

# Missouri State Beekeeper's Association

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## Missouri State Beekeeper's Association Newsletter January 2005 Edition

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## Lauren Whitney

### 2005 Missouri State Honey Queen

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Greetings: All,

For those of you that I haven't met, my name is Lauren Whitney and I am your 2005 Missouri Honey Queen. I am currently attending the University of Missouri-Columbia where I am studying broadcast journalism and English in hopes to one day become a sports broadcaster. School just started up again last week and I am loving it already. I am completely new to the beekeeping world and am eager to learn all I can about it. I find myself noticing honey products much more than I did in the past (last week I purchased a new lotion - milk and HONEY; it is *amazing*). I have obtained some great information and packets on bees and hives and have learned quite a lot in the past months and I can't wait to learn more.

Since becoming your queen in October I have had the honor of attending two events. I was able to spend an afternoon in November at the Missouri Farm Show in Columbia with Liz and Bob Harrison. They were extremely sweet and helpful in teaching me all they could about beekeeping in such a short amount of time. They also sent me the Bee Hive Product Bible and I would like to thank them for that.

(SEE Queen, page 6)

## Mite Treatment Discussions at the ABF Convention

Glenn Davis – Western Area Director

This article is about the 2005 American Beekeeping Federation meeting in Reno, Nevada. The information given here is not going to mention any names because the treatments that were talked about were not all legal.

One mite treatment that was mentioned at this meeting was amarez mixed with an agriculture oil, used to make the chemical adhere to the bees thus killing the mites. The beekeeper that used this method said that you had to keep stirring the chemical in order to keep it mixed with the oil. Another beekeeper spoke up and supplied the name of a company that supplied oil that the chemical mixed with and worked a lot better.

The next mite treatment that they were talking about was oxalic acid. This treatment evidently is not illegal. The people that used this said that it worked best in late fall. They put it in a syringe and squirted it on the bees between the frames. Oxalic acid is used as a wood bleach that can be bought at Wal-Mart.

After this they talked about Formic Acid. The type of application that was talked about is different. Formic acid is applied to a pad that they put on the top of the frame. The exact treatment application was not discussed except that Lawrence Catts said that when he retired from the Florida Dept. of Agriculture he bought hives from a lady. Her husband had died because he had been careless in treating with formic acid and didn't use protective equipment and his lungs were damaged by the formic acid.

The other treatment that was discussed was Apiguard, which is a thymol product. It is my understanding that Dadant will have this available sometime in February.

\*\*\*The MSBA does not endorse or propose that any beekeeper use unapproved or untested methods to treat their bees. The information contained in this article is for information purposes only, to raise awareness of the plight of beekeeping in general and the consequences of pesticide resistance through mismanagement and naturally occurring resistance buildup.

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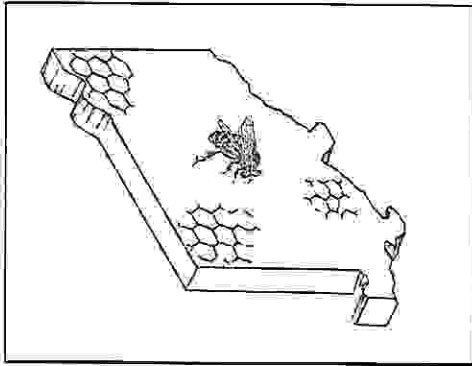
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## Resolution January 31, 2005

