

Convention Highlights

- Six nights of full hookup camping, Friday through Wednesday night
- Come early for Wednesday and Thursday
- Early bird technical session
- 15-21 hours of tech sessions
- 12-19 hours of non-technical sessions
- Vendors, Vendors, Vendors...
- Three ice cream socials
- Two catered dinners
- Two Lunches
- Daily Coffee Hour and Book Exchange
- Hot waffles daily and an omelet breakfast
- Daily Morning Drawings
- Ladies Luncheon
- Exercise Classes
- GMC Parts Exchange, Craft & Flea Market
- Vintage GMCMH Show "Open House"
- Participate in the Sunday Worship Service Choir
- Pineblock Derby – don't forget your racer!
- The popular raffle for \$1,000 in cash, free convention fees for two, plus many more items.

PLUS...

The Return of Show 'n Tell!

The Amenities

>> Elkhart Campground

Located just north of the I-80 E/I-90 E/ Indiana Toll Road in Elkhart, Indiana. The physical and mailing address is 25608 Co Rd 4, Elkhart, Indiana 46514; 41.7381° N, -85.9588° W.

>> Campground Amenities

- Beautiful buildings and grounds
- All sites are full hookups
- Free wifi
- Comfort station with restrooms, showers and laundry
- Swimming pool
- Mini golf course, horseshoe pits, tennis court, and basketball court

>> Vendor Area

A designated outdoor vendor area will be available near the main building for your shopping convenience.



It's Our Anniversary!

Friday, September 15 to Thursday, September 21, 2017
Elkhart Campground, Elkhart, Indiana

GMC Motorhomes International is celebrating its 35th Anniversary and we welcome you to join in the celebration.

>> Let's Celebrate the History of GMCMI!

Do you have unique collectibles from past conventions? How about photos, buttons, anniversary gifts, programs, advertising, etc.? We are planning to display these items to remember our heritage. Please share your memories. If you have any questions, please contact Kim.

>> A BLAST from the PAST – "Show 'n Tell!"

This is your opportunity to share/show your best GMC story, tales, favorite quilt, special GMC related item, the sky is the limit! Please bring them to share at the Show 'n Tell.



Let's Get Physical

Ladies Luncheon

The Greater Midwest Classic's will be hosting the Ladies Social in Elkhart, Indiana. So ladies, don your leg warmers, neon headband and wristbands, workout clothes, Farrah Fawcett hair styles, and Richard Simmons craziness. Warm up suits can be worn by those who don't have the figure of an Olivia Newton-John or you can just come and enjoy a relaxing time with the "ladies" while we enjoy a menu from 1982 and share our favorite TV shows, movies, and music from that year. Please do plan to attend.

>> The "She Shed"

Ladies, join us at "She Shed" session...blankets, crafts, treats and more! The blankets are easy to do. You don't even have to sew! Just bring one yard of plain fleece and one yard of printed fleece and your scissors. The blankets are donated to local charities. If any of you ladies have a special craft you would like to share, please let Kim know. Thank you!

>> Pineblock Derby

Get those GMC racers ready for the GMCMI Pineblock Derby! For GMCMI Pineblock Derby Rules go to gmcmi.com/gmcmi-pineblock-derby/. Those of you who have made additional GMC racers, please do bring them to the "Anniversary Celebration" so that others can race them. Thank you!

Elkhart, Indiana... One Destination, Endless Possibilities!

Elkhart, Indiana is located in Elkhart County which is the home to the world's largest concentration of RV-related manufacturers, outlets, and service providers in the country. In fact, more than 80 percent of the nation's recreational vehicles are made there. The "RV Capital" is right in the center of Northern Indiana's Amish Country, one of the Midwest's most popular cultural attractions.

Go to amishcountry.org to view and/or request your guide.



Here are a couple of the highlights plus a planned tour!



RV/MH Hall of Fame and Museum

The museum displays trailers, photos, and memorabilia reaching back to the 1920's and 1930's and is open to the public. The museum presents chronological and technological advancements in the industry from before WWI to the present. For hours and additional information go to: rvmhhalloffame.org.



Downtown Elkhart

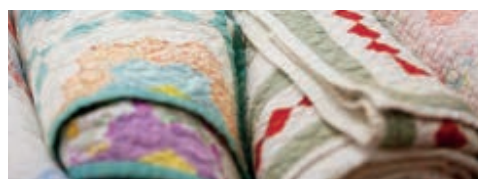
Visit the outdoor cafe or a microbrewery. Tour one (or all four!) National Midwest Museum of American Art, Albert R. Beardsley House, Hall of Heros (Super Hero) Museum, New York Central Railroad Museum, and Ruthmere Museum. They are all close and connected through the Garden, RiverWalk and A&E Districts along Elkhart's Gateway Mile. For more information go to: amishcountry.org.



