

## GMCMI is Branson Bound!

Join us at the 2013 GMCMI Fall Convention in Branson, Missouri.

**Friday, September 20, 2013 – Thursday, September 26, 2013**

### >> Branson is Known as the Live Music Show Capital of the World

It truly is a one-of-a-kind vacation destination with more than 50 live performance theaters, three pristine lakes, 12 championship golf courses, an international award-winning theme park, dozens of attractions and museums, a historic downtown district, shopping galore and a full range of dining options. As you will notice in the schedule, we have Saturday and Monday afternoons open for attendees to explore Branson!

Branson is nestled in the lakeside beauty of the Ozark Mountains. The autumn landscape explodes in an array of rich colors beginning in mid-September. Fall foliage driving tours are a favorite way to see the Ozarks painted with fall color. Also popular are plane, helicopter, train and boat tours. CNN Travel named Lake Taneycomo one of eight spectacular foliage cruises in the U.S.!

### >> Branson's First Families of Entertainment

The Baldknobbers Jamboree opened their first show combining popular country tunes with Ozark Mountain music and threw in a dash of comedy. Next to open was the Shepherd of the Hills with its outdoor drama live shows. To read more about the history, entertainment, etc. of Branson, go to [www.explorebranson.com](http://www.explorebranson.com).

### >> Branson KOA & Convention Center

It offers "Simply the Best". Located 3/4 mile south of the famous Branson Strip! The physical mailing address is 397 Animal Safari Road, Branson, MO 65616. (GPS Coordinates: N 36° 37' 43.7016", W 93° 17' 6.4572") Some of their amenities include: RV sites, cabins, cottages, four bath facilities, handicap accessibility, two laundry locations, large playground, jumping pillow, swimming pool with slide, hot tub, fitness center and pontoon boat rental!

All RV sites include electricity, water, sewer, cable and wireless internet! Do pack your cable cord to hookup to cable and a airtight sewer gasket connection. We do have a limited number of deluxe sites (6) which are larger sites with a wooden deck plus other amenities. Contact Kim at 612.501.4600 for additional information about the deluxe sites. KOA also offers convenient discounted ticket sales, general store and a cafe with pizza, hot wings, ice cream and handmade fudge. What a great facility!

Check out the facility at [www.BransonKOA.com](http://www.BransonKOA.com).

### >> Other Convention Information

- GMCMI Great Geocache Bash will be conducted offering a treasure hunt for the adventure seeker. Please bring your hand held GPS devices. First timers welcomed.
- Rooms available (at no charge) for club gatherings, social gatherings, etc. Contact Kim to reserve.
- Golf cart rental is available. Contact Kim for more information.
- Can't come for the entire week? Call Kim at 612.501.4600 for more details.
- We currently have the entire KOA Campground reserved for our convention. On **August 19, 2013** reservation confirmations will be made with the KOA. Reservations after that date will be on a first come, first serve basis made thru Kim Weeks. You may cancel at any time before August 19, 2013 and refunded minus \$25 cancellation fee. For cancellations after that date, a cancellation fee of \$25 plus the camping portion of the registration fee will not be refundable.
- If you wish to stay after the convention, KOA has offered a special rate of \$35 per night (reg. \$41). Please call 800.562.4177 for reservations. For those that wish to stay at a COE, there is one in Branson - Indian Point Park.



### >> GMC Eastern States Fall Rally/Ladies Social

GMCMI is happy to announce that the GMC Eastern States Club will be utilizing our Fall Convention as their Fall Rally. Additional information will be posted for GMC Eastern States members at [www.gmceast.com](http://www.gmceast.com).



### >> GMC Motorhome is 40 Years Old!

At the Spring Convention in Dothan, AL, we honored the 1973 models that were present with a custom license plate reading "1973 GMC Motorhome". GMCMI will continue to honor the 40 year old Motorhomes in Branson.



**GMCMI**  
GMC MOTORHOMES INTERNATIONAL



### 2013 Fall Convention

Fri, Sept. 20 - Thurs, Sept. 26

KOA Campground &  
Convention Center  
Branson, Missouri

## CONVENTION KEY POINTS

- 13-15 hours of tech sessions
- 12-15 hours of non-technical sessions
- Early bird technical and non-tech sessions on Friday afternoon
- Six nights of camping, Fri. through Wed. night
- Come early and stay for \$35 a night on Wednesday and Thursday
- Ken Frye & Friends will be making "Omelets to Order"
- Two ice cream socials
- Two catered dinners
- One luncheon
- Show 'n Tell
- Ladies Social
- GMC Part Exchange, Craft & Flea Market
- Open House
- GMCMI Great Geocache Bash. Please bring your hand held GPS devices.
- Participate in the Sunday worship choir
- Bring those instruments for a jam session
- Daily Book Exchange
- The return of the popular raffle with the major item donated by Jim Kanomata & Applied GMC plus many more items.

