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### Letter from the President:

Hello, everyone, I hope the late winter spells were not too hard on your bees. I think we can all be thankful that spring is finally here. The bees seem to be building up very fast and warming will be starting any day. It is time to make splits or some other form of control. For those hives that are not getting strong by now, they probably never will. I recommend requeening although the queens are kind of hard to come by.

Queen breeders have had a rough spring. The rains and cold weather down south have put a lot of them behind, so good luck if you haven't already received or confirmed your shipment.

For those of you who requeen from eggs, it is always better to give a queenless hive a swarm cell. Swarm cells that have been fed royal jelly from the very start will always produce a superior queen. The next thing is making sure that you have a diverse drone population. For people that have just a couple of hives, it is better to take queen cell splits to a location where there are a lot of hives. This eliminates the possibility of the queen mating with drones from her mother. This will work in a pinch but my belief is that a properly bred and mated queen will out-produce others. Also, first year queens out-produce second year queens and I wouldn't even attempt to keep a third year queen.

The Spring Meeting was a great success and I want to thank the 130 plus people who attended. We had beekeepers from all over Missouri and even some from Illinois, Iowa, Arkansas and Kansas. A special thanks goes to Jefferson County beekeepers for hosting the meeting. I will be visiting the beekeepers in Springfield, Missouri on April 22 for their next meeting, as this will be the location of our 2004 Spring Meeting. I hope we can have similar success in Springfield.

Thanks for your ear and may the honey flow be strong and the bee stings few.

Chris Gibbons  
MSBA President

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Please be advised the Honey Cookery section of the Apiculture competition is being moved to the home economics section of the fair book, and will be held in the home Ec. building. The entry date and judging times may change to accommodate the Home Ec. schedule.

Mike Brown

From the Editor

The spring meeting was a great time. Our thanks to **Scott Woodbury, Gene Killion, Kevin Jester, Jann Amos, Glenn Davis, Bob Harrison, Hannah our honey Queen, Mary Reed, and Don Moore, Joli Winner, Chris Gibbons, Sharron Gibbons, Teg Stokes**. And all the other people who gave of their time and energy to make the meeting a success. I enjoyed all the lectures, and I'm still looking around for the various flowers that were pointed out to us. But I extremely enjoyed the hands on workshop put on by Gene Killion and Glenn Davis. The next few days, after the meeting, I was in the field marking my queens and making ready for splits. I will add that the methods shared were very helpful. I had lost three hives over the winter and thanks to the training, I've been able to replace those and gain a few more. I also took to heart what Ted Jansen said about marking the queens to be replaced. I think my bee yard will fair much better this season because of the valuable lessons learned.

Also our thanks to the following companies for their gifts and support. **A.I. Root, B. Weaver, Maxant, Strachan Apiaries, Beehive Botanicals, National Honey Board, Brushy Mountain, Dadant and Sons, Wilbanks Apiary, R. Weaver, York Bee Company, Mann Lake, Lapps Bee Supply, Glorybee foods, Mid-Con, Kelly Co., Speedy Bee, and Drapers Super Bee.**

**Mid-Con donated the grand prize of a complete hive. Two deep boxes and two supers with frames. Ted Jansen was the lucky winner.**

**Ian and Pam Brown presented us with a letter signed by the governors office to our new sister organization in Uzbekistan.** This is reported to be the first time in history any beekeeping organization has formed an international sister group. Ian and Pam have put a lot into this project and we appreciate there dedication. **I thought it a fitting time at our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.** Ian is working, sending some supplies over to them now if you are interested in helping out.

Overall we had a lot of fun and more than a few laughs. But the value of the learning made it all time well spent.

My hats off to all who made it possible and God bless.

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Well spring is finally here and as usual I have more thing to do then time to do them all. My splits require extra boxes and in a way, I almost feel like I'm starting over but with a better idea of what I'm doing this time. That's kind of a neat thing about beekeeping, it always seems to have a freshness to it.

I've never in my life seen as many dogwood blooms as there are in the Ozarks right now. It almost looks like snow under the trees on some hillsides. I also see tons of redbuds, Ohio buckeyes, lilac, fruit trees, and wisteria. My back field is a carpet of color under the tree covered areas. I've seen honey coming in on all my hives. And the hives I've checked seem fat and happy. I think were in for a good season. I hope you all do well. If you didn't make the spring meeting try and make it to the **fall meeting. We're in the works already. It's going to be in Jefferson city at the Ramada Inn on October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.**

We have an executive board meeting June 21<sup>st</sup> at the Ryans in Columbia at 9am.

**If you have not paid your dues for 2003 this will be your last news-letter if your address label says 2002 then our records show you haven't paid, so please check your label. It could be you have paid, so now would be a good time to correct the problem.**

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The state Fair bid sheet is included in this issue so if you would be interested in supplying honey or other things please fill it out and send it to Art Gelder.

We are in the process of building an e-mail bank of anyone who would be interested in receiving their news-letter by e-mail. If you would be interested and we don't have your e-mail, please let us know. The advantages are savings to our organization, color pictures over the internet, and faster service to name a few. Of course if you prefer, you can still receive it through the mail.. And if you have a printer you can print all or part of the news-letter at your leisure.