1. Whereas formic acid is an unregulated product commonly available from many sources and used in many applications and whereas there is no monetary incentive for any commercial entity to sponsor the registration for formic acid. Be it resolved that the Missouri State Beekeeper's Association ask Congress and the Secretary of Agriculture to direct the EPA to release, register, or exempt from registration formic acid in liquid form at 65% dilution of technical grade formic acid, for use in bee hives.
2. Whereas the US Beekeeping Industry is facing great losses of beehives, threatening pollination of agricultural crops including almonds and many others, be it resolved that the above actions shall proceed immediately without delay.
3. Whereas the Varroa mite acquired full or partial resistance against man made pesticides – organo-phosphates like coumaphose, and phyrenoids like fluvalinate and amitraz – that no longer work, and the other known materials and products including thymol formulations, oxalic acid, sucroide, etc. are either not registered, unavailable, or unpractical in use. Whereas all of the above pesticides act only against the Varroa mite, be it resolved that the Missouri State Beekeeper's Association encourages and endorses the use of formic acid, a natural substance capable of controlling parasitic mites including Varroa Destructor, the Tracheal mite, and diseases that the mite can transfer, and for the control of bacterial, viral, and fungal diseases like Chalk Brood, Nosema, and the Kashmir Virus, and as a control and repellant for the Lesser Wax Moth and Small Hive Beetle.
4. Whereas the man made pesticides and other substances like thymol and oxalic acid – can cause contamination and residues in beehives. Be it resolved that the Missouri State Beekeeper's Association endorses the proposal that both EPA and FDA exempt formic acid from tolerance studies. Formic Acid is a naturally occurring substance found in many plants and foods, including honey. Evaporation methods used with formic acid release only miniscule amounts of acid into the hive, which do not cause dietary concerns.
5. Whereas treatments with formic acid must be adjusted to local weather conditions, hive sizes, equipment, and colony strength, no one particular method or final product will suffice or work in all of these circumstances. Be it resolved that only the active material, as stated above, should be released, registered, or be exempt from registration, and the application of such active material should be left up to the beekeeper to choose from many commonly known application methods used presently around the world, including the USA, observing the safety practices commonly used in handling acids including the transport in government approved containers, shall provide the safest solution and shall be at the beekeepers risk thus removing any liability from the government, regulatory agency, and the supplier of the active material.

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Monte W. Richardson  
President, Missouri State Beekeeper's Association

## **President's Message – Monte Richardson**

This year has started with a bang. Between working on getting bees ready for pollination in California, spring increase, and taking the reins of Your Association, it has been busy. The Executive Board held its first meeting of the year in January. It was a long and productive meeting. I appreciate the help, patience, and participation of all that attended. I would like to again remind everybody that a designated member of each local association is welcome to attend and vote at the executive board meetings. One of the ideas that I worked on during my tenure as vice president was to solicit representation from all over the state. I believe that we have achieved that by having a Director or Officer from every part of the state.

It is time to make plans for the Spring Meeting. The Inn is a great meeting place for our meetings and everything should all be close together. Those that may have struggled a bit on the hills at Tan-Tar-A won't have that problem at The Inn. Sharon Gibbons has put together a great set of classes and workshops. I'm sure everybody will find something that interests them.

The issue of pest control is again becoming a real priority in beekeeping. Some beekeepers that practice migratory beekeeping are showing major signs of mites resistant to Apistan and Checkmite+. It won't take long for all of us will have to contend with that issue. One major topic of discussion at the ABF Convention was mite resistance. Many beekeepers, facing financial ruin if they don't get a handle of the mite resistance, are resorting to questionable and sometimes illegal chemicals. Formic acid has been discussed for some time.

One problem has been that the US government doesn't "approve" the use of formic acid for the treatment of mites. The board discussed this matter and decided to draft a resolution of support in favor of formic acid approval by the EPA and FDA. Please read the resolution in this newsletter. If you would like to add your support to this issue I strongly encourage you to send a letter of support to your Congressman and Senator as well as to the EPA.

The Board is also dealing with an issue at the Missouri State Fair. It appears that we are going to have to change our label to include some information required by the State Health Department.

V.P. Ken Norman and Director May Schmitt have volunteered to keeping the website updated. Check the website often for changes and feel free to provide information or make suggestions on how to improve the site.

Something new to this newsletter is financial information for the Association, Women's Auxiliary, and Queen Fund. Between dues and proceeds from the Fair we were able to meet our expenses and put a little money away. I look forward to working with the Auxiliary to increase our exposure to the public through the Honey Queen program.

Lauren Whitney, our 2005 Honey Queen is an intelligent and charming young lady, and a Journalism student at Mizzou. Her grandfather had several hives, which gives her a certain amount of incite into beekeeping. She is working hard to learn more about beekeeping and is looking forward to being our spokesperson. Check out her article in the newsletter. She will also be featured on the Association website very soon as well, [www.mostatebeekeepersassociation.org](http://www.mostatebeekeepersassociation.org).

See you at the Spring Meeting

**Did you know.....** The Missouri State Beekeeper's Association has had two of our Honey Queens win national competitions. Julie Batton in 1994 and Gwendelyn Guthals in 1997 were ABF Honey Princesses.

## **Recipe Of The Month**

This recipe was very popular at a recent cub scout meeting. With several different cookie options available, these honey peanut butter cookies were a huge success and none were taken home as leftovers.

The recipe is also on page 88 of the Missouri Honey Recipes Cookbook available from many Association members and the Women's Auxiliary. Proceeds go towards funding the Honey Queen Program.

