



Communiqué



La Société des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux

Grande Voiture du Missouri

February 2025 - Grand Chef de Gare Ron Leverenz

L'Editeur Robert C. Emery



Good February
Voyagers,

January saw a bit of cold weather and I hope you made it through it fine. Now that we are having a bit of warmer weather it is time to think about Spring Wreck and our locale membership numbers. Having those new members in the books is a needed help to us right now.

Also having those new numbers might as well mean we have a few new PG's in our possession. Those new prospective members with that attractive first title have already went the step to get into your local Voiture. NOW that we have peeked their interest lets show them the Fun and excitement that follows.... Yes the Spring Wreck. This is where we first keep the interest of the "Poor Goofs" and see what kind of member they truly are. Its where we put them to the test of fitness, problem solving, and true fortitude of what they can show us they have inside.

As we know recently the Wrecks have been a bit smaller that normal in

the great past. But I have heard about a few of the Voitures having a couple to bring this year. As the Grand Chef, I am looking forward to meeting the PG's this year. Welcoming the FEW that make it into the ending ceremony of our Promenade and Cheminot of the Wreck weekend. Earning the French Horizon Blue Chapeau, and placing the "Voyageur Militaire" bar upon their marching medal as full members of the Forty and Eight.

Please get your membership numbers into nationals soon as possible. Also registration for the Wreck is in progress for the Hotel reservations and the Banquet. These also help us get a count on the meals that will be needed ahead of time.

I will be traveling to Festus, Missouri on Sunday the 9th (Superbowl Sunday) to visit Voiture 1321. I warmly welcomed the invitation and can't wait to meet some of the members and friends I know and the ones I have not met before. This again is one of the great delights in being the Grand Chef de Gare du Missouri. Never gets more exciting then meeting some of the locale hard working members of this great society.

I hope you all have a great February and the great weather holds on. If you are in need of any assistance please let one of us know or feel free to contact myself. I wish you all good

health and hope to see you all at the
Spring Wreck. God Bless

Ron Leverenz
Ronleverenz@gmail.com
Grand Chef de Gare du Missouri.

Grande WRECK Fund Raiser

Since everyone enjoyed this last year, the Spring Wreck Fundraiser at the Spring Wreck will be a Corn Hole contest again. Frank Angelo along with Mike Scruby will be in charge. If a Voiture does not participate then there will be a \$50 fine. If a Voiture participates there is a \$50 participating fee. Bring your best game for a fun time. Send your Voitures fine money or your participating money to Grand Correspondant AJ Noonan.

2024 Nurses Training Pins

The National Nurses Training Program is offering a special deal on 2024 Nurses Pins during the Spring Wreck event! Everyone will be able to purchase pins for just \$1.00 each. You can pre-order by email ralph.n.turner@hotmail.com

Thanks,

Ralph Turner

573-528-7424

ralph.n.turner@hotmail.com

National BOXCAR Calendar

I have received an order of National Box Car calendars for 2025. They are really attractive and give a little history along with a photo of 12 of the box cars. Missouri's box car is highlighted in September. I have about 40 left and they are available for purchase at \$10 each, first come, first served. Reply to this email if you want one and I will mail it you immediately. You can mail me the check for payment at:

Ernest Parker
27659 Schenk Road
Green Ridge, MO 65332

Correspondants please distribute this info to your membership. I have attached a JPG of the cover and our boxcar.

Ernie Parker, Correspondant
Voiture 333

NOTICE:

Please be advised that PDC Heigert has been hospitalized since Monday. He has renal failure and some pneumonia. He will start kidney dialysis and will be transferred to a rehab hospital soon. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.



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1635 Hawthorne Dr., Plainfield, IN 46168

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February 3, 2025

AJ Noonan
ajnoonan2004@yahoo.com

Dear AJ,

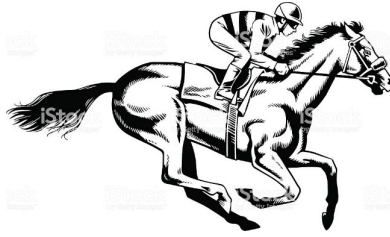
This letter serves as confirmation that Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer, Ralph Turner, is scheduled to attend the Grand du Missouri Spring Cheminot, to be held on April 4-3, 2025.

