



La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux Grand Voiture du Texas



19 February 2010

To: All Voyageurs in Grand du Texas

Monsieur Voyageurs,

Hope this finds everyone in good health.

I would like to thank everyone that came to Merci Box Car and supporting our Grand. For the ones that the weather got you snowed in we did not forget about you and hope that you are doing OK.

I would like to thank all who worked at Merci this year I think you did an outstanding job. As always V-175 had everything ready Sunday morning for our memorial service. Thanks to Lowell Mix for an outstanding job on doing the memorial service.

For the ones that did not come to Box Car but could have here are a few things to think about.

- 1) If you accepted a Grand Office you are obligated to attend all Grand functions. We only have three a year.
- 2) We had a small turnout at Merci Box Car and this means that the hotel may not reduce their price and we will have to find other accommodations. This is not an easy task and the next location may not be convenient to the Box Car.
- 3) The main thing is that this is our organization not me or I. It will take all of us working together to make this organization and Grand du Texas grow. Without support from the Local there is no Grand. Without support from Grand there is no Nationale. We are at a time when we can get our Locales and Grand du Texas and Nationale going again. But it takes all of us working together.
- 4) If you accept the job of Chef de Gare at your Locale then you are also obligated to attend all Grand functions or appoint someone to represent you.

Let us renew our pledge to this great organization:

To always hold the organization of La Societe in Highest Esteem

Weather at the Locale level or the Grand level it is time for all us holding office to renew our pledge.

I do solemnly pledge myself to perform faithfully and impartially, all off the duties of the office which I am about to enter.



As of February 18, 2010 we are at 88%. We still have (5) Locales above 100% and (2) at 100%. I know that we have another Locale that will be over 100% very soon. It would be great if every Locale was over 100% but we need to work on the 48 that have not renewed. So saddle up and call or go see them.

At Merci Box Car we had some great discussions on some of the things we need to bring back to this organization. Have active wrecks was one. I have been talking about this for years. When someone goes through an active wreck they feel more a part of the organization and will play a bigger part in the Locale.

V-542 is looking to have an active wreck in March. V231 is also looking to have an active wreck. V-1031 is also looking to have a wreck and I hope a lot of others are planning to do the same.

We have the Chef de Chemin de Fer's homecoming March 25 – 27. We need to have a big turnout to show our support. There will be Grand and National Officers from all over the country so if you have not made your reservations you need to.

We also have Central States coming up. It will be April 29 – May 2. This is the first time Grand du Texas has hosted this event since we joined Central States. The rooms are reasonable and we need a big showing. Lanny Givens and the committee have done a great job getting ready so let's give our support.

We can not make this organization great without input from you. What can the Locale and Grand Officers do to make this organization better. As we have always seen before people will talk about the organization at the bar in a group but will not bring it up to an officer in the Locale or Grand.

My phone number and email address are below and I want to hear any suggestions you may have that will make the 40/8 and Grand du Texas better. I don't care if it is good or bad. The only way we can change things are to talk about them.

We have five (5) months left in this year so let work together and make this the best year for your Locale and Grand du Texas.

To the ones that wait till the last minute to pay your dues please send them in today. If you are unable to pay let me know.

The Chef de Chemin de Fer says "JUST ASK". We have 20 new members as of 18 February because someone JUST ASKED.



**ONE NATION UNDER GOD
&
GOD BLESS AMERICA**

If you would like for me to visit your Local please let me know. If at all possible I will be there.



**KEEP ONE EYE CLOSED TO NEGATIVITY
KEEP ONE EYE ON GETTING NEW MEMBERS
KEEPING GRAND DU TEXAS ON TOP**

“WORKING TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE”

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