



## Communiqué



# La Société des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux

## Grande Voiture du Missouri

January 2025 - Grand Chef de Gare Ron Leverenz L'Editeur Robert C. Emery



Greetings Voyagers,

I hope everyone had a great holiday season and off to a wonderful start to the New Year. Over the Holidays I had the privilege to be invited to the Christmas Party at Voiture 1541. A wonderful greeting awaited Myself and my family whom was also invited for the smaller ones to attend to see an honored special guest. Happy Hour was at 1700 with a great attendance of voyagers of which a few I had never met before. These are the times I really must say again I enjoy. Meeting voyagers young and old that may not be able to always make it to our Grande Promenades, but are a vital part of their locale Voitures making our organization proud and what it is today.

Thank you for being active and sharing stories and laughter for the holidays. 1800 brought the opening of dinner being served. What a wonderful cooked dinner by volunteers in their Voiture. A full holiday spread right down to

deserts that filled us all up to a bursting point. Off to the distance a noise was heard of sleigh bells and all the children of the voyagers were hopping around in glee... Yup, St. Nick was here and their faces lit up as he entered the room and sat in front. One by one he called the names of the good children and delivered gifts. The sounds of paper being peeled off

filled the room with sounds of joy and lit with smiles on their faces.

After a quick Photo shoot including the Grand Chef and Janice Hartley on the lap of our fellow Jolly Marine, he was back off to the North Pole. Drawings for 50/50 and other door prized were done with everyone seeming to get a gift from either the Locale Voiture or the 8 and 40 that was in attendance too. The festivities ended about 2100. We retired to a Hotel room that was provided and thank you for the VERY nice accommodations to my family. We had a GREAT time and really enjoyed the visit.

Now to a bit of business... Our National Director of Membership, Frank Angelo along with Robert Emery at the Grande level has sent out monthly reports on the tallies.

We are looking good in some of the Voitures but some still need to get their numbers in

to get us up to a point we know where we are truly standing. The help is here if you need it. Members are the vital part of any organization. We are such a proud and honored group that finding members should be easy. Today's world does make it a bit difficult recruiting with social media being there. But a friendly tug on an arm of a Vet is always better than a chime of the cell phone going off with a new post on Facebook. Some Members that we have do wait for the last moment for sending in dues. I do understand that, and also have that at my Voiture as well.

Being the Grand Chef de Gare I would like to have a 100% membership goal achieved while in office. Frank Angelo, our National Officer of Membership with all his hard work would as well. Missouri is a VERY Proud state and holds a good portion of Nationale positions this year. Being that, we should really show the Chef de Chemin de Fer that Grande du Missouri is strong in its membership and activities. Spring Wreck is right around the corner. I am really looking forward to seeing a good turn out of NEW PG's to fill in our ranks and positions we have available.

Also when you recruit, it has been found that offering a "Nice" position brings in new members better than a new Chapeau alone. These new members have a purpose instantly as the world has turned to this type of instant gratification. Climbing a ladder as the Lampiste we all know was traditional in all organizations. A time honored way of achieving status. In the world of "Likes" and "Subscribers" it has honestly lost the meaning along the way. The new member with the crisp blue chapeau sitting in back sometimes is happy at that. But how many of you have a position of Locale Directeur of

the Carville Star open? This is a Fund raiser and charity that only requires minimal attention but I have seen members really go for it with barrels blazing. That's when you look to see ahead for the leaders.

These positions give a purpose and "Voice" to hold on to the interest of the new PG's turning into Members. I personally like this position for new members. They see the paperwork, get up to give reports locally, and with a quick sale of a subscription to the newsletter for 4 dollars a year, your locale Voiture can also win an award for the top contributor to the organization at the Grande level. Once again I am just offering a few suggestions to help in recruiting and keeping these new members active, helping your locale Voiture in the process. Again I hope everyone had a great and safe holiday season, I wish to send blessings and prayers out to our members in need or in poor health or sickness. Please contact myself or another close member if you do, or another needs help. God bless our Nation, our Families, and our organization. Semper Fi.

Ron Leverenz

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Grand Chef de Gare du Missouri.



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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 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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(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](mailto: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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**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 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
 Registration 1500 - 1800  
 Hospitality Room 1500 - ??? Kalahari / Mojave Room  
 Central States Meeting 1800  
 2025-2026 Officer Slating Meeting 1900

**Saturday April 5<sup>th</sup>, 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 6<sup>th</sup>, 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

2-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	19	41	-22	46.34%
HEART OF MISSOURI	292	27	23	27	-4	85.19%
STATE FAIR	333	99	46	105	-59	43.81%
GATEWAY	448	40	34	63	-29	53.97%
CENTRAL OZARK	460	41	41	59	-18	69.49%
KICKAPOO	760	10	12	23	-11	52.17%
MARK TWAIN	966	2	2	2	0	100.00%
CAPITAL	1292	65	53	74	-21	71.62%
MINERAL AREA	1321	49	1	60	-59	1.67%
Neuf Comtés	1379	28	28	35	-7	80.00%
ATCHISON NODAWAY HOLT Counties	1402	9	1	11	-10	9.09%
LAKE OF THE OZARK	1403	4	4	4	0	100.00%
TWO RIVERS	1541	39	45	47	-2	95.74%
<b>Missouri Total</b>		<b>527</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>633</b>	<b>-248</b>	<b>60.82%</b>

