

GMCMI/WESTERN STATES REGISTRATION

2009 FALL CONVENTION

**Colorado State Fairgrounds
Pueblo, CO**

September 27 – October 3, 2009

This will be our 55th Semi-annual Convention! The 2009 GMC Motorhomes International Fall Convention will be held at the Colorado State Fairgrounds in Pueblo, CO., in the heart of some of the most beautiful scenery in the world. You Chili lovers may want to come early to enjoy the party and sample some of the hundreds of Chili's at the Chili Fest in Pueblo the weekend of September 26. Downtown Pueblo is VERY nice and they have many museums, eateries, and a beautiful river walk about a mile long. For more information on Pueblo, go to www.pueblochamber.org/ and follow their links.

Most of the sites will have sewer hookups, but not all. There is a \$20 extra fee for the sites with sewer hookups. Wireless internet service available by a commercial supplier for a nominal fee, but we are working on getting free WiFi service. Vendors will be located in a high traffic area located on blacktop between the campground and the 4-H buildings we are using, which will allow for easy access to vendor's and their wares by customers and browsers. The handicapped area will be on blacktop and is located immediately north of the Administration bldg., close to the two 4-H buildings. It is about a quarter mile level walk from the campground entrance to the 4-H buildings, so you may want to bring your toad, bicycles, or rent a car for the week (see below). We could not find reasonably priced golf carts to rent. You can get more information about the facility on the net at www.coloradostatefair.com.

This convention will be six days in length and will run from Sunday, September 27, to Saturday morning, October 3. We are offering a package that includes six nights of camping, but members may arrive early for an additional \$20/night as described below. Western States leadership has graciously offered to cover Friday and Saturday early night fees for any Western States member in good standing as of July 31, 2009.

Two GMCMI catered dinners are planned with a third one if registrations exceed 110. Western States will have snacks Friday evening (6:00), and dinner Saturday evening (6:00) for Western States members only, and will host a wine tasting party with snacks Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 for anyone who buys a \$6.00 admission ticket. For daily breakfasts we will have coffee, juice, fruit, donuts, muffins, bagels & waffles. There will be three ice cream socials and a strawberry shortcake social, and plenty of GMC camaraderie.

As in the past, there will be two types of seminars, more than 15 hours of a GMC Motorhome technical nature and a wide assortment of non-technical seminars, as well as women's mini-craft sessions and games. Also scheduled is a flea market, a book exchange, a Red Hat Tea, and two afternoons of GMC open houses. The public will be invited to our Tuesday open house.

The raffle has been a popular event at recent conventions. Jim Kanomata of Applied GMC is donating over \$2000 worth of products and services. GMCMI will again be offering a free future rally, the value of which is approximately \$325, and must be redeemed for one of the next three rallies, and is not transferable. It is early, so we don't know what other prizes will be in the raffle, but you can be sure other sizeable raffle items will be donated by the time of the convention. New this year, you need not be registered at the convention in order to win the prizes donated by Jim Kanomata, at his request. Other donors, of course, will be given a similar option. However, you must be registered to win the free convention.

Also new this year is a Pinewood Derby GMC Motorhome competition for those of us who are still Boy/Girl Scouts at heart. To see what this is all about, visit www.gmcmi.com/pinewood-derby/. Towards the bottom of the page, it says how to get your kit; contact Jim Kanomata, or call Ray at 574-457-6448. Be sure to click on the "VIDEO" link to see how much fun the Great Lakers have with these racers. They have been racing for about 3 years now. Click on the "RULES" link to see the rules, and the "GMC Blanks" link to see what the block of wood furnished in the kit looks like along with axles, wheels, and caps. All you have to do is sand and paint (if you want to). We will be purchasing our own track and timer, and plan to have this as a regular convention event, so get your racers, doll them up, and bring them to Pueblo!!

