



GMCMI

GMC MOTORHOMES INTERNATIONAL

2015 Spring Convention | Patterson Civic Center | Patterson, Louisiana

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY | MARCH 25 | PRE-CONVENTION

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

THURSDAY | MARCH 26 | PRE-CONVENTION

7:30 am – 8:45 am Coffee Hour – Coffee and Donuts
 9:00 am – 5:00 pm Early GMCMI Arrival & Registration
 7:30 pm – 8:15 pm Ice Cream Social
 8:30 pm – 10:00 pm Bingo

FRIDAY | MARCH 27

7:30 am – 8:45 am Coffee Hour – Donuts, Waffles, Bagels & English Muffins
 9:00 am – 10:00 pm GMCMI Board Meeting
 9:00 am – 4:00 pm GMCMI Arrival & Registration
 10:15 am – 12:00 am Choir Practice for Sunday Worship Service
 10:00 am – 12:00 pm Horseshoe Tournament
 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm Early Bird Tech Session – Ken Frey
 GMC Motorhome Open Forum
 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm First Timers Meeting – *All Members Welcome*
 4:00 pm – 4:30 pm Craft Coordinators' Meeting
 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm Welcome Meeting
 6:15 pm – Catered Meal
 Following Dinner "LOUISIANA – Oil and Gas in the Sportsman's Paradise"

SATURDAY | MARCH 28 | STEERING & WHEEL ALIGNMENT

7:30 am – 8:45 am Coffee Hour – Donuts, Waffles, Bagels, English Muffins, Oatmeal, Juice & Fruit
 7:30 am – 8:45 am Book Exchange
 8:30 am – 8:45 am Announcements
 9:00 am – 10:15 am Tech Session – Kerry & Carolyn Pinkerton (moderators)
Making Life Easier in My GMC Motorhome
 A group discussion of things YOU have done to make life easier in the GMC MotorHome. Men and Women are encouraged to attend and share all those little things you've discovered that make the most out of living in our beloved GMCs. Handouts of ideas from previous conventions will be available.
 10:15 am – 10:45 am GMCMI Vendors – JR Slaten - moderator
 10:45 am – 11:00 am GMC Motorhome Mentor Program Assignments – Ken Henderson
 11:15 am – 12:15 pm Tech Session – John Sharpe
Rebuild Upper Steering Column
 The procedure involves detailed steps on disassembly and reassembly of the motorhome steering column. Covers column repairs and upgrading to multifunction switch for electronic cruise, electric wipers, and dimmer switch.
 11:00 am – 12:00 pm Non-Tech Session – GMCMI Blanket Class
 Have you made blankets before, great! If you haven't before, great! Come and see how easy it is to make a blanket. So far, the program has donated 898 blankets to local charities where GMCMI Conventions have been held.
 1:15 pm – 2:15 pm Tech Session – Kerry Pinkerton
Evaluating the Condition of the GMC's Steering Components
 Kerry will present Rob Mueller's organized step-by-step approach to determining which of the numerous wear points in the steering system require repair or replacement.
 1:15 pm – 3:15 pm Non-Tech Session – Sandra Price
"Let's Get Acquainted, Ladies"
 A gathering of ladies to introduce themselves to each other. Please do come.
 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm Tech Session – Alex Ferrara
Aligning and Adjusting the GMC's Steering Column
 The GMC cannot be made to steer correctly unless its steering components are correctly adjusted from the steering wheel all the way to the road wheels. Alex will show how to align and adjust everything down to the pitman arm.

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3:30 pm – 4:30 pm **Non-Tech Session** – Pat Chaivin
Accessorizing with Minimal Items

3:45 pm – 4:45 pm **Tech Session** – Ken Henderson
GMC Wheel Alignment
The average GMC owner can do a better job of aligning the GMC’s wheels than any professional alignment shop can afford to do. Ken will explain the parameters which define wheel alignment. With others, he’ll show how to do ride height and the other necessary adjustments using simple, inexpensive, equipment.

5:30 pm **GMC Classics Get-together**

SUNDAY | MARCH 29

7:30 am – 8:45 am **Coffee Hour** – Donuts, Waffles, Bagels, English Muffins, Oatmeal & Fruit

7:30 am – 8:45 am **Pancakes & Sausage prepared & served by the GMC Sunshine Statesmen**

7:30 am – 8:45 am **Book Exchange**

8:30 am – 8:45 am **Announcements**

9:00 am – 10:00 am **Worship Service**

10:15 am – 11:45 am **Tech Session** – Fred Hudspeth
Maintaining the GMC Motorhome – Owner Experiences and Recommendations
The objective of this session, an interactive exchange, is to allow owners to share their experience in the care and maintenance of the GMC Motorhome.

10:15 am – 11:45 am **Non-Tech Session** – Sharon Hudspeth & Friends
Bookworms & Their Diet – (suggestions for books to read)

1:00 pm – 2:45 pm **GMC Part Exchange, Craft & Flea Market**

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm **Weigh Your Coach** – Jeff Sirum & Friends
You are welcome to drive over the scales first weighing the front wheels, then the front rear wheels, then the rear rear wheels. You will receive a separate weight for each of the six wheels so you can see how well your coach is balanced.