I have attached the Voiture Nationale Representative Visit form that you submitted containing details of the event for Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer, Ralph Turner, for his information. Please do me the favor of advising me of any changes to your event.

Best Regards,

Ron Rolfes, Jr
Correspondant National

Cc: Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer, Ralph Turner



40 & 8 Voiture #1541 presents

“A Night at the Races”

Proceeds to benefit nurses training and child welfare programs

Saturday March 1st, 2025 small hall St. Charles American Legion Post #312, 2500 Raymond Dr. 63301

Doors open at 6PM. Races start at 7PM.

\$20 per person which covers entry, racing form, draft beer, soda and non-winning ticket prizes after every race.

50/50 and basket raffles. Feature basket includes “2” all-inclusive Cardinals tickets Saturday April 26th 1:15 verses Brewers

You are welcome to bring your own snacks. Alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase. **NO OUTSIDE ALCOHOL ALLOWED.**

Questions- Contact Forrest Johnson (314)960-1027 or Al Schultz (636)447-7347



The Missouri Merci Boxcar is located at the Missouri State Fairgrounds in Sedalia, MO. Gifts from Missouri's Merci car are on display in the Pettis County Historical Museum in Sedalia.



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January 2, 2025

Monsieur Voyageurs, Dames and Guests:

Greetings from all the Voyageurs and Dames of the Grande Voiture du Missouri. We would like to extend to each and every one of you an open invitation to attend our Central States Promenade 2025.

Fun and festivities will start on Thursday, May 08, 2025 and will be held at the Oasis Hotel and Convention Center, 2546 North Glenstone Avenue, Springfield, MO 65803.

Individual registrations for this event will be \$95.00 per person and registration kit includes Friday evening meal, our Saturday evening banquet, your Central States Promenade 2025 Pin, your Souvenir Program Book, and of course, the Grande du Missouri Hospitality Room. Please fill out the registration form completely when returning your reservations. All meals will be in the hotel.

We have not organized any tours. For those of you who have never been to Springfield or Branson and want to strike out on your own, we will have maps of the city.

For those of you who intend to fly into Springfield, the hotel is just 10 minutes from the airport and the hotel has an airport shuttle bus to pick you up. Just give the hotel a call when you arrive.

The form for placing ads in our Souvenir Program Book is enclosed. The special events are shown on your Registration Form and you are requested to fill these out if you intend to participate in any of the special events. Unauthorized raffles, or similar types of fundraising activities, will not be allowed at this event.

Make all checks payable to Central States Promenade 2025.

If you have any questions, contact me at the address, phone number, or email shown on the top of this sheet. Thank You and "Merci".

Mike Scruby, President CSP 2025

**HOTEL ROOM RESERVATIONS
FOR
CENTRAL STATES PROMENADE 2025**

MAY 08 TO 10, 2025

**Oasis Hotel and Convention Center
2546 North Glenstone Avenue, Springfield, MO 65803.**

Telephone (417) 866-5253

Web site is [www. http://springfieldoasis.com/](http://springfieldoasis.com/)

Cutoff date for guaranteed reservations for these rooms is **April 1, 2025**. After this date, rooms are on first come, first served basis. To guarantee a room call prior to the cutoff date. Be sure to mention **CENTRAL STATES PROMENADE 2025** when you are making your room reservations. All rooms are \$114.00 for 1 to 4 persons, plus tax.

The hotel features an on-site restaurant (Fire and Ice), indoor and outdoor pools, fitness center, spacious rooms and free parking. Each hotel room has a flat screen TV, microwave, refrigerator, coffeemaker, hairdryer, iron and board and complimentary wireless high-speed Internet. The hotel has a complimentary hot breakfast in the poolside atrium. In Springfield you have the Springfield Art Museum, Dickerson Park Zoo, Springfield Cardinals AA baseball team, Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World, Johnny Morris' Wonders of Wildlife National Museum and Aquarium, Springfield Botanical Garden, History Museum on the Square, Route 66 Car Museum, Discovery Center for families to interact with hands on learning. Near Springfield are the Fantastic Caverns, Wilsons' Creek National Battlefield, Wild Animal Safari and the Laura Ingalls Wilder Home and Museum.