Don't forget, we have an arrangement with Enterprise Car Rental to receive special rates from them. Vehicles can be booked at www.enterprise.com, or 1-800-Rent-A-Car for less than if you walk in and rent a car. Please reference your GMC Motorhomes Int'l, account # 23A5130 and three letter pin code "GMC." Book in plenty of time so they don't run out of cars. We also have a special rate for lodging at the Clarion Inn of \$77.07/night including tax. Carol and I stayed there and it is a very nice, clean motel with pool, work out room, and free hot breakfast buffet for two. To book there, call 719-543-8050 and ask for the GMCMI group rate. If you have problems, or special needs, contact Eli at 719-404-0011

Carol and I found the easiest way to get to the fairgrounds from I-25 is to take the Central Avenue exit, then go one block north to E Northern Ave. Go west 1.1 miles to Beulah Ave, then go north on Beulah .37 miles to the Summit Street entrance. You may want to avoid going through downtown on the weekend due to the crowds of people and traffic due to the Chili Fest. Registration will be just inside the fairgrounds gate on the porch of one of the 4-H buildings. The Summit St entrance GPS coordinates are Latitude: 38.24949 (38° 14' 58") N, Longitude: 104.63469 (104° 38' 4") W based on WGS 84 datum. Follow the S Dupont Hwy 13 south out of town to the main entrance soon after crossing the tracks.

Also, don't forget to bring canned goods and other food, non-perishables, or cash for our Semi-Annual Skip Newhouse Memorial Food Drive. We will be donating all items to a local food bank that is in need of help. Ladies will also again be making baby blankets. You may bring a yard of 60" wide fleece in a printed pattern and a yard of coordinated solid fleece for each blanket. You may also donate for the costs of the fabric.

Please register as early as possible as Carol and I will be leaving approximately September 13th, and it will be difficult to get your registrations and make deposits after that time, but doable. We would much rather have you register late than not register, although there is a \$25 late fee. Also, we have to make certain irreversible commitments such as for meals, so after September 18th there will be a \$50 cancellation fee unless there are unanticipated extenuating circumstances.

