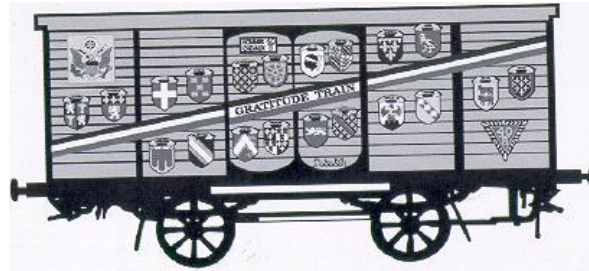




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THE GRANDE VOITURE DU TEXAS
La Société des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux
INVITES YOU TO ATTEND



The "40 & 8" Boxcar Story

A Texas World War One Centennial Commemoration Event

<http://www.worldwar1centennial.org/index.php/texas-commission-web-site.html>



Saturday, February 18, 2017
Texas State Capitol / South Steps
Program begins at 11:00 am



Special Guest Speakers to Include:

Texas State Representative Tony Dale, Texas State Representative and Chair of the House Defense and Veteran Affairs Committee Susan Lewis King, American Legion Department of Texas Commander Walter Ivie, Texas VFW Immediate Past State Commander Dan West and Forty & Eight National Commander - Chef de Chemin de Fer Mark Moots

THE TEXAS 40 & 8 BOXCAR WILL BE ON PUBLIC DISPLAY AT THE STATE CAPITOL FOR 1 DAY ONLY



The 40 & 8 boxcars were used to transport American Doughboys in France during WW1. These small 20' x 8' rail cars would hold either 40 men or 8 horses!



These same 40 & 8 boxcars were re-purposed after WW2 as a response to the Friendship Train of 1947. In 1949 France sent the "Train de La Reconnaissance" or "Gratitude Train" which consisted of 49 boxcars decorated with French Coats of Arms and each filled with gifts from the people of France.

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A selection of the gifts from the people of France will be on display at the Capitol Visitor Center with the Grand Opening of the exhibit directly after the WW1 Centennial Commemoration Event.

For more information go to: www.texasboxcar.org