



## Vintage RV Rally – 2024 Solar Eclipse (subject to change)

Wednesday, April 3 - Tuesday, April 9

Mineola Civic Center | Mineola, Texas

### MONDAY | APRIL 1 | EARLY ARRIVAL

2:00 pm – 5:00 pm Early GMCMI Arrival & Registration

### TUESDAY | APRIL 2 | EARLY ARRIVAL

9:00 am – 5:00 pm Early GMCMI Arrival & Registration

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm GMCMI Board Meeting

### WEDNESDAY | APRIL 3 | WELCOME!

7:30 am – 8:30 am Good Morning Early Birds! – serving coffee, donuts, and waffles

9:00 am – 4:00 pm Early Arrival & Registration

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm First Timers Orientation Meeting – *All Members Welcome*

4:00 pm – 4:30 pm GMC Motorhome Mentor Program (part of orientation meeting)

7:30 pm – 7:50 pm Ice Cream Social served by the GMCMI Board Members

8:00 pm Bingo (free cards, prizes awarded)

### THURSDAY | APRIL 4 | OPENING DAY!

7:30 am Catered Breakfast

8:30 am – 10:00 am Welcome Meeting  
Introduction of Vendors and Non-GMC Vintage Coach Owners

10:15 am – 12:00 pm *Tech Session* – Ty Hardiman  
**Vintage RV 101: Fundamentals for New Owners**  
This is a session for new or prospective RV owners who want to learn some of the maintenance items needed to keep the vintage RV running reliably.

10:15 am – 12:00 pm *Non-Tech Session*  
**Let's Get Acquainted**  
A gathering of attendees to introduce themselves and share their RV adventures. All are welcome, please join us.

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm *Tech Session* – Dolph Santorine  
**Explanation of RV Site Power**  
We will demonstrate the amperage limit of the power that is available for our coaches at campgrounds.

1:00 pm – 2:45 pm *Non-Tech Session* – Martha Boone & Cindy Michelhaugh  
**Traveling with Pets in Your GMC Motorhome**  
We will share information on pets in a GMC, pet meds & poisons, and other suggestions on traveling with pets. Followed by an open forum to learn about how others cope with their pets.

2:15 pm – 3:15 pm *Tech Session* – Jeff Sirum  
**Is Your Coach Underinsured**  
The objective is to be aware of your proper amount of insurance coverage.

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm **Creative Hands Workshop**  
Check the bulletin boards for project samples and sign up sheets. Workshops are limited, so sign up early.

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm *Tech Session* – Dave Lenzi  
**Question & Answer Session**  
Any questions related to brakes, steering, and suspension.

### FRIDAY | APRIL 5 | LONE STAR WESTERN DAY!

7:30 am – 8:30 am **Breakfast Bonanza** – Grab the grub of biscuits and gravy plus donuts, waffles, yogurt, oatmeal, juice, or fruit.

7:30 am **Update Your GMCMI Flashdrive Clinic**  
Bring your flashdrive and he will add the items that your missing.

8:30 am **Announcements/Daily Drawings** – must be present to win

9:00 am – 10:00 am *Tech Session* – John D. Richardson  
**What's Going on Inside Your Engine?**  
Learn how an oil analysis can tell you and where to have it done. Complimentary oil sample its will be available.

9:00 am – 10:00 am *General Session* – Russell Nix  
**Basic Birding - Science Behind Owls**  
"What makes the owl so wise?"

10:15 am – 11:45 pm *Tech Session* – Brett Hudspeth, ASC Certified  
**Automatic Transmission**  
GM TH400 and TH425 principles of operation and service procedures.

10:30 am **"Red, White, & Blue Bonnets" Ladies Luncheon**  
Hosted by the GMC Classics Ladies: Join us in an experience of Texas hospitality, history, and the famous blue bonnets. We encourage cowgirl or Texas/Western wear (not required).



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- 12:00 pm “Ken Frey’s Famous Chuckwagon Chili” will be served for the men
- 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm “**Vintage Flea Mart**” a designated time to sell your wares: RV related items, arts & crafts, vintage items, etc.
- 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm **Saloon Shenanigans**  
All right all you cowpokes, it’s time to hoot ‘n holler and you “buckaroos” and “cowgirls” to compete in silly, high-spirited, mischievous games.
- 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm “**Show & Shine**” – open house

### SATURDAY | APRIL 6 | PINEBLOCK DERBY DAY!

- 7:30 am – 8:30 am **Breakfast:** Croissant Sandwiches courtesy of SkyMed plus donuts, yogurt, oatmeal, juice, and fruit.
- 7:30 am – 8:30 am **PINEBLOCK DERBY WEIGH-IN!**
- 8:30 am **Announcements/Daily Drawings** – must be present to win
- 9:00 am – 9:45 am **General Session** – Stan Schwenke  
**An Emergency Plan to Accompany FMCA’s Plan or Stand-Alone**  
SkyMed International guarantees in an emergency to take you home by your choice. SkyMed Travel provides hotels, rental cars, cruises, vacation packages, airline tickets, all with a best price guarantee.
- 10:00 am – 10:45 am **Tech Session** – Emery Stora  
**Onan Generator Forum**  
Bring your questions and problems to discuss during the forum.
- 10:00 am – 12:00 pm **Creative Hands Workshop**  
Check the bulletin boards for project samples and sign up sheets. Workshops are limited, so sign up early.
- 11:00 am – 12:00 pm **Tech Session** – Brett Hudspeth, ASC Certified  
**Auto Air Conditioning**  
Engine driven air conditioning theory and operation with a focus on GM R4 and A6 compressors.
- 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm **Tech Session** – Jeff Sirum  
**LED Lighting: Indoor & Exterior**  
Benefits of upgrading to LED.
- 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm **General Session** – Mark Elmer  
**Making Life Easier in My RV**  
A group discussion of things YOU have done to make life easier in the RV. Share those little things you’ve discovered that make the most out of living in our beloved coach. – *Men and Women are encouraged to attend.*