Thurs, Fri, Sat	Sept. 24, 25, 26	9:00 am -- 5:00 pm	Early Arrival Registration
Friday	Sept. 25	6:00 pm -- 7:30 pm	Catered Hors d'oeuvres (Non-Western States Members - \$10)
Saturday	Sept. 26	7:30 am -- 9:00 am	Coffee Hour
		9:30 am -- 10:30 am	Steve Ferguson – Why Doesn't My A/C Work
		2:00 pm -- 3:00 pm	Western States Business Meeting
		3:30 pm -- 5:00 pm	Choir Practice for Sunday Church Service
		5:30 pm -- 7:00 pm	Catered Dinner (Non-Western States Members - \$12)
		7:30 pm -- 8:00 pm	Ice Cream Social
Sunday	Sept. 27	8:00 pm -- 9:30 pm	Bingo
		7:30 am -- 9:00 am	Coffee Hour
		9:00 am -- 5:00 pm	Arrival & Registration
		10:00 am -- 10:30 am	Church Service – Glen Herzberger, Carol Baxter
		2:00 pm -- 2:45 pm	Jerry Work - Sifting Fact from Fiction in the Coming Debate Over a National Energy Strategy (men and women)
		3:00 pm -- 4:00 pm	Games, Hobbies & Craft Coordinators' Meeting
		3:00 pm -- 4:00 pm	Frank Condos – "Oyl"
		4:15 pm -- 5:15 pm	First Timers Meeting (all members welcome)
		5:15 pm -- 6:15 pm	Welcome Meeting
		6:30 pm -- 8:00 pm	Catered Dinner
		8:00 pm -- 9:00 pm	-Local interest in history
Monday	Sept. 28	7:30 am -- 8:45 am	Coffee Hour
		9:00 am -- 10:00 pm	
		9:00 am -- 10:30 pm	Dick Paterson – How a Carburetor Works and Why
		10:15 am -- 11:15 am	
		10:45 am -- 11:45 pm	Dick Paterson – Engine Rebuilding Extraordinaire (resume after lunch break)
		11:30 am -- 12:30 pm	
		12:30 pm -- 1:45 pm	resume Engine Rebuilding Extraordinaire
		2:00 pm -- 4:00 pm	Book Exchange
		3:00 pm -- 5:00 pm	Flea market, Parts Exchange
		7:00 pm -- 7:30 pm	Ice Cream Social
		7:00 pm -- 8:00 pm	
		7:30 pm -- 9:00 pm	Bingo
		Tuesday	Sept. 29
8:15 am -- 8:45 am	Vendor's Meeting		
9:00 am -- 10:00 am			
9:00 am -- 10:00 am	Jim Buchanan – Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Side Windows		
10:15 am -- 11:15 am			
10:15 am -- 11:15 am	Gene Dotson – Keeping Your Hot Engine Cool		
11:30 am -- 12:30 pm			
11:30 am -- 1:00 pm	Jim Kanomata/Chuck Aulgur – Reaction Arm Rear Suspension Brakes and Firestone Pump Update – at coach demo after seminar		
3:00 pm -- 4:30 pm	GMC Motorhome Open House		
6:00 pm -- 7:30 pm	Catered Dinner		
7:30 pm --	??????? - Show & Tell, Story Telling - bring something to show or be prepared to tell your favorite story (men too!)		
Wednesday	Sept. 30	7:30 am -- 8:45 am	Coffee Hour
		9:00 am -- 10:00 am	
		9:00 am -- 10:00 am	Steve Ferguson – Fan Clutches
		10:15 am -- 11:15 am	
		10:15 am -- 11:15 am	Lenzi/Drewes/Alex Sirum/ Kanomata/?Bounds? - Ask the Experts Panel
		11:30 am -- 12:30 pm	Emery Stora – Duracool - at coach demo after seminar
		2:00 pm -- 4:00 pm	Red Hat Tea
		2:00 pm -- 4:00 pm	Coach Weigh-In
		4:30 pm -- 6:00 pm	Taste of the Vine w/Hors d' oeuvres (\$6 – sponsored by WS - all welcome!)
		7:00 pm -- 7:30 pm	Ice Cream or Strawberry Shortcake Social
		7:30 pm -- 8:30 pm	Dave Lenzi – 8.1 engine updates
7:30 pm -- 9:00 pm	Bingo		
Thursday	Oct. 1	7:30 am -- 8:45 am	Coffee Hour
		9:00 am -- 10:00 am	Battery Power For Better Coach Living (men and women)
		10:15 am -- 11:15 am	
		10:15 am -- 11:15 am	Bob Drewes – TBI Calibration Techniques
		11:30 am -- 12:30 pm	
		11:30 am -- 1:00 pm	Dave Lenzi - Hub/Knuckle/Bearing Problems & Solutions
		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 -- 8:30 pm	A Grand Production by Lucy Weidner		
Friday	Oct. 2	7:30 am -- 8:45 am	Coffee Hour
		9:00 am -- 10:45 am	Membership Meeting
		11:00 am -- 12:00 pm	Chuck Garton – Troubleshooting the Onan
		12:15 pm -- 12:45 pm	Mike Bozardt – Remove/Install New Dipstick Tube
		7:00 pm -- 7:30 pm	Ice Cream Social
		7:30 pm -- 9:00 pm	Bingo
Saturday	Oct. 3	11:00 am	Campground Checkout

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2009 Fall Convention Reservation Form Pueblo, CO

Motorhome Reservation

Convention & Camping Fee (Two-Person Motorhome) - - - - - \$330.00 \$ _____
Convention & Camping Fee (One-Person Motorhome) - - - - - \$225.00 \$ _____
Sewer Hookup - - - - - \$20.00 \$ _____
Additional Adults in above Motorhome (15 and older) - - - - - _____ x\$100.00 \$ _____
Additional Children in above Motorhome (**FREE** under 7; from 7 to14, \$50.00) - - - _____ x \$50.00 \$ _____
Optional Early Night, **Saturday**, Sept 26 - - - paid by Western States for WS members in good standing as of July 31, 2009
Optional Early Night, **Friday**, Sept 25 - - - - paid by Western States for WS members in good standing as of July 31, 2009
Optional Early Night, **Thursday**, Sept 24 - - - - - \$20.00 \$ _____

No Motorhome Reservation (For members making motel reservations or staying elsewhere)

Convention Registration, (Two-Person Party) - - - - - \$240.00 \$ _____
Convention Registration, (One-Person Party) - - - - - \$130.00 \$ _____

Late Fee (For reservations postmarked after September 16, 2008) - - - - - 25.00 \$ _____

GMCMI Member Number (on mailing envelope) _____ **Check Number** _____ **Total Enclosed** \$ _____

First Person _____ Second Person _____

Street _____ City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____ Country _____

Telephone _____ Cellular _____ Email _____

Names, City, and State of Extra People in Coach if different than above _____

Handicap Parking Needs? - - - - - Yes _____ No _____

Is this your first GMC Motorhomes International Convention? - - - - - Yes _____ No _____

Commercial / Vendor Area Parking Required? - - - - - Yes _____ No _____

Please list your products/services: _____

If you are a Doctor, Nurse, or Paramedic would you be willing to assist in an emergency? Yes _____ No _____
Please circle which one you are.