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm **GMC Motorhome Photo Opportunity** – Glenn & Elaine Gardner
Take this opportunity to have your GMC Motorhome photographed and/or you and your GMC Motorhome.

5:30 pm – Facilities available for club/group get-togethers – please contact Kim Weeks

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm **Ice Cream Social**

8:15 pm – **Breakfast Omelet Prep with Ken Frey** – bring knife and cutting board

8:15 pm – 9:45 pm **Chicken Foot** – everyone invited to play. Haven’t played before, not a problem, will have people to assist you while you play.

MONDAY | MARCH 30

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 Frey & Friends**

7:30 am – 8:45 am **Book Exchange**

7:30 am – 8:45 am **PINEBLOCK DERBY WEIGH-IN!**

8:30 am – 8:45 am **Announcements**

9:00 am – 10:00 pm **Non-Tech Session** – Jaye Hodges - Moderator
Smart Phones - Men and Women are encouraged to attend.
The objective of this session is introduce beginning users to basic smart phone functions and bring together frequent users to share ideas. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin boards.

10:15 am – 11:15 am **Tech Session** – John Richardson
Motor Oil Selection and Analysis
This session presents the why and what of engine oil analysis along with information on engine oil selection for the GMC Motorhome.

11:30 am – 12:15 pm **Mini Tech Session Series**
How to Make Ramp – Dale Ropp
Make it easier to work under your GMC Motorhome for under a \$100.

Myth or Truth – Jim Kanomata
11:00 pm – 1:00 pm **“Fais Do Do” (Ladies Social/Luncheon) hosted by the “Ladies of GMCMI”**
All ladies welcomed to join us for a relaxing luncheon, Louisiana style.

12:15 pm – till gone **Ken Frey’s Famous Chili for the Men**
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm **Tech Series – Hands On Demonstration**
John Sharpe, Kerry Pinkerton, Alex Ferrara, Ken Henderson

Steering and Wheel Alignment Tech Series
After learning about the steering and wheel alignment, now experience this “hands on” displayed on screen so all can see.

2:00 pm – 3:45 pm **Crafts**

5:30 pm – **Sunshine Statesmens Get-Together**

7:00 pm – 7:30 pm **Ice Cream Social**

7:45 pm – 9:45 pm **Pineblock Derby Races**

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TUESDAY | MARCH 31 | MARDI GRAS!

- 7:30 am – 8:45 am **Coffee Hour** – Donuts, Waffles, Bagels, English Muffins, Oatmeal & Fruit
- 7:30 am – 8:45 am **Book Exchange**
- 8:30 am – 8:45 am **Announcements**
- 9:00 am – 10:00 am **Tech Session** – Jeff Sirum
Do You Have a Question on the GMC Motorhome?
This will not be a formal tech session. A box will be provided by the bulletin boards to submit your question (anonymously) on a piece of paper prior to the tech session. Questions will be addressed at the session.
- 9:00 am – 10:00 am **Non-Tech Session** – Dominique Thomas
ZUMBA GOLD
Specially designed 30 minute standing exercise and 30 minutes in the chair. Come and watch or better yet, come and participate.
- 10:15 am – 12:00 am **Removing Film from Windows** – Wayne Peterson
Installing a Line Voltage Thermostat – Kerry Pinkerton
Do you run your heat strip and wake up hot or cold? This upgrade will be the best \$20 you will ever spend on your coach.
How to Fill Holes in Fiberglass – Dale Ropp
Is your screw hole too large, learn how to fix it.
A New Radiator? – Jim Buchanan & Gene Dotson
- 10:15 am – 11:45 pm **Non-Tech Session** – Jane Hasek
"Tips for Healthy Living"
- 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm **GMC Motorhome Open House Tour**
- 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm **Mardi Gras Parade** (pets invited)
- 4:15 pm – 5:45 pm **GMCMI Regional Member Meetings**
- 6:00 pm – **Catered Meal**
- Following Dinner **"The Bayou Man and Musician"**

WEDNESDAY | APRIL 1

- 7:30 am – 8:45 am **Coffee Hour** – Donuts, Waffles, Bagels, English Muffins, Oatmeal & Fruit
- 7:30 am – 8:45 am **Book Exchange**
- 8:30 am – 8:45 am **Announcements**
- 9:00 am – 10:00 am **Tech Session** – Richard Waters
Restomodding your GMC's Electronics
The objective of this session is to provide an overview of new collision avoidance, backup and dash cameras, parking assist, audio-visual and key mechanical systems monitoring technologies available now for your GMC.
- 9:00 am – 9:50 am **Non-Tech Session** – Jane Hasek
Walking Exercise
Come walk with Jane to a DVD. You decide how far you want to go; one, two or three miles. Your choice! See you there....
- 10:30 am – 12:00 pm **Membership Meeting, GMCMI Pineblock Derby Awards and the GMCMI Raffle**
(luncheon to follow Membership Meeting)
Crafts/Blankets
- Following luncheon
- 1:30 pm – 2:15 pm **Vendor Meeting**
- 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm **GMCMI Board Meeting**

THURSDAY | APRIL 2

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

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