

LEE COUNTY

MOSQUITO/HYACINTH CONTROL DISTRICTS



Newsletter



March, 2012



Important Calendar Dates:

Mar. 8th: Board Meeting
Mar 10th: Wings over Water
Mar. 12th British Visitors—Chief Pilot. Roper
Mar. 12th: Pond Watch—Ernesto Lasso De La Vega
Mar. 13th: Clarke Workshop, 8am—Noon, w/lunch
Mar. 15th: McGregor Baptist Church Tour
Mar. 16th: McGregor Baptist Church Tour
Mar. 23rd: EPA Regulatory Tour
Mar. 24th: Mosquito Control Auction
Mar. 29th: Supervisor's Mtg., Admin Bldg., Room B

Tidbits of Info from our employees:



Katie Heggemeier assisted Neil Wilkinson with his Mosquitoes: Biology, Disease and Control Course at FGCU on Feb. 21, 2012. Katie gave presentations on how to identify some of the common adult mosquitoes found in Lee County. She took some of the common pest species found in Lee County for the students to view under the microscope.



Susan Merris has scheduled training sessions for explanation and questions on the FMLA Policy. These sessions will be held in the Admin. Bldg., Training Rm. A. **Please pick your session.** Susan has sign-up sheets in her office. Thurs. Mar. 1st, 8-9 am. Tues., Mar. 6th 2:30-3:30. Fri. Mar. 9th 1—2pm. Wed. Mar. 14th 8—9:00 am. Tues., Mar. 20th 2:30-3:30 pm. Mon. Mar. 26th: 1—2:00 pm. The FMLA provides job and benefit protection for eligible employees if they need to miss work for certain qualifying medical and military reasons.



Feb. 23rd: Chief Pilot Roper hosted safety training that included pilots, inspectors, aircraft mechanics as well as other interested personnel. We covered a series of ground-related accidents involving helicopters in the context of our operations. A topic covered was a refresher class on helicopter water egress procedures—seconds count and procedures must be fresh if you have to ditch into the water from a helicopter. We heard from Mr. Rocky Miller of Sarasota and he was able to share his personal experience concerning ditching an airplane in the Caribbean. We were able to ask questions and learn from his experience.



“Shelly and Brian—Thanks for the wonderful tour. Everyone had a great time. You all made the visit not only educational but fun too. Our members are still talking about it.” Signed - Mary McMahon—Royal Palm Yacht Club.

Our Aviation Department had a FAA Inspector here the week of February 27th to conduct our Annual Inspection.

Chief Pilot Roper, has a group of British Visitors coming in for a tour of our aircraft on March 12th.

2012 Field Activity

ACRES TREATED	GROUND ADULTICIDING	AERIAL ADULTICIDING	GROUND LARVICIDING	AERIAL LARVICIDING	SERVICE REQUESTS
January	9,759.7	0.0	1.1	0.0	42.0
February	2,867.5	0.0	8.4	265.1	40.0
March					
April					
May					
June					
July					
August					
September					
October					
November					
December					
Y-T-D Totals					



Shelly Redovan and Brian Cotterill hosted the Green Thumb Garden Club Tour group here on Feb. 21st. The group consisted of 18 people. They viewed our district video, got a wonderful tour of our labs and topped off their visit by a question and answer period concerning our aircraft. They were very generous with great comments and had never realized how professional and thorough our “mosquito fighting” procedures are to control a very prevalent disease carrier.



Mid-Winter APMS Board of Directors' Strategic Planning Meeting

The Board of Directors (BOD) of The Aquatic Plant Management Society, Inc., held their Mid-Winter meeting, as well as a strategic planning session, in Salt Lake City, Utah on Jan. 27 & 28, 2012. In addition to making necessary preparations for this summer's 52nd Annual Meeting, the BOD re-viewed and altered their *Mission Statement* and re-evaluated their goals and objectives.

They also endeavored to identify the Society's strengths and weaknesses, opportunities and threats. The purpose is to make the best use of resources, clarify goals and rally support,

Don Doggett attended this meeting. He is Awards Committee Chairman and a past President.

Happy St. Patrick's Day—Olde Irish Proverbs—

“Lose an hour in the morning and you'll be looking for it all day.

Better good manners than good looks.

If God sends you down a stony path, may he give you strong shoes.”