



## *Voiture 1379 Communiqué for May 2010*

Hello all, Voiture 1379 membership currently stands at 42 paid up or 100% for 2010. That is outstanding but we must keep the pace up and continue to get new members for the Forty and Eight. The sad part is that we will be dropping two long time members due to loss of contact with them.

It is once again time to find people to fill the offices and chairmanships of the Voiture. So far for the position of Chef de Gare we have three candidates so far: John Kopp (not to be confused with John-Paul Kopp), Calvin Bumgarner, and Ed Schmidt. We haven't had this problem in a long time – too many candidates for an office – this should make things interesting. Gary Reno wants to take over as Commissaire Intendant. He will be replacing Voiture Ray Diven who has given many years of service to the Voiture in this position. Ray, Thank you for all of your years of service to Voiture 1379.

The Voiture will once again host its annual ChicNic at Wallace State Park on August 28<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.

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 still 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 David E. Shafer 14325 CAMDEN LN DIXON, MO 65459

This months Promenade will be on May 26<sup>th</sup> in Liberty, MO with dinner at SMOKEBOX BBQ 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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