



GMCMI

GMC MOTORHOMES INTERNATIONAL

2016 Spring Convention | National Peanut Festival Grounds | Dothan, Alabama

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WEDNESDAY | APRIL 6 | PRE-CONVENTION

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

THURSDAY | APRIL 7 | PRE-CONVENTION

7:30 am – 8:45 am **Coffee Hour** – Coffee and Donuts
 9:00 am – 5:00 pm **Early GMCMI Arrival & Registration**
 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm **US Army Aviation Museum at Fort Rucker**
 Pre-registration is required. Bus will leave at 1:00 p.m. and return by 5:00 p.m. Cost per person is \$20.
 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm **GMCMI Board Meeting**
 7:30 pm – 8:00 pm **Ice Cream Social**
 8:15 pm – 10:00 pm **Bingo** – everyone invited to play.

FRIDAY | APRIL 8

7:30 am – 8:45 am **Coffee Hour** – Donuts, Waffles, Bagels & English Muffins
 8:00 am – 12:00 pm **CPR Training**
 9:00 am – 4:00 pm **GMCMI Arrival & Registration**
 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm **Early Bird 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.
 3:15 pm – 4:15 pm **First Timers Meeting** – All Members Welcome
 4:30 pm – 5:00 pm **Craft Coordinators' Meeting**
 5:15 pm – 6:15 pm **Welcome Meeting**
 6:30 pm – **Catered Meal** – BBQ Cookout

SATURDAY | APRIL 9

7:30 am – 9:00 am **Coffee Hour** – Donuts, Waffles, Bagels, English Muffins, Oatmeal, Juice & Fruit
 7:30 am – 9:00 am **Book Exchange**
 8:45 am **Announcements/Daily Drawings** – must be present to win
 9:00 am – 9:30 am **GMCMI Vendors** – JR Slaten
 9:30 am – 9:45 am **GMC Motorhome Mentor Program Assignments** – Ken Henderson
 10:00 am – 12:00 pm **Session** – Mac McCoy "Mac the Fire Guy" / Jim Bounds / Scott Cowden
Fire & Life Safety – *Men and Women are encouraged to attend.*
 Mac McCoy and Scott Cowden are retired firefighters. The objective of this session is to educate the RVing community how to save your family, pets, and your RV in the event of a fire! The secret is to have a plan, be prepared and work the plan in the unfortunate event of an RV fire. Mac the Fire Guy has taught thousands of RVers valuable skills to help them survive a fire in their RV. Bring your lounge chairs and questions for this entertaining and valuable seminar.
 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm **Tech Session** – Dick Paterson
Servicing the Distributor
 The objective of this session is to show you how to service your distributor "yourself".
 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm **Non-Tech Session** – Sandra Price
"Let's Get Acquainted, Ladies"
 A gathering of ladies to introduce themselves to each other. Please do come.
 2:15 pm – 3:45 pm **Tech Session** – Rick
Finding Water Leaks in Your GMC Motorhome
 This live demonstration of the Sealtech method (as featured in the March issue of the FMCA magazine) will be conducted on one lucky GMC Motorhome owner's coach. Drawing to be held on Friday evening at the welcome meeting.
 2:45 pm – 3:45 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 ladies have donated 898 blankets to local charities where GMCMI Conventions have been held.
 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm **Pine Block Derby Tune-up** – Laurie Burton & Dale Ropp
 Hear from master racers how they make their GMC Motorhome Racers go so fast!
 5:30 pm – **GMC Sunshine Statesmen Get-Together**
 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm **Choir Practice for Sunday Worship Service**



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SUNDAY | APRIL 10

- 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**
- 8:45 am **Announcements/Daily Drawings** - must be present to win
- 9:00 am – 10:00 am **Worship Service**
- 10:00 am – **“Celebration of Life” for Helen Mueller** – it is not required to attend to Worship Service to participate
- 10:30 am – 12:00 pm **Mini Tech Session Series**
 10:30 am | **Myths of the GMC Motorhome** – Jim Kanomata
 11:00 am | **How to Remove Your Steering Wheel at Will** – Ken Henderson
 11:30 am | **Introducing the GMC XF-15** – Josh Gifford
- 10:30 am – 12:00 pm **Non-Tech Session** – Ladies of the GMC Sunshine Statesmen
Individual Cake Decorating – cakes will be desserts for the ladies social
- 1:00 pm – 2:45 pm **GMC Part Exchange, Craft & Flea Market**
- 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm **Open House Tour & Car Show**
- 5:30 pm **GMC Classics Get-Together**
- 7:30 pm – 8:00 pm **Ice Cream Social**
- 8:15 pm **Breakfast Casserole Prep with Tom & Marilyn Phipps**
- 8:15 pm – 9:45 pm **Chicken Foot** – everyone invited to play.

