



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



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To: All Voyageurs in Grand du Texas

Monsieur Voyageurs,

Hope this finds everyone in good health.

I talked about Box Car in my last letter so I will move on.

I attended the Cajun Wreck in Louisiana with a lot of others from Texas to show support for our Chef de Chemin de Fer (Jerry Brady)

We also had two wrecked at the Cajun Wreck they are Sandy Kousman V-1031 and Dan Barman V-1055. I'm sure they will remember their experience and my congratulations to both of them.

Since my last letter we have picked up two new Voyagers and eight renewals. We need to get to work in order to make 100% by the end of March. We still have seven Locales at 100% or better and some of them have picked up new members. That means we have ten Locales under a 100% and six of them are below 80%. Three are at are over 90% which means they only need one or two to get 100%.

I appreciate the hard work that everyone has done this year. We have had a full plate this year and still have a lot to do. But by working together we can make it happen. And talking about working together when I went to the Cajun Wreck I left my suit hanger at home. When we got to the hotel Kathy said you didn't bring your suit? No. So our Chef de Chemin de Fer offered to let me have a shirt, tie and Jacket. The night of the banquet I put on the shirt and I told Kathy that this fits better than mine. Then I put on the jacket and I couldn't even get it to come together. I said Jerry either buys oversize shirts or undersize jackets. So I called Lanny Givens since he had offered me his. So I was dressed for the banquet. After the banquet I took off Lanny's jacket and gave it to him and took off Jerry's tie and gave it to Karen. I told Kathy that I was going back to the room to change and give Jerry back his shirt. So she gave me her coat because it was cold and raining. This Voyager was sitting there and he said what and exchange of cloths. I said no this is Voyagers helping a Voyager and the Cabane helping a Voyager. The way it should be.

On the way back home I got a call from Lanny and he said that Jim Shannon was taken to the hospital and was I still in Lafayette. I said that I was outside of Houston. When I got home I called Dan in Louisiana to get Red's phone number in Lafayette to see if we could get Jim his van, cloths and wheelchair to the hospital. When I called Red he said that I was late that everything was taken care of. I told him thanks and he said just a Voyager helping a Voyageur and that's what we're supposed to do.

I would like to thank Dan and Red for there help in taking care of Jim. To all the Voyageurs in Louisiana who worked so hard on the Cajun Wreck. It was a great time for all that attended. As always the food was outstanding.

I talked to Jim last night and he said that he should be home in a couple of days. I ask everyone to keep Jim and Mary in there prayers and thoughts.

Our prayers and thoughts go out to Dan Thompson and Johnnie Washburn on the passing of there mothers. I lost mine in 1985 and I know it's a great loss. We also need to keep all our 40/8 family that we do not hear they are in the hospital or have lost a loved one in our prayers and thoughts.

I hope we have a great turnout for Chef de Chemin de Fer Jerry Brady's homecoming. I know that a lot of people out of state will be there so we need to make a big showing to show our support.

We have Central States the end of April. This is our first so we need to show the other states that we can do a great job. If you have not made a reservation then please do so we will need all the help we can get.

I would like to thank the following Locales for going the extra mile and getting over 100%.

V-1123	147%
V-231	113%
V-542	117%
V-605	121%
V-1055	108%



We have to have 105% just to stay even. For us to grow we have to achieve over 105% and these Locales have done that.

If any Local needs help of any kind let me know. If I don't know the answer then I will find it. We cannot achieve success without working together.

May everyone stay healthy and safe! Believe it or not you are important to us because without you this great organization would not exist.

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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