- 2:15 pm – 3:15 pm **Tech Session** – Paul Doane  
**Rebuild Your Quadrajet - Part 1 of 3**  
The objective of this session is to accomplish better performance and fuel mileage from your quadrajet.
- 2:15 pm – 3:15 pm **General** – Patricia Schenk  
**Camping Basics 101**  
This class helps you to become a prepared, educated camper, who knows what to do and therefore can truly enjoy his/her camping stay.
- 3:30 pm **Cornhole Baseball Tournament!** – *Sign up on the bulletin boards*  
Get your teams and cheerleaders together for a great competition.
- 7:30 pm – 7:50 pm **Ice Cream Social**
- 8:00 pm – **Pineblock Derby Race**

### SUNDAY | APRIL 7 | SOLAR ECLIPSE PARTY!

- 7:30 am – 8:30 am **Breakfast:** Western & plain scrambled eggs by Ken Frey & Friends plus donuts, waffles, bagels, english muffins, toast, yogurt, oatmeal, juice and fruit.
- 8:30 am **Announcements/Daily Drawings** – must be present to win
- 9:00 am – 10:00 am **Worship Service** – Billie Kelley
- 10:30 am – 12:00 pm **Tech Session** – Randy Van Winkle  
**Fuel Injection**  
Introduction for fuel injection for our coaches and the different options available. Discussion will cover how fuel injection works and explore the tuning options required to get maximum fuel mileage and power.
- 10:30 am – 12:00 pm **Creative Hands Workshop**  
Check the bulletin boards for project samples and sign up sheets. Workshops are limited, so sign up early.
- 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm **Tech Session** – Paul Doane  
**Rebuild Your Quadrajet - Part 2 of 3**  
The objective of this session is to accomplish better performance and fuel mileage from your quadrajet.
- 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm **Co-Pilot Forum** – Ty Hardiman  
**Do You Have a Function/Mechanical Question About Your Motorhome?**  
Here is your opportunity for the co-pilot to ask questions without the pressure of mechanics around.



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2:15 pm – 3:30 pm	<b>GMCMCI Membership Meeting &amp; Regional Breakouts</b> – All rally attendees are welcome to attend the meeting. Immediately following the membership meeting, attendees will breakout into three rooms to discuss ideas, concerns, etc. Check bulletin board for what area you are in and room assignments.	12:25 pm	<b>SOLAR ECLIPSE Begins</b>
3:45 pm – 5:30 pm	<b>Tech Clinic</b> – Jeff Sirum and Friends <b>Weighing of the Coaches</b> Check the Bulletin Boards for directions on how to line up.	1:44 pm	<b>SOLAR ECLIPSE Max</b>
6:00 pm	<b>A Solar Eclipse Party!</b> Enjoy a delicious catered dinner and sit back and let ventriloquist Marc Rubben knock your socks off in laughter! 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!	3:04 pm	<b>SOLAR ECLIPSE Ends</b>
7:30 am – 8:30 am	<b>MONDAY   APRIL 8   SOLAR ECLIPSE DAY!</b> <b>Breakfast</b> – SOS Breakfast by Ty & Betty Hardiman plus donuts, waffles, bagels, english muffins, toast, yogurt, oatmeal, juice and fruit.	3:15 pm – 4:15 pm	<b>Tech Session</b> – Paul Doane <b>Rebuild Your Quadrajets</b> - Part 3 of 3 The objective of this session is to accomplish better performance and fuel mileage from your quadrajets.
8:30 am	<b>Announcements/Daily Drawings</b> – must be present to win	3:15 pm – 5:15 pm	<b>General Session – Bookworms &amp; Their Diet</b> – Lucy Weidner We will be conducting brief book reviews and share suggestions on books to read. All are welcome to come.
9:00 am – 10:15 am	<b>Tech Session</b> – Jeff Sirum <b>Understanding Your Coach Weighing Numbers</b> The objective is to interpret your numbers and the importance of them.	4:30 pm – 5:30 pm	<b>Tech Session</b> – Merle Carpenter <b>Failed Parts</b> Assortment of parts that have failed...wore out, installed incorrectly, in a fire, ethanol fuel damage, etc.
9:00 am – 10:15 am	<b>General Session</b> – Patricia Schenk <b>Preparing for the Next Pineblock Derby</b> Join us to discuss tricks and tips to help you win!	6:00 pm	<b>Catered Dinner followed by the Rally Wrap-up: Awards, Fun, and the Raffle!</b>
10:30 am – 12:00 pm	<b>General Session</b> – Lucy Weidner <b>“What the Health!”</b> Discussion about age related health information, including vaccines, various changes to vision, and hearing, dealing with mental health issues, tick borne illnesses, CBD use, vitamins and supplements. Additional topics will include how to talk to your doctor and how to assess various health related websites.	12:00 pm	<b>TUESDAY   APRIL 9</b> <b>Check out time. Wishing you safe travels.</b>