

# Roadtrip Roundup

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## 2021 New York Pest Expo

With a tongue-in-cheek theme of “(R)Evolution,” Andy Linares, owner of Bug Off Pest Control Center in New York City, was the master of ceremonies for the 18<sup>th</sup> edition of the New York Pest Expo (NYPE).

The event took place Nov. 12, as it is a NYPE tradition to host it near Veterans Day. It was once again held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Fort Lee (N.J.) - George Washington Bridge. Qualifying attendees received state licensing credits in categories 7A, 7F and 8.

Linares told *Pest Management Professional* (PMP) he was thrilled to have attendees able to gather again in-person, after the pandemic forced the 2020 edition of the NYPE to morph into a series of small-scale seminars at Bug Off’s headquarters in Manhattan. Still, he noted, “We were able to bring people together in-person even then, because we took safety precautions like limiting attendees, masking and social distancing. I believe we learn better in person, together.”

Planning for the 2022 edition of NYPE already is underway. It is scheduled to take place at the DoubleTree on Nov. 10, Linares said. Learn more about NYPE’s past (and future) online at [BugOffPCCenter.com/pest-management-new-york-pest-expo](http://BugOffPCCenter.com/pest-management-new-york-pest-expo). PMP

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**1** Registered attendees arrived early for the NYPE to grab their nametags and breakfast of a New York style bagel, a danish and an apple to go with their coffee, tea or soft drink. **2** From left, Robert Reiss, 5-Star, Brooklyn, N.Y.; NYPE emcee Andy Linares; NYPE presenter Lou Sorkin, BCE; and Jean Robert Pierre, Power Guard, Brooklyn, N.Y., try crickets and tequila at the post-event reception. **3** Andy Linares was in his “ringmaster” element as he welcomed attendees to the event. **4** Urban rodentologist and PMP Hall of Famer Dr. Bobby Corrigan (Class of 2008) spoke twice at the event. In the morning, he covered the evolution of rodent pest management, and in the afternoon, he explained how “The Rodent Control Revolution Continues.” **5** In his typical engaging, humorous but fact-filled way, Catchmaster’s Dr. Stanton “Capt. Stan” Cope explained the historical impact pest management had on not only public health, but history. Attendees will never hear ABBA’s 1974 hit song “Waterloo” the same way again. **6** Dressed in his typical Mattress Safe BodySafe inspection suit, Jeff “The Pest Coach” McGovern gave attendees an overview of some of the latest and greatest mechanical, monitoring, trapping, green, exclusion, sanitation, safety and personal protection equipment available today.

**7** After the morning sessions, attendees enjoyed lunch and some time to visit the many exhibitors before heading back into the ballroom for afternoon sessions. Pictured is just one of the two rooms. **8** The NYPE is known for its many door prizes and price breaks on products. Dwight Singletary, owner of D.S. Exterminating in New York City, won a PMP magazine cover poster for being among the first in the audience to profess that he loves rock n’ roll. **9** “Pests and pandemics” was the theme of Entsult Associates’ Lou Sorkin, BCE, the event’s closing presenter. Per tradition, he filled an entire table in the ballroom with some specimens from his live insect and arachnid collection. **10** Dr. Bill Robinson, who recently joined The Fountainhead Group, got into the history (and future) of industry application technology during his NYPE presentation. **11** Marvin Rodriguez, a 22-year industry veteran, received a door prize of the *Truman’s Guide to Pest Management Operations*, courtesy of PMP magazine. The industry “bible” is available for purchase at [MyPMP.net/shop](http://MyPMP.net/shop). **12** Linares reports that this year’s NYPE attendance was the largest it’s been in five years.

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