

The season's second round takes the series to a traditional winter vacation haven in the desert valley of Phoenix. The Phoenix metropolitan area's population has grown to nearly 5,000,000, and tourism remains an important part of the culture. The Wild Horse Pass Casino and Hotel is a stone's throw from the racetrack. And Old Town Scottsdale, only a 20-minute drive, has a tremendous variety of lodging options and activities. Phoenix may not be known for BBQ, but Little Miss BBQ is

becoming a destination restaurant for foodies, while Chuckbox (cashonly burger spot) and the Tortilla Factory are long-time valley staples. In the Places of Note section, check out Rawhide for a small glimpse into 19th century cowboy life, or visit the Pima Air and Space Museum to peer into the history of aviation, particularly military aviation. Finally, the NHRA race coincides with the opening of the Cactus League Spring Training season.

HOTELS



Wild Horse Pass 5040 Wild Horse Pass Blvd., Chandler, AZ (800) 946-4452



Old Town Scottsdale Hotels Various locations

RESTAURANTS



Little Miss BBQ 8901 N. 7th St., Phoenix, AZ (602) 314-6922 4301 E. University Dr., Phoenix, AZ (602) 437-1177



Chuckbox 202 E. University Dr., Tempe, AZ (480) 968-4712



Old Town Tortilla Factory 6910 E. Main Street, Scottsdale, AZ (480) 945-4567

PLACES OF NOTE



Rawhide 5700 W. North Loop Rd., Chandler, AZ (480) 502-5600



Pima Air and Space Museum 6000 E. Valencia Rd., Tucson, AZ (520) 574-0462



Old Town Scottsdale Tourist Info Center 7014 E. Camelback Rd., Scottsdale, AZ (480) 421-1004

