prepar-

ing for our Grand Spring Cheminot  
and Wreck in Springfield Missouri  
on April 5th.- 7th. At the Ramada  
Inn Oasis Hotel and Convention Cen-  
ter.

I attended the Homecoming for Chef  
de Cheminot de Fer Frank Campo  
March 7th.-9th. In Springfield Il-  
linois with Sous Chef de Cheminot  
de Fer Kevin Johnson and my Aide de  
camp Frank Angelo.

This year Central States will be in  
Kerrville Texas April 18th.- 21st.  
I will be traveling again with Kev-  
in Johnson and Frank Angelo.

Another reminder this year marks  
the 75th. Year that the Boxcar came  
to Missouri, a celebration will be  
at the Missouri State Fairgrounds  
sometime this summer, I will keep  
you updated on date and time.

Also like mentioned earlier the Vi-  
etnam traveling wall will be at the

Missouri State Fairgrounds Septem-  
ber 18th.-23rd. For those that  
would like to attend.

Membership is currently at 86.66 %  
we need to get our dues paid and  
find new members, let's not slow  
down now.

Let's pray for all Military person-  
nel in harms way and get them home  
safe everyday!!

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As we enter another new year, I pray and  
hope that you and your family have a  
blessed and prosperous year. Let us all  
continue to pray for our country, for  
peace and unity. Delight yourself in the  
Lord, and he will give you the desires of  
your heart (Psalm 37:4) Thoughts to pon-  
der: Why pray? - The purpose of prayer is  
to conform us to God s will, and prayer  
change us. It changes our attitude from  
complaint to praise. It enables us to par-  
ticipate in God s eternal plan. It makes  
us aware of our total inadequacy. The goal  
of faith is to bring us into direct, per-  
sonal fellowship with God.

## MEMBERSHIP

Membership is the lifeblood to this Outstanding Organization and every other organization out there. We have outstanding programs to give assistance to a variety of needs, but we need the members to make these programs successful. We also need our members to let everyone know about our Outstanding Organization and what we do. I know I wear 40 & 8 shirts and ballcaps every chance I get to try to promote and advertise our Outstanding Organization. Unfortunately, you could ask ten veterans if they have ever heard of the 40 & 8 at least 70% or more of them are going to say NO. Unfortunately, when this Outstanding Organization was formed, we were formed as a secret society. We must get our name out there and what we do to help generate interest in the 40 & 8. Hopefully everyone carries at least one membership form with them, so they have it when they need it, the wallet size is an excellent option. Hopefully, everyone knows the Nationale website <https://www.fortyandeight.org> and knows in the home tab it has the history of the 40 & 8. Remember we have to get out of the previous mindset of having to be a Legionnaire for several years, before being invited into our Outstanding Organization. We need to start bringing in a lot of new Voyageur Militaires to help replace our Voyageur Militaires that were summoned by the Commander of us all. We also need to bring back our Voyageur Militaires that have not renewed for several years and that have dropped from our rosters. Our current Membership stands at 11,615 paid members with a 71.32% of our goal. We are currently behind last year's pace by 914 members. I know the Membership Team that has been assembled from Nationale, Grande to the Locale are working very hard for you so we can achieve our GOAL of 100% in Membership! If you are reading this article and do not have your 2024 Membership Card, please reach out to your Locale Voiture and pay your dues. If anyone needs any assistance from the membership team, please do not hesitate to reach out to us either by email or phone and we will gladly do whatever we can to assist. We have great programs in this Outstanding Organization, but we need the members to make those programs successful.

## CHILD WELFARE

During the Promenade Nationale in New Orleans, a Children's Welfare project was established, with monies to be raised via an annual assessment of 50 cents from dues collections, to be used for the care of orphaned children. 1923 The Forty & Eight was integrated as an equal partner with The American Legion and The American Legion Auxiliary, all with common interests in Child Welfare. Forty & Eight Child Welfare Program funds (\$24,823.91) were safely invested to grow to meet future needs. A joint policy

