

GMC MOTORHOMES INTERNATIONAL

2010 SPRING CONVENTION

Lake Conroe/Houston North KOA Campground
Montgomery, TX

March 19 – March 25, 2010

This will be our 56th Semi-annual Convention! The 2010 GMC Motorhomes International Spring Convention will be held at the Lake Conroe/Houston North KOA campground, Montgomery, Texas. This same campground hosted the Spring 2006 convention, known as Haven's Landing at that time. It is a beautiful premier campground with paved roads, concrete pads with picnic tables, cable TV, wifi, 50 amp service, and full hookups at all sites. All sites are within relatively easy walking distance to the building area. They also have cabins for rental. We are trying to set up a reduced rate for our members, so be sure to ask if GMCMI attendees get a special rate when you make reservations. Check it out at <http://www.koa.com/where/tx/43239/>

VERY IMPORTANT!! Many of the sites are quite long (80 ft plus) and have two sewer hookups. In order to keep the costs within reason for those of us who have to watch our spending, we have arranged to be able to park two motorhomes on these sites at a substantially reduced rate. There is plenty of room for two motorhomes on these sites. The only downside is that parking for your toads may not be quite as close. We can accommodate up to 100 registrations on double sites. We suggest you line up a friend to park with you on your site. If you would like to specify who you share your site with, please make arrangements with your friend and note their name on your registration. Otherwise the parking committee will assign you as you come in. If you prefer to have your own site, you may do so at an extra registration cost of \$60.

ALSO IMPORTANT!! This convention will be six days in length and will run from FRIDAY, MARCH 19, to THURSDAY morning, MARCH 25. Notice that it is shifted two days earlier in the week compared to recent conventions!

Following is a bulleted list of key points and activities:

- The package includes 6 nights of camping, Friday night through Wednesday night.
- You may come early with the cost being \$22/night for double sites, \$35/night for single sites.
- We will have 3 catered dinners, breakfasts Thursday through Wednesday, 3 ice cream and 1 strawberry shortcake socials.
- 13 -15 hours of technical seminars, 9-11 hours non technical seminars.
- Women's craft sessions, Red Hat Tea, and games.
- Canned goods, other non perishable food, and cash are welcome donations for the Skip Newhouse Memorial Food Drive.
 - Donations will go to a local food bank.
- Ladies will again make fleece baby blankets for a local charity.
 - Bring a yard of 60" printed fleece, and a yard of 60" solid coordinated fleece.
 - Or, make a donation if you wish.
- We will have a flea market, a book exchange, and two afternoons of open houses.
- The popular raffle will be repeated with \$2000 - \$3000 dollars worth of gifts.
- We will repeat the Pinewood Derby premiered at Pueblo. Get your racers! Don't miss it!!
 - Kits are available from Jim Kanomoto at 800-752-7502, or Ray at 574-457-6448
 - Further information is available at www.GMCMI.com
- Convention address is 19785 Highway 105 West Montgomery, TX 77356; 30.38590°N 95.66928°W
- Bring any musical instrument you play and let's have a jam fest!
- Who wants to be part of a special production directed by Lucy Weidner?
- Ladies, please read the Ladies Page! Men, see to it the women GET the Ladies Page!

Please register as early as possible as Carol and I will be leaving approximately March 9th, and it will be difficult to get your registrations and make deposits after that time, but doable. Register late rather than never, although there is a \$25 late fee. Also, we have to make certain irreversible commitments such as for meals, so after March 9th there will be a \$25 cancellation fee unless there are unanticipated extenuating circumstances.

