

Join us at the GMCMI fall convention in Ohio

Friday, September 30 to Thursday, October 6
Richland County Fairgrounds | Mansfield, Ohio

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER

With a murder on the menu, you are certain to find a medley of individuals to make the night most memorable. Bring your fedoras, pearls and feathers to the dinner, we encourage attendees to dress the period, but not required.



A "casting call" for actors will be held at the convention.



Convention Highlights

- 15-21 hours of tech sessions
- Early bird technical session
- Vendors, Vendors, Vendors...
- 12-19 hours of non-technical sessions
- Six nights of camping, Fri. through Wed. night
- Come early for Wednesday and Thursday
- Three ice cream socials
- Two catered dinners
- Two Lunches
- Hot waffles daily and an omelet breakfast
- Daily Coffee Hour and Book Exchange
- Daily Morning Drawings
- Ladies Social
- GMC Parts Exchange, Craft & Flea Market
- Two Open Houses
- 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....

Chili Cookoff and a Murder Mystery Dinner!



Chili Cooks Wanted!

Enter Your Favorite Style...
mild, spicy, bean, hot, vegetarian, green or white

To sign up on the registration form and get more details.
For more information email admin@gmcml.com

Awards For
BEST CHILI & BEST TABLE DECOR

We can't have a Chili Cookoff without Chili...
enter as a GMC chapter, group or individual to take part.
No entry fee. Open to all convention attendees.

GMCMI will be providing hot dogs and crackers.

"Ms. GMC PARTY"

The Great Laker Ladies are planning a "Ms. GMC Party" for the ladies social. The Mansfield Renaissance Historic Theater hosted the first Miss Ohio/Miss America Pageant in 1953 and continues today hence the "Ms. GMC Party".

We hope you come and join in the fun and fellowship. It would be great if you would come in an evening gown or a swim suit or show us your talent. **These are optional.** If you have an evening gown that has a story, wear it or just bring it. Mansfield could be cold in September (or not) so you may want to wear your swim suit with something warm. This is a time to be *silly* and *have fun*.

Please bring your own tea cup or mug. Tea is always better in china. There will be ham roll appetizers, fresh fruit mix, gluten free crackers & cheese, as well as other goodies. Come to the party and claim your Tiara. Hope to see you there.



Area Information

>> **Mansfield's official nickname is "The Fun Center of Ohio".**

Ohio "the Birthplace of Aviation" Nearly 100 years ago, Ohio's Wright Brothers changed the world with the first powered flight. Since then, Ohio has been home to countless aviation inventions, the birthplace of many pioneering aviators, the cradle of aviation industry, and the location of important events in the history of flight.

The Richland B & O Bike Trail, opened in 1995 and operated by the Richland County Park District, is a paved 18.3 mile hiking and bicycle trail laid out on the abandoned Baltimore & Ohio rail branch line from Butler via Bellville and Lexington to North Lake Park in Mansfield.



The Shawshank Trail "Drive-It-Yourself" Tour is a must for all *Shawshank Redemption* fans! 14 filming locations within Mansfield, Ashland and Upper Sandusky, Ohio. shawshanktrail.com

The popular image is of **Johnny Appleseed** spreading apple seeds randomly everywhere he went. In fact, he planted nurseries rather than orchards, built fences around them to protect them from livestock, left the nurseries in the care of a neighbor who sold trees on shares, and returned every year or two to tend the nursery. Mansfield was one of the areas he planted.

Mansfield Memorial Museum is the permanent home of ELEKTRO, America's first robot built by the Westinghouse Company for the 1939 New York World's Fair. The museum is an architectural wonder, unchanged since 1889. Artifacts on two floors display collections from early Native American, African, Asian, military, natural history, display of 600 planes, 400 armored vehicles and industrial displays. themansfieldmuseum.org



Mansfield Fire Museum & Educational Center provides the fire fighting history from the bucket brigade through internal combustion powered fire engines. Includes reproductions of a turn-of-the-century fire station and a part of Main Street in Downtown Mansfield.



The Renaissance Theatre, built in 1927 and opened in 1928 as the Ohio Theatre, is a historic 1,600 seat movie palace theatre located in downtown Mansfield which hosts a range of performances and home to The Mansfield Symphony and the Miss Ohio Pageant (Miss America preliminary).

The Amenities

>> Richland County Fairgrounds

Located 65 miles northeast of Columbus and 65 miles southwest of Cleveland. The physical and mailing address is 750 N Home Rd, Mansfield, Ohio 44906; 40.7801° N, 82.5674° W.