committee of members from all three organizations was established. 1925 During the 6th Promenade Nationale, in Omaha, Nebraska, \$25,000.00 was set aside to establish a Child Welfare Fund. (This was a precursor to today's Charles Artery Child Welfare Trust). 1928 Forty & Eight programs expanded in concert with The American Legion. Membership, Child Welfare, Junior Baseball, Americanism and Emergency Relief became key Forty & Eight programs. Annual donations continued to the Child Welfare Fund, with \$18,960 earmarked in 1928. Voiture Locales devised their own charitable programs. 1932 The Forty & Eight declared War on Childhood Diphtheria. Vaccination toxin was distributed via Voiture Nationale to children whose parents could not afford it. Physicians donated their services, and educational campaigns were carried out to combat the disease. 1938 The Forty & Eight began sponsoring Boys State in 20 states. Charitable efforts increased as Voitures provided iron lungs, sponsored anti-juvenile delinquency programs, and supported Legion Baseball and Scouting. 1945 The Forty & Eight's annual contribution to the Legion's Child Welfare Fund continued throughout the war. Due to an increase in numbers of World War II veteran's children, the Forty & Eight increased its annual Child Welfare contribution to \$30,000 in 1945 and to \$50,000 in 1946. 1959 (1960) The Forty & Eight severed ties with the Legion and became an independent organization. The Forty & Eight had monetary resources many in the Legion deemed theirs. Conversely, the Forty & Eight objected to funding Legion programs with large amounts of money, without adequate recognition in return. These differences brought the two organizations to logger heads. The Forty & Eight thus became independent. 1964 Recognizing that its previous donations to the Legion's Child Welfare Fund had amounted to over 1.2 million dollars, the Forty & Eight established the new Charles W. Artery Child Welfare Fund as an irrevocable trust, seeded it with \$300,000 and drew up rules governing the dispersal of its funds as reimbursements to Voitures for local instances of rendering aid/assistance. 1965 At the Promenade Nationale in Baltimore, Maryland, it was announced that 51 Voitures had aided 770,086 children with a total Child Welfare expenditure value of \$2,690,296. 1969 The Charles W. Artery Child Welfare Trust Fund grew to over \$400,000. The trust's growth was attributed in part to a 50 cent assessment for Child Welfare in members' annual dues. 1972 The Artery Trust Fund presented a \$10,000 grant to the University of Kentucky for research into Cystic Fibrosis. A \$4,363 grant was made to the University of Illinois for research into the causes of Childhood Diabetes. Total Artery Trust expenditures for the year were over \$37,000. 1973 (1974) A Child Welfare grant of \$10,000 was made to the University of Wisconsin for Juvenile Diabetes research. 1978 - 1979 The Charles W. Artery Child Welfare Trust Fund granted \$15,600 to the National Jewish Hospital in Denver to purchase special medical equipment. A second grant of \$10,000 was made to Children's Hospital of St. Petersburg, Florida for Newborn Intensive Care Unit equipment. \$16,600 was granted to Saint Jude's Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, to purchase a new spectrophotometer. \$6,329,276 was reported expended in money, materials, mileage and man hours throughout the Forty & Eight for the Child Welfare program.



Grande du Indiana & Grande du Ohio invites you to attend the

105<sup>th</sup> Promenade & 61<sup>st</sup> Rendezvous Nationale  
Sandusky, OH  
September 17-21, 2024



Come Enjoy some Indiana/Ohio Hospitality

Date form completed \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE SUBMIT SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH REGISTRANT

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Payment by Check? (Enter Check Number): \_\_\_\_\_

Payment by Credit Card? (Check one below)

VISA  Master Card  Discover

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Card Exp Date: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ CVV \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity                      Description                      Amount

# \_\_\_\_\_ Voyageur's Registration @ \$30.00                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(NON REFUNDABLE)

# \_\_\_\_\_ Voyageur's Late Reg. Fee (AFTER 6/1/24) @ \$35.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Grande Voiture: \_\_\_\_\_ Voiture Locale: \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ Dame's Registration @ \$25.00                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Grande Cabane: \_\_\_\_\_ Cabane Locale: \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ La President Luncheon (9/19/24) @ \$35.00                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ Early Bird (9/17/24) Tickets @ \$30.00                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ Banquet (9/20/24) Tickets @ \$45.00 each                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Select one meal for each person:

Pan Seared Bone in Chicken \_\_\_\_\_  
Lemon Garlic Baked Salmon \_\_\_\_\_

BILLING ADDRESS AND ZIP CODE FOR CREDIT CARD REQUIRED

BILLING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

BILLING ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

REGISTRATION AND RESERVATIONS

**NOTE: ALL VOYAGEURS & DAMES MUST REGISTER WITH THE PROMENADE NATIONALE CORPORATION.** Complete this form as applicable and either provide your credit card information or make your check payable to "105<sup>TH</sup> Promenade Nationale Corp." Then mail form and payment to;

Voiture Nationale  
250 East 38<sup>th</sup> Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46205

Or Email to [ttaylor@fortyandeight.org](mailto:ttaylor@fortyandeight.org)

**RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY AUGUST 1, 2024**  
**Registrations you may send in until the end of August 2024**

NOTE: REGISTRATION FEES ARE NON REFUNDABLE

Additional forms are on line at [www.fortyandeight.org](http://www.fortyandeight.org)

**HANDICAP ROOMS ARE LIMITED: PLEASE CONSIDER THIS WHEN MAKING YOUR REQUEST. HANDICAP ROOMS ARE ASSIGNED ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS**

