



## *Voiture 1379 Communiqué for October 2015*

### **2016 Dues are being collected now!**

Currently membership renewals have come to a complete stop. We currently have forty two (42) members paid up for the 2016 membership year. If your dues are not paid up January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 you will be delinquent. Remember your dues run January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup> and after that time you will become delinquent if your dues are not paid. So please take a moment and pay your dues. If you have already paid your dues then I say "Thank You". Please be on the lookout for deserving veterans who would make good members of the Forty and Eight and invite them to a Promenade and see what we are all about.

It's that time of the year to make sure your contact information is up to date. So take a moment and check that I have your correct contact information so you do not miss any information. Those with email may just send an email to [remery18@comcast.net](mailto:remery18@comcast.net) with your current information and I will get it synced up with my database. Thank you in advance.

Speaking of program support, Ed Schmidt has BOXCAR items pins, crew, and associate cards. Ann Roberts has Youth Sports pins, Mike Scruby has Carville Star pins, and Robert Emery has Americanism pins available. If you can help support these programs please do by picking up some of these items.

If you are interested in BOXCAR challenge coins I have a few sets and some individual coins left. The coins are ten (\$10) dollars each and there are five (5) coins in the set.

Ralph Turner - Sous National Directeur Box Car - It is time to start getting your box car cards and pin. Please, let's have a very good showing this year. The quota is \$1.00 per voyageur with a goal of \$2.00 per voyageur. Missouri is currently in 1st Place within their Area. Let's keep it up!

The National Box Car Association gave out around \$18,000 at Promenade Nationale this year.

The money went to the following areas; Hero of the Year \$800; Membership \$4,000; Law Officer of the Year \$800; VAVA 6,000; VAVS Emergency Fund \$2,000; National Historian \$500; Merci Box Car Maintenance \$1,200; Local School \$1,000; HOBO's \$500; and Photographer \$1,000. The National Box Car Association is the only program in La Societe that uses all of their money yearly for donations to various programs. It is important for us to get the funds to support these worthwhile programs.

Voiture 1379 is looking for a place to hold our annual holiday party. If you know of a venue that can accommodate us let us know at the next Promenade and we can get it arranged. Just FYI – due the holidays in November and December the Voiture will not hold Promenades in these months.

I am also working on updating the Voiture 1379 Constitution and Bylaws. I have a copy of a Constitution that has already been approved by Nationale. So hope fully all I need to do is put in the information specific to our locale and send them to be reviewed and approved. The Grande Chef de Gare Grande du Missouri David Bexten will be attending this month's Promenade so please come out and welcome him to Voiture 1379.

This month's Promenade will be October 28<sup>th</sup> at Post 61 with dinner starting at 18:00 HRS and the Promenade starting at 19:00 HRS.

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

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