*M.S.B.A. on the World Wide Web ?* If you missed it at the spring meeting, we are doing the preliminary research for our own web site. We'd be able to store research, membership info, schedules, forms, past articles, contact people etc. etc. We feel it will be a benefit to us all, as well as a good contact for new prospective members. The news-letter would only be available via e-mail or regular mail, although we have discussed making past news-letters available. The web-site size may restrict us some, but we'll do our best to let everyone know our progress.

## *Got any ideas ???*

If you have any pictures, recipes, would like to write an article, have something for our classified, etc. Hey, I can always use help. Send it to me either by e-mail or regular mail. I'm trying to make this news-letter better all the time.

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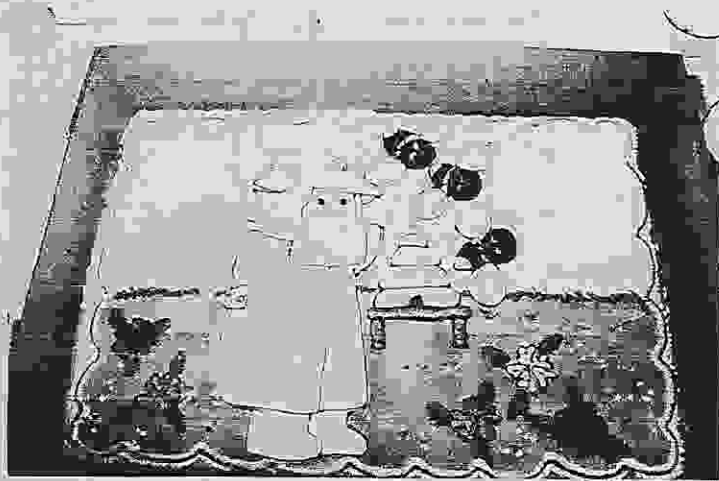
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*We need volunteers for the state fair. Contact Art Gelder if you can help. Your daily entrance will be paid for by M.S.B.A. so if you can please call or e-mail Art.*



# 100 th Anniversary Celebration



Cake Design by :  
Bob and Judy Finck.

Cake cutting :

Past presidents from left to right ;  
Ian Brown , Sharon Gibbon ,  
current president Chris Gibbons,  
Art Gelder, and Glenn Davis.



Past and present MSBA  
Presidents and our Honey  
Queen Hannah Nelson .



Hands on workshop thanks to Gene Killion and Ted Jansen.

A special thanks to Ted Jansen for moving some of his hives to the location for the class.



Right Ted Jansen and below Gene Killion marking queens as well as clipping wings. Ted also described his method of preparing his hives for early spring splits.



Both Gene and Ted were very informative and instructive. Especially for anyone who was in the least bit apprehensive about marking and clipping queens. Teds' method of preparing for early spring splits will be the norm for my bee hives from now on.

**The opportunities to glean from seasoned veterans is an event we can all benefit from and most of all our bees.**



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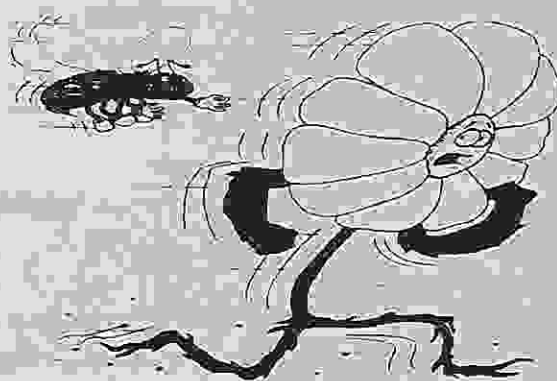
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**\*\*\* If you are a member of a local club please include you state membership dues in your check to your local club\*\*\*\*\***

Membership one adult = \$10.00 Family Membership = \$15.00 ( includes spouses membership in auxillary)

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**\*\*\* If you are a member of a local club please purchase your subscription thru your local club\*\*\*\***

## **American Bee Journal**

( ) Renew , attach label from current magazine  
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1 yr. \$16.75 \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Total**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make Checks Payable to :**

