



## Communiqué



# La Société des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux

## Grande Voiture du Missouri

March 2025 - Grand Chef de Gare Ron Leverenz

L'Éditeur Robert C. Emery



Fellow Voyagers,

Wonderful start of March now that the weather of February has pass and left us knowing what bitter cold is. I hope you are all in good standing and health as well. I had the very nice pleasure of being invited and visiting Voiture 1321 in Festus, Missouri. There I was met by the Chef de Gare John Krammer and several of the other voyagers of this very active group.

The Promenade started at 1900 with the rap of the gavel. Reports were given on the 4 current nurses they have sponsored and a very exciting 3 teams for the youth sports program. Youth sports is not an often seen active sponsorship with in the Voitures often and this was a very nice report to hear that not just one, but three teams were being sponsored. A special GREAT JOB to 1321 for your sponsoring of these young athletics in your area!

All this and many more events they have are supported by fund raising. This is where Harry T. Barnes

comes in to SHINE... "Butch" as many call him has done the BBQ event there for many years. His expertise in the meats and the flame has made him a legend in this event. This year the last date I have been given will be on the 12-13th of April. I urge you to take that drive and have a great meal with 1321 and their hospitality.

Closing Ceremonies were conducted in due fashion. I stayed for a quick bite of an amazing meal that followed. Wonderful bowl of chili and a hot dog with mustard. I wish the stay was longer, BUT it was a 3.5 hour drive back home and the Super Bowl was going to start soon. As we know, and I soon watched in vain... I should have sat a little longer and had that wonderful desert that was offered as well. Once again I enjoyed the opportunity to visit another Missouri Voiture and met again members I have never seen before. This is truly one of the highlights of the traveling.

Folks once again the Wonderful reports from two of our National Officers, Ralph Turner and Frank Angelo should be the alert you need to see we are in need of more work on our Membership numbers. Shore those up as quick as you can. These men work hard to see Grand du Missouri stand out in the Nation. Also its getting close to Spring Wreck and having PG's ready and counted. Please let Rose Noonan know

your numbers for a better head count for meals and such.

This month I plan to attend the Promenade of Voiture 333 and the Dames of Cabane 333. Hope to see you soon as I will be traveling with the President of Cabane 760 for their official visitation and meeting for the first time. Wonderful things are going to happen I feel with these Dames.

I hope you all have a great Month of March 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.

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### 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



# 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: \_\_\_\_\_**

MISSOURI  
2025

NEBRASKA  
2026

OKLAHOMA  
2027

KANSAS  
2028

TEXAS  
2029

MISSOURI  
2030

NEBRASKA  
2031

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**ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:**

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January 2, 2025

Monsieur / Madam 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's 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 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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: AJ Noonan, Grand Correspondant, 20165 Highway 28, Dixon, MO 65459. 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 573-872-9068.**

**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: AJ Noonan, 20165 Highway 28, Dixon, MO 65459.

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 AJ Noonan, Grand Correspondant, 20165 Highway 28, Dixon, MO 65459, so as to arrive not later than April 1, 2025. Thank You.**

# Membership Grande du Missouri

27-Feb-25

Voiture Name	Voiture	2019 Year End	2020 To-date	2020 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	33	32	41	-9	78.05%
HEART OF MISSOURI	292	27	23	27	-4	85.19%
STATE FAIR	333	102	87	105	-18	82.86%
GATEWAY	448	42	41	63	-22	65.08%
CENTRAL OZARK	460	48	43	59	-16	72.88%
KICKAPOO	760	10	24	23	1	104.35%
MARK TWAIN	966	2	2	2	0	100.00%
CAPITAL	1292	69	65	74	-9	87.84%
MINERAL AREA	1321	49	16	60	-44	26.67%
NEUF COMPT	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	46	45	47	-2	95.74%
Missouri Total		560	487	633	-146	76.94%

