

Midwest Chapter's "Tour on Wheels"

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MIDWEST CHAPTER MEMBERS AND GUESTS had an enjoyable day touring outstanding Chicagoland facilities and fields on August 24.

The tour began at Alexian Field, home of the independent Schaumburg Flyers of the Northern League. Eric Fasbender spoke about his first year as head groundskeeper and field maintenance practices on the 3-year-old field, and members toured the facility, which opened in 1999.

Next stop was Soldier Field, home of the Chicago Bears and the Chicago Fire professional soccer team. Head groundskeeper John Nolan gave a field tour, describing field preparation and line painting for both football and soccer. John also spoke of the major renovation the stadium will undergo in 2002 and 2003.

Lunch stop was Northwestern University, where participants toured Ryan Field,

STMA 2000 College/University Football Field of the Year (see ST Aug 2001, p. 8). Eric Adkins, CSFM, led the tour and later discussed his turf maintenance practices with the use of natural and organic fertilizers.

The "Tour on Wheels" then made its final stop for the day, at New Trier High School. Jules Lande, field manager, discussed his football field maintenance and game preparation practices. This field won the STMA Midwest Chapter's 1999 Field & Facility Award. Later, Tour on Wheels sponsor representatives presented equipment demonstrations and discussed their products.

The tour returned to Alexian Field in the western suburbs to view batting practice and pre-game warm-ups, enjoy a picnic dinner, and then watch the Flyers game.

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Opened in 1999, Alexian Field is home to the independent Northern League Schaumburg Flyers.



Venerable Soldier Field is due to undergo a renovation next year; selling its naming rights is causing controversy already, since the field is a memorial to the country's war dead.

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Florida Chapter #1: The Florida Chapter is planning an Irrigation Seminar in at Holiday Park in Ft. Lauderdale on October 16. The Chapter will again take part in the annual Turf Rodeo. This year's event will be held at Deerfield Beach on November 7. A meeting in the Village of Pinecrest is scheduled for December 5. For information on the Florida Chapter, or pending activities, call John Mascaro at 954-341-3115.

Keystone Athletic Field Managers Organization (KAFMO/STMA): KAFMO will hold their Scholarship Fundraiser Golf Outing on Monday, October 22, 2001, beginning at 12 noon at the Overlook Golf Course in Manheim, PA. For information on the KAFMO/STMA Chapter, the golf outing or other upcoming events, contact Dan Douglas, Reading Phillies Baseball Club, at 610-375-8469, ext. 212; or e-mail to: kafmo@aol.com.

MO-KAN Sports Turf Managers Association: The MO-KAN Chapter is planning a Sports Facilities Tour for October 24. Details will be announced soon. For information on the MO-KAN STMA Chapter, or upcoming events, call Trevor Vance at 816-504-4271; Gary Custis at 816-460-6215; or Jody Gill at 913-239-4121.

Mid-Atlantic Athletic Field Managers Organization (MAFMO/STMA): The

MAFMO Chapter will hold its 2001 Design and Construction Seminar from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm on October 25 at the Radisson Hotel Annapolis in Annapolis, MD. On the program are: Don Campbell, French & Associates, speaking on Field Design; Dan Shaloo, Musco Lighting, speaking on Lights; Tim Cleary, Turf Equipment & Supply Company, on Irrigation; Murray Cook, Brickman SPORTSturf Services, on Fixtures/Amenities; Dr. Dave Minner, Iowa State University, on Soil/Grading; and Larry French, French & Associates, on Storm Water Management related to the Clean Air & Water Act. For information on the MAFMO Chapter, or pending activities, call the Hotline at 410-290-5652.

Nebraska Sports Turf Managers Association: The Nebraska Chapter is planning an October meeting at Haymarket Park in Lincoln, the new home of the University of Nebraska Huskers Baseball Team and Northern League Saltdogs. For information on the Nebraska Chapter, or upcoming events, call Gregg Bostelman, City of Grand Island, at 308-385-5426.

Colorado Sports Turf Managers Association: The Colorado Chapter is planning a Fall Turf Day at the new Invesco Field at Mile High. More details will be announced

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soon. For information on the Colorado Chapter, or upcoming activities, visit the Chapter's website-www.CSTMA.org-or call the CSTMA Chapter Hotline at 303-346-8954.

Midwest Chapter STMA: Upcoming events for the Midwest Chapter include a Fall workshop at the Lincolnshire Sports Complex in October, and the annual North Central Turf Expo at Pheasant Run Resort in December in conjunction with the Illinois Turf Foundation and the Illinois Landscape Contractors Association. For information on the Midwest Chapter, or pending activities, call the Chapter Hotline at 847-622-3517.

Tennessee Valley Sports Turf Managers Association (TVSTMA): The Tennessee Valley Chapter is planning an October workshop. Details on that event will be announced soon. TVSTMA is sponsoring a Tour on Wheels in conjunction with the Tennessee Parks and Recreation Association Meeting in Memphis on November 4-6. The Tour of Memphis area sites will include the Liberty Bowl, AutoZone Park, and the Germantown Parks and Recreation athletic facilities. The chapter also is holding a joint event in conjunction with the Kentucky Turfgrass Council in Bowling Green, November 5-8. For information on the TVSTMA Chapter, or upcoming events, call Bill Marbet, Southern Athletic Fields, Inc., at 931-380-0023 or 800-837-8062.

