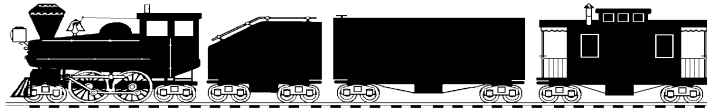


Communiqué
La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Cheveaux
Grande Voiture du Missouri



October 2013 - Grand Chef de Gare Ralph Turner - L'Editeur Grant Willis

The Grand Chef Sez

Fellow Voyageurs:

I would like to begin this month's article by expressing my gratitude to our comrades from around the Grande for reaching out to Pulaski County who suffered major losses to their homes and vehicles during the major flooding in August. These long distance friends along with the Locale V460 donated monies to assist those in need.

On the road this month, I attended the 94th Promenade National in Phoenix, Arizona. We had a good showing of Voyageurs who attended all of the National Committee meetings. By the time you read this - reports should have been given at the Grande Cheminot. Hopefully all were there to hear the reports. Congratulations go out to our National officers from Missouri; Grant Willis-Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer, Terry Lanning-Commissaire Intendant, and Kevin Johnson-Sous Boxcar. Thanks to all who attending and represented our Grande du Missouri.

We have lost many great Voyageurs Militaire to Voiture Everlasting. As the new fiscal year begins we must step up to fill in the shoes of those who have achieved greatness in La Société and take off running. Keep focused on what must be done and what is in front of us. Don't go into cruise

mode and wait till the end as many have done in the past. In today's Society it seems as if failure is an acceptance, where those who have excelled are not praised so as not to offend those who do not. Well within La Société we still honor those who have excelled in membership. For Voyageurs Militaire we have the "I GOT 2" pin. At Promenade Nationale there are awards given out to those recruiters who exceed 5 or more and a one of a kind award given to the Voyageur who recruits the most. There are Locale 100 & 105% Chapeau patches given out. Remember, we are an independent, by invitation, honor organization and I am not asking anyone to lower your standards to bring in new members. What I am asking though is for you to relook your standards as we have not made 100% in the last few years. We should all be talking about this situation with each other and with the Voyageurs at each and every Locale and Grande function. We need ideas and solutions to increase Locale membership.

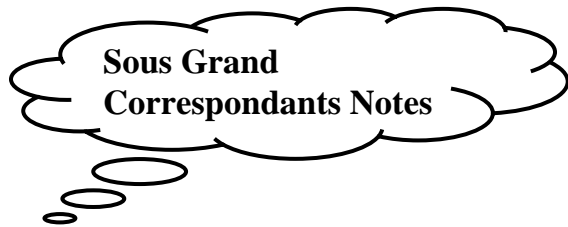
As a reminder; I try to send out weekly email. If you are not receiving this email correspondence and would like too; there is a link on the Grande's website (www.grandedumissouri.com) that you can click on the link "[Grand Chef de Gare:](#)" and you will be able to send me an email and let me know.

I hope to see everyone at the Grande Cheminot and Spring Wreck that will be

held at the Doubletree Hotel in St Louis—
28-30 March, 2014. Thanks for all the hard
work that you do for *La Société des
Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux!*

Ralph Turner
Grand Chef de Gare

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Articles for the Newsletter are due at the end
of each month. The schedule for articles due
from the Directeur's will be as follows:
October – VAVS, Carville Star and
Publicity
November – Ritual and Child Welfare
December – Youth Sports and Box Car
January – Americanism, Voyageur Activities
and Aumonier
February – POW/MIA, and Special Awards
March – Distinguished Voyageur Award

The Grand Yearbooks will be available at
the Fall Grand Cheminot and Homecoming
at the end of September.

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**To help in lowering cost we are
going to start sending this
newsletter out electronically via
email. If you are receiving this issue
via ground mail, then I do not have
an email address for you. If you
have one please send it to the
following email address:
willis.grant@sbcglobal.net**

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Voiture 1379 Chic-Nik

On September 25th at Wallace State park
just south of Cameron, Mo, Voiture 1379
held its annual chick-nick. There were about
50 in attendance, voyagers, their guests and
family. Everyone came expecting to pay \$10
for dinner. After a prayer was given by the

aumonier Cole Nixon, Chef de Gare Ed
Schmidt announced that his first year as
Chef de Gare had been quite successful due
to the hard work of as the voyagers. Last
year 1379 ended the year as highest
percentage of membership in Grande du
Missouri and due to increased emphasis on
membership 1379 started the current year
out at highest membership in the Grande du
Missouri with %102. With several PG's in
the pipeline the membership will be much
higher than 1379 has had ever been before.
As a result of this hard work Chef Ed
Schmidt announced that he would pay for
everyone's dinner.