### **Honey Peanut Butter Cookies**

1/4 cup shortening  
1/2 cup honey  
1/2 cup sugar  
1/3 cup peanut butter  
1 egg  
1 1/4 cup flour  
1/2 teaspoon baking powder  
3/4 teaspoon baking soda  
1/3 teaspoon salt

Mix shortening, honey, sugar, peanut butter, and egg. Sift together dry ingredients and add to creamed mixture. Chill dough. Roll into walnut-sized balls. Place on cookie sheet 3 inches apart. Flatten with a fork dipped in flour in criss-cross pattern. Bake at 375° for 10 to 12 minutes.

\*\*\*You can substitute stick butter for the shortening. For those that are sodium conscious, the salt can be omitted as well.



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### **Honey Market:**

Beekeepers around the state are reporting steady to increased retail sales through December and January. Retail prices have remained relatively stable while the wholesale market has slipped from the highs of last year to an average of \$1.30 per pound for bulk light honey. Some beekeepers are holding wholesale stock from this year's crop but most supplies appear to have already been sold or otherwise committed.

### **\*\*\*Special For New Members\*\*\***

Go to [www.mostatebeekeepersassociation.org](http://www.mostatebeekeepersassociation.org) and find the Coupon for discounts to the Spring Meeting. Applies to NEW membership to the Missouri State Beekeeper's Association only. See website for details.

**Missouri State Beekeeper's Association**  
**2005 SPRING Meeting Registration**

**MARCH 11 & 12, 2005 in Osage Beach, Mo.**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

**Two-Day Meeting Registration**

Must be received by March 1, 2004 – no phone registration accepted  
E-mail registration accepted to sgibbs314@earthlink.net  
Check must be sent prior to meeting

**Pre-Registration**

Member – number in party \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$16.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Non-member – number in party \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Rate for Family Membership. \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$24.00 per Family \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Late Registration (After March 1st)**

Member – number in party \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Non-member – number in party \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$23.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Friday Dinner**

Number in reservation \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Children under 12 \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$8 per child \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Do you prefer: \_\_\_\_\_ Roast Pork, or \_\_\_\_\_ Grilled Salmon

**Saturday Lunch**

**Italian Lunch Buffet**

Number in party \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$12.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Children under 12 \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 5.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**GRAND TOTAL DUE** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## 2005 SPRING MEETING AGENDA

### Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2005

doesn't", marking queens, pollen trapping and cleaning, disease identification and much more **Chris Gibbons (co-coordinator), Robin Mountain, Ann Harman, with help from Board members.**

9:00 a.m. Executive Board Meeting

11:30-12:30 Lunch on your own.

12:30-1:15 Registration/Visit with Vendors.  
1:15 Welcome: President, **Monte Richardson**

1:25 Cape Bee and Small Hive Beetle in South Africa.  
**Robin Mountain**

2:15 Pest Identification in Missouri bee hives.  
**Mike Brown**

2:45 Break

3:15-4:00 Basics of Marketing, and Label Design.  
**Ann Harman**

4:00-4:15 National Honey Board.  
**Don Moore & Sharon Gibbons**

4:15-5:00 My Work with producing Mite resistance in my bees.  
**Bob Harrison**

4:15-5:00 Beekeeping in South Africa.  
**Robin Mountain**

6:00 Cash Bar.

6:30 Dinner: Grand Ballroom

After Dinner Entertainment: **Bernie Andrews.** Bernie is a magician, in addition to being an Illinois Beekeeper. Bernie will also be part of our beekeeping workshops.

Menu: Roasted Pork Loin or Grilled Salmon, Garden Salad with Honey Dressing, Vegetable, Potatoes AuGratin, fresh baked rolls and butter, Dessert, Coffee or Tea  
**Please specify choice of entrée on registration**

10:15-10:45 Break

10:45-Noon More Workshops: Repeat of above workshops. Bring us your questions and problems to solve.  
Also a workshop sponsored by **Ladies Auxiliary**

12:00-1:00 Lunch-Grand Ballroom

1:00-1:45 How to get started as a beekeeper: Bee biology, necessary equipment, How to light and keep a smoker going, other fun stuff.  
**Ann Harman**

1:00-1:45 Breeding Queen Bees for our region.  
**Robin Mountain**

1:45-2:15 Break

2:15-2:45 Women's Auxiliary meeting.

