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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

NEW NEWSLETTER FORMAT

As of January 1, 2024, the FAMFAM Newsletter is no longer an attached .pdf file, but full embedded in the email. Most phones, pads, and computers will see the full newsletters with pictures. Some may have images turned off and will see text only. If you, or someone you know, is experience difficulty in receiving the newsletter, please check the SPAM folder and set your email to always accept mail from ldrake@drakeip.com.

USAF C-130 DAMPENS 48X





[Photo by Jim Conn]

A USAF C-130H from the USAF Reserve's 910th Airlift Wing, based at Youngstown Air Reserve Station (YARS), Ohio participated in a demonstration for Manatee County Mosquito Control District hosting a state-wide Annual Conference. As part of that conference the C-130H demonstrated a droplet test at Airport Manatee (48X) in which paper squares were laid out on the runway to catch water droplets as the aircraft flew over at 100 feet and 250 mph while dispensing the mist. The number of droplets per square foot was then counted to calibrate the spray pattern.

Mike McCraw of the Manatee County Mosquito Control District and liaison between the USAF, Mosquito Control District, and Airport Manatee, said there were twenty to thirty entomologists and biologists from around the state in attendance. Seven Mosquito Control helicopters also arrived as part of the conference. In all there were over one hundred spectators who enjoyed watching the demonstration. The tests were flown from north to south over the east end of the runway to avoid any overspray landing on aircraft parked at Airport Manatee. Once the test was completed, Mike requested a low pass down the runway. The USAF Reserves complied with several low passes along the length of RWY 07/25 to the enjoyment of spectators and pilots alike.

For more information, visit the following websites:

<https://www.youngstown.afrc.af.mil/About/Fact-Sheets/Article/1807880/aerial-spray-mission/>
manateemosquito.com

ALWAYS A GOOD SITE SEEING FLIGHT



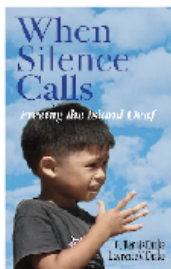


Whenever the weather is nice and I want to take a someone for an enjoyable ride, I head to Anna Maria Island. The north end of the island has yet to fail me in revealing some sort of marine life swimming beneath the waves. Whether dolphins, manatee, rays, tarpon, or sharks, I always spot something to get my passenger excited. In the Cub at five hundred feet with the door open, my back seat companion gets a bird's eye view of nature's wonders. I also get a chance to practice my steep turns about a point. What's not to love?

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