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President's Message

The year is quickly coming to an end and the 2009 VMCA Annual Meeting is just around the corner. The meeting will be held on February 4 – 6 in Williamsburg, Virginia. Lane Carr and LCDR Brian Prendergast have put together an excellent program that includes a variety of interesting topics. In addition to some familiar faces, we have a number of new presenters this year representing our local academic institutions and Armed Forces. We are also pleased to have a number of our Sustaining Members attending the meeting to keep us informed of new mosquito control products and services.

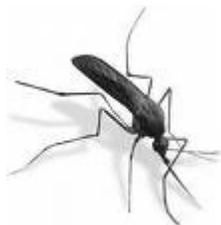
As always, we will be electing the newest member of the VMCA board at the Annual Meeting. I encourage you to take an active role in the future of our organization by exercising your voting privilege and returning The VMCA officer ballots that will be mailed out this month. There are two candidates this year running for the office of 1st Vice President.

This will be my final Presidential Address before I hand over the office to Lane Carr at the Annual Meeting and assume the role as Past President. I want to thank all of the VMCA members for the honor and privilege to serve such a great organization.

Jennifer Armistead
VMCA President



Jennifer Armistead,
VMCA President 2008



T-shirts with a NEW design will be available for purchase at the VMCA Annual Meeting in February!

Announcements

In Memory of Ludwig "Lou" Weissbecker



WEISSBECKER, Ludwig "Lou," 78, of Richmond, passed away December 3, 2008. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Betty Weissbecker; daughters, Dr. Janet Stein and her husband, Alan, and Dr. Karen Weissbecker Remer; grandchildren, Casey and Allison Stein and Amos and Ezra Remer; and other loving family members. Lou worked as a research scientist at Philip Morris for over 30 years. After retirement, he became a Master Gardener for Henrico County. He also worked for the Department of Public Works with the West Nile Virus Project. His greatest pride was his family. He will be remembered as a loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather. Funeral services will be held 1 p.m. Friday (today) at Bliley's-Central, 3801 Augusta Ave., with interment to follow at B'nai Shalom in Greenwood Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Hadassah Medical Organization, the American Friends of Magen David Adom, 888 Seventh Ave., Suite 403, New York, N.Y. 10106, or a charity of your choice.

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Dates to Remember

January 14, 2009	VMCA Annual Recertification (Hampton Public Library)
February 4 - 6, 2009	Virginia Mosquito Control Annual Meeting (Crown Plaza)
February 25 - 27, 2009	MAMCA 34th Annual Meeting (Virginia Beach, Virginia)
April 5 - 9, 2009	AMCA 75th Annual Meeting (New Orleans, Louisiana)

Volunteer your time for the VMCA

The VMCA is dependent on its members to get things done. Take the time to volunteer for a committee in 2009. You can also contact any board member or committee chair at any time to participate.

**The VMCA organization has a new mailing address,
make sure you send all forms to the proper address.**

Virginia Mosquito Control Association

Jo Ann Beasley, Secretary/Treasurer

179 Lilly Road South Mills, N.C. 27976

Phone 252-771-5221 or cell 757-508-5224

Email dojobeas@earthlink.net

Tentative Release Date for New Public Health Pest Control Exam

The new Public Health Pest Control exam, to correspond to the new manual that was released earlier this year, is coming soon.

The DMV has now given us a target date of January 6, 2009 to have this exam in place at their testing centers. As with anything dealing with computers I will not be truly confident that it will be there until it actually happens, but I did want to let you know with the idea that you may want to help get the word out to your members that the change is imminent. Once the new exam is in place at DMV only that version, or its written form available at VDACS-authorized testing sites, will be acceptable for certification.

Kathy Dictor
Program Supervisor
Office of Pesticide Services
VA Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services

VMCA Member Spotlight

Jim Rindfleisch



Jim Rindfleisch has been killing mosquitoes in York County for nearly 30 years. Rindfleisch started working for York in 1980 as a Biologist in the Mosquito Control division of Environmental and Development Services. “As a biologist, I do all sorts of stuff, but mostly, I kill mosquitoes,” he said matter-of-factly. “I also breed mosquito fish to eat mosquitoes, and I answer and investigate citizen complaints about mosquitoes.”

Rindfleisch first started working with mosquitoes when he was in the Peace Corps. “I was supposed to be a beekeeper, but when I got to my duty station in the West Indies, they were having problems with yellow fever so anyone with bug experience was immediately put into mosquito control.

“When I got back here after the Peace Corps, I saw a little ad in the newspaper that York County needed a mosquito biologist, and I said ‘hey, I can do that.’ They hired me and have been putting up with me ever since.”

