

## 2010 Central Station Alarm Association Annual Meeting

October 1 - October 6, 2010

Ritz-Carlton Dove Mountain, Marana, Arizona

### Preliminary Program

Early Bird Registration Deadline: Friday, August 13, 2010

Registration Deadline: Friday, September 10, 2010



## Optional Tours

All tours are exclusive to 2010 CSAA Annual Meeting Attendees.

All tours are subject to change and cancellation

**Sunday, October 3, 2010, 10:00am - 4:00pm**

### Tucson... A Glimpse into the Past

### The Mission San Xavier del Bac, El Presidio and Gallery in the Sun

**Minimum of 15 persons / Maximum of 20**

The Mission San Xavier del Bac, widely known as the “White Dove of the Desert” is located nine miles south of downtown Tucson. It is a National Historic Landmark and on Fodor’s “Must See” list for Southern Arizona. Founded as a Catholic mission in 1692, with construction of the current church beginning in 1783, it is considered to be the finest example of Spanish Colonial architecture in the United States. More than 200,000 visitors come annually and literally step back in time as they enter the authentic 18th century space filled with original statuary and mural paintings. Today the church retains its original purpose of administering to the religious needs of its parishioners with a regular schedule of masses.

After exploring the Mission it’s on to the El Presidio Inn, a Victorian Adobe, which is a splendid example of American Territorial architecture, blending the rich cultural heritage of Mexican and American building traditions. Today it is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and is the oldest functioning B&B in Tucson. Lunch will be served in the courtyard surrounded with lovely gardens and shady trees.

After lunch, it’s back on the road to Gallery in the Sun, the realization of a dream for artist Ted DeGrazia. Originally known for his imagery of small wide-eyed children, what began as a small construction project in the early 1950s developed into a 10-acre venue recognized as a National Historic District. Boasting six permanent collections of paintings that trace historical and native cultures of the Southwest, there are also rotating exhibitions.

The adjoining Mission in the Sun was built in 1952 in honor of Father Kino and dedicated to Our Lady of Guadalupe, patron saint of Mexico. With its rustic rock floor, open-air ceiling and DeGrazia Murals, the mission is a beloved sanctuary for visitors.

(Tour includes: roundtrip transportation from the Ritz-Carlton Dove Mountain, tour guide, entrance donations to the Mission San Xavier and the Gallery in the Sun, chilled fruit and salad plate luncheon with muffins, dessert and wine at the El Presidio Inn, all taxes and gratuities, and bottled water.)



ATR 909 Mission San Xavier del Bac

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**Tuesday, October 5, 2010, 2:00pm – 4:00pm**

### Tortolita Four Wheel Desert Adventure

**Minimum of 6 persons/ Maximum in multiples of 6**

Although it is probably typical when thinking of the Southwest to have a dry desertscape come to mind, nothing could be farther from the truth. The Sonoran Desert is one of the lushest biomes in existence, falling behind the South American Rain Forests. During this drive into the Sonoran Desert, guests will see some absolutely breathtaking scenery.

Departing from the resort's front entrance, the tour will take guests winding over and through the beautiful Tortolita Mountains with expansive vistas and views. The jeep drivers are also guides with diverse backgrounds in Native American history, geology and local history. Their experience and knowledge will both educate and entertain as they navigate through the natural beauty of the mighty saguaros, the "jumping chollas or the "whoa wait a minute bush". In addition you'll see over fifteen species of prickly pear cacti and other incredible types of desert vegetation. The tour will also spend time exploring the natural wonder of rocks and crevices in many unique shapes and sizes. Don't be surprised if you come across some of the many Southwestern "critters" observing you as you enjoy their natural environment.

(Tour includes: Rugged 4-wheel drive, 6-passenger vehicles departing from the Ritz-Carlton Dove Mountain, experienced driver/guides, bottled water and granola bar, all taxes and gratuities.)

