

Continued in the Big Bend State

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Members of the Tennessee Valley Sports Turf Managers Association gathered at Franklin Road Academy (FRA) in Nashville last May for seminars both on and off the field.

Tiff Canady led off with a discussion of what he does at FRA to make his fields some of the nicest around. Tiff talked about his equipment, staff, and responsibilities, and gave an overview of the grounds and all the areas he maintains.

Dr. Frank Hale, Nashville UT Extension Service, then discussed pests. Not the people we sometimes call pests, but grubs and other turf pests. He recommended pesticides for specific turf pests and how to time applications to combat them. Dr. Hale used a PowerPoint presentation to help attendees identify the pests and the damage they do to turfgrass.

Next, Greg Johns with Harrell's Fertilizer gave a presentation on basic understanding of fertilizer. He covered what each element is and its purpose; the mathematics of calculating applications; and the action of nitrogen fertilizers. A discussion of pH along



with soil and tissue testing followed his presentation, which led to other topics, including mathematics, fertilizer balancing, availability, use, etc.

After lunch the seminar moved outside onto the football field to view Marty Kaufman, Clyde Clemons and Brad Benton demonstrating how the Tennessee Titans paint lines, numbers, hashes, and logos. Other techniques were also demonstrated and equipment options were discussed. During the discussion, Johnny Ponce and Ron Templeton offered suggestions and ideas to help identify the multiple options available when it comes to painting techniques.

During the day's final session, four vendors demonstrated their aerification equipment on the football field. This gave attendees the opportunity to see what types of aerification equipment are available and what aerification will do for the fields. These demonstrations resulted in FRA having had almost their entire football aerified. Everyone finished just in time to miss the rain!

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Midwest Chapter STMA: The Midwest Chapter will hold its Tour on Wheels in late August.

For information on the Midwest Chapter, or pending activities, visit the Chapter's website, <http://mcestna.org/>, or call Libby Baker at 847-263-7603 or email Bake60ft6in@aol.com.

The Greater LA Basin Chapter of the Sports Turf Managers Association: The Chapter will have a booth at the Turfgrass and Landscape Expo (SCTC) Fairplex in Pomona October 9-10. In the planning stages is an October Field Day at Edison International; date and time to be announced soon.

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