>> Fairgrounds Amenities

- Beautiful buildings and grounds
- All sites have 30 amp electric and water
- Free "Wifi Cafe"
- Comfort station with restrooms, showers and laundry
- Dump station available
- Golf cart rental available, contact Kim for details.

>> Vendor Area

The facility offers a limited indoor vendor area (outside vendor area will also be available). Vendors please indicate on registration form if you wish to be inside or outside. Thank you.



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 information.

Basic Information

>> 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.

>> Windshield Replacement Clinic!

Space is limited, contact Ken Burton as soon as possible at n9cv@comcast.net to make arrangements.

>> 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

Get those GMC's racers ready for the GMCMI Pineblock Derby! For GMCMI Pineblock Derby Rules go to gmcmi.com/gmcmi-pineblock-derby/.

>> 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. A list will be provided at gmcmi.com of books shared.

>> GMCMI Great Geocache Bash

It's back, offering a treasure hunt for the adventure seeker. Please bring your hand-held GPS devices. Everyone is welcomed!

>> Welcome GMC Chapters!

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



Experience life on America's most famous farm, the **Malabar Farm State Park**! The 900+ acre estate of Pulitzer Prize winning author-farmer-conservationist Louis Bromfield. Take a wagon ride and tour the farm and home where Hollywood stars Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall were married. malabarfarm.org

the schedule TENTATIVE THAT IS...



WEDNESDAY | SEPTEMBER 28 PRE-CONVENTION

1:00 pm Early Arrival & Registration
6:30 pm Professional Bingo | Doors open 5:00 pm

THURS. | SEPTEMBER 29 | PRE-CONVENTION

7:30 am Morning Coffee and Donuts
9:00 am Early Arrival & Registration
7:30 pm Ice Cream Social

FRIDAY | SEPTEMBER 30

7:30 am Morning Coffee and Donuts
8:00 am GMCMI Board Meeting
9:00 am GMCMI Arrival & Registration
1:00 pm Choir Practice for Sunday Worship Service
1:00 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

SATURDAY | OCTOBER 1

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 The Chili Cookoff
1:30 pm Afternoon Tech & Non-Tech Sessions
6:00 pm GMC Great Lakers Get-together
7:30 pm Ice Cream Social

SUNDAY | OCTOBER 2

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
6:00 pm GMC Heritage Cruisers Get-together
6:00 pm GMC Midwest Classic Get-together

UP-TO-DATE Information

Watch gmcmi.com for additional information and final schedule.

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



Events in the Area

The **Sports Car Club of America National Championship Runoffs** return to Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course on September 19-25 for the first time since 2005. Track is located less than 10 miles from the fairgrounds. For more details and tickets go to midohio.com.

The **Prairie Peddler Festival** is held in Butler, Ohio (23 miles) on September 24-25. Step back in time and experience the simpler life of a bygone era. Located in Ohio on beautiful scenic St. Rt. 97, the Prairie Peddler Festival welcomes you to enjoy a day full of fun and entertainment. Over 180 traditional costumed craftsmen demonstrate and sell their handmade items in a beautiful wooded setting. Excellent food cooked over open fires and continuous country-style entertainment.



MONDAY | OCTOBER 3

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
1:00 pm Afternoon Tech & Non-Tech Sessions
2:00 pm "Ms. GMC Party" Ladies Social
6:00 pm GMC Eastern States Get-together
7:30 pm Ice Cream Social
8:15 pm Pineblock Derby Races

TUESDAY | OCTOBER 4

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 Spagetti Lunch
1:00 pm GMC Motorhome Open House Tour
3:00 pm Afternoon Tech & Non-Tech Session
4:15 pm GMCMI Regional Member Meetings
5:30 pm Murdery Mystery Dinner! – catered meal

WEDNESDAY | OCTOBER 5

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
10:30 am Membership Meeting, Awards, GMCMI Raffle (luncheon to follow Membership Meeting)
1:30 pm Vendor Meeting
2:30 pm GMCMI Board Meeting

THURSDAY | OCTOBER 6

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



Historic Carrousel District Experience the simple pleasures of Downtown Mansfield. Over 60 unique specialty shops and eateries located in and around the historic Carrousel District.



The Historic Ohio State Reformatory opened in 1896, this castle-like prison is one of the most famous prisons in the US. Four motion pictures have been filmed on location including *The Shawshank Redemption* and *Air Force One*. During September and October the reformatory becomes the *Paranormal Penitentiary*: a haunted, frightening experience. paranormalpenitentiary.com