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From the Grand Chef de Gare



I hope everyone is doing fine. Donna and I had a good trip to Springfield MO to attend the Central States Promenade. There was a light showing at Central States (only about 40). There was discussion about finding a hotel that is Veteran friendly and having the Central States in the same hotel each year. This will be a topic of discussion at the Grand Promenade.

If you cannot attend but have an idea please let myself or Renny know what your ideas are. The Next Central States will be in Nebraska, April 23-26, 2026 and 2027 will be Oklahoma. After that it is over it will be our turn at Grand du Texas to host in 2028. We will talk about that at Grand Promenade.

Kerrville Voiture 1055 is looking to sell their locomotive. It is on a 1 Ton Ford chassis. I am not sure the year, but if anyone is interested please contact the Chef de Gare Jennifer Burton. If you would like her contact information, contact me and I will provide it.

As we get ready for Grand Promenade I ask you to consider coming to El Paso for the Grand Promenade. They have not held a Grand function for several years. I know it is a long drive, but, they have been coming to central Texas for several year. Also, please think about your Voiture hosting a Grand Promenade or Cheminot in 2026. We do not have a host for either event as of now. We need to decide where the Spring Cheminot will be held at Grand Promenade. El Paso has said that if no one else wants it they will host the Cheminot.

I know we are all busy with other organizations we belong to but I ask you to remember the reason you joined the 40&8 and show it your support as well. I would like to thank Voitures 175, 605, 1055 and 1031 for achieving 100% membership, and I challenge the other Voitures to reach 100%. Thanks for all you are doing to support 40&8 and it programs.

Please send your report in so you can get the credit that you have earned for you hard work. I am sure you are doing reports for the American Legion and VFW. You can most likely use the same hours for the 40&8.

Thanks again for your support.

Jim Sweeney
Grand Chef de Gare

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MEMBERSHIP

(AS OF MAY 29, 2025)

NEW MEMBERSHIP YEAR STARTS AUGUST 1ST.

Locale	Location	Current	Goal	Percent
163	Houston	8	18	44%
175	Austin	18	16	112%
266	Copperas Cove	20	27	74%
542	San Antonio	22	25	88%
605	El Paso	42	42	100%
689	Amarillo	0	12	0%
980	Willis	6	9	67%
1031	Killeen	47	47	100%
1055	Kerrville	15	15	100%
1134	Corpus Christi	14	16	88%
1640	Round Rock	5	N/A	N/A
Grand Total		197	227	86.78%

LOCALE SUPPORT TO DELEGATES

Forty and Eight members have traditionally attended functions at their own expense. We cannot compete with Legion or VFW, but each Voiture Locale should be able to support a representative to Grand functions by funding travel, hotel, registration, per diem – whatever you choose. It does not need to be a lot, but enough for your Voiture to be represented.

The organization cannot continue without involvement from our membership. Cutoff for the Grande Promenade in El Paso is Friday, June 6, 2025. Every Voiture Locale should have at least one delegate attending. We understand this is not always possible, but any member can be a delegate. **It does not need to be the Locale Chef or Locale Correspondant.**

Grand Chef de Gare Passe David Knutson

ACTION NEEDED

Each Voiture Locale should address the following for membership, Grand Promenade and reports. There will be some Reports Workshops on Zoom coming very soon. See details below:

- **MEMBERSHIP:** Locale Chefs/Correspondants should be communicating with all your members to keep them up to date and know how they are doing.
 - The membership year is Aug 1 – Jul 31. Unpaid members become delinquent after Dec 31st. Your membership is delinquent please attend to it immediately.
 - You can submit change of address, change of Locale Correspondant and TAPS notifications to Voiture Nationale on the website: www.fortyandeight.org under the Membership tab / Notify Us.
 - Please report all changes to the Grand Correspondant and Grand Aumonier as appropriate.
- **GRAND PROMENADE 2025:** Deadline for hotel reservations and registration is Jun 6th.
 - See the Grand Call and Delegate Forms are on pages 4-5.
 - Make your hotel reservation now and send in your registration form asap. Forms and information are on pages 6-7.
 - Resolution for Grand Officer position. See form on page 8.
- **REPORTS:** Reports must be submitted the Grand Directeur for that program as well as Grand Correspondant Renny Keagle.
 - **REPORTS WORKSHOPS VIA ZOOM!**
 - June 11th & June 12th at 7pm CST
 - June 15th at 4pm CST
 - June 16th & June 17th at 7pm CST
 - You can attend 1 or more, but if you have any questions or issues on doing reports – please connect via one of these meetings and we will walk through all of the reports.
 - ZOOM information will be listed on page xx and also sent out via email.
 - Access to report forms / instructions is at www.fortyandeight.org under the Resources Tab / 2025 Petite Communique

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C O R R E S P O N D A N T ' S

It is that time of year we must bring a few things to light...Depending on how often your Locale meets, it is time to start consideration for officers and Directeurs for the 2026 membership year. Be sure to review your constitution and conduct your elections accordingly. I get the impression that most Locales do not have many program Directeurs – inform your membership that they are a great place to start. Grand Directeurs are there to help, advise and also assist with getting program pins. Be sure to do a certification of your officers adding those appointed positions and Directeurs. Send them to me as soon as possible.

If you have a new Locale Correspondant, please inform Nationale as soon as possible so 2026 cards are mailed to the right person – this has been a problem in the past. If you want, let me know and I will do it but you can send an email to Tammy Bennett, membership at Nationale at this email: tbennett@fortyandeight.org. Again, your certification of officers should go to me with a “cc” copy to Dave Knutson.

Elections will be held here in El Paso in June – attendance is not looking great but there are always late registrations. We will try to closely adhere to our Grand CBL's which states you must be present to be nominated or elected for a position. We traditionally have accepted “roll-overs” by acclamation if no one comes forward for a position. The Grand Chef de Gare appoints Directeurs. That being said, we need Directeurs who will accept the responsibility for their position. If you have never held a directorship before and like to be considered – Give Grand Chef Jim a call.

In June, it is time to actively start looking at reports. Hand-carry them to the Grand Promenade if you can, mail, scan and email them to me as well. The simple act of buying pins is an act of support. The hardest part of most reports is accumulating miles and hours. Some things can be estimated, like taking an average number of attendees at your promenades and averaging out the distance traveled – taking into consideration how many times you meet. My experience is that even when estimating, most locales fall short of their actual contributions. Delegate forms must be submitted in advance of the Grand Prom but may be hand carried and turned in at registration. Delegates for Promenade Nationale must also be identified and voted on and submitted to national. Those desiring national appointments must come forward requiring a Grande du Texas endorsement. Submitting a resolution helps greatly. Delegate nominations are due to Nationale NLT August 1st.



On a final note – if you are making a trip to El Paso, we will have a great hospitality suit in a fine hotel. In a short 3-minute walk from the hotel is a variety of great grills, burger places, steakhouses. Hope many can attend and enjoy your stay.

Renslar "Renny" Keagle
Correspondant, Grande du Texas

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**La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux
Grande du Texas
OFFICIAL CALL**



104TH GRAND PROMENADE OF THE GRANDE VOITURE DU TEXAS

In accordance with the Constitution of the Grand Voiture du Texas, the 104th Grande Promenade of La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux, Grand du Texas, will be held in El Paso, Texas, Saturday, June 21, 2025.

PURPOSE - The Grande Promenade is called for the purpose of electing Grand Officers for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the Grande Promenade.

