

LEE COUNTY MOSQUITO/HYACINTH CONTROL DISTRICTS



Newsletter November, 2011



Future Important Dates for your Calendars:

- November 5th: Aviation Day—Page Field
- November 10th: Board Mtg.
- November 11th: Leadership Lee County
- November 13—16th: FMCA Mtg., Jacksonville
- November 21st: Don Doggett—IFAS Mtg.
- November 24-25th: Thanksgiving Holiday

Shelly Redovan, with the help of Brian Murphy, has crafted a power-point presentation for childrens' tour groups. It is a wonderful training/informative piece about mosquitoes that is geared to their level. Shelly 's group of 25 home schoolers —along with 9 adults—previewed it on October 14th. She had the children find mosquito larvae in a bird bath, a kiddie pool, bromeliad plants, tires and various other containers. They loved scrambling around finding larvae and felt proud they could recognize larvae. We then proceeded to the DC-3's and helicopters which impressed the children and the adults.

New Air Traffic Control Notifications: From the desk of Robert Roper.

The District has recently adopted a new procedure for notification of night aircraft spray missions. This new procedure includes a FAX being sent to the Southwest Florida Intl. Airport Tower and an email to be sent to Page Field Tower. Now the Air Traffic Controller (ATC) will be able to see our spray boundaries which will result in greater coordination for ATC.

With this new procedure, we have recently taken a few ATC controllers on spray missions in the new turbine DC3. This training gave the controllers a "bird's eye view" of the complexity of our spray mission. We have experienced more efficient handling by ATC as a direct result of this program.

One of the issues that ATC had difficulty understanding was how we could see other air traffic when they were still 10 to 15 ...

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Field Activity — 2011

ACRES TREATED	GROUND ADULTICIDING	AERIAL ADULTICIDING	GROUND LARVICIDING	AERIAL LARVICIDING	SERVICE REQUESTS
January	0.0	0.0	7.4	84.9	6.0
February	11,009.8	0.0	16.0	1,446.9	79.0
March	6,272.4	14,783.5	20.3	2,931.0	69.0
April	44,439.7	36,860.4	29.6	1,667.8	542.0
May	28,161.3	134,648.3	36.4	5,712.5	1,693.0
June	64,207.3	173,968.4	116.5	12,952.3	2,146.0
July	119,422.8	721,914.6	427.2	32,730.0	2,975.0
August	104,895.1	422,007.3	529.7	23,039.3	1,316.0
September	78,870.5	294,449.2	413.7	10,880.1	385.0
October					390.0
November					
December					
Y-T-D Totals	457,278.9	1,798,631.7	1,596.8	91,444.8	9,601.0

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miles away. Once the ATC employee donned the Night Vision Goggles and saw how effective they were in—not only enhancing night vision—but spotting air traffic long before they are visible to the naked eye—they became instant believers. We are very fortunate to have entered into this new enhanced awareness with ATC.

LCMCD & LCHCD hosted the Leadership Lehigh group to our districts Oct. 19th. The Welcome was given by Executive Director Wayne Gale; Shelley Redovan conducted the bus Yard Tour and Brian Cotterill was a Tour Guide.

Presentations were given by: Jon Hornby, - Adulticiding Methods. Mike Nichols presented Technology Development, Jim Burgess talked about Surveillance Methods, and Bryan Smith gave a power-point presentation on Larviciding techniques. John Cassani's presentation was entitled "Aquatic Management."

The Florida Aquatic Plant Management Society held its 35th annual conference at the World Golf Village in St. Augustine, FL October 10-13, 2011. Over 300 delegates attended the meeting. Colonel Alfred A. Pantano, USACE, Jacksonville was our keynote speaker. He spoke about the history and future involvement of the Army Corps role in invasive plant management.

Don Doggett received a plaque for serving as Director of the society for the past three (3) years. He was re-elected President of the FAPMS Scholarship & Research Foundation, Inc. for the tenth (and final) year.



Leadership Cape Coral toured Lee County Mosquito and Lee County Hyacinth Control Districts the morning of October 27th. Our district personnel again took over the following areas: Welcome & Yard Tour—Executive Director T. Wayne Gale; Shelly Redovan escorted the tour group, Surveillance, Jim Burgess; Larviciding Bryan Smith; Adulticiding Jon Hornby; Technology Development Mike Nichols; Aquatic Management John Cassani. A Question and Answer session followed at the end of the tour.

Requests for tours of our districts have greatly increased.



**Happy Thanksgiving
Everyone!**