

LEE COUNTY MOSQUITO/HYACINTH CONTROL DISTRICTS



Newsletter

February, 2011

Future Important Dates for your Calendars:

Feb. 4th: HazMat Training, Chris Pappas

Feb. 10th: Board Meeting

Feb. 15th: SW Scientists' Tour

Mar. 4th: Safety Meeting-Brian Cotterill

Mar. 8—10th: Ham Operators Visiting

Mar. 10th: Board Meeting

Mar. 11th: 40 Students Tour—Home Schoolers

Mar. 11th: Clarke Class, Bldg. I

Mar. 21—24th: Annual AMCA Meeting

Mar. 25th: EPA Regulatory Tour

The Annual Florida Mosquito Control Association (FMCA) held their Annual Fly-In classes in Building I, January 10—14th. Due to horrible foggy weather, many of our Florida districts could not bring their planes onto our runways. It is usually such a treat to see each districts' different type of aircraft. Mark Latham, Manatee County, Chaired this event, Kellie Etherson, Executive Director—FMCA, coordinated registrations, Shelly Redovan coordinated all of the refreshments, Sandy Gross put all of the registrations in order, Dave Johnston, Jake Sluski, James Amici, Keith Andreu and Rick Pardo did all of the cooking for two meals each day. John White and Dick Baker shuttled riders from their hotels to our base. FMCA, Shelly Redovan and LCMCD hosted and coordinated *Egress Practices* for pilots on Monday with training on base Monday AM and pool training at FGCU in the afternoon. This class was a first-time type of class for LCMCD. T. Wayne Gale, Jon Hornby, Katie Heggemeier, Gene Sutton, were all presenters at the Fly-In. We thank each one of our presenters from the many districts that participated.

The Lee County Hyacinth Control District Staff have been busy with a variety of out reach activities the last several months:

- **Kevin Watts was a Judge at the Alva Middle School Science Fair on Dec. 2nd,**
- **Don Doggett and Ernesto Lasso de la Vega gave presentations at the IFAS sponsored Urban Pond Seminar in Ft. Myers,**
- **Keith Andreu, Jeremy Ford and Ken Sonne helped assemble plants and attended the above mentioned Urban Pond Seminar.**
- **John Cassani was a presenter and an invited panelist at the 20th Annual Water Resources Conference in Ft. Myers on Nov. 19th.**
- **During October, 2010, John Cassani was appointed to the Lake Okeechobee Water Resources Advisory Commission (WRAC). The WRAC advises the South Florida Water District Governing Board and the South**



Field Activity — 2011

ACRES TREATED	GROUND ADULTICIDING	AERIAL ADULTICIDING	GROUND LARVICIDING	AERIAL LARVICIDING	SERVICE REQUESTS
January					6.0
February					
March					
April					

The amateur radio operators, HAM, will be visiting our base March 10–12th and transmitting from Bldg. I. Their local chapter meets once a month, (last Tuesday of the month) at the Riverside Community Center at 7:00 pm. They have approximately 250 members/volunteers. Their group has all kinds of modes in which they transmit and receive; voice, digital, morse code, and slo-scan modes. Their expertise is extremely helpful during hurricanes and catastrophes—and— many times, they are the only resource available to receive or send news when all other communication lines are down.

Special Events Chairperson is Stella Kurka, who resides in Lehigh. She said, "the group is so excited to be here in March."

Pictures from the FMCA *Practices in Egress* for pilots at FMCA's Fly-In:



Air Tour of Lee County for Commissioner Sarah Larsen, Deborah, Susan and Pat.

