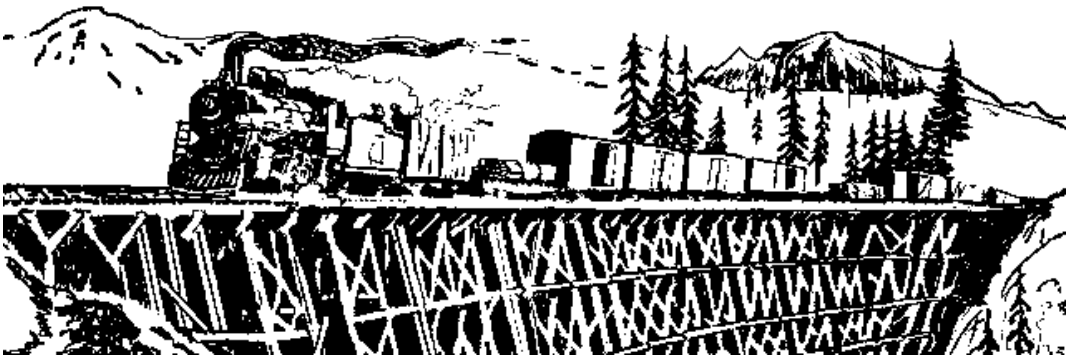

Voiture 1379 Communiqué for October 2009

YEEEEEEEEEEEEHAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWW!!!!!!!
We made it through the Fall Cheminot and Grand Chefs Homecoming in one piece and no one got hurt. Judging by the complements I heard, every one enjoyed themselves at our Grande events. Thank you to all those that help make these events such a success.

MEMBERSHIP! MEMBERSHIP! MEMBERSHIP! Grand Chef de Gare Gary Reno reported that at Promenade Nationale this year was to be declared "Membership Year" and that it was the time to really work on increasing our numbers. The challenge is to increase membership in the forty and eight by ten (10%) percent all across the board. This means that the Voiture needs to find at least five (5) new members this year. This should be easy since we got seven (7) last year. So go out there and start recruiting! If you get two new members you can get a "I Got 2" pin from Nationale.

While looking for new Voiture Militaries, if you have an old chapeau you would like to donate. This would help defray some of the initiation cost and reduce the sticker shock of 40et8 membership or maybe we could pass the hat every now and then and start a fund to help purchase chapeaus for new members. Currently an issue chapeau, marching medal, and voyageur militaries title bar costs fifty dollars. That does not include the books, pin, and of course shipping and handling that gets the cost up to around sixty nine dollars and that does not include the first year's dues. So anything anyone wants to do to help would be appreciated.

Gary Reno talked about really reconsidering the Voiture Locale membership criteria and finally removing the American Legion membership requirement. Since this requirement really limits our pool of prospective members. He emphasized the importance of verifying a person's qualification – making sure they had actually served in the military and received an honorable discharge- and that membership would still be by invitation only.

The change in membership criteria also made for changes to the ritual manual. If anyone would like an updated version please let me know and I will get some ordered.

Voiture 1379's current paid up membership is 29 of the 42 members on the books. That leaves us with thirteen (13) members unpaid for 2010 and just about a month until Veterans Day. So if you have not yet paid your 2010 dues please take a moment and get it sent in and I can stop nagging every one.

The ChicNic was a great success this year thanks to Ray Diven and his camping club. The Voiture cleared one thousand twenty nine dollars and fifty four cents ($1029.54) this will go a long way in helping us support our 40et8 programs. Thank you to everyone that helped make this years ChicNic such a success.

The national password was changed this year. Hopefully every one still remembers it, who knows may be you will be required to say it.

Voiture Militaries Ray Diven and Ira Hunter went on their Honors Flight trip to Washington DC in September. We should be getting a report from them about their trip.

The next Promenade will be on October 28th with dinner and promenade at SMOKE BOX BBQ, 8250 North Church Road Kansas City, MO at 18:00 HRS and promenade 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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