STMA Soars Into the Valley of the Sun

Soar to the heights of Arizona’s Valley of the Sun as the breathtaking scenery and temperate climate remind you why snowbirds from around the world flock here. This region is filled with sites that tie right into the STMA Conference theme, "Growing Into The New Millennium" and many of them are featured in the Seminar on Wheels tours. Past participants have called these tours a "traveling Round-Table discussion," a "networking bonanza," and a "college course on wheels."

Seminar on Wheels I, on January 13th, is a baseball facilities tour. The first tour stop is Scottsdale Stadium, the first of the New Wave Stadiums in Rustic Old Town and the Giants’ training facility. Next is Papago Park, a new style, open stadium with multiple, tiered fields, that is the Oakland A’s training facility. Next comes the historic and traditional Municipal Stadium.

Then comes the brand new facility, Maryvale, winter home of the Milwaukee Brewers. The last stop is BOB, the domed stadium with natural turf which is home of the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Seminar on Wheels II, on Sunday, January 17th, is a multiple sport facility tour. The first stop is Hohokam Stadium, a relatively new facility used by the Cubs. Next stop is Arizona State University for a tour of Sun Devil Stadium, site of the Fiesta Bowl and used by the Arizona Cardinals, and a tour of Packard Stadium, College Diamond of the Year for 1995. Then comes the NFL Cardinals state-of-the-art training facility. Next is the multi-sport complex of Corona Del Sol High School. Last on this tour is Diablo Stadium, the newly rebuilt facility of the Anaheim Angels that also is used for soccer.

Seminar on Wheels III, also on the 17th, heads for Tucson. First stop is Gardner Turfgrass, Inc.’s sod production facility. Next comes the University of Arizona - Karsten Research Facility for an up close view of ongoing research. The last stop is the Tucson Electric Park and the Kino Sports Complex with multiple baseball and soccer fields. It’s the spring home of the Chicago White Sox and the Arizona Diamondbacks.

What a way to Grow!