



## *Voiture 1379 Communiqué for July 2025*

Voiture Nationale has moved into a new building. The new mailing address is 1635 Hawthorne Drive, Plainfield, IN 46168-1868. Since they are still unpacking and getting set up there may be some delays.

Membership is decreasing rapidly and we need to find new members to replenish our ranks.

Grande du Missouri held its elections at the recent [Grande Cheminot & Promenade](#) held on July 4th thru July 6th, 2025, at the OASIS Hotel and Convention Center, in Springfield MO.

Rose Noonan was elected as Grand Chef de Gare, Benjamin Sargent was elected Grand Chef de Train, and was elected Forrest Johnson Grand Commissaire Intendant

John Michael Scruby is now the Cheminot Nationale aka “really a has been”

The **National Box Car Association** was founded in 1965 as an affiliate of “La Societe’ de Forty & Eight” with the primary purpose of preserving the Box Car as the symbol of the Forty & Eight. Over time Locomotives were added to the symbolic rolling stock of the NBCA since they were connected and needed to haul the Box Cars.

The National Box Car Association set goals of making contributions to Hospitals, Children’s Homes and Orphanages. Expanding it’s efforts the NBCA supports special projects at the annual Promenade Nationale (National Convention). A party for special children is held in the host city where the children and their escorts are treated to lunch, train rides on visiting Locomotives, and entertainment by the NBCA HOBBO Clowns and bands, etc.

Also a monetary donation is made to the host city’s local VAVS Hospital or Clinic. Other donations go to the National Boland Nurses Training Trust Fund, the Charles Ardery Child Welfare Trust Fund and other programs requiring assistance, such as the National 40&8 Membership Committee, 40&8 Magazine, Law Officer of the Year program, and many others. All funding raised by the NBCA is distributed in the same year it is raised.

This month’s Promenade will be on July 23<sup>rd</sup> at Post 61 Kansas City, MO with dinner at 18:00 HRS and the Promenade will begin after the meal.

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

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