Branson Missouri is only 45 miles south of Springfield. Estimated 8 million visitors visit Branson each year. Branson is a year-round destination with most of the entertainment offerings open mid-March through the end of December. Take in any number of shows that cover a wide range of entertainment or go on an adventure at Silver Dollar City. Filled with fun for the family, Branson offers a lot of entertainment options to make your visit even more enjoyable. Go to Branson before or after the Central States Promenade.



CENTRAL STATES PROMENADE 2025
May 08 to 10, 2025
Registration Form

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ CELL/WORK PHONE: _____

Voiture/Cabane #: _____ GRANDE DU: _____

Will Spouse/Guest attend? (YES) ___ (NO) ___ NAME: _____

HIGHEST OFFICE HELD: VOYAGEUR: _____

DAME: _____

REGISTRATION AND ACTIVITIES REMITTANCE

Registration Fee: _____ X \$95.00 = \$ _____

Voyageur's Saturday Luncheon: _____ X \$30.00 = \$ _____

Saturday Luncheon: _____ X \$30.00 = \$ _____

Booster: \$2.00 each name _____ X \$ 2.00 = \$ _____

Booster: _____ Booster: _____

(Mr. & Mrs. Counts as 2 Names) If you are submitting Booster names then they have to be in by April 1, 2025.

Total amount of Remittance \$ _____

Voyageur Luncheon: Specialty Breads & Rolls, Sliced Turkey, Roast Beef and Smoked Ham, w/Cheese, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Red Onions & Pickle Spears and assorted condiments includes Potato Chips, Garden Salad, Fudge Brownies, Cookies, Fresh Fruit, Coffee and Iced Tea.

Spouse Luncheon: Chicken Alfredo w/Vegetable Lasagna, Green Beans, Italian House Salad, Garlic Bread Sticks, Dessert, Fresh Fruit, Coffee and Iced Tea.

Friday Night BBQ: Smoked Brisket, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Coleslaw, assorted Rolls and Buns, Assorted Desserts, Coffee and Iced Tea.

Banquet Buffet – Italian Herb and Garlic Chicken, Peppered Beef Medallions Garden Salad with 2 dressings, Chefs choice Vegetable, Chefs choice starch, Rolls, Dessert, Coffee and Iced Tea

Let us know if you need a vegetarian meal and we will arrange to have one for you.

MEMO: Your registration fee includes a personal set of Credentials; the 2025 Souvenir Central States Program book; the Official Central States Promenade 2025 Pin; Friday evening Barbeque, Saturday evening banquet and the Hospitality Rooms of your Host the Grande Voiture du Missouri.

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS REGISTRATION FORM CLEARLY AND RETURN TO: Rich Heigert, 3202 Elm Grove Court, Arnold, MO 63010. Promenade registrations need to be received prior to April 15, 2025. The hotel needs a number by that date for the food. If you are coming let us know. Call if you have any questions to 314-740-6685.

MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Central States Promenade 2025

CENTRAL STATES PROMENADE - 2025

Advertisement Request Form

It is requested that the *attached ad copy* be included in the Central States Promenade – 2025 Souvenir Program Book. Circle the size of the ad that you wish to be printed: (Don't forget to send in your ad with your money.)

Full Page Ad (5 ½ x 8 ½) ----- \$100.00

Half Page Ad----- \$ 50.00

Quarter Page Ad----- \$ 25.00

Business Card Ad----- \$ 10.00

Booster Club Ad (Per name) ----- \$ 2.00
(Mr. & Mrs. counts as 2 Names)

Booster Name: _____ Booster Name: _____

Booster Name: _____ Booster Name: _____

(Please Print Booster Names)

MEMO: Each Booster Club Ad Name will be printed in a special section of the Souvenir Program Book. You are not required to register nor attend the Central States Promenade 2025 in order to place an ad in the Souvenir Program Book. Likewise, the same information applies to those who only wish to place their name in the Booster Club portion of the Souvenir Program Book. Full payment for all ad material and for Booster Club Names must accompany this request form. We would like to have your ad in an electronic format of PDF or JPEG. Email the ads to heigertr@aol.com

Make all checks payable to Central States Promenade 2025.