Rindfleisch, who grew up in Newport News, enjoys his job with the county. “For a biologist, it’s a good job,” he said. “Nowadays, if you have a degree in biology, you end up doing other things. I have been very lucky.” The best part of his job? “I get to ride ATVs,” Rindfleisch grinned. “We are constantly searching deep woods for mosquito breeding areas, to find out where they are coming from and deal with it before it becomes a problem. The only way to get in some of those places is on an ATV. It’s pretty nice on a summer day. Yeah, I have a really hard life.”

In his spare time, Rindfleisch is an artist of sorts. Anyone who has seen the metal mosquito sculpture outside the Waste Management building or the replica of the ship Betsy in front of the Waterman’s Museum has seen his work. “Every now and then I get the crazy urge to produce something,” Rindfleisch said. “I actually tell people the mosquito was an experiment – I wanted to build the biggest mosquito on earth to scare away all the little ones. But it hasn’t worked. Apparently mosquitoes aren’t afraid of huge mosquitoes.”

Interview by Christie Phillips for the York County Staff Newsletter

Submitted by Tom Gallagher

Remember to Vote– Meet the Candidates

Election ballots have been sent out to all regular members. If you are a regular member and did not receive a ballot in the mail contact Jo Ann Beasley. Mail back your ballots or bring them to the annual meeting. All ballots must be in before the business meeting.

This year we have two outstanding candidates for one vacancy on the board of directors (the office of First Vice President). The candidate with the highest number of votes will take the office of First Vice President.



Carl I. Sivertsen

Carl is an Environmental Health Specialist with the Fairfax County Health Department where he is very active in the area of community education and outreach. Carl came to mosquito control shortly after the arrival of West Nile virus and was charged with the responsibility of making the mosquito control program very public and very well known. With the support of his co-workers, Carl has helped to make Fairfax County's mosquito control program very well known across the County and across the country. As an officer of the VMCA, Carl will strive to continue leading the VMCA into a premier mosquito control association. Carl has a BS in Education, served in the US Army medical corps, served as the supervising sanitarian for many years in Montgomery County, MD, managed the zoning enforcement programs in Montgomery County Md. and

then in Fairfax County Va. Carl is a certified planning commissioner and has served the Town of Herndon for the past 25 years as a member and chairman of the Zoning Board and currently serves as the Planning Commission Chairman. Carl has been a frequent attendee, speaker and photographer for the VMCA meetings and regularly presents outreach information at the MAMCA, SCMCA, and AMCA meetings.

If you remember nothing else of what I have written remember my two now famous phrases – Say **NO** to **MO** and Don't Be Mosquito Meat – Use DEET. I appreciate your vote.



Clement H. Morrissey

Clem has a Business Administration Degree from St. Leo's College. He served 23 years in the U.S. Navy involving two tours in Vietnam as a medic providing support to the Marines. Clem retired as a Chief Petty Officer. He also served 19 years as an Operations Supervisor with York County Mosquito Control and was instrumental in instituting many source reduction initiatives for an enhanced operation. As a volunteer with the Peninsula's Cancer Relay for Life fund raising committee, Clem dedicated 12 years as Logistics

Coordinator which involved making many improvements thereby promoting a well coordinated successful effort. As a 16 year active participant of the VMCA, Clem attended all annual meetings as well as volunteering to assist with several meeting registrations.

2009 Annual Meeting Tentative Program

Wednesday, February 4, 2009

- 8:00 AM Registration & Refreshments
- 9:30 AM Opening Ceremony & Introduction of Officers
- 9:40 AM Official Welcome & Opening Remarks, Mr. Sandy Wanner
- 9:50 AM Virginia Arboviral Surveillance Update, Dr. David Gaines
- 10:30 AM *Culex coronator* is coming your way!, Dr. Bruce Harrison
- 11:00 AM VDACS Info and Updates, Anton Goodwyn
- 12:00 PM Lunch (on your own)**
- 1:30 PM Mosquito activity, novel larval habitat creation, and West Nile virus transmission after Hurricane Katrina, Dr. Kevin Caillouet
- 1:55 PM Catch Basin Larviciding in Alexandria: Lessons Learned, Tim McGonegal
- 2:25 PM Molecular and immunologic evidence of West Nile and St. Louis Encephalitis virus Infection in *Protonotaria citrea* in Richmond, Virginia, Dr. Ghislaine Mayer
- 2:40 PM Magnificent Myths, Joe Simmons
- 3:05 PM Break**
- 3:25 PM Responding to the Public Health Emergency following Hurricane Ike, Caleb Stitley
- 3:45 PM How representative is your surveillance system? Creating a sensitive arboviral surveillance system using a geographic information system, Dr. Kevin Caillouet
- 4:00 PM Adulticide tests in Chesapeake, 2008, Kirby Foley
- 4:30 PM AMCA Update, Joe Conlon
- 5:00 PM Adjourn**
- 6:00 PM Ice Breaker (in Hospitality Room)**