**PLUS....Special Surprises!**



## 2013 Fall Convention Tentative Schedule

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KOA Campground & Convention Center, Branson, Missouri

### WEDNESDAY | SEPTEMBER 18 | PRE-CONVENTION

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm Early GMCMI Arrival & Registration

### THURSDAY | SEPTEMBER 19 | PRE-CONVENTION

7:30 am – 8:45 am Coffee Hour – Coffee and Donuts  
9:00 am – 5:00 pm Early GMCMI Arrival & Registration  
4:00 pm GMCMI Executive Board Meeting  
6:45 pm – 7:30 pm Ice Cream Social  
7:45 pm – 9:15 pm Bingo  
8:00 pm Oak Ridge Boys Concert – tickets available

### FRIDAY | SEPTEMBER 20

7:30 am – 8:45 am Coffee Hour – Donuts, Waffles, Bagels & English Muffins, Oatmeal  
9:00 am – 5:00 pm GMCMI Arrival & Registration  
9:00 am GMCMI Board Meeting  
10:30 am – 12:00 pm Choir Practice for Sunday Worship Service  
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm Early Bird Tech Session  
2:15 pm – 3:15 pm First Timers Meeting – *All Members Welcome*  
3:30 pm – 4:15 pm GMCMI Geocache Bash Meeting  
4:30 pm – 5:00 pm Craft Coordinators' Meeting  
5:15 pm – 6:15 pm Welcome Meeting  
6:30 pm Catered Meal & Welcome

### SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 21

7:30 am – 8:45 am Coffee Hour – Donuts, Waffles, Bagels, English Muffins, Oatmeal & Fruit  
7:30 am – 8:45 am Book Exchange  
9:00 am – 10:30 pm Tech Session  
9:00 am – 10:30 am Ladies "Let's Get Acquainted"  
10:45 am – 12:00 pm Tech Session – Ask the Experts  
10:45 am – 12:00 pm Non-Tech Session  
1:00 pm – Afternoon open to Explore Branson!  
1:00 pm – Facilities available for club/group get-togethers – please contact Kim Weeks  
8:00 pm SIX – tickets available on registration form

### SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 22

7:30 am – 8:45 am Coffee Hour – Donuts, Waffles, Bagels, English Muffins, Oatmeal & Fruit  
7:30 am – 8:45 am Book Exchange  
9:00 am – 10:00 am Worship Service  
10:15 am – 11:45 pm Tech Session  
10:15 am – 11:45 am Bookworms & Their Diet (book review)  
1:00 pm – 2:45 pm GMC Part Exchange, Craft & Flea Market  
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm GMC Motorhome Open House Tour  
5:30 pm – Facilities available for club/group get-togethers – please see Kim Weeks  
6:45 pm – 7:30 pm Ice Cream Social  
7:45 pm – 9:15 pm Bingo

### MONDAY | SEPTEMBER 23

7:30 am – 8:45 am Coffee Hour – Donuts, Waffles, Bagels, English Muffins, Oatmeal & Fruit  
7:30 am – 8:45 am Omelets to Order by Ken Frye & Friends  
7:30 am – 8:45 am Book Exchange  
9:00 am – 10:30 am Tech Session  
9:00 am – 10:30 pm Non-Tech Session  
10:45 am – 12:15 pm Tech Session  
10:45 am – 12:15 pm Blankets/Crafts  
1:00 pm – Afternoon open to Explore Branson!  
1:00 pm – Facilities available for club/group get-togethers – please see Kim Weeks  
8:00 pm Mickey Gilley Show – tickets available

### TUESDAY | SEPTEMBER 24

7:30 am – 8:45 am Coffee Hour – Donuts, Waffles, Bagels, English Muffins, Oatmeal & Fruit  
7:30 am – 8:45 am Book Exchange  
9:00 am – 10:30 pm Tech Session  
9:00 am – 12:00 am "Plum Purty & Peachy Keen"  
Ladies Social  
*Hosted by the Ladies of GMC Eastern States*  
10:45 am – 12:15 pm Tech Session  
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm Tech Session  
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm Non-Tech Session  
4:30 pm – 5:30 pm Area Member Meetings  
6:00 pm Hillbilly Dinner, Show 'n Tell & More!  
*Hillbilly Attire not required, but welcomed.*

