

**GRAND DU ILLINOIS  
2009 VOYAGEUR OF THE YEAR  
URAL COPPLE  
VOITURE 516  
CENTRALIA, ILLINOIS**



Voyageur of the Year Ural Copple and Chef de Chemin de Fer Ted Lang

On September 3, 2009 at the regular Promenade of Voiture Locale 516 after the Social Hour where V516 enjoyed a meal prepared by Bev Cearlock of the La Femmes with their guests, Chef de Gare Arland Speidel opened the Promenade and asked for a roll call of officers by Correspondant Tom Ballagh. Chef Arland then requested a notion to forego the Promenade's regular business and proceed to the night's special ceremony. The Promenade was then turned over to Bob Cearlock, District 8 Cheminot who served as Master of Ceremonies for the occasion. Cheminot Cearlock introduced the Nationale and Grand officers in attendance and each of them offered their individual congratulations to Voyageur Copple. Cheminot Cearlock then introduced Chef de Chemin de Fer Ted Lang who made the formal presentation to Voyageur Copple. Observing the ceremony with a great deal of deserved pride were eleven members of the Copple family representing three generations.



Back Row: Grand du Illinois Chef de Gare Al Galinaitis, Grand Aide de Camp Vic Panaras, Nationale Aide de Camp King Sutton, Grand Organizer South Dan Howser, Nationale Time & Place Verlin Funkhouser, Voyageur of the Year Ural Copple, Chef de Chemin de Fer Ted Lang, Cheminot Nationale Jim Taylor and District 8 Sous Cheminot Alexis Davis  
Front Row: Grand Chef de Train Fred Tabor and Voyageur Militaire Mick Hoffman, WWII Veteran