See you there! Ray and Carol

Tentative General Schedule revised 2/22/2010

Tues & Weds	March 16 & 17	9:00 am -- 5:00 pm	Early Arrival Registration
Thursday	March 18	7:30 am -- 9:00 am	Coffee Hour
		9:00 am -- 5:00 pm	Early Arrival Registration
		7:30 pm -- 9:00 pm	Bingo
		9:00 pm -- 9:30 pm	Ice Cream Social
Friday	March 19	7:30 am -- 9:00 am	Coffee Hour
		9:00 am -- 5:00 pm	Arrival & Registration
		2:00 pm -- 3:00 pm	Games, Hobbies & Craft Coordinators' Meeting
		3:15 pm -- 4:15 pm	Ken Henderson – Electric Wiper Motor Installation
		4:30 pm -- 5:30 pm	First Timers Meeting (all members welcome)
		5:30 pm -- 6:30 pm	Welcome Meeting
		6:30 pm -- 8:00 pm	Catered Meal
		8:00 pm -- 9:00 pm	Entertainment
Saturday	March 20	7:30 am -- 8:45 am	Coffee Hour
		9:00 am --12:30 pm	Non-Technical Seminars
		9:00 am --10:30 am	Dave Lenzi - Hub/Knuckle/Bearing Problems & Solutions
		10:45 am --12:30 pm	Dick Paterson - Understanding the GMC Ignition System
		1:30 pm -- 3:00 pm	Flea Market
		2:30 pm -- 3:30 pm	Book Exchange
		3:30 pm -- 5:00 pm	Choir Practice
		7:00 pm -- 8:30 pm	Bingo
		7:00 pm -- 8:00 pm	Dave Lenzi – 8.1 Engine Installation
		8:30 pm -- 9:00 pm	Ice Cream Social
Sunday	March 21	7:30 am -- 8:45 am	Coffee Hour
		9:00 am -- 9:30 am	Church Service
		9:45 am -- 1:15 pm	Non-Technical Seminars
		9:45 am --10:45 am	Emery Stora - GMC Motorhome Water System
		11:00 am --12:00 pm	John Sharp – ElectroLevel System
		12:00 pm --12:30 pm	Michael Bozardt – Replacing the Dipstick Tube
		1:15 pm -- 2:15 pm	Byron Songer – WiFi For Dummies
		2:30 pm -- 4:30 pm	GMC Motorhome Open House
		6:00 pm -- 7:30 pm	Catered Dinner
		7:30 pm -- 9:30 pm	Pinewood Derby Races
Monday	March 22	7:30 am -- 8:45 am	Coffee Hour
		9:00 am --11:15 pm	Non-Technical Seminar
		9:00 am --10:00 am	Steve Ferguson/Gene Dotson - Engine Cooling System
		10:15 am --11:15 am	continued
		11:30 am --12:30 pm	Dan Stuckey – Galvanized Frame Replacement
		2:00 pm -- 4:00 pm	Red Hat Tea
		7:00 pm -- 8:30 pm	Finish Derby if needed, otherwise Bingo
		8:30 pm -- 9:00 pm	Strawberry Shortcake Social
Tuesday	March 23	7:30 am -- 8:45 am	Coffee Hour
		9:00 am --12:30 pm	Non-Technical Seminars
		9:00 am --10:00 am	Jim Buchanan – Take Care of Your Windows!
		10:15 am --11:15 am	Larry Weidner – Cadillac Engine Swap
		11:30 am --12:30 pm	Steve Ferguson – Front Suspension and Effects on Handling
		2:30 pm -- 4:15 pm	GMC Motorhome Open House
		4:30 pm -- 5:30 pm	Regional Area Member Meetings
		6:00 pm -- 7:30 pm	Catered Dinner
		7:30 pm --	Larry & Lucy Weidner Production
Wednesday	March 24	7:30 am -- 8:45 am	Coffee Hour
		9:00 am --10:45 am	Membership Meeting
		11:00 am --12:30 pm	Non-Technical Seminars
		11:00 am --12:00 pm	Ask the experts
		7:00 pm -- 8:30 pm	Bingo
		8:30 pm -- 9:00 pm	Ice Cream Social

Thursday

March 25

11:00 am

Campground Checkout