### WEDNESDAY | SEPTEMBER 25

7:30 am – 8:45 am Coffee Hour – Donuts, Waffles, Bagels, English Muffins, Oatmeal & Fruit  
7:30 am – 8:45 am Book Exchange  
9:00 am – 10:00 am Tech Session  
9:00 am – 10:00 am Crafts and Blankets  
10:15 am – 12:00 pm Membership Meeting, GMCMI Membership Referral Raffle and the GMCMI Raffle (luncheon to follow Membership Meeting)  
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm GMCMI Board Meeting

### THURSDAY | SEPTEMBER 26

11:00 am Campground Checkout –  
Convention Ends – *Have A Safe Trip Home!*

*We solicit your input and participation in completing this schedule!!*

# Convention Buzz

Upcoming Convention  
News, Events and Ideas

## **GMCMI DISCOUNTED SHOW TICKETS >>**

Please note, these tickets need to be ordered and paid for on the convention registration form. These are 30 day advance prices and are non-refundable.

### **Oak Ridge Boys**

8:00 pm | Thurs., Sept. 19

Theirs is one of the most distinctive and recognizable sounds in the music industry. The four-part harmonies and upbeat songs of The Oak Ridge Boys have spawned dozens of country hits and a #1 pop smash, earned them Grammy, Dove, CMA and ACM awards and garnered a host of other industry and fan accolades. Every time they step before an audience, the Oaks bring 15 years of hits and 50 years of tradition to bear on a stage show widely acknowledged as among the most exciting anywhere. Regular ticket price: \$43.50; GMCMI price: \$38.

**SIX** | 8:00 pm | Sat., Sept. 21

Dubbed "An Orchestra of Human Voices", SIX combines the musical showmanship and boundless energy of six remarkable brothers (Barry, Kevin, Lynn, Jak, Owen and Curtis). Their intense high-octane energy, electrifying stage presence, and powerhouse vocals combine to create a truly amazing entertainment experience. Regular ticket price: \$34; GMCMI price: \$25.

**Mickey Gilley** | 8:00 pm | Mon., Sept. 23

Mickey, whose thirty-nine hit songs (of which seventeen went to the top of the country charts) made him the legend he is today. Mickey takes his audience through a musical medley of his string of Number One hits. Always the showman, Mickey shows that he's every bit the storyteller as he recounts his days of growing up in Ferriday, LA and the adventures he shared with his cousins and fellow keyboard-players, Rocker Jerry Lee Lewis and Televangelist Jimmy Swaggart. (rumor is.... this is his last season) Regular ticket price: \$32; GMCMI price: \$20.

### **Titanic Museum Attraction** | any day

It will continue to open the door to the past in it's one-of-a-kind way - letting "passengers" experience what it was like to walk the hallways, parlors, cabins and Grand Staircase of the Titanic while surrounded by more than 400 artifacts directly from the ship and its passengers. As visitors touch a real iceberg, walk the Grand Staircase and third

class hallways, reach their hands into 28-degree water, and try to stand on the sloping decks, they learn what it was like on the RMS Titanic by experiencing it first-hand. Each guest entering the ship will receive a boarding pass of an actual Titanic passenger or crew. Feel their spirit presence in the galleries where over 400 personal and private artifacts are on display. This collection is valued at over four and a half million dollars. This is a self-guided tour. Regular ticket price: \$26; GMCMI price: \$19.

## **GMC PART EXCHANGE, CRAFT & FLEA MARKET >>**

Have GMC items and other items gathering dust... wipe them off and bring them along! Don't forget those crafts, jellies, etc. Can't wait to see them and purchase them as well!

## **CALLING POSSIBLE SEMINAR PRESENTERS >>**

If you have previously presented, thank you. If you wish to present for the first time, have a new seminar to share, or a suggestion, please contact Kim.

## **CONVENTION VOLUNTEERS >>**

Thought you would like to volunteer at the convention? Coffee, helping with luncheon or you have your own event you would like to lead. Contact Kim today!

## **FOR ADDITIONAL AREA INFORMATION >>**

Come early and stay at the Branson KOA Campground for our special event price of \$35 a night. All camping reservations prior and for the convention are made via the GMCMI Convention registration form.

## **OTHER ACCOMMODATIONS >>**

The Branson KOA has 21 lodging units with a selection of sizes and amenities to provide great camping for attendees without a GMC Motorhome. They are offering GMCMI attendees a 20% discount on these accommodations. Please call them directly for more information and reservations at 800.562.4177.

## **UPDATES >>**

The GMCMI website will provide seminar, vendor, schedule confirmations/additions and other pertinent updates. Go to [www.gmcmi.com](http://www.gmcmi.com).

## **UPCOMING CONVENTION**



### **2014 Spring Convention**

Fri, Mar. 21 - Thurs, Mar. 27  
Lake Conroe Event Center &  
KOA Campground  
Montgomery, Texas

## **HILLBILLY DINNER AT BRANSON**

The catered dinner on Tuesday, Sept. 24 will be a knee slapping, belly laughing good time!