Dinner was fried chicken, potato salad,
baked beans, corn, fresh tomatoes, chips,
and cookies. After everyone enjoyed dinner
Alternate Cheminot Nationale Ed Jones
swore at the new officers for the 2014 year.
There were door prize drawings for all and
some special ones given to select lucky
people. Robert Emery received an Army
helmet, binoculars, compass and dog tag set.
GaryReno was the luck recipient of a
Vintage box of Collectable Hostess
Twinkies. A 50/50 drawing was held and the
winner of \$80 was Cole Nixon's Linda. The
main raffle tickets were all sold out before
the drawing even got started.
The prize and winners were

Wine basket Shirley Nichols
Kids Chair. Mike Diven
\$50 lowes card Shirley Nichols
\$50 quick Trip card Ed Schmidt
\$50 Sears Card Ray Bemjune
Military themed fire pit Dave Bexton
Grand prize 32inch Led tv Sarah Cotter

Yes of course there were calls the drawings
were rigged but thankfully the person
drawing tickets was 4 year old Summer
Schmidt grand daughter of Chef Ed
Schmidt, no one blamed her and gave her a
big round of applause for picking winners.
Everyone enjoyed cake and ice cream for

desert. Photos are posted on Grande du Missouri Facebook page.

Thanks to all that donated and purchased raffle tickets nearly \$ 1000 was raised for the Voiture nurses training fund.

DISTINGUISHED VOYAGEUR AWARD

Grande Voiture du Missouri Distinguished Voyageur Award will be made by a Distinguished Voyageur Award Selection Committee in accordance with the following criteria:

COMMITTEE

1. The Distinguished Voyageur Award Committee shall consist of six members appointed for three year terms, only from among Grand Chefs de Gare Passe du Missouri, by the Grand Chef de Gare du Missouri.
2. The Chairman of the Committee, a non-voting member of the Committee, except in case of a tie, shall be appointed each year by the Grand Chef de Gare from among the Committee members.

AWARD

1. There shall be no more than three Distinguished Voyageur Awards each year – two active and one posthumous.
2. Nominations must be submitted on forms designed by the Committee. Nomination forms will be furnished by the Grand Correspondant on request from Voiture Locale.
3. Only one nomination may be submitted each year from each Voiture Locale of the Grande Voiture du Missouri. Committee may continue to consider nominations for two additional

years. Nominations may be submitted at the end of three years.

4. Nominations must reach the Distinguished Voyageur Award Committee prior to the Grande Voiture du Missouri Spring Cheminot. Voiture Locale is responsible for attendance of award winner or family member, if posthumous, at the Grande Promenade for award presentation.
5. Voyageurs Militaire of La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux with ten years or more are eligible. Grand Chefs de Gare Passe du Missouri are not eligible for this award.
6. Awards will be in a form of an “In Appreciation” certificate with citation appropriately engrossed and bound at a cost not to exceed \$100, each.
7. Voiture Locale are not obligated to submit nominations each year nor is the Committee obligated to make awards each year.



Voyaguers representing the Grand du Missouri at the Nationale Promenade in Phoenix, AZ

MEMBERSHIP **2014 INCENTIVE** **PROGRAM**

Voyageurs

Recruit or Reinstate 2 or more member
I Got 2 Chapeau Pin
(1 pin awarded per Voyageur each year)

Recruit or Reinstate 10 or more members
Super Recruiter 10 Chapeau Patch

Recruit or Reinstate the most members
nationally
Super Recruiter Trophy Award
This Super Recruiter Award is the
only Award presented at the general
session at Promenade Nationale, all
other Awards are presented at the
Membership Committee Meeting,
and therefore we think it is the most
prestigious Award offered.

Voiture Locale

Achieve Quarterly Goals

Award Certificate from Voiture Nationale

Achieve 100%
Chapeau Patch and Award
Certificate for the Chef de Gare

Achieve 105%
Honor Roll Club gold lapel pin for
the Chef de Gare & Chef de Train or
Membership Directeur (2 pins
maximum per Locale).

Grande Voitures

Achieve 100%
Chapeau Patch and Award
Certificate for the Grande Chef de
Gare & Grande Correspondant.

Achieve 100%
Personalized polo shirt for the
Grande Chef de Gare

Achieve 105%
A silver 105% ring for the Grande
Chef de Gare

Each Grande Chef de Gare should set up a
Grande Membership incentive program
within their Grande Voiture offering Awards
to motivate his Grande Officers to earn these
valuable Membership Awards.

LET'S GET UR DONE

A truck driver was driving along on
the freeway and noticed a sign
that read: "Low Bridge Ahead."
Before he knows it, the bridge is
right in front of him and his truck
gets wedged under it. Cars get
backed up for miles. Finally a
police car comes up. The cop gets
out of his car and walks to the
truck driver, puts his hands on his
hips and says, 'Got stuck, huh?' The
truck driver says, 'No, I was
delivering this bridge and I ran out
of gas.'

GRANDE VOITURE DU MISSOURI GRANDE CHEMINOT and WRECK

March 28, 29 and 30, 2014



DOUBLETREE HOTEL ST. LOUIS AT WESTPORT
1973 Craigshire
ST. Louis, MO 63146
Phone: (314) 434-0100
1-866-786-8088
Fax: (314) 434-0140

Room Rate is \$79.00 (plus tax) per night
For Standard King or Standard Double Queen Occupancy

So Register EARLY

Handicap rooms available

Make Hotel reservations directly with Doubletree Hotel by **March 7, 2014**
Mention 40 & 8 Honor Society, for special rates when making reservation.