Band Instrument Capital Of The World

Along with being known as the RV Capital Of The World, Elkhart is also known as the Band Instrument Capital of the World. If you played a clarinet, flute, saxophone, or any other sort of instrument while growing up, chances are your instrument came from this community.

A tour of the Conn-Selmer factory has been arranged and will leave the grounds at 9:30 am on **Friday, September 15**. There is no cost for the tour. Pre-registration is required. Please reserve your spot on the registration form. Maximum 50. (conn-selmer.com)



Mennonite Relief Sale & Quilt Auction

Goshen, Indiana | September 22-23, 2017
View hundreds of quilts, antiques and miscellaneous craft items for sale and auction plus dozens of tents filled with handcrafts and housewares and a garage sale. For more information: mennonitesale.org



>> 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.

>> Tech & Non-Tech 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.

>> Pineblock Derby

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>> Blankets & Crafts

The blankets are easy to do. You don't even have to sew! Just bring one yard of plain fleece and one yard of printed fleece and your scissors. The blankets are donated to a local charity. And what can I say about the crafts? We have changed the format of crafts to be a "social event". We come together, talk, make crafts, etc. If any of you ladies have a craft or "show how" you would like to share, please let Kim know.

>> Book Exchange & Bookworms

Remember to bring your books, tapes and dvds for the Book Exchange held each morning. Also, bring your favorite book and share it at the "Bookworms and their Diet" session. Previous lists are available at gmcmi.com/community-book-list/.

>> Skip Newhouse Memorial Food Drive

Please bring non-perishable food items and paper products which will be donated to a local charity.

>> Welcome GMC Chapters!

We welcome the following chapters that are utilizing the GMCMI Convention as their fall rally. They are the GMC Eastern States, GMC Great Lakers, GMC Heritage Cruisers and the GMC Midwest Classics chapters.

UP-TO-DATE Information

Watch gmcml.com for additional information and final schedule.

Attendees will receive a confirmation email and email when final schedule is posted.

>> GMC Motorhome Open House Tour

Tour and enjoy seeing original and updated GMC Motorhomes. The tour will follow the Parts, Flea and Craft Market on Sunday, September 17 at 3:00 pm.



Request for Presenters

The Mini-Tech Sessions has

been well received. They consist of 15-20 minute tech/informational sessions that feature one thing that the presenter wishes to share. What is that one thing that you may wish to share? No formal powerpoint presentation or handout required. Contact Kim for details.

Unable to Attend the Entire Convention...

Not a problem! Contact Kim for additional information.



The Sheriff is Back in Town!

He will be patrolling every morning, making sure that you are wearing your name badges. If you forget yours, he will issue a warning in the form of a "I FORGOT MY BADGE" sticker!

the schedule TENTATIVE THAT IS...

WED. | SEPTEMBER 13 | PRE-CONVENTION

2:00 pm Early Arrival & Registration Opens

6:00 pm GMC Heritage Cruisers Get-together

6:00 pm GMC Midwest Classic Get-together

THURS. | SEPTEMBER 14 | PRE-CONVENTION

7:30 am Morning Coffee and Donuts

9:00 am Early Arrival & Registration Opens

7:30 pm Ice Cream Social

MONDAY | SEPTEMBER 18

7:30 am Morning Coffee, Donuts, Waffles, Bagels, English Muffins, Oatmeal, Juice & Fruit

7:30 am Book Exchange

7:30 am Pineblock Derby Weigh-in

8:30 am Announcements/Daily Drawings

9:00 am Morning Tech & Non-Tech Sessions

12:00 pm "Let's Get Physical" Ladies Luncheon

12:00 pm Chili for the Men

1:00 pm Afternoon Tech & Non-Tech Sessions

6:00 pm GMC Eastern States Get-together

7:30 pm Ice Cream Social

8:15 pm Pineblock Derby Races

FRIDAY | SEPTEMBER 15

7:30 am Morning Coffee and Donuts

9:00 am GMCMI Arrival & Registration Opens

9:30 am Conn-Selmer Tour Leaves

1:00 pm Choir Practice for Sunday Worship Service

2:00 pm Early Bird Tech Session

3:15 pm First-Timers Meeting – All Members Welcome

4:30 pm Craft Coordinators' Meeting

5:15 pm Welcome Meeting

6:30 pm Catered Meal followed by Entertainment

TUESDAY | SEPTEMBER 19

7:30 am Morning Coffee, Donuts, Waffles, Bagels, English Muffins, Oatmeal, Juice & Fruit