That morning, the Ladies of the GMC Eastern States will be coordinating the Ladies Social by decorating the Center in "Hillbilly Style".

Hillbilly attire is not required for dinner, but if you feel the hankering to dress up, please do.

By popular demand, "Show 'n Tell" will return that evening as well. Bring your items, stories, etc. (Note: they do not have to be Hillbilly related.)



# Ladies Page

News, Events and Ideas  
for GMCMI Members

Branson has so much to experience. As you may have noticed, the schedule allows for two open afternoons for us ladies to shop and explore the town! A great website to visit and check out is [www.explorebranson.com](http://www.explorebranson.com). You can also fill out a form and have additional information sent directly to your home.

Now for the ladies' part of the convention!

## >> "Getting to Know You" Session

Please plan to join us where each lady introduces and tells a bit about herself, such as her hobbies, where she is from, etc. Just keep it short and simple. Can't wait to meet you!

## >> Crafts

Under Jeanne Robinson's guidance we are planning to have the popular craft classes again. If any of the ladies have a special craft they would like to teach, please let Jeanne know. This is always a fun time and it's amazing what we make and how proud we are when we are done. Jeanne can be reached at [fullgarages@chartermi.net](mailto:fullgarages@chartermi.net) or 231.929.9544.

## >> GMCMI Great Geocache Bash

We know many ladies (and men) participate in Geocache Bash at past conventions and they are curious as to what they will be "getting into" this time. First timers are most welcome and there is lots of help and advice in getting you started.



## >> Sessions

We have a couple of sessions open, just in case you have an idea or session you would wish to lead, please contact Kim.

## >> Walk Around the Park

To keep us in shape, we are planning on a walking group (not at 7:00 am). So bring your walking shoes.

## >> Blankets

Many ladies will once again be doing the popular blankets. This is one of the most popular get-togethers. It is fun to sit and work on a blanket and chat away while getting to know each other. Lots of chit chat and giggles. The blankets are easy to do. You don't have to sew! Just bring one yard of plain fleece and one yard of printed fleece, and your scissors.

## >> GMC Part Exchange, Craft & Flea Market

Bring those no longer needed items to sell! Also, we enjoy seeing and purchasing those lovely things you make.

## >> Book Exchange & Bookworms

Remember to bring your books, tapes and dvds for the Book Exchange held each morning. Also we hope to have the Bookworms and their Diet session once again. Bring your favorite book and share it. A list will be provided of all books shared following the session. Don't miss it!

## >> In Closing...

This is just a few of the items we will be having. I know there will be more as the convention gets closer. Please do check the website for additional information at [www.gmcmi.com](http://www.gmcmi.com)

## CONVENTION CHECK LIST

- ☐ Food and/or paper products for the Skip Newhouse Food Drive
- ☐ Fleece for blankets
- ☐ Books for the Book Review
- ☐ Books, books-on-tape, DVD's and VCR Tapes for the Book Exchange
- ☐ Bring handheld GPS device for locating geocaches!
- ☐ Questions on doing a craft session? Call Jeanne Robinson at 231.929.9544
- ☐ Email Kim with sessions suggestions
- ☐ Bring Hillbilly decorating items
- ☐ Bring Hillbilly outfit
- ☐ Bring Show 'n Tell for Hillbilly Night!
- ☐ Bring your musical instrument for jamming/Hillbilly Evening
- ☐ Bring Bingo money, dominoes, hand and foot game, cards, etc.
- ☐ Money to go shopping & see things
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## >> Ladies Social

The highlight of the convention for the ladies is the Ladies' Social. This time, the Ladies of GMC Eastern States under Mary Colie's guidance will be the hostesses. Here is Mary's note for all the ladies...

The Ladies' Social for the Branson Convention will be a hands-on social event for all participants. We are going to take on the task of being the decorating committee for the evening's special Hillbilly Dinner. While we share some light refreshments, we will ready the tables and the dining hall for the fun Kim has planned for all of us at dinnertime.

We will set the scene and establish the atmosphere. Planning to come to Branson? If so, please start saving your large, empty fruit cans (the kind with pictures of fruit on the label), old (even faded) artificial flowers, straw hats and baseball caps, items to hang on a clothesline (i.e. quilt, tablecloth, red longjohns, bib overalls, etc.). Are you getting the idea? Rather country, somewhat tacky, and lots of fun! We'll call this event "Plum Purty and Peachy Keen". If you have ideas to contribute or questions to ask, please contact me at [marycolie@chartermi.net](mailto:marycolie@chartermi.net)