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## - Reminder -

July 1, 2014 marks the beginning of a new certification year (2014-2015) for structural pest control operators in North Carolina. Now is a good time to review your Continuing Certification Units (CCU) status in regard to where you stand in meeting your recertification requirements. You can review your current CCU credits on-line by accessing the following link to the NCSPC website: <http://www.ncagr.gov/aspzine/str-pest/Recert/RTsearch.asp>. All you have to do is type your last name in the appropriate box on the screen and then click on "Find Record", then scroll down until you find your name and click on it.

## SPC Exam Results Now Available On-Line

Any individual taking an SPC exam (Certified Applicator and/or Licensed Applicator) has the choice of having their test scores mailed to them or posted on the NC SPC homepage which you can gain access to your results by clicking on "STRUCTURAL EXAM RESULTS". If you are looking for a quicker turnaround on learning your exam results then the "on-line" choice is the way to go. Renee Woody (Licensing and Outreach Manager for Structural Pest Control and Pesticide Sections) and Tammi Hester (former Information Processing Manager for Structural Pest Control and Pesticide Sections) deserve the credit for developing the program in which exam results are posted on-line.

## Changes to SPC Committee – We welcome a new member to the SPC Committee;

North Carolina Senate President Tempore appointed Simon Shaw of Forsyth County. Mr. Shaw will fill the role of an active pest control representative to the Committee. He is president of Pest-X Exterminating, Inc. Mr. Shaw replaces Mr. Billy Tesh, whose term of office expires June 30, 2014. The Speaker of the House of Representatives reappointed Harold "Allen" Langley of Cleveland County to the Committee and Phil Clegg of Durham County was reappointed by the Governor's office to replace Mr. Chuck Hazelwood, whose term of office also expired on June 30, 2014. The current terms of Mr. Shaw and Mr. Langley will expire on June 30, 2018.

### SPC Committee Members Whose terms expired

The Department and the Structural Pest Control Committee sincerely express their gratitude to Committee members; Billy Tesh and Chuck Hazelwood for their leadership and invaluable service as their terms on the Committee expire. Their many contributions to the Committee are greatly appreciated.



# Fun Facts about bugs.....



- Ants can lift and carry more than fifty times their own weight. Ain't no way I could do that!!



- Beetles account for one quarter of all known species of plants and animals. There are more kinds of beetles than all plants. Don't forget to count the singing kind of beetles from England!!



- Blow flies are the first kind of insect attracted to an animal carcass following death. Children are the first kind of human being following behind an ice cream truck through your neighborhood!



- The term "honeymoon" comes from the Middle Ages, when a newly married couple was provided with enough honey wine to last for the first month of their married life. After the first month you switch to something stronger.



- When the droppings of a million cattle started ruining the land in Australia, dung beetles were imported to reduce the problem. I nominate Dung Beetles for the "Dirty Jobs" TV program.



- To survive the cold of winter months, many insects replace their body water with a chemical called glycerol, which acts as an "antifreeze" against the temperatures. I wonder...if a NC State trooper pulled over a flying insect whose internal "glycerol" level exceeds the legal limit, would this trooper arrest said loopy insect for DUI??? Off hand does anybody know what the legal limit IS for glycerol??



- Male mosquitoes do not bite humans, but rather live on plant juices and other natural liquids from plants and decomposing organic material. Correct me if I'm wrong but don't male homo sapiens do much the same thing when imbibing on plant juices (tequila, wine, rum) and decomposing organic matter (beer, and mighty fine Kentucky sippin whisky)??



## N.C. Structural Pest Control Committee Announces Case Settlements

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On June 20, 2014 the NC Structural Pest Control Committee approved the following settlement agreements;

- Michael Fanning of Advanced Pest & Lawn in Burgaw agreed to pay \$800.00 for failing to supervise and keep accurate records of structural pest control work done by Johnsie McSwain of Carolina Bed Bug Dog in Greensboro. McSwain is a registered technician under Fanning's structural pest control license. Fanning also failed to notify the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services'

Structural Pest Control and Pesticides Division that Advanced Pest & Lawn was also doing business as Carolina Bed Bug Dog. He also failed to request authorization to operate a branch office more than 75 miles away from its location.

