

Newsletter



TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE*APRIL 3-9*MINEOLA, TX

hosted by GMC Motorhomes International

Calling all Vintage Rally Attendees!

We are all looking forward to the amazing happenings coming our way in Mineola, Texas – especially the solar eclipse (not to be repeated for 20 years)!

So, welcome! Here is what you have been waiting for – a schedule of events. As you check out the opportunities for fun, remember to make notes so you do not miss a thing!

* Arrival

- **Location:** Mineola Civic Center, 1150 N Newsom St, Mineola, TX 75773
- **Signage:** Signs will be posted to guide you to the civic center and to registration.
- **Early Bird Arrival:** Come early on Monday or Tuesday for only \$40 a night and check out the town of Mineola, Texas. Additional days can be paid for at the rally registration.

* The RV Park

- **Features:** Restrooms, showers, wifi, and FULL HOOKUPS!
- **THINGS TO BRING:** Due to the placement of the water, electric, and sewer hookups it is recommended that you bring **EXTRA** water hose, sewer hose, and electric cord.

* Pickleball and Tennis Courts

We invite you to **BRING** your equipment and utilize the multiple courts available to use.

* Pets are Welcome

Pets must be on a leash with a human pooper scooper. No pets are allowed in buildings.

* Bookworms & Their Diet - Exchange

BRING your books, tapes, and DVDs for the book Exchange table. Also, bring your favorite book and share it at the “Bookworms and their Diet” session.

* Get-Togethers

We have many groups that would like to have a get-together on the facility. We have several rooms available plus the open-air pavilion.

The following get-togethers are scheduled:

Thursday at 6:00 pm: GMC Classics Get-Together

Saturday at 5:30 pm: GMC Dixielanders & GMC Sunshine Statesmen Get-Together

Please see bulletin boards for more details and additional get-togethers.

If you would like to utilize one of the rooms or the pavilion please contact Kim at kimweeksgmc@gmail.com

* Food Drive

Please bring non-perishable food items and paper products to the **Fred & Diane Dugger Memorial Food Drive** which will be donated to a local charity.

* Solar Eclipse Party

Enjoy a delicious catered dinner and sit back and let Marc Rubben knock your socks off in laughter!

Marc was voted 2020 Best Actor in the award-winning Indi Film “Silent Partners” and most recently is co-starring in the award-winning theatre concert “Now...THAT’S FUNNY!”

produced by the esteemed Fred Puglia of Perfect Impressions Entertainment, Inc.

Then get your dancing shoes on and enjoy the music by our own DJ Patricia Schenk, A.K.A. “DJ Atomic Star”! Don’t be surprised when the mirror ball starts a turning!



Entertainment Sponsor: Keith & Kim Weeks





If you want your windshield(s) replaced at the rally, the windshields must be pre-ordered. The cut-off date for ordering is **March 24!** So order as soon as possible.

For additional information and/or ordering contact:
Ken Burton at GMCwindshield@gmail.com

*No extra windshields will be available.
Everything **MUST** be ordered by March 24.*

*** GMC Windshield Replacement Clinic**

GMCMI will be conducting the popular Windshield Clinic at the Vintage RV Rally in Mineola, Texas on **Saturday, April 6** and **Sunday, April 7**. If you are attending the rally, stop by and watch them work. Also, ask any questions you might have. These guys have done over 200 of these over the years and now is the opportunity to have your questions answered.

The cut-off date for ordering is March 24!

Order as soon as possible!



*** Creative Hands Workshop**

*Thank you to all of our volunteers that will be presenting the following workshops. All workshops are **FREE** to attendees. Check the bulletin boards for samples and sign up sheets. Workshops are limited, so sign up early.*

Paint this dragonfly with me!