Thursday, February 5, 2009

- 7:45 AM Registration & Refreshments
- 8:15 AM TBD/Malaria Research, Jennifer Armistead
- 8:35 AM Anopheles Surveillance Near The Potomac River, Andrew Lima
- 9:00 AM Tick-borne Diseases and Vectors of Virginia, Dr. David Gaines
- 9:30 AM Tick-borne Diseases on Marine Corps Bases in the Southeast, LCDR Brian Prendergast
- 9:50 AM Break**
- 10:10 AM Effects of Green-treated Wood Leachate and Houseplant Homogenate on Larval Development and Survival, Nicole Eastep and Dr. Justin R. Anderson

Thursday February 5, 2009 Continued

- 10:30 AM The Historical Impact of Epidemic Typhus, Joe Conlon
- 11:15 AM Mosquitoes: Up Close and Personal, Jim Rindfleisch
- 11:35 AM Customer Service, Tom Gallagher
- 12:00 PM Luncheon Buffet, Awards & Entertainment**
- 2:00 PM Assessment of Tires and Corrugated Pipes as Larval Habitats, Brent O'Dea
- 2:20 PM Chikungunya Virus– Military Active Surveillance for an Emerging Infectious Disease, Connie Johnson, LT, MSC USN
- 2:45 PM Morphological Anomalies in Two *Lutzomyia shannoni* species Collected from Fort Rucker, AL and Fort Campbell, KY
- Population Dynamics of *Lutzomyia shannoni* at The Patient National Wildlife Research Refuge, Maryland from August 3, 2005– July 29, 2006, LCDR Dave Florin
- 3:05 PM Break**
- 3:25 PM Abundance of West Nile Virus Mosquito Vectors in Relation to Climate and Landscape Variables Surrounding Richmond, VA, Jayne Deichmeister
- 3:40 PM TBD, Virginia Beach
- 4:00 PM Vendor Presentations
- 5:00 PM Adjourn**
- 6:30 PM Biting Time/Social**

Friday, February 6, 2009

- 8:30 AM This is the Story of Clara Maass, CAPT Stan Cope
- 8:50 AM TBD
- 9:10 AM Comparison of Trap Sites in Suffolk, VA, Charles Abadam
- 9:30 AM Break**
- 9:50 AM TBD
- 10:10 AM TBD
- 10:30 AM MAMCA Update, Kirby Foley
- 10:40 AM Website Update, Kirby Foley
- 10:50 AM State Report, Phil Meekins
- 11:10 AM Business Meeting and Door Prizes, Jennifer Armistead**
- 12:00 PM Adjourn**

**VIRGINIA MOSQUITO CONTROL ASSOCIATION
PRE-REGISTRATION FORM
ANNUAL MEETING - FEBRUARY 4,5,6, 2009**

NAME: _____

AFFILIATION: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE (WORK) _____ (HOME) _____

EMAIL: _____

REGISTRATION FEE SCHEULE

Please check below:

Regular Member (inc. banquet) \$80.00 _____

Organizational Member \$80.00 _____

Non-member \$90.00 _____

Full-time Student \$10.00 _____

Spouse/Companion (inc. banquet) \$50.00 _____

One Day Fee (inc. banquet) \$50.00 _____

Registration fee includes coffee breaks, banquet and socials.

Registration at the door will be:

Regular & Organizational Members: \$ 90.00

Non-Member: \$100.00

Please return this form by JANUARY 12, 2009 to

Virginia Mosquito Control Association

JoAnn Beasley, Sec/Treas.

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South Mills, N.C. 27976 Fax 757-966-5236

Please make checks payable to **VIRGINIA MOSQUITO CONTROL ASSOCIATION**

*Please remember this registration is for the meeting only

Membership and hotel reservations forms are enclosed

**VIRGINIA MOSQUITO CONTROL ASSOCIATION FEBRUARY 4 –6, 2009
CROWNE PLAZA WILLIAMSBURG AT FORTMAGRUDER**

Sleeping Room Rates: 82 Single 82 Double 82 Triple 82 Quad **plus 10% tax and a \$2.00 occupancy tax**
 ___King Bed Smoking ___Two Double Beds Smoking ___King Bed Non-Smoking
 ___Two Double Beds Non-Smoking ___No Preference

Room types are not guaranteed, but every attempt will be made to accommodate your request.

