

# LEE COUNTY

## MOSQUITO/HYACINTH CONTROL DISTRICTS



### Newsletter, April, 2013

#### Important Calendar Dates:

April 1st: Easter

April 4th: Board Meeting

April 9th: First-Aid Class, 9—11:00 am

April 9—11th: Ft. Myers HAM Operators, Bailey Bldg.

April 11th: Fish & Wildlife Mtg./Ding Darling, 10 am

April 23rd: NW Regional Library, Cape Coral, Shelly Redovan

April 30th: All Supervisors' Mtg., 2:30 pm

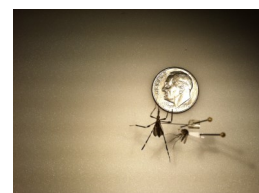


**We will host the Annual Event Day for the Ft. Myers Ham Operators on April 9—11th. They will set up their antenna and equipment in the Bailey Building. They are proud to transmit from the Buckingham Army Base location. They have invited our personnel to stop in and say “hi” while they are transmitting around the world.**



Gayle and Jim Sheets visited our District Tuesday, March 12th for a tour of our facilities and aircraft. Gayle is a volunteer for Conservation 20/20 and a tour guide for Turkey Run Strand and Jim is a former pilot. Rita Maiss answered their many questions and Jim stated “he had never seen a cleaner “Gooney Bird” Hangar.”

**T**allahassee Days——Commissioner Mann, Commissioner Dortch, Director Gale, Neil Wilkinson and Katie Heggemeier participated in the Florida Mosquito Control Association’s legislative meeting in Tallahassee to educate State regulators and legislators on issues affecting mosquito control in Florida. The group met with Lee County delegates including Senator Benacquisto, Representative Caldwell, Representative Fitzenhagen, Representative Eagle, and Representative Rodriguez. Another group from Collier Mosquito Control District was able to meet with Senator Richter. Additionally, the Director and a few others from the association met with Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture, Lisa Conti and Director of the Division of Agricultural Environmental Services, Andy Rackley regarding the Department’s proposed changes to Chapter 388, the mosquito control law for the distribution of State aid to mosquito control districts. Key issues included continuation of funding levels for local aid to mosquito control districts from the waste tire trust fund, funding for operational mosquito control research, and concerns over proposed legislation to roll certain special taxing districts into county government.



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## 2013 Field Activity

ACRES TREATED	GROUND ADULTICIDING	AERIAL ADULTICIDING	GROUND LARVICIDING	AERIAL LARVICIDING	SERVICE REQUESTS
January	10,763.6	0.0	18.0	0.0	65.0
February	3,876.0	0.0	33.4	1,045.6	28.0
March					30.0
April					
May					
June					
July					
August					
September					
October					
November					
December					
Y-T-D Totals					

March 11th, the switchboard lit up with calls for Shelly Redovan from FOX news, NBC-2 News and Wink News about the "Gallinipper." Dr. Kaufman of the University of Florida released information to the public about the "*Shaggy-haired gallinippers (Psorophora ciliata)* infesting the Sunshine State." He also stated "that this year's rains could produce a bumper crop of these mosquitoes." This mosquito is very large and it was rumored that when it bit you, it may feel like you have been stabbed. Shelly appeared on all networks and explained that we are aware of the *Phorophora cil-iata* and that we are very experienced to take care of a bumper crop. (See pictures on reverse side —showing size difference between *Psorophora ciliata* and *Aedes taeniorhynchus*)



Commissioner Pat Mann at the recent AM-CA Meeting looking at Aquatic Systems Mosquito Education presentation poster highlighting "*The Misunderstood Mosquito*" program that is provided to Kindergarten classrooms in Lee County schools. The program is provided through the collaboration of the Lee County Mosquito Control District, Florida Gulf Coast University, and the School District of Lee County.

The 2013 Spring Regulatory Tour, on March 22nd, encompassed a dual split/tour of groups: first group going to Beautiful Island to view the mosquito breeding problems with Jon Hornby and Don Doggett with the Aquatic Demonstration. The second group stayed on base to observe power-point presentations of mosquito operations by Jim Burgess and Katie Heggemeier, Aquatic Systems from Neil Wilkinson and Aquatic Plant Management from John Cassani. The groups then switched. Our Director, Wayne Gale, did the yard/aviation tour and Shelley Redovan and Brian Cotterill were tour guides. Participants were from FL Fruit & Veg. Assoc., Env. Protect. Agency (EPA), So. FL Water Management, FDACS Bureau of Pesticides and FL Dept. Environ. Protection.