THE KALAHARI RESORT IS FOR BOTH VOYAGEURS & DAMES

ALL VOYAGEURS & DAMES WILL BE EXPECTED TO MAKE THEIR RESERVATION WITH THE RESORT DIRECTLY THERE IS A LINK ON OUR WEBSITE OR YOU CAN CALL 1-419-433-7200 GIVE THEM **CODE ID 37072** MAKE SURE TO LET THEM KNOW YOU ARE THERE FOR THE 105<sup>th</sup> 40/8 PROMENADE

NOTE: Rates ONLY available through Promenade Nationale Corporation

## Central States Promenade 2025 Committee

Attached is the list of committees we had at the last Central States that the Grand du Missouri hosted. Please look over the committees and let me know if you would like to be on a certain committee. Unfortunately, we have lost to many people that was on the committees in 2018. So, we are in need of some new volunteers to help conduct this promenade next year. Take this list to your Locale Promenade in March and find out if you have anyone that would like to help. We will be meeting on Friday night April 5, 2024, at the Spring Wreck and Grand Cheminot to assign committees and talk about Central States 2025. If it is alright with you Grand Chef Mike, I would like to have the Central States Meeting before the meeting on the 2025 officers, as I would like for any spouses and friends of the Grand to be present at our meeting, You or AJ can get back to me about that. As you can imagine this is a busy year for me also so any and all help is greatly appreciated,

Thanks,

v/r

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1. Housing -
2. Banquet -
3. Registration - .
4. Hospitality Room -
5. Voyageur's Luncheon -
6. Women's Luncheon -
7. BBQ -

8. Golf Tournament -
9. Fundraising -
10. Program Book -
11. President - John (Mike) Scruby
12. Secretary -
13. Finance Officer -
14. Central States Pins -
15. Pick up VIP's at airport -
16. Welcome Packets -
17. Salty Dog Party-
18. Pajama Party -

### Americanism Reporting

This is a suitable time for everyone to review the Community Activities section of the Americanism Report.

Examples shown on the report include: Blood donor (organizing an event or actually donating), Community Services (maybe you have a bingo program to donate money to other nonprofits, even working at a food bank, homeless shelter), Get out the Vote, National Security, Political Action, Senior Citizens, Hunter Safety Programs, Poppy Sales, Special Olympics, Meetings/Promenades/Wrecks (we should be able to get 100% reporting if everyone at least reports their numbers for Meetings/Promenades/Wrecks (this is a good place to start and then expand to other areas of the report), Activities in other Fraternal Organizations.

As a quick reminder, March is also the 40&8 birthday, and is also reportable on the report



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## 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 Spring Grande Cheminot and Wreck to be held April 5th to April 7th, 2024 at the Oasis Hotel & Convention Center, 2546 North Glenstone Avenue, Springfield, MO 65803, phone (417) 866-5253, or (888) 532-4338.

The Active Wreck will be held on Saturday, April 6th, 2024, at 9:00AM in Springfield, MO.

The Spring Grande Cheminot will be held on Sunday April 7th, 2024 at 9:00 AM at the Oasis Hotel & Convention Center.

There may be an Executive Board Meeting scheduled on Saturday. If there is one, the time and place will be posted in the Hospitality Room. A Central States Committee meeting will be held. Time and place will be posted at Registration Table.

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 male Officers are expected to be in coat, tie, shirt, long pants, socks and shoes, whereas female Officers are expected to be in a dress or skirt and blouse or slacks and blouse 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.

A.J. Noonan  
Grand Correspondant

Mike Scruby  
Grand Chef de Gare



## Membership Grande Voiture du Missouri

28-Mar-24

	Voiture	2023 Year End	2024 To-date	2024 Quota	Sh/Ov Quota	% of Quota
HEART OF AMERICA	3	34	33	34	-1	97.06%
SPIRIT OF ST. LOUIS	38	53	49	53	-4	92.45%
JESSE JAMES	130	39	33	39	-6	84.62%
HEART OF MISSOURI	292	30	27	30	-3	90.00%
STATE FAIR	333	103	102	104	-2	98.08%
GATEWAY	448	60	47	67	-20	70.15%
CENTRAL OZARK	460	51	51	59	-8	86.44%
KICKAPOO	760	22	20	29	-9	68.97%
MARK TWAIN	966	2	2	2	0	100.00%
CAPITAL	1292	70	71	73	-2	97.26%
MINERAL AREA	1321	67	60	74	-14	81.08%
Neuf Comtés	1379	37	35	37	-2	94.59%
ATCHISON NODAWAY HOLT Counties	1402	14	11	18	-7	61.11%
LAKE OF THE OZARK	1403	9	4	9	-5	44.44%
TWO RIVERS	1541	54	46	54	-8	85.19%
<b>Missouri Total</b>		<b>645</b>	<b>591</b>	<b>682</b>	<b>-91</b>	<b>86.66%</b>