Follow along as I guide you in creating an easy and fun watercolor painting. Absolutely no artistic abilities needed. This is a fun class designed for complete beginners. All materials provided. – Deb Soromenho



GMC Ornament

Join us in making this delightful GMC Motorhome ornament out of felt. All materials are included. Several colors to pick from. – Jeanette and April Fields



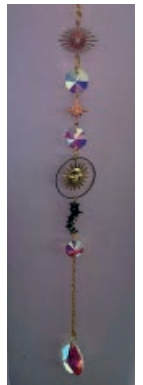
Rock Art

Back by popular demand! Rocks, crystals, plus many other items available to create your masterpiece. – Kim Weeks



Suncatcher

This glimmering piece of art captures the solar eclipse theme with the moon and sun. Create your own suncatcher All materials are included. – Deb Bickley



Bombas!

We are going to make Bombas for the campfire and the fireplace. When you have a roaring fire going, toss your bomba into the flames and it will make beautiful colors! Everyone can make them. – Cindi Michelhaugh



BRING: This is a general call for attendees to bring toilet roll paper centers, old tissue paper, old candles, or crayons. We do have some supplies, but the more supplies the more bombas we can make. Thank you.

Glamour Pens

Don't like to pick out beads and bobbles, not a problem! We will have loose ones plus kitted ones to assemble. All materials are included. – Kim Weeks





Schedule Highlights

We have included a PDF of the tentative schedule for the rally with the email of this newsletter. But below are highlights of some events you may wish to prepare for:

* Wednesday, April 3

Just a reminder of items that you may need to arrive a little earlier to attend:

- 1:30 pm Choir Rehearsal - please join us
- 3:00 pm First Timers Orientation Meeting
- 4:00 pm GMC Motorhome Mentor Program - individuals who wish a mentor on a particular year/model

* Friday, April 5 - "Lone Star Western Day"

Giddy up and go....what a day we have planned!

BRING attire for the day: Check your covered wagons and RVs for the western gear to wear. We welcome pioneer ladies, gunslingers, cowgirls, bankers, cowboys, and today's western wear.

8:00 am **BRING:** Your GMCMI Flashdrive to the "GMCMI Flashdrive Update Clinic" and have items added that you are missing.

10:30 am **RED, WHITE, & Blue Bonnets**

The spirit of Texas comes alive at the ladies' shindig hosted by the GMC Classic Ladies.

We look forward to seeing all you cowgirls and western ladies parade in your casual attire (not required) while we experience Texas hospitality, history, and the famous Blue Bonnets!

There will be great door prizes, good food, games, and a hottin' good time. See y'all there.

12:00 am Ken Frey's Famous Chuckwagon Chili & Cornbread

1:00 pm **BRING:** Your RV related items, arts & crafts, vintage items, etc. to see at the "Vintage Flea Market" – tables will be provided in the civic center where you can sell your wares: RV related items, arts & crafts, vintage items, etc.

2:45 pm Skedaddle yourself out to the "Saloon Shenanigans" where buckaroos and cowgirls will compete in silly, high-spirited, mischievous games. These cowpokes competing are YOU!

4:00 pm **Show and Shine - Open House**

This is your opportunity to shine like the sheriff's badge. We look forward to exploring the array of vintage coaches.

- Rumor is, the sheriff will be rounding up his possie and will be looking for outlaws. Keep a look out!

* Saturday, April 6 - Game Day!

Cornhole Baseball Tournament & Pineblock Derby

Highlights:

- 7:30 am **Pineblock Derby Weigh-In!**
BRING: Your GMC Derby Racer and have it fine-tuned to be weighed in for the race.
- 3:30 pm **Cornhole Baseball Tournament!**
Sign up on the bulletin boards
Get your teams and cheerleaders together and sign up for a great competition.
- 8:00 pm **Pineblock Derby!**
Prior to the big derby a Hot Wheels Derby is conducted. Want to be a driver of a Hot Wheel? Attend the morning drawings where vehicles will be drawn.

* Sunday, April 7 - Solar Eclipse Party!

A full day of sessions, fun, food, entertainment, and dancing!

Highlights:

- 9:00 am **Worship Service**
A non-denominational uplifting message and music!
- 3:45 pm **Weighing of the Coaches**
Check the bulletin board for preparation and directions to the weighing. Learn what these numbers mean at the **tech session tomorrow.**

* Monday, April 8 - Solar Eclipse Day!

THE COMPLETE SOLAR ECLIPSE!!!!

