

LEE COUNTY MOSQUITO/HYACINTH CONTROL DISTRICTS



Newsletter

August, 2009

Shelly Redovan received an email from Mr. Timo de Vries from the Netherlands. He is coming to Florida in August on holiday after visiting the Naval Museum in Pensacola. He is very interested in the DC-3's and is a member of a DC-3 Club in Holland. He says "we appear to be the biggest current operator of C-47/DC-3's in North America." "He affectionally (sic) calls them *Dakota's*." Mr. de Vries was so pleased to know about a cockpit donated to the *Best Museum*. "It is a very nice museum to remember all the Allied countries and a remembrance to all the Allied soldiers who fought and died for our freedom in 1944." We look forward to his visit!

2009 ANNUAL AQUATIC PLANT MANAGEMENT SOCIETY MEETING:

Don Doggett attended the annual conference of the Aquatic Plant Management Society, held July 12-15, 2009, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The meeting topics included building partnerships, NPDES permits and new combinations of herbicides for nuisance plant species. Next year marks the 50th ANNIVERSARY of the society and the conference will be held in Ft. Myers, where it originated. The District will play an integral role in planning a successful event.

On July 30, 2009, employees took advantage of the satellite broadcast sponsored by the Florida Dept. of Health "Zoonotic Disease Broadcast—Rift Valley Fever." Keith was able to connect to the webcast for the District. The presentation covered understanding the general ecology of Rift Valley Fever (RVF) virus and risk factors associated with outbreaks; identifying key risk factors and the likelihood that RVF virus could be introduced to FL or the U.S. The panel described steps needed for effective eradication—what competent vectors are present—described impacts of RVF on the FL agricultural industry; and described inter-agency cooperation and expected response in FL to an introduction of Rift Valley Fever.

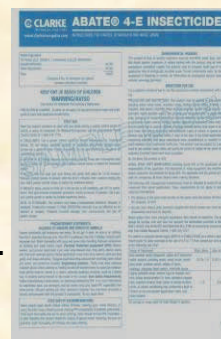
George Wichterman will have two Entomologists visiting our District from August 3rd—7th. These Entomologists are with the Environmental Protection Agency who is responsible for the registering of all our product labels for Adulticiding and Larviciding.

They are Kable "Bo" Davis and Clayton Myers. They will be on site all week.

George is setting up their itinerary. These gentlemen will be touring the entire district and our complete operations.

George has been our representative in Washington concerning label changes for some time. If you have any questions please call George Ext. 2116, for further information.

Here is a sample of the "all important" Label and MSDS which we must update and maintain for both Districts for 30 years of products in usage.



FIELD ACTIVITY — 2009

| ACRES TREATED | GROUND ADULTICIDING | AERIAL ADULTICIDING | GROUND LARVICIDING | AERIAL LARVICIDING | SERVICE REQUESTS |
|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| January | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.1 | 0.0 | 24.0 |
| February | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 7.0 |
| March | 116.7 | 0.0 | 1.5 | 388.0 | 9.0 |
| April | 4,284.0 | 0.0 | 6.7 | 899.7 | 55.0 |
| May | 34,232.3 | 12,697.7 | 67.2 | 7,011.6 | 156.0 |
| June | 58,174.4 | 7,335.9 | 193.3 | 20,667.2 | 788.0 |
| July | | | | | 835.0 |
| August | | | | | |
| September | | | | | |
| October | | | | | |

Good Job Keith!! Keith Lowe, our “go to” guy for IT, has been upgrading our new phone system. The *Alert List* calls are now being computerized. This means that instead of LCMCD personnel calling our chemically-sensitive people that live in areas we are adulticing, the computer now does the work. We wish to thank Jon Hornby, Katie Heggemeier and Don Claytor for getting these phone numbers into the right spray areas. These areas are specially coded. When the trucks or aircraft are ready to spray that area — these coded-numbered areas go into the computer. Jean has recorded her regular message for these computer generated calls.

This new procedure saves a great deal of time when the switchboard operators are busy entering incoming service requests.



Safety Classes:

Bailey Building—1 CEU per class

Safety Procedures

July 30, 7:45—9:00 am Larvicide Materials

July 30, 6:00—7:00 pm Adulticide Materials

(Above for Night-time Fog Drivers)

July 31, 7:45—9:00 am Adulticiding Materials



Safety Classes for Hyacinth District will be sometime the week of August 3rd.

Our districts have been of great interest to various groups throughout Lee County. Following are groups that toured in the months of May: Alva Career Day at their school, Seven Lakes Homeowners Assn., Sanibel Community Center and in July: LeHigh Leadership Group, Family of Faith Summer Camp. We also have a large group coming from Shell Point Village August 24th.

These visitors are shown our district video and then tour our grounds. Our personnel show them our DC-3's (which has been a favorite) and our Laboratories. They receive a packet of information showing ways to keep mosquitoes in check throughout their homes. We also have two new paper Mosquito Books for children which contain word puzzles, games and pictures showing them the life cycle of a mosquito and their habitat.