MONDAY | APRIL 11

- 7:30 am – 8:45 am **Coffee Hour** – Donuts, Waffles, Bagels, English Muffins, Oatmeal & Fruit
- 7:30 am – 8:45 am **Breakfast Casserole by Tom & Marilyn Phipps and Friends**
- 7:30 am – 8:45 am **Book Exchange**
- 7:30 am – 8:45 am **PINEBLOCK DERBY WEIGH-IN!**
- 8:45 am **Announcements/Daily Drawings** - must be present to win
- 9:00 am – 10:00 am **Session** – Jim Bounds
GMC Interior and Renovations – *Men and Women are encouraged to attend.* It goes without saying there are new technologies, materials and uses for our GMC motor home interiors. Parts can come from allover, Ikea, Amazon and on and on. The topic we will discuss is how to start a quality interior restoration. What questions need to be asked before the work begins... who will do the work, how will it get done and how to set a budget and timeline. If you are looking to update your motor home interior this talk will be of help.
- 10:15 am – 11:45 am **Tech Session** – Dave Lenzi
Brakes – part one of two sessions
 The objective of this session is to acquaint you with the brake booster, master cylinder and combination valve on your coach. Items that will be addressed: common problems of low brake pedal, excessive pedal effort and vacuum leaks. A test stand will be utilized to show the function/malfunction of parts, and will be displayed real time on a video screen so all can see.
- 11:30 am – 1:30 pm **“Vintage We Are” (ladies luncheon) hosted by the Sunshine Statesmen Ladies & Bob** Please do join us for lunch and fun. You invite you to dress in your favorite 1950’s outfit, but not required. You might want to brush up on your 1950’s fun facts and music so you can be the trivia winner.
- 12:00 pm – till gone **Dan Meyers’ Famous Bean Soup and Corn Bread Cook-off for the Men**
- 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm **Tech Session** – Paul Doane
GMC Gas Tank Venting & Problems With It
 Learn the workings of this system & how to repair problems such as poor filling at the pumps, the reserve that doesn’t work & how to fix the air/fuel separator.
- 2:15 pm – 3:15 pm **Tech Session** – Dick Paterson
OLDS/GMC the Ins & Outs of its Oiling
 Some knowledge for motor endurance.
- 2:15 pm – 3:45 pm **Non-Tech Session** – Sharon Hudspeth & Friends
Bookworms & Their Diet – (suggestions for books to read)
- 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm **Tech Session** – Jeff Sirum
Air Bags
 Discussion on alternate air bag systems.
- 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm **Non-Tech Session** – Elise Miller
“Let’s Keep Moving”
 Enjoy moving to the music of the 50’s & 60’s. No floor exercises involved.
- 7:30 pm – 8:00 pm **Ice Cream Social**
- 8:15 pm – 10:00 pm **Pineblock Derby Races**



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TUESDAY | APRIL 12 | BACK TO THE 50's SOCK HOP!

- 7:30 am - 9:00 am Coffee Hour - Donuts, Waffles, Bagels, English Muffins, Oatmeal & Fruit
7:30 am - 9:00 am Book Exchange
8:45 am Announcements/Daily Drawings - must be present to win
9:00 am - 10:15 am Non-Tech Session
Smart Phones - Men and Women are encouraged to attend.
The objective of this session is to bring together smartphone users to share knowledge of smart phone functions. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin boards.
10:30 am - 12:00 pm Tech Session - Dave Lenzi
Brakes - part two of two sessions
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10:30 am - 11:30 am Non-Tech Session - Mary Colie
Cooking Class
The objective of this session is to prepare two simple meals which require only one or two burners (or a microwave oven) to cook. Recipes and sample tastings of five different meals will be given to attendees. Come hungry! Feel free to share your own simple cooking ideas with other attendees as well.
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Tech Session - Jim Bounds
Front Suspension and Diesel Engine
Everything is good for someone, is this one good for you?
1:00 pm - 3:15 pm Craft Session Series
Join us for a fun session of craft projects, cards, socializing and so much more! Have you made blankets before, great! If you haven't before, great! Come and see how easy it is to make a blanket. Blankets are donated to a local charity in Dothan.
1:00 pm | Let's Make Something for Christmas - Joyce Murdock
1:30 pm | Crafts & More!
2:15 pm - 3:15 pm Tech Session - Kerry Pinkerton
Best Technical Thing You Ever Did to Your GMC
An interactive discussion on technical various improvements.
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm Sock Hop Dance Lessons with Elise Miller
4:45 pm - 5:45 pm GMCMI Regional Member Meetings
6:00 pm - Catered Meal
Following Dinner Back to the 50's Sock Hop
50's Attire welcomed - but not required.

WEDNESDAY | APRIL 13

- 7:30 am - 8:45 am Coffee Hour - Donuts, Waffles, Bagels, English Muffins, Oatmeal & Fruit
7:30 am - 8:45 am Book Exchange
8:45 am Announcements/Daily Drawings - must be present to win
9:00 am - 10:00 am Tech Session
Camshafts for GMCs - Dick Paterson
Simplifying the Specs & Choices
9:00 am - 10:00 am Non-Tech Session - Jane Ropp
Sequel to "Who Gets Grandma's Tea Pot"
10:30 am - 12:00 pm Membership Meeting, GMCMI Pineblock Derby Awards and the GMCMI Raffle
(luncheon to follow Membership Meeting)
1:30 pm - 2:15 pm Vendor Meeting
2:30 pm - 3:30 pm GMCMI Board Meeting

THURSDAY | APRIL 14

- 11:00 am Campground Checkout -
Convention Ends - Thank you for coming and have a safe trip home!