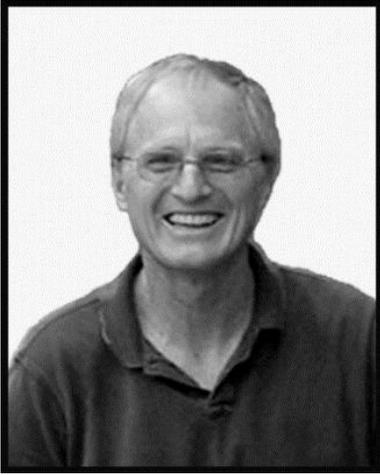


In Memoriam



John Klotz was born November 30, 1946 in Pittsburgh and the family later moved to a 70-acre farm in rural Kansas. His early years were spent catching insects and exploring. Throughout his high school years John was an avid collector and his favorite subject was biology. After high school, John spent 4 years in the U.S. Navy beginning in 1968, much of it in the western Pacific.

John received his B.S. in biology from Rockhurst College in Kansas City, KS in 1976. He enrolled in entomology at the University of Kansas where he earned his M.S. and Ph.D. in 1985. His research focused on ant behavior under the mentorship of Dr. Rudolf Jander. His exposure to applied entomology began as the Technical Director of Lloyd Pest Control in San Diego. This practical experience would become a major influence on his future research. He also worked as a postdoctoral scientist and research scientist at Purdue University and the USDA-ARS in Gainesville, FL before coming to the University of California Riverside as an Assistant CE Specialist and Entomologist in 1996.

The integration of ant biology and behavior into effective control strategies was an overriding theme in his publications. He is especially known for the numerous papers published regarding the use of boric acid in sweet-liquid baits against a variety of ants. He expanded this research to include the control of Argentine ants in organic orchards. His concept of focusing perimeter treatments on structural guidelines was an important contribution to ant control around structures. This research would ultimately lead to reduced amounts of insecticides being applied in urban environments and help reduce the amount of insecticide runoff in waterways.

John was one of the driving forces behind the UCR Urban Entomology Conference held annually on campus. During his tenure as the Director of the Conference between 1997 and 2009, the attendance steadily grew with some 200-300 pest management professionals attending each year. The continuing success of the conference is a testament to John's leadership.

His productive research career culminated in a trilogy of books dealing with ants and their control: *Carpenter Ants of the United States and Canada*; *Urban Ants of North America and Europe: Identification, Biology, and Management*; and *the Urban Pest Management of Ants in California*. These three publications provide a definitive treatment of ant control in California and the southwest. We often teased John telling him that his trilogy on ants was second in popularity to the Star Wars Trilogy.

He retired in December 2009 as a Specialist and Entomologist and moved to Sedona, AZ to enjoy the beautiful landscapes. Over the years John and his brother Stephen, an infectious disease physician, were interested in arthropods from the desert southwest of medical importance to humans. After his retirement, they continued to publish on topics such as triatomine bugs, Chagas disease, and cat scratch fever. He is survived by his wife, Jenny, brother Dr. Stephen Klotz and sister Suzanne Klotz.

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