BASIS OF REPRESENTATION - Each Voiture Locale shall be entitled to three (3) delegates and three (3) alternates for the first ten (10) members, and one (1) additional delegate and one (1) alternate for each additional fifteen (15) members or major fraction thereof and such membership shall be calculated as of the date which is thirty (30) prior to the convening of the Grande Promenade. Each Grand Chef de Gare Passe and the sitting Grand Chef de Gare, who are members of a local Voiture, shall be entitled to one (1) vote to be exercised only when personally present on the floor at the time the vote is taken.

Voiture Locales indebted to this Grand Voiture will not be included in the roll call and will not be eligible to vote unless indebtedness is paid.

CREDENTIALS - Voiture Delegates' lists must be presented to the Grand Correspondant, Renslar Keagle, 8714 Marble Dr, El Paso, TX 79904 prior to 9:00 am, Saturday, June 21, 2025. Email: rennykeagle@gmail.com

VOTING STRENGTH OF VOITURES LOCALE - Voitures Locale shall have the number of votes in the Grande Promenade equal to the number of delegates to which they are severally entitled, provided that at least one (1) of the certified delegates must be duly registered and such registered delegate or delegates may vote the entire certified delegates strength.

ADMITTANCE TO THE GRANDE PROMENADE - Only delegates and alternates holding credentials will be entitled to a vote on the floor of the Grande Promenade duly assembled. Any member of La Societe in good standing will be admitted to the Grande Promenade Hall on presentation of their 2025 membership card to the Grand Garde La Porte.

RESOLUTIONS - All resolutions must be submitted in writing to the Grand Correspondant on Saturday morning, June 21, 2025, no later than 9:00 a.m.

GRAND PROMENADE - The Grande Promenade is called to begin at 1:00 p.m., June 21, at American Legion Post 58, 4724 Vulcan, El Paso, TX 79904 unless designated otherwise.

The election of Grand Officers for 2026 will be held immediately following the transaction of business with installation being held at the discretion of the Grand Chef de Gare.

ATTESTED BY:

RENSLAR KEAGLE
GRAND CORRESPONDANT

JIM SWEENEY
GRAND CHEF DE GARE

La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux
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2025 GRANDE PROMENADE
LIST OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

This certifies that _____ County, Voiture No. _____ has elected the following delegates to the 2025 Grand Promenade to be held in El Paso, Texas on June 21, 2025.

ARTICLE VI – Section 2

“In the Grande Promenade each Voiture Locale shall be entitled to three (3) delegates and three (3) alternates for the first ten (10) members, and one (1) additional delegate and one (1) additional alternate for each fifteen (15) members or major fraction thereof and such membership shall be calculated as of the date which is thirty (30) days prior to the convening of the Grande Promenade.”

DELEGATES

ALTERNATES

- | | |
|----------|----------|
| 1. _____ | 1. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 2. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 3. _____ |

Name of Voyageurs deceased during the past twelve (12) months.

Name

Address

Attest:

Correspondant

Chef de Gare

CREDENTIALS CERTIFICATION

Send to: Grand Correspondant, Renslar Keagle, 8714 Marble Dr, El Paso, TX 79904
or turn in at Grande Promenade

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**2025 Grande Promenade
June 20-22, 2025 In El Paso, Texas**