Ohio Sports Turf Managers Association (OSTMA): The OSTMA 4th Annual meeting and awards breakfast will be held at the Columbus Convention Center from 7:30 am to 8:30 am on December 5th in conjunction with the December 3-6, 2001, Ohio Turfgrass Foundation Conference. Featured will be a special Sports Turf Track and vendor displays with products for the sports turf manager. For information on the OSTMA Chapter, or upcoming events, call OSTMA Headquarters at 740-452-4541 or Boyd Montgomery at 419-885-1982; or visit the chapter's website at www.glstma.org.

Sports Turf Managers Association of Arizona: The Arizona Chapter will participate with the City of Yuma Parks and Recreation to present the 9th Annual Sports Turf Field Day and Equipment Show on December 7, 2001. The day's activities include presentations by guest speakers, seminars, and the opportunity to view vendor displays. The 6th Annual "Sports Turf" Golf Tournament will be held on Thursday, December 6, 2001, the day before the show. For more information on these events, contact Larry Munoz, City of Yuma Parks and Recreation, at e-mail: Larry.Munoz@CI.Yuma.az.us or tel. 520-329-2824. For information on the chapter, or other upcoming events, contact Bill Murphy, Recreation and Facilities Manager, City of Scottsdale Park, at e-mail: bmurphy@ci.scottsdale.az.us or tel. 480-312-7954.

Chapter, or upcoming events, call Jim Anthony, Saint Louis University, St. Louis, MO, at 314-977-2956.

Indiana Chapter: For information on the Indiana Chapter, or pending activities, call Terry Updike, B & B Fertilizer, at 219-356-8424.

Iowa Sports Turf Managers Association: For information on the Iowa Chapter, or upcoming activities, contact Lori Westrum of The Turf Office at tel. 515-232-8222, or fax 515-232-8228, or e-mail: Lori@iowaturfgrass.org.

Michigan Sports Turf Managers Association (MiSTMA): For information on the Chapter or other pending events, call Rick Jurries, West Ottawa Public Schools, at 616-738-6974, or go to www.mistma.org to visit the chapter's new website.

Minnesota Chapter STMA: For information on the Minnesota Chapter, or upcoming events, contact Ron Unger, Director of Parks & Recreation, City of Kasson, at tel. 507-634-4165 or e-mail: ParkNRec@CityofKasson.com.

Sports Field Managers Association of New Jersey: For information on the New Jersey Chapter, or upcoming events, call Jim Gavigan, Lesco, at 732-248-8979; or call Eleanora Murfitt, Director, Township of Clinton Parks & Recreation Department, at 908-735-5999.

North Texas Sports Turf Managers Association: For information on the North Texas Chapter, or pending activities, call Kayla McAfee at 972-234-6584 or Rene Asprion at 972-647-3393, or visit the website at www.ntstma.org.

South Texas Sports Turf Managers Association: The South Texas Chapter is planning an event for early October. More details will be announced soon. For information on the chapter, or upcoming events, call Tom McAfee, Nelson Wolff Municipal Stadium, San Antonio, at 210-207-3754.

Virginia Sports Turf Managers Association: For information on the Virginia Chapter, or upcoming events, contact: Chapter Vice President, Randy Buchanan, County of Henrico Recreation and Parks, via e-mail: buc06@co.henrico.va.us or at 804-261-8213.

Mid-South Chapter STMA: For information on the Mid-South Chapter, or upcoming events, contact Robert Bodi at e-mail: TURF419@aol.com or Jim Calhoun at tel. 901-755-1305.

Chapters On The Grow

Las Vegas: With the STMA Annual Conference & Exhibition headed for Las Vegas January 16-20, 2002, plans for the formation of a Las Vegas Chapter also are moving forward. For more information on the developing chapter, please contact Rod Smith, Grounds Manager/Cashman Center at e-mail: rms@lvca.com or at tel. 702-386-7140.

New York: A chapter is forming in Central New York. The group will meet at 10:30 a.m. on the third Wednesday of each month at the National Soccer Hall of Fame. For more information, contact Kevin Meredith, National Soccer Hall of Fame, at e-mail: Kevin@wpe.com or at tel. 607-432-2953.

Wisconsin Sports Turf Managers Association: WSTMA will participate in the Wisconsin Turfgrass and Greenscape EXPO to be held at the Marriott, Madison West, January 8-10, 2002.

For more information on the Wisconsin Chapter, or other pending events, call Richard Miller at 608-756-1150.

Northern California Chapter of the Sports Turf Managers Association: For information on the Nor-Cal Chapter, or pending events, call Janet Gift at 530-758-4200.

Southern California Chapter: For information on the Southern California Chapter, or pending activities, call Ron Kirkpatrick at 858-453-1755.

Gateway Chapter Sports Turf Managers Association: For information on the Gateway

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