Friday, March 28, 2014

Registration: 3:00 until 5:00 P.M. (In Hospitality Room)
Hospitality Room 3:00 P.M. - ????

Saturday, March 29, 2014

Registration 9:00 A.M. until Noon
Wreck 9:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.
LUNCH 11:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
1:00 P.M. Wreck Continues

Hospitality Room opens immediately after Wreck till 5:30 P.M.
Grand Chef de Gare Passe' Social Hour - 5:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.
Social Hour 6:00 P.M. - Cash Bar
Banquet: 7:00 P.M.

Hospitality Room: After Banquet - ???????

Sunday, March 30, 2014

Grande Cheminot 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

ALL GUESTS TRY TO CHECK OUT BEFORE 12:00 P.M.

HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME

You may make Hotel Reservations for Grande Promenade July 18, 19, and 20, 2014 & Grande Cheminot and Homecoming September 26, 27, and 28, 2014 at this time.

To register for the Cheminot, make Check payable to Voiture 1541
Send to:

Allen Schultz
1427 Summergate Parkway
ST.Charles, MO 63303-6384

Last Name _____ First _____ Spouse/Guest _____

Voiture Number _____ Banquet/Person \$35.00 X No. Guests _____ = _____

Registration Fee \$10.00 (Voyageurs Only) _____

Total \$ _____

La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux
La Quartier Locale de la Heart of Missouri Voiture 292



RESOLUTION

Where as: Heart of Missouri Voiture Locale 292, La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux, Boone County, Missouri has a Voyageur Militaire who is deserving of your consideration for the high office of

GRAND COMMISSAIRE INTENDANT

and

Where as: Voyageur Thomas "Chip" Berkley has served American Legion Post 424 for over 24 years, participating in every fund raising event along the way, as chief cook and bottle washer.


Where as: Voyageur Thomas "Chip" Berkley was initiated into Voiture 292 in 1990 and subsequently served Voiture 292 with distinction on various committees including Bingo Chairman, Nursing, VAVS, as Chef de Train, as Chef de Gare and as Commissaire Intendant since 1997.

Where as: Voyageur Thomas "Chip" Berkley has served the Grand du Missouri as Sous Chef de Train and nine years as Grand Directeur VAVS

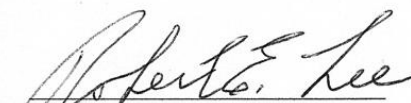
Where as: Voyageur Thomas "Chip" Berkley has unquestionably demonstrated his qualities of leadership and devotion to La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux and the American Legion, and

Now: Therefore be it resolved by Heart of Missouri Voiture 292, La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux, Boone County, Missouri in their regular Promenade duly assembled this 4th day of September 2013, do hereby enthusiastically endorse Voyageur Thomas "Chip" Berkley for the high office of Grand Commissaire Intendant for the year 2014-2015, to be voted on at the Grande Promenade du Missouri to be held in July 2014,

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, this 4th day of September 2013 by Heart of Missouri Voiture 292, Boone County, Missouri at its regular assembled Promenade.



Les Davis, Correspondant



Robert E. Lee, Chef de Gare



1st Ever Trivia Night

Friday, October 4th, 2013

Genesis Banquet Hall
2651 Telegraph Road
Saint Louis, MO 63125

The Night includes:

- Full Open Bar all evening long
- 10 Rounds of great Trivia questions

Doors open at 5:30pm with Trivia starting at 6:30pm
several silent auction items.

Tickets are \$20 each and seating is in tables of eight.
For any additional information call or e-mail

Jim Dwyer at 636-296-5504 or
james-dwyer@att.net

To reserve your table, complete the form below and mail a check for \$160
to

the address below. **Make checks payable to: VoitureLocale No. 38**

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Reservation Form

Team Name: _____ Captain: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Phone Number: _____ E-Mail: _____

Mail to: Jim Dwyer 3719 Dutch Bottom Road Arnold, MO 63010-4562
Make check payable to: Voiture Locale No. 38

Membership
Dated September 26, 2013

Voiture	2013 YTD Total	2014 YTD Total	2013 Year End Total	% of Quota	Short	Oct 31 50% Goal
3	35	39	58	67.24%	-19	29
38	45	56	114	49.12%	-58	57
130	25	3	30	10.00%	-27	15
292	11	10	52	19.23%	-42	26
293	10	0	10	0.00%	-10	5
333	71	85	211	40.28%	-126	106
447	2	2	2	100.00%	0	1
448	23	11	117	9.40%	-106	59
460	54	50	60	83.33%	-10	30
520	1	13	12	108.33%	1	6
760	36	35	71	49.30%	-36	36
966	5	4	5	80.00%	-1	3
1292	14	19	75	25.33%	-56	38
1321	2	33	70	47.14%	-37	35
1379	24	49	48	102.08%	1	24
1395	15	16	17	94.12%	-1	9
1402	24	1	26	3.85%	-25	13
1403	10	14	31	45.16%	-17	16
1541	27	43	71	60.56%	-28	36
	434	483	1080	44.72%	-597	540