Highlights:

- 12:25 pm **SOLAR ECLIPSE Begins**
- 1:44 pm **SOLAR ECLIPSE Max**
- 3:04 pm **SOLAR ECLIPSE Ends**
- 6:00 pm **Catered Dinner followed by Convention Wrap-up, Awards, Fun, and the Raffle!**





❄️ Vendor Lineup & Special Deals!

Check out the special offers from our vendors. Break into your piggy banks and support our vendors.

Alex Sirum Vintage GMC*

Jeff Sirum | 863-763-1121
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Okeechobee, FL
Specializing in GMC Motorhome sales, service, repairs, hard to find parts, and fiberglass. We ship to all states and Canada. New updates available.

Special Offer: Limited quantity fiberglass accessories, pre-order only. Save shipping cost by pre-ordering and pickup from Jeff at the rally.

Classic Coaches & Accessories, LLC*

J.R. & Jeanne Slaten | 502-836-2097
jrslaten@aol.com
Engine oil cooler hoses and lines. Monogrammed, lighted assist handles. Manual rotating leveling valves.

Special Offer: Save shipping cost by pre-ordering and pickup from J.R. at the rally.

Custom Instrument Panels*

Mac & Shirley McNeal | 704-985-0171
cipdash@sbcglobal.net | www.custominstrumentpanels.com
Custom instrument panels and instruments.

Special Offer: Save shipping cost by pre-ordering and pickup from Mac at the rally.

Dave Lenzi

810-964-3315
mlenzi@charter.net
Brake parts, steering parts, copper gaskets

GMC RV Shades*

Gary & Terry Coaster | 810-650-5111
gmcshades@gmail.com
Pleated day/night shades for all GMC coach floor plans. Orders include hardware and instructions. A variety of colors are available. Exterior covers for both the windshield and rear window are also available in several colors and include provisions for wind wings.

Special Offer: Save on shipping. Exterior cover preorders will be delivered to Mineola and installed **FREE!**

John D. & Linda Richardson

850-830-6100 | jrchr@aol.com
CAM Shield Oil Treatment and many used GMC Motorhome parts.

ToyGMC Mohos

Alain Bouchard | 617-257-1857
alain@verizon.net
A collection of Hot Wheels and toy GMC Motorhomes

Wayne & Delaine Brady

512-656-6265 | delaine_brady@hotmail.com
Woodworking items

❄️ Caravans to Mineola

Please note these caravans are organized by GMC groups/chapters, but all are invited to join in!

March 31 | Nashville, TN to Vicksburg, MS

Jared and Stephanie Kohl to leave from Virginia and meet up with the Rick and Cindi Michelhaughs in Knoxville and then come down the Natchez Trace Parkway from Nashville to Vicksburg.

Come and join us on March 31 at the White's Creek Lake Campground in Eupora, MS. <https://www.campspot.com/park/whites-creek-lake-campground-eupora-ms>

Questions? Reach out to Jared Kohl, GMC Tidewater Crabs president at 202-489-7754, vacoufan@yahoo.com

April 1-3 | Let's All Meet in Vicksburg, MS

The GMC Dixielanders have organized a caravan to Mineola and all are welcome to join in the fun. We will be coming from points north, south and east to the Ameristar Casino and RV Park in Vicksburg, MS, arriving April 1 and departing for Mineola the morning of April 3. The RV Park is located on the banks of the Mississippi at 726 Lucy Bryson Street, Vicksburg, MS 39180. Reservations for full hookup sites (approximately \$30 per night) can be made via telephone at 601-631-0402. Make sure to mention you are with the GMC group, though exact sites are selected when you check in. The RV Park is on a slope, so you may wish to bring blocks to help make your GMC as level as possible.

This is a no-host event. Bring your meals as you would like, and look forward to catching up around the campfire, and tinkering on our GMC's in anticipation for the final push to Mineola. There is an excellent steak house associated with the casino, and that is a short drive or a half-mile or so walk away.

Questions? Reach out to Bill Kittredge, GMC Dixielander president at 714-264-7386, wrkittredge@aol.com.