

# LEE COUNTY MOSQUITO/HYACINTH CONTROL DISTRICTS



## Newsletter

August, 2010

### 50th Annual Aquatic Plant Management Society Meeting

The Hyatt Coconut Point Resort and Spa in Estero, FL, hosted the fiftieth annual meeting of the Aquatic Plant Management Society, Inc. (APMS) Nearly three-hundred delegates, including Past President Don Doggett, attended the conference, some from as far as New Zealand. The society originated here in Lee County with an organizational gathering on Useppa Island. Former Director, T. Wayne Miller, was elected the first President of the Society (originally called "The Hyacinth Control Society").

After the conference, the District was the last stop for the two-day Student Tour. Graduate students got a first-hand look at aquatic vegetation problems from Lake Okeechobee, SFWMD stormwater treatment areas, and Lee County.

Thanks to Ken Sonne, Keith Andreu and Jeremy Ford for all the preparations for the successful event and their assistance at the Memorabilia Exhibit. Appreciation is extended to Tom Miller for driving the bus for the Spouse Tour to the Edison & Ford Winter Estates; and also to Robert Roper and Thurburn Botterill for their piloting expertise; and all the District personnel that helped to make it a memorable meeting.



### George Wichterman—Longest Tenured Employee



FMCA President  
1992-1993

Retirement Day June 30,  
2010

On June 30th, George Wichterman retired from LCMCD after 38 consecutive years of service. Mr. T. Wayne Miller officially hired George as an entomologist on June 19, 1972. George mastered all aspects of mosquito control. And became a leading advocate for integrating Public Health mosquito control with environmental regulations. George served as President of the Florida Mosquito Control Association in 1993 and helped create the Florida Mosquito Control Foundation. George served on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency & U.S. Department of Agriculture Committee to Advise on Reassessment and Transition (CARAT) of the National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy & Technology. He was instrumental in putting LCMCD/LCHCD on the Florida Spring Regulatory Tour & Pesticide Regulatory Education Program. For Federal and State Regulators.

On the community-service level, George is a Rotarian and has served with United Way. George has also served 21 years on the Board of Directors for the Visiting Nurses Association (VNA) of Lee County. Commissioner Mike Ellis pointed out George's work with VNA helped shape home healthcare in Lee County.

All of Lee County Mosquito Control congratulates George Wichterman on his 38 years of service to LCMCD and the mosquito control industry.

## Field Activity — 2010

ACRES TREATED	GROUND ADULTICIDING	AERIAL ADULTICIDING	GROUND LARVICIDING	AERIAL LARVICIDING	SERVICE REQUESTS
January	972.8	0.0	5.2	0.0	7.0
February	0.0		9.8	667.0	9.0
March	27,107.4	0.0	50.2	1,135.8	219.0
April	51,420.2	116,439.6	178.2	4,938.3	277.0
May	30,291.8	0.0	56.0	835.2	162.0
June	43,245.0	11,480.8	151.5	8,566.1	216.0
July					528.0
August					
September					

**Aquatic Systems Resource Teachers** — It is hard to believe but Courtney's baby EI is six months old. After seeing photos of her, it is easy to see why Courtney decided to leave teaching for the District and stay at home with EI. Fortunately, the District has found Eric Jackson, an engaging teacher who was anxious to fill Courtney's void. Eric started teaching in 2001 in the District 204 school system in Aurora, Illinois.



He and his wife, Melissa, moved to Lee County in 2005. Eric taught as a 5th grade teacher and reading specialist at Rayma C. Page Elementary from 2005-2008. Following that, Eric was teaching 5th grade at Sanibel Elementary. Eric was familiar with mosquito control as he worked with Neil and Brian utilizing the 5th grade Pond, Puddles, and People Program in his classroom. Eric is currently working on his Master's degree in Education Leadership at Florida Gulf Coast University. Over the summer break, Eric is going through "mosquito boot camp" learning all about mosquitoes and their control. Eric has gone inspecting by helicopter, truck and boat. He has gone trapping, done ID work and PCR testing. His mosquito education will continue until school starts. Pictured above is his daughter Mackenzie who is three years old and they have another daughter, Kaelin, who is 7 months old.

### DC-3's First Flight With Tanks

The Aerial Adulticide Platform, known as the "DC3-TP" (Turbo Prop), is the newest gem of the LCMCD Spray Fleet, a *Flawless White Diamond*. All beautiful jewels begin with the acquisition of a good stone in the rough. Then skilled craftsmen cut the stone to show off its brilliance. Finally, the jeweler selects the setting to best show off the flawless gem.

Our procurement agents, craftsmen and jewelers have created for LCMCD, the finest gem of the entire mosquito-control industry. Thank you (in alpha order) Cesar Bacares, Al Bennett, Bob Harper, Robert (Hoop) Harper, Carmen McKinney, Bob Richardson, David Statler and Paul Woodside.