**Missouri State Beekeepers Association  
P.O. Box 448 Oak Grove , Mo. 64075**



**Missouri State Fair Bid Sheet**  
**To be returned to Art Gelder by June 25<sup>th</sup> , 2003**

You may bid on one or as many items as desired. It's the winning bidders responsibility to have items at and picked up at the fair ground day and time specified by the on site manager. All winning bidders agree to take back any unsold items and present the treasurer a bill within 15 days of close of fair. All honey must be produced in the State of Missouri, and all bidders must be members of MSBA. Committee reserves the right to reject any and all bids or products.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Quantity Needed</u>	<u>Your Price each</u>
<b><u>Extracted Honey</u></b>		
Gallon		
1/2 gallon		
4lb jars		
Quart Jars		
2lb jars		
1lb jars		
24 oz. jars		
12 oz. jars		
<b><u>Chunk</u></b>		
Size		
<b><u>Niblet</u></b>		
Size		
<b><u>Comb</u></b>		
Cut comb		
Ross Rounds		
<b><u>Creamed</u></b>		
Plain		
Flavored		
Fruit		
<b><u>Honey Sticks</u> - assorted flavors</b>		
<b><u>Beeswax</u></b>		
Candles		
Rolled		
Dipped		
Molded		
Novelty		
1lb blocks		
2lb blocks		
Candle rolling sheets -assorted colors		
Soap containing honey & or beeswax		
Wicking for rolled candles		
<b><u>Pollen</u></b>		
8oz. Jar		
1lb. Jar		
<b><u>Hard Candy</u> - assorted flavors</b>		
<b><u>Dippers</u></b>		
<b><u>Honey Pots</u> -list styles</b>		
<b><u>Clothing</u>- describe</b>		

**Flags**

**Stationary**- describe

**Jewelry**- Describe

**Books**

- "Beekeeping in the Midwest"
- "How to Keep Bees and Sell Honey"
- "Making Mead"
- "A Year in the Life of an Apiary"
- "Bee Pollen Miracle Food"
- "Honey Bee Diseases & Pests"
- Other

**Videos**

**Stuffed Animals**

**Other Items**

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## Minutes of the MSBA Executive Board

February 1, 2003

The Missouri State Beekeepers Association Executive Board met on February 1, 2003 at Ryans Resturaunt in Columbia, Missouri. The Meeting was called to order by President Chris Gibbons at 9:20 am.

Present were: Art Gelder, John Sauls, Monte Richardson, Chris Gibbons, Sharon Gibbons, Jann Amos, Ian Brown, and Ron Vivian

The minutes from the Executive Board Meeting of October November 9, 2002, were read and approved as amended.

Art Gelder made a motion that highlights of the Spring and Fall Business meeting minutes be printed in the news letter. Seconded by Monte Richardson. Motion passed.

### **Treasurers Report**

Ron Vivian gave the treasurer's report.

Beginning Fall Balance:	\$2,460.96
Income	\$4,564.50
Expenses	\$4,599.44
Balance as of 2/1/03	\$2,429.02

Motion to accept the report by Art Gelder, seconded by John Sauls. Motion carried.

There was some discussion about changing banks to improve earning rate on reserves. Monte Richardson will make some inquiries as to possible alternatives.

The proposed budget for 2003 was presented. Based on past years the breakdown is as follows:

Anticipated income	\$16,296.92
Anticipated expenses	\$14,881.24
Anticipated net income	\$1,415.68

Ron pointed out that we had gotten some financial breaks at the State Fair this year and anticipated the same next year.

Art Gelder moved to accept, seconded by Monte Richardson. Motion passed.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Bylaws Committee**

Art Gelder presented a draft of the new by-laws was distributed to presented to the membership at the Spring meeting. After some final changes they wer approved as amended.. They will be published in the News letter and read at the Spring Meeting of 2003. They will be voted on by the full membership at the Fall Meeting of 2003.

### **Auxiliary Committee**

No report.

### **Queen Committee**

The Queen fund was down but has recouped because of recent fund raising activities.

### **State Fair**

There was discussion about the Management and Housing at the Fair. It was felt that everything is adequate at this time. The amount of ice cream to order was discussed and it was decided to maintain the current amount until more current information regarding Fair attendance was available.

Inviting the National Honey Queen was also discussed. No decision was made.

### **Editor**

Jon Sauls reported that all of the firms that had advertised in the past had agreed to continue again this year and that the advertising situation seemed to be improving.

### **Membership Committee**

Chris Gibbons asked for a list of former members that had not renewed. He intends to try to contact them and solicit their membership renewal.

### **Program Committee**

Sharon Gibbons reported that the Spring meeting arrangements were coming together. It was agreed to invite all vendors to attend the meeting. She said the Local associations in the area were helping with organizing the meeting.

Chris Gibbons announced that Teg Stokes has agreed to be the new Program Committee chair. She has had experience in setting up meetings for organizations. She has indicated that she may need help in getting speakers and topics.

Art Gelder had begun to make arrangements for the Fall meeting and was asked to coordinate with Ms. Stokes.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

The ABF meeting was successful but there was still some inventory of caps and shirts left. They will be sold at our Spring meeting with the booth.

Work on the Auxiliary brochure was discussed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

A MSBA web site was discussed again. Monte Richard said he would contact some people regarding building and maintaining one and get some idea about costs. We also discussed the possibility of using the website or email to circulate the newsletter.

There was no formal action taken on the issue.

## **Announcements & Miscellaneous**

The Legislative Banquet will be held on Feb 18, 2003 from 5-7pm at the Ramada Inn in Jefferson City. The MSBA will be serving salad. Anyone who wanted to volunteer to help should contact him.

There was some discussion about sending beekeeping equipment to the Uzbekistan association of beekeepers in that Ian Brown had been working with.

Meeting adjourned. At 12:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jann Amos, recording secretary.