



## *Voiture 1379 Communiqué for May 2009*

Hello all, Voiture 1379 membership currently stands at 42 paid up or 120% for 2009. That is outstanding but we must keep the pace up and continue to get new members for the Forty and Eight.

The Voiture is again the host Voiture for the Grand Cheminot and Promenade, June 26 - 28, 2009, Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel KCI Airport. We will again need help with the registration table, Hospitality Room, and drawings at the banquet. So if you can spare a little time please let Gary Reno or I know. While on the subject of the banquet we will need as many small drawing items we can acquire for the door prizes at the banquet. The items don't have to be expensive mostly dollar store items that would be useful or fun to use. So if you have anything you would like to donate please get them to Gary Reno or myself and we will get them to the banquet.

If you are thinking about attending the Grand Cheminot and Promenade and the Banquet, please get your reservation in to me as soon as possible.

The Voiture will once again host its annual ChicNic at Wallace State Park on August 29<sup>th</sup> starting at 13:00 HRS. The cost is \$10 per person for Barbeque chicken and brisket and all the fixings'. If every one could, please bring something to donate as a door prize. It would help out with the expenses since the Voiture wouldn't have to purchase any items for the door prizes. They don't have to be expensive just something you might like to win or may have won at another event and just don't have room for it any more.

If you have not been to a Grande event now is the time to do so, since it's practically in your back yard. You just might have a good time and be hooked for life. Good Times, Good People, and Good Food how could you possibly top that.

The Fisher House™ Program is a unique private-public partnership that supports America's military in their time of need. The program recognizes the special sacrifices of our men and women in uniform and the hardships of military service by meeting a humanitarian need beyond that normally provided by the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs. Because members of the military and their families are stationed worldwide and must often travel great distances for specialized medical care, Fisher House Foundation donates "comfort homes," built on the grounds of major military and VA medical centers. These homes enable family members to be close to a loved one at the most stressful times - during the hospitalization for an unexpected illness, disease, or injury. There is at least one Fisher House at every major military medical center to assist families in need and to ensure that they are provided with the comforts of home in a supportive environment. Annually, the Fisher House program serves about 10,000 families, and have made available nearly 3 million days of lodging to family members since the program originated in 1990. By law, there is no charge for any family to stay at a Fisher House operated by the Department of Veterans Affairs; and Fisher House Foundation uses donations to reimburse the individual Fisher Houses operated by the Army, Navy, and Air Force. No family pays to stay at any Fisher House! To donate to help build Fisher House Saint Louis

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The USO at Fort Leonard Wood is seeking donations to help support the troops. Their Wish List includes Chips, Peanuts, Granola Bars, Snack Cakes, Cookies, Beef Jerky, and Microwave Popcorn.

NOTE: All items must be commercially packaged. They are also seeking monetary donations as well. If you wish to support the USO at Fort Leonard Wood please contact

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This months Promenade will be on May 27<sup>th</sup> in Cameron, MO with dinner at McCorkles and Promenade at Post 33, at 18:00 HRS and the Promenade will begin at 19:00 HRS

Thank you for your service to Our Great Nation, your service to the American Legion, and the 40et8 through Voiture 1379. If we all work together we can and do make a difference.

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