Hotel Reservations

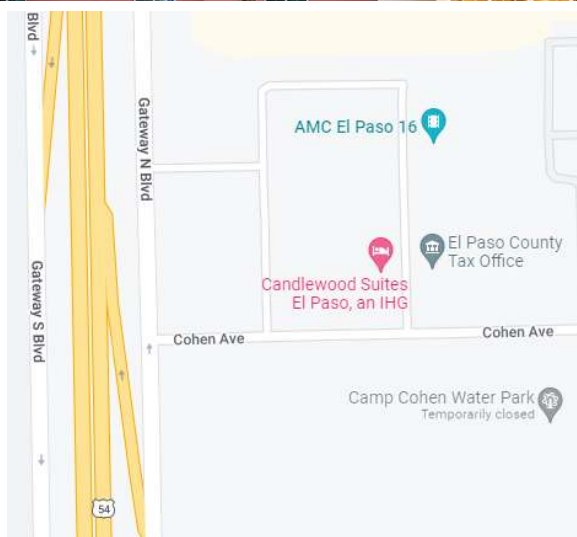
Candlewood Suites

4631 Cohen Ave, El Paso, Texas 79924

Phone: (915) 755-9000

**Group Rate: \$110 per night + Tax
(Advise you are with the 40 & 8)**

**Hotel Reservation
Deadline is June 6, 2025**



Take I-10W to US 54 Ft Bliss
Exit 22B for US-54 E/Patriot
Frwy toward Alamogordo/Ft Bliss

Take exit 29 toward TX-375
Loop/Woodrow Bean Transmountain Dr

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2025 Grand Promenade
June 20 - 22, 2025, El Paso, Texas

REGISTRATION FORM

Please fill in the following information to register for the Grand Promenade

Name: _____

Title or Highest Office held: _____

Voiture or Cabane #: _____ Number of Guests: _____

Name: _____

Title or Highest Office held: _____

Voiture or Cabane #: _____ Number of Guests: _____

Total Number of Registrations this form: _____ X \$30.00 = \$ _____

Total Number of Guest Meals this form: _____ X \$15.00 = \$ _____

Advance Registration is \$30 per person
Advance Registration must be received by June 6th, 2025
Late Registration fee is \$35 per person

Banquet Menu:
Spaghetti, Salad, Roll

Program Book Ads

Full page ad - \$30.00

Half Page ad - \$20.00

Business Card - \$10.00

*****In addition to hard copy, please send ads via email (JPEG, PDF) to:**

V605.40et8@outlook.com

All program ads must be received NLT June 6th, 2025

SEND REGISTRATION AND HARD COPY PROGRAM ADS TO:

Michael Hall

5724 Devon Ave.

El Paso, TX 79924

(Make checks payable to - Voiture 605)

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La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux
THE SOCIETY OF 40 MEN & 8 HORSES
THE GRANDE VOITURE DU TEXAS



RESOLUTION FOR GRAND POSITION

I _____ would like to be considered for the following elected or appointed position within Grand du Texas.

Position applying for: _____.

I have been a Voyageur for _____ years.

I have served my Locale in the following positions: (list top three)

I have served my Grand in the following positions: (list top three)

If elected or appointed to this position I promise to faithfully perform the duties that is required of me to the best of my ability. If I fail to do my duties as required. I know that it will not only reflect badly upon Grand du Texas but La Societe as a whole.

If elected or appointed to this position, I will accept the responsibility of said position for the duration of my term. And promise to learn all the duties as outlined in all Constitution and manuals of my Grand, and La Societe.

Voyageur's Signature

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that this resolution be placed before the Committee on Committees of Grand du Texas for its consideration.

Approved at Grand Promenade duly assembled at _____ this _____ day of _____.

ATTESTED BY:

Correspondant Grand du Texas

Grand Chef de Gare du Texas

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GRANDE VOITURE DU TEXAS 2025 RAFFLE
Tickets are \$10 each / Only 300 tickets available!

1st Prize: Smith & Wesson SD 2.0 40 caliber pistol	
2nd Prize: Custom-made knife by Forged in Fire Champion Chris Farrell Fearghal Blades	
3rd - 4th - 5th Prizes: \$50 Gift Card each	

La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux / The Societe of 40 Men and 8 Horses
Grande Voiture du Texas / 8714 Marble Dr, El Paso, TX 79904

Drawing will be Saturday, June 21, 2025 at
American Legion Post 58, El Paso, TX.

Donations support Grand Voiture du Texas with
50% of net proceeds for Texas Youth Sports programs

Must be 21 or older to enter.

1st Prize winner responsible for any transfer fees via licensed FFL dealer and
must pass background check to legally obtain prize through FFL dealer.

Must claim prize within 30 days.
(need not be present to win)

Tickets still available.
Please support the
Grand and Youth Sports
by getting tickets.