Children sharing room with parents: 0 to 18 years – Complimentary Room confirmation will be sent to the following address:

NAME _____

ROOM MATE _____ No. of Adults___ No. of Children___

ADDRESS _____

CITY_____ STATE _____ ZIP_____

DAYTIME PHONE _____ FAX _____ E-MAIL_____

DATE OF ARRIVAL: _____ **DATE OF DEPARTURE:** _____

Hotel Room Accommodations:

Conference participants are responsible for their own hotel accommodations. Reservations will be accepted on a first-come-first-served-basis only on this Accommodation Application form, which should be mailed directly to Group Reservations. All room rates are flat fees except where noted. There is no charge for children through age 18, when they occupy the same room as their parents. Please note these rates are based on the reservation deadline of **January 12, 2009**.

After the deadline date, all subsequent reservations will be subject to availability . The Group Reservations Manager will send you written confirmation of your reservation.

All reservations must be guaranteed by a first night's deposit. **DO NOT SEND CASH.** Advance deposit to be mailed to hotel with reservation form.

AMEX _____ DISC _____ VISA _____ MC _____ DC _____

Card Number: _____ Exp.Date _____

I authorize Crowne Plaza Williamsburg at Fort Magruder to charge my account for one night's deposit and all applicable taxes. Check-out time is 11:00 AM. Rooms may not be available for check-in until 4:00 PM.

Reservations request made by: _____ Date: _____

To cancel your reservation, call 1-800-2CROWNE. Deposits are refundable, provided notice of cancellation is received by the Crowne Plaza Williamsburg at Fort Magruder at least 48 hours prior to scheduled arrival.

Check-in time is after 4:00 PM. Check out time is before 11:00 AM.

**MAIL RESERVATION REQUEST TO: Group Reservations Manager
 Crowne Plaza Williamsburg at Fort Magruder
 6945 Pocahontas Trail
 Williamsburg, VA 23185**

Reservations may be made by mail or facsimile at 757-220-9059. Sorry, No Pets

2009 VMCA RE-CERTIFICATION COURSE

The Virginia Mosquito Control Association is sponsoring a re-certification course for Category 8 & Registered Technician Wednesday, January 14, 2009. It will be held at Hampton Library, 4207 Victoria Blvd., Hampton, Virginia. Registration is at 9:00 AM. Please be on time!

The fee for this course is \$5.00 for VMCA Members, \$10.00 for non-members (applicators not for hire), and \$30.00 for non-members (applicators for hire). There will be a \$2.00 late fee after January 07, 2009.

Should you have any questions or need further assistance, please contact either Leroy Bohn at (757) 204-4598 or Jo Ann Beasley at (252) 771-5221.

REGISTRATION FORM FOR 2009 VMCA RE-CERTIFICATION COURSE

JANUARY 14, 2009

Name:

Phone:

Fax:

Certification #: _____

Affiliation/Organization:

Address:

City: State: Zip:

Please make checks payable to: VMCA

Mail or Fax this form to JoAnn Beasley, Secretary/Treasurer VMCA, 179 Lilly Road, South Mills, N. C. 27976 Telephone: (252-771-5221 or (757) 508 - 5224 Fax: (757) 204-4418

DIRECTIONS to the Hampton Library

LOCATION: Hampton Library

ADDRESS: 4207 Victoria Blvd., City of Hampton, Virginia

PHONE: 757-727-1154 (Library)

PARKING: Please park at the stadium parking lot across the street.

COMING FROM I-64 WEST

Take exit 267, make a left on Settlers Landing Road, proceed to bridge and through town, make a left on Kecoughtan Road, go two blocks, Hampton Library on your left. (Library is on the corner of Kecoughtan and Victoria Road).

COMING FROM I-64 EAST

Take exit 265A to Lasalle Avenue, make a right, go to Settlers Landing Road, make a left, go to Kecoughtan Road, make a right and go two blocks, Hampton Library will be on the left.

COMING FROM I-664

Take exit 265A to Lasalle Avenue, make a right, go to Settlers Landing Road, make a left, go to Kecoughtan Road, make a right, go two blocks, Hampton Library is on the left.

"GOOD LUCK!"



Designed by LTC Sandy Alvey, Chair of the AFPMB Council and her daughter, Samantha, age 12.

Take the time to volunteer on a committee. An active membership makes for a stronger organization.

Contact anyone on the board to participate.

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Are you a director, manager, lead mosquito control person for your area. Consider signing up as an organizational member, the cost is only \$15 but includes one regular membership.

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2009 VMCA Membership Application

Membership payment is by calendar year and includes subscription to the VMCA Newsletter "The Skeeter". Memberships renew January 1ST each year

NAME:	Regular	\$ 10.00
PHONE:	Associate	\$ 5.00
ADDRESS:	Student:	\$ 3.00
E-MAIL:	Organizational	\$ 15.00
ORGANIZATION:	Sustaining:	\$300.00
	TOTAL SUBMITTED	

Enclose proof of student status

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