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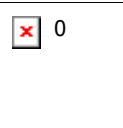
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## New Extension Position



**Dr. John L. Peterson**, formerly of the Gorgas Memorial Laboratory in the Republic of Panama, is the newly appointed Extension Medical Entomologist at the John A. Mulrennan, Sr. Public Health Entomology Research and Education Center (PHEREC) in Panama City, FL. His major duties will be managing the Lab's Web pages, assisting in the publication of new *EntGuides* which are 2-4 page documents that describe particular entomological issues in layman's terms, as well as providing extension services to Mosquito Control Agencies. Additional duties include publishing the Center's newsletter, teaching and coordinating educational workshops, and developing the Center's informational exhibit and brochure. Dr. Peterson can be e-mailed at [drjack3@hotmail.com](mailto:drjack3@hotmail.com) or telephoned at (850) 872-4184 ext. 36.



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## The Story of 5 Good Guys

Announcing new Directors has gotten to be a regular section of *Buzzwords* and this edition is no exception. After 35 years of service, *Hampton J. Mickler* is retiring from St. Johns County, Anastasia Mosquito Control District on June 25, 1999. Hampton has served the last 25 years as Director of that program. **Bob Betts** has been selected to serve as Director upon Hampton's retirement. *Congratulations Bob!*

**Tom Keith** has been promoted from Director of Charlotte County's Environmental Services to Assistant County Administrator. Charlotte County Mosquito Control is fortunate to have an Assistant County Administrator with direct, mosquito control experience. That should make **Johnny Hunter's** new job as Director of that program a bit easier to explain. *Congratulations Johnny!*

**Guangye Hu** is the new Director of Hernando County MC. Former Director *Lynn DuBose* is now with Vopak USA. *Congratulations Guangye!*

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## New Districts

There are 2 new Mosquito Control Districts! [Holmes](#) and [Jackson](#) counties have become members of the DACS community. Alachua and Hendry were slated to join as well, but Hendry decided against becoming a district and Alachua is working things out between City and County governments.

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## They Moved to **Seminole Country**

*The Mosquito Control Office* in Jacksonville was closed April 1, 1999. All correspondence for [Wayne Gale](#), [Joe Claborn](#) or Angela Weeks needs to be sent to the address listed below. This includes all monthly reports (waste tire, monthly financial, and monthly activity reports). [Tom Loyless](#) will be in Tallahassee mid year. The new Mosquito Control Office address is:

**Bureau of Entomology and Pest Control**  
**Mosquito Control Program**  
**3125 Conner Blvd, MS C-46, B3**  
**Tallahassee, FL 32399-1650**  
**Phone number: (850) 922-7011**  
**SunCom: 292-7011**  
**Fax number: (850) 413-7044**

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## Arbovirus Report for June 1999

The numbers of sera submitted and counties participating in surveillance activities during June were higher than that for May, as more flocks are established for the quickly approaching "mosquito season." There were a total of 5 seroconversions to Eastern Equine Encephalitis virus (EEE) during June in Bay, Flagler, Orange and Osceola counties. This is well below the average for June, but is similar to the level seen in 1998 and 1988-1990. There were no seroconversions to St Louis Encephalitis virus (SLE) during June.

[June 1999 Arbovirus Report](#)  
[10 year seroconversions](#)

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## New Displays

**Sue Whitaker** unveiled two new exhibits at the Spring Conference in Crystal River. Charlie Morris received a grant to create two generic mosquito control exhibits. One is a 5'x5' table top display that focuses on homeowner mosquito control. The other is an 8'x10' floor display that focuses on how well various consumer products for mosquito control work. Both displays are available for use by mosquito control programs and other related agencies in Florida. They can be shipped and are extremely easy to set up. If you are interested in using one or both of the displays, contact [Sue Whitaker](#) or phone her at Sarasota Mosquito Control, (941) 316-1247.

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## *Silent Auction*

At the last annual meeting, items donated by members were auctioned for the benefit of the Florida Mosquito Control

Foundation. This event, which raised \$1,000, was one of the highlights of the banquet evening. Members with items for this year's Silent Auction are asked to contact [David Dame](#) by e-mail or phone him at 352 378-7151.

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## Looking for a job in the Keys?



**Florida Keys Mosquito Control District** has an Open Position for AP mechanic/Helicopter Pilot. The salary range is \$30,000 - \$48,000 depending on qualifications. Minimum qualifications:

- Graduation from high school or equivalent trade school.
- Must have an Airframe and Powerplant License with three (3) year's experience.
- Must be licensed in "Public Health Pest Control" and "Aerial Application" from the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, or be able to obtain such certification within six months.
- Must hold a valid Florida driver's license.
- Must have a minimum of 1,500 hours of helicopter flying time of which 200 hours must have been night hours.
- Must have a minimum 1,000 hours in turbine helicopters.
- Possession of current FAA flight medical certificate (Class A) with no waivers.
- Possession of a FCC radio operator's permit.
- 100 hours of aerial insecticide application.

### **Knowledge and Abilities:**

- Knowledge of the principles and techniques of fixed wing and rotor craft maintenance and repairs.
- Knowledge of Federal Aviation Administration rules and regulations governing configuration, restrictions, and modifications of aircraft used for aerial applications of pesticides.

To apply or receive further information call: 305-292-7190 or Fax: 305-292-7199.

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## *Future Meeting*

FMCA Fall 1999 Meeting - Adams Mark, Daytona Beach  
November 14-17, 1999  
100 North Atlantic Avenue  
Daytona Beach, FL 32118  
Phone: 904/254-8200  
Fax: 904/253-8841

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## Regional Dodd Short Courses

The Florida Mosquito Control Association has started offering regional training in conjunction with the spring and fall meetings. After the Crystal River meeting, a four hour class was offered and taught by Doug Wassmer on *Choosing the Proper Larvicide*. Over 25 people attended, each receiving four CEUs. The next meeting will be in Daytona Beach in November. If anyone has any ideas on training needs, either specific or general, contact [John Gamble](#), East Volusia MCD with your ideas. The plan is to offer training classes after the meetings conclude. Field classes or indoor instruction will be available. This is your chance to get some specific training that may not be offered any place else.

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