Would you and/or your spouse consider singing in the Sunday morning church service choir? Yes _____ No _____
Practice is Saturday afternoon

Would you and/or your spouse consider participating in a play Thursday evening? Yes _____ No _____

Please list any seminar topics you could present _____

Please list any topic(s) on which you would like someone else to give a seminar? _____

Make Check or Money Order Payable to: GMC Motorhomes International. Checks must be in US funds and drawn on a US Bank. **Foreign checks cannot be processed.** Postmark Sept 15 or before to avoid late charge. If confirmation of GMC Motorhomes receiving your check is required, please forward a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your reservation form prior to Sept. 15, 2008.

Send to: GMC Motorhomes International Questions: 574-457-3564(home) 6448(cell)
12115 N Ogden Pt. Rd. E-mail: redruber@gmail.com (Ray) Reservation No. _____
Syracuse, IN 46567 crdruber@gmail.com (Carol) (Office Use Only)

Please return this entire page with your payment.

PUEBLO, COLORADO

Local Visitor Info

July 9, 2009

September is the best time of year to visit Colorado weather wise. The days are clear and calm with the average high temperature for Pueblo of 77 and the average low of 44 degrees.

www.pueblochamber.org/ - **Pueblo Chamber of Commerce**

www.colorado.com/Pueblo.aspx - **Pueblo Visitor Center** - Free CO Vacation Guide

www.coloradostatefair.com - **Colorado State Fair & Grounds**

www.gmc-mountaineers.org/ - **GMC Mountainair's Webs Travel Guide**

www.pueblochamber.org/sites/default/files/Lodging%20Map%2009.pdf - **Lodging Map for Those Who cannot bring their coaches**

www.historicpueblo.com/unionhistory.htm - **Union Avenue Historic District**

www.theheritagecenter.us - **Southeast Colorado Heritage Center** - Pueblo's cultural history, archaeology, railroad history, Hispanic genealogy and living history.

www.pueblohistory.org - **Pueblo County Historical Society Museum**

www.pueblorailway.org - **Pueblo Railway Museum** -The museum features vintage railroad equipment including the 2912, a former AT&SF 4-8-4-steam locomotive.

www.pwam.org - **Pueblo Weisbrod Aircraft Museum** - The museum has a collection of 26 airplanes including a B-29 bomber and a RB-37. The Memorial Museum traces the history of the B-24 and the activities of Allied units that once flew B-24s.

www.rosemount.org - **Rosemount Museum** - The Rosemount is a 37-room mansion, originally home to the John Thatcher family. The home was built in 1893 and is still furnished with 85 percent of its original furnishings.

www.cfisteel.org - **Steelworks Museum of Industry and Science** - Learn the history of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Corporation

www.coloradohistory.org/hist_sites/Pueblo/Pueblo.htm - **El Pueblo History Museum** - The museum exhibits chronicle human events in the region from prehistoric times through 1900, when railroads and commercial developments helped make Pueblo the major industrial center in Colorado.

www.puebloharp.com - **HARP (Historic Arkansas Riverwalk of Pueblo)** - This 32-acre waterfront park located in the heart of historic downtown Pueblo.

www.gncp.org - **The Greenway and Nature Center** - This private, non-profit, educational, conservation and recreational facility sits at the bank of the Arkansas River and offers all sorts of year-round activities.

www.royalgorgeroute.com or www.royalgorgebridge.com - **Royal Gorge Route Railway** - The train takes passengers on an unforgettable 24-mile, 2-hour round trip journey into the depths of the Royal Gorge. 52 Miles from the Fairgrounds.

www.roadsideamerica.com/story/2047 - **Bishop Castle** - This three-story, medieval-style castle has a buttress and is decorated with ornamental iron. 48 Miles from the Fairgrounds.