Your support is greatly
appreciated.

If you want tickets via
VENMO or CASH APP
please contact
Dave Knutson at
512-736-2377.

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40 & 8 LOCOMOTIVE FOR SALE

The 48 & 8 Locomotive for Voiture 1055 in Kerrville, Texas, is for sale.
It is built on a 1-ton Ford chassis. More details to come.



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PROGRAM REPORTS

DEADLINE TO GRAND DIRECTEURS FOR ALL REPORTS IS 6/15/2025

Program information and report forms can be found on the Voiture Nationale website: www.fortyandeight.org

Link to Program Report Forms and Petite Communique: <https://www.fortyandeight.org/resources-overview>

Program	Directeur Name	Phone	E-MAIL	Due to Grand
Special Awards	David Knutson	512-736-2377	davidknutson@sbcglobal.net	6/15/2025
Special Awards: Voyageur of the Year, Law Officer of the Year, Hero of the Year, Etc.				
Americanism	Michael Hall	915-244-1801	hallmd1973@outlook.com	6/15/2025
Carville Star	Roger Folmar	915-269-7775	rfolmar@elp.rr.com	6/15/2025
Child Welfare	Les Lobdell	512-945-2805	les.lobdell@gmail.com	6/15/2025
POW/MIA	Alison Thompson-Hall	915-244-1799	alisonthompsonhall@outlook.com	6/15/2025
Ritual	Brian Smock	254-542-2759	bsmock@hotmail.com	6/15/2025
Nurses Training	Renslar Keagle	917-269-6209	renslarkeagle@gmail.com	6/15/2025
VAVS	Brian Smock	254-542-2759	bsmock@hotmail.com	6/15/2025
Youth Sports	Brian Smock	254-542-2759	bsmock@hotmail.com	6/15/2025
Public Relations	David Knutson	512-736-2377	davidknutson@sbcglobal.net	6/15/2025

SUBMIT REPORTS TO GRAND DIRECTEUR PRIOR TO THE "DUE TO GRAND" DATE

ALSO SUBMIT A COPY TO THE GRAND CORRESPONDANT RENNY KEAGLE AT RENSLARKEAGLE@GMAIL.COM

The Voiture Activities report was eliminated at Nationale but you can still use the idea to keep track of your activities and help with your reports. A single Voyageur can record their activities or a Locale Correspondant can roughly calculate their Voiture's activities. Multiple reports can be done from this simple worksheet below.

Description of Event	# Voyageurs or Dames Participating	# Guests	Total \$ Spent	Total Miles of All Voyageurs or Dames Participating (Round trip miles each totaled)	Total Hours of All Voyageurs or Dames Participating (Hours each totaled) (10 x 2)
<i>(Example)</i> <i>Locale Promenade</i>	10	0	0	50	20

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PROGRAM REPORTS ZOOM WORKSHOPS

Wed, Jun 11th @ 7pm, Thurs, Jun 12th @ 7pm
Sun, Jun 15th @ 4pm (reports due date)

Mon, Jun 16th @ 7pm and Thurs, Jun 17th @ 7pm
(if needed)

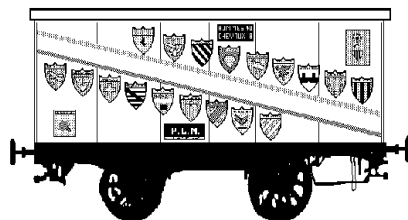
We will help explain reports, help fill them out and help submit them to the Grand Directeurs. Open to any member wanting to learn about the programs and reports. Zoom invite will be sent to Locale Chefs and Locale Correspondants. Anyone else interested in joining the meetings contact Dave Knutson.

Email: djk3002@yahoo.com

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Grand Commissaire Intendant – Roger Folmar

Grand Correspondant – Renny Keagle
L'Editeur / Publiciste – Dave Knutson

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