THE FINAL DATE FOR SUBMISSION AND RECEIPT OF ALL AD REQUESTS AND AD COPY, AS WELL AS BOOSTER CLUB NAMES IS APRIL 1, 2025. Please submit all Booster Club Names; all Ad Requests, Ad Copy, and check to: Rich Heigert, 3202 Elm Grove Court, Arnold, MO 63010.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE: _____

HOME PHONE :() _____ WORK/CELL PHONE :() _____

E-Mail ADDRESS: _____

CENTRAL STATES PROMENADE 2025

Oasis Hotel and Convention Center

Springfield, Missouri

May 8 through May 10, 2025

SOUVENIR PROGRAM BOOK – BOOSTER NAME PAGE

\$2.00 per Name: (Mr. & Mrs. counts as Two Names)

PLEASE PRINT

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10. _____

PLEASE PRINT

Make checks, payable to Central States Promenade 2025, with Booster Sheet, send to Rich Heigert, 3202 Elm Grove Court, Arnold, MO 63010, so as to arrive not later than April 1, 2025. Thank You.



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 Spring Grande Cheminot and Wreck to be held April 4th to April 6th, 2025 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 5th, 2025, at 9:00AM in Springfield.

The Spring Grande Cheminot will be held on Sunday April 6th, 2025 at 9:00 AM at the Oasis Hotel & Convention Center.

There will be a Central States Meeting followed by an Executive Board Meeting on Friday evening. The time and place will be posted in the Hospitality Room.

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 Conducteur, Sous Grand Conducteurs, and Grand Aumonier.

A.J. Noonan
Grand Correspondant

Ron Leverenz
Grand Chef de Gare



GRANDE VOITURE DU MISSOURI
Grande Spring Wreck & ChemInot
April 04 to April 06, 2025
Oasis Hotel and Convention Center
2546 North Glenstone Ave.
Springfield, MO 65803
417-866-5253

Room Rate \$114.00 (+Tax) per night for
Deluxe King or Deluxe Double
PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE
Handicapped Rooms Available
Make your reservations directly with Oasis Hotel
Mention 40&8 Honor Society for special rate when making reservations

Friday April 4th, 2025
 Registration 1500 - 1800
 Hospitality Room 1500 - ??? Kalahari / Mojave Room
 Central States Meeting 1800
 2025-2026 Officer Slating Meeting 1900

Saturday April 5th, 2025
 Registration 0900 – 1200
 Spring Wreck Activities 0800-1130
 Lunch 1130 - 1300
 Grande Promenade/Spring Wreck 1300 – 1600 Sahara Room
 Grand Chef de Gare Passé Social Hour 1700-1800 Hospitality Room
 Social Hour 1800 Cash Bar
 Banquet 1900 Fiji Ballroom
 Hospitality Room will be open after the Banquet

Sunday April 6th, 2025
 Grande Cheminot 0900 Sahara Room

To register for the Grande Spring Wreck and Cheminot. Make check payable to Voiture 460

Send to:
A.J. Noonan
20165 Highway 28
Dixon, MO 65459

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Spouse/Guest _____

Title _____ Voiture _____

Banquet / Person: \$40.00 X No. Guest _____ = _____

Registration Fee \$15.00 (Voyageurs Only) _____

Total Enclosed: _____



Membership Grande Voiture du Missouri

30-Jan-25

	Voiture	2024 Year End	2025 To-date	2024 Quota	Sh/Ov Quota	% of Quota
HEART OF AMERICA	3	33	32	33	-1	96.97%
SPIRIT OF ST. LOUIS	38	49	44	49	-5	89.80%
JESSE JAMES	130	32	29	41	-12	70.73%
HEART OF MISSOURI	292	27	23	27	-4	85.19%
STATE FAIR	333	99	46	105	-59	43.81%
GATEWAY	448	42	34	63	-29	53.97%
CENTRAL OZARK	460	45	41	59	-18	69.49%
KICKAPOO	760	10	12	23	-11	52.17%
MARK TWAIN	966	2	2	2	0	100.00%
CAPITAL	1292	66	64	74	-10	86.49%
MINERAL AREA	1321	49	16	60	-44	26.67%
Neuf Comtés	1379	35	28	35	-7	80.00%
ATCHISON NODAWAY HOLT Counties	1402	11	1	11	-10	9.09%
LAKE OF THE OZARK	1403	4	4	4	0	100.00%
TWO RIVERS	1541	45	45	47	-2	95.74%
Missouri Total		549	421	633	-212	66.51%