- Michael A. Cole of Southern Pines agreed to pay \$ 800.00 for making false statements about high moisture levels in a crawl space at a residential property in Whispering Pines. The homeowners paid Cole's employer, Terminix Company of North Carolina, \$2530.00 for installation of a dehumidifier. A second company

and an inspector from the Structural Pest Control and Pesticides Division found that moisture-level readings were within normal range. Terminix refunded the homeowner's payment.

- Albert S. Jourdan of Southern Pines, a licensee with Terminix Company of North Carolina, agreed to pay \$600.00 for failing to supervise structural pest control work being done under his license.

## RALEIGH LICENSE EXAM LOCATION

The monthly license/certification exams are administered at the Gov. James B. Martin Building which is located at the N.C. State Fairgrounds. The physical address for the fairgrounds is 1025 Blue Ridge Road, Raleigh, N.C. The most convenient entrance to find this building is located off of Trinity Road through Gate 9. From Blue Ridge Road, turn onto Trinity Road and Gate 9 will be your first entrance to the fairgrounds on your left. After Entering Gate 9, the Gov. James B. Martin Building will be the first building on your right.



## RT Schools, Exam Dates and Locations

### SEPTEMBER EXAMS

**September 4, 2014 9:30 am**

#### License & Certification Exams

Gov. James G. Martin Building-NC. State Fairgrounds  
1025 Blue Ridge Road Capacity 50  
919-733-6100

**September 9, 2014 10:00 am**

#### CERTIFICATION EXAM ONLY

New Hanover County Cooperative Extension Service Center  
6206 Oleander Drive  
Wilmington, NC  
910-798-7660

### September RT Schools

**September 3, 2014 8:30 am**

NCDA & CS Ballentine Building  
2109 Blue Ridge Road Capacity 40  
Raleigh, NC  
919-733-6100

**September 17, 2014 8:30 am**

New Hanover County Cooperative Extension Service Center  
6206 Oleander Drive  
Wilmington, NC  
910-798-7660

### OCTOBER EXAMS

**October 7, 2014 9:30 am**

LICENSE EXAM ONLY  
NCDA & CS Ballentine Building  
Capacity 40  
Conference Room 116  
2109 Blue Ridge Road  
Raleigh, NC  
919-733-6100

**October 22, 2014 1:00 pm**

Forsyth County Cooperative Extension Service Center  
(Associated with the NCSU Pesticide School and is a CERTIFICATION EXAM ONLY)  
1450 Fairchild Road  
Winston Salem, NC  
336-703-3557

### October RT Schools

**October 8, 2014 8:30 am**

NCDA & CS Ballentine Building  
Capacity 40  
2109 Blue Ridge Road  
Raleigh, NC  
919-733-6100

**October 22, 2014 8:30 am**

Haywood County Cooperative Extension Service Center  
589 Raccoon Road, Suite No. 118  
Waynesville, NC  
828-456-3575

### NOVEMBER EXAMS

**November 13, 2014 9:30 am**

LICENSE & CERTIFICATION EXAMS  
Governor James G. Martin Building-NC State Fairgrounds  
1025 Blue Ridge Road  
Raleigh, NC  
919-733-6100

**November 20, 2014 1:00 PM**

NCSU-Pesticide School  
Certification Exam ONLY  
JC Arboretum - Wake County  
415 Beryl Road  
Raleigh, NC 27606  
919-515-3132

### November RT Schools

**November 12, 2014 8:30 am**

NCDA & CS Ballentine Building  
Conference Room 116  
2109 Blue Ridge Road Capacity 40  
Raleigh, NC  
919-733-6100

**November 26, 2014 8:30 am**

Pitt County Cooperative Extension Service Center  
403 Government Circle, Suite No. 2  
Greenville, NC  
252-902-1700

### DECEMBER EXAMS

LICENSE & CERTIFICATION EXAMS

**December 2, 2014 9:30 am**

Governor James G. Martin Building-NC State Fairgrounds  
Raleigh, NC  
919-733-6100

**December 2, 2014 10:00 am**

CERTIFICATION EXAM ONLY  
Pitt County Cooperative Extension Service Center  
403 Government Circle, Suite 2  
Greenville, NC  
252-902-1700

### December RT Schools

**December 3, 2014 8:30 am**

NCDA & CS Ballentine Building  
Conference Room 116 Capacity 40  
2109 Blue Ridge Road  
Raleigh, NC  
919-733-6100

**December 17, 2014 8:30 am**

1450 Fairchild Road  
Winston Salem, NC  
336-703-2850



\* License examinations given only at sites identified with an asterisk (\*).