7:30 am Book Exchange

8:30 am Announcements/Daily Drawings

9:00 am Morning Tech & Non-Tech Sessions

12:00 pm Lunch provided

3:00 pm Afternoon Tech & Non-Tech Session

4:15 pm GMCMI Regional Member Meetings

5:30 pm Catered Meal followed by Show 'n Tell

SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 16

7:30 am Morning Coffee, Donuts, Waffles, Bagels, English Muffins, Oatmeal, Juice & Fruit

7:30 am Book Exchange

8:30 am Announcements/Daily Drawings

9:00 am Morning Tech & Non-Tech Sessions

1:30 pm Afternoon Tech & Non-Tech Sessions

6:00 pm GMC Great Lakers Get-together

7:30 pm Ice Cream Social

WEDNESDAY | SEPTEMBER 20

7:30 am Morning Coffee, Donuts, Waffles, Bagels, English Muffins, Oatmeal, Juice & Fruit

9:00 am Morning Tech & Non-Tech Sessions

11:00 am GMCMI Membership Meeting

12:30 pm Luncheon and Raffle

SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 17

7:30 am Morning Coffee, Donuts, Waffles, Bagels, English Muffins, Oatmeal, Juice & Fruit

7:30 am Omelets-to-Order

7:30 am Book Exchange

8:30 am Announcements/Daily Drawings

9:00 am Worship Service

10:30 am Morning Tech & Non-Tech Sessions

1:00 pm GMC Parts Exchange, Craft & Flea Market

3:00 pm GMC Motorhome Open House Tour

THURSDAY | SEPTEMBER 21

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

Reservation Information

The Elkhart Campground is reserved for our Fall Convention. All campground reservations from September 9-22 are arranged thru GMCMI/Kim. On **August 25, 2017** reservation confirmations will be made with the campground. Reservations after that date will be on a first come, first served basis made thru GMCMI/Kim. You may cancel at any time before **August 25, 2017** and receive a refund less a \$25 cancellation fee.

For cancellations after that date, the cancellation fee is \$50. If you wish to stay after the Fall Convention, call the Elkhart Campground at 574-264-2914 for reservations. Regular camping rates would be applicable for after the Convention. If you are not bringing a motorhome, the campground has a variety of cabins available. GMCMI attendees receive a **10% discount** on these units. Call the campground at 574-264-2914 .

Registration
Deadline
is Aug. 25!

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Downloadable interactive registration pdf available at: www.gmcmi.com/2017f-conv-info

GMCMI Member Number (if you are a member)

First Person

Second Person

Street

City

State | Postal Code | Country

Telephone

First Name Cellular

Second Name Cellular

Email

Make and Length of Motorhome You Are Attending With

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

Handicap Parking Needed? Yes No

Is this your first GMCMI Convention? Yes No

Are you a GMC Eastern States Member? Yes No

Are you a GMC Great Lakers Member? Yes No

Are you a GMC Heritage Cruisers Member? Yes No

Are you a GMC Midwest Classics Member? Yes No

Are you CPR certified? (name/s) _____

We/I wish to participate in the Sunday Morning Worship Service Choir (name/s) _____

I am a supplier/vendor, my products/services are: _____

Please list any tech/non-tech session topic(s) you could present:

Registration | bringing a motorhome

Unable to attend the entire Convention. Email Kim at address below.

Convention & Camping Fee \$425.00 \$ _____
(Two-Person Motorhome)

Convention & Camping Fee \$315.00 \$ _____
(One-Person Motorhome)

Additional Adult in above Motorhome (19 & older) ____ x \$185.00 \$ _____

Additional Child in above Motorhome (7-18, FREE under 7) ____ x \$100.00 \$ _____

Optional Early Night(s)
Wednesday, September 13 \$35.00 \$ _____
Thursday, September 14 \$35.00 \$ _____

Registration | NOT bringing a motorhome

Convention Registration (Two-Person Party) \$295.00 \$ _____

Convention Registration (One-Person Party) \$185.00 \$ _____

Registration | For Everybody

Convention T-Shirt(s) (indicate quantity)
S ____ M ____ L ____ XL ____ x \$10 each \$ _____
XXL ____ x \$12 each \$ _____

Conn-Selmer Factory Tour ____ x FREE \$ _____

Late Reservation Fee (postmarked after August 25, 2017) \$25.00 \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Payment Options

Check/Money Order Enclosed – Number _____
Please make payable to GMCMI – U.S. funds drawn on U.S. bank



Credit card payments arranged by calling Kim at 612-501-4600

Additional Registration Information

- Checks must be in U.S. funds and drawn on a U.S. bank
- Foreign checks **cannot** be processed
- Email confirmation will be sent. To receive confirmation via mail: include a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your reservation form.
- Late Reservation Fee of \$25 after **August 25**
- Cancellations **after August 25** will be refunded minus a \$50 cancellation fee.



Mail with payment to:

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