2:15-2:45 "Now What? Bioterrorism in the Beehive".  
**Ann Harman**

2:45-3:00 Invitation to Heartland Apicultural Society meeting.  
**Robin Mountain**

3:00 Close of Silent Auction

3:00-4:15 Business Meeting

4:15 Raffle & Door Prizes

### Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>

7:30-8:15 a.m. Registration

8:15 Welcome by Missouri Honey Queen-  
**Lauren Whitney**  
Announcements:  
**President Monte Richardson**

8:30-9:30 Beekeeping in various countries.  
**Ann Harman**-Travel with Ann as she teaches beekeeping in Turkmenistan, Kenya, Hungary and El Salvador.

9:30-10:15 Beekeeping Workshops:  
The morning sessions will be "hands on" beekeeping, with building equipment, gadgets and gizmos, "what works, what

#### About Our Main Speakers:

**Robin Mountain** has been an Academic and Professional beekeeper for over 20 years. His beekeeping experience includes owning his own apiary in South Africa and working with African Bees. He has also worked with queen breeders in the U.S. Mr. Mountain is a member of the American Association of Professional Apiculturists and has a B.S. Degree in Agriculture Science (Apiculture).

**Ann Harman** is a recognized authority on beekeeping. A Master Beekeeper since 1981, Ms. Harman has literally traveled the world speaking about "modern" beekeeping. Aside from her speaking engagements Ann Harman is noted for her work with the Verdun Adventure Bound, a non-profit volunteer organization in Rixeyville, VA, which named a new apiary in her honor. She is also a member of the American Association of Professional Apiculturists.

#### Did You Know?

The Women's Auxiliary holds a silent auction at each Association Meeting. The money from the silent auction goes to support the Honey Queen's travel expenses during the year. Please be generous in your bidding.



## From Ken Norman, Vice President

A short note from Hurley, Missouri.

We have begun a new year with many new officers and some new beekeepers in the Missouri State Beekeeper's Association. I know from our first board meeting in January our new President Monte Richardson has quickly taken charge and is ready to lead the organization in its mission to further beekeeping through out Missouri.

I believe one of our greatest challenges is to become like a beehive. That is where every Missouri State beekeeper can have ready access of communication to the executive board and can access what educational needs and legislative desires that is needed in Missouri beekeeping.

One of our new tools for communication is the website which has all the officers e-mail and contact information. One of our old ways of communication is the delegate for your area or your local bee association which sends representative to Executive Board. If a beekeeper needs to know his delegate for his area just e-mail me from the website and I will send the contact information to him.

If any one has something to add to the website please contact me and I will keep the website upgraded.

One local note. The Beekeeper's Association of the Ozarks has just finished the first session of beginning beekeeper's classes on January 25, 2005. We had over 85 people attend it. The 20+ suppliers were very generous with their contributions to Beekeeper's Association of the Ozarks.

Sincerely Yours,  
Ken Norman

**Queen cont.** It was a fun afternoon and we're all hoping that next year the honey booth is placed a bit further from the natural fertilizer booth! In December my mom and I headed to the Lake of the Ozarks for the annual Governor's Conference on Agriculture. We served salad with a wonderful honey Dijon poppy seed dressing and both had a lot of fun and definitely left with our tummies full of Missouri agriculture products.

I know that in these winter months there is not a lot going on, but once the spring hits and the bees are buzzing please don't hesitate to get in touch with me for any help that you might need. I live in Columbia so I can get to almost anywhere in the state in a decent amount of time and I would love to help in anyway I can. I look forward to learning more about beekeeping and representing you in the year to come. Thank you so much for all your help thus far and I can't wait to meet as many of you as I can! Stay warm!

Your Queen,

Lauren Whitney

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## Missouri State Beekeeper's Association 2005 Budget

Receipts	
Advertising	\$ 1,000.00
Auxiliary Dues Collected	\$ 350.00
Magazine Subscriptions Sold	\$ 600.00
Membership Dues	\$ 2,600.00
Missouri State Fair	\$14,000.00
Spring & Fall Meetings	\$ 6,200.00
Interest Income	\$ 250.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$25,000.00</b>

Expenses	
Auxiliary Dues Forwarded	\$ 350.00
Donations	\$ 400.00
Executive Board Meetings	\$ 200.00
Insurance	\$ 350.00
Magazine Subscriptions	\$ 600.00
Missouri State Fair Booth	\$13,700.00
Newsletter	\$ 2,200.00
Postage & Supplies	\$ 100.00
Promotions	\$ 800.00
Spring & Fall Meetings	\$ 6,000.00
Taxes	\$ 15.00
Trophy	\$ 35.00
Video Tapes & Mailing	\$ 100.00
Web Site	\$ 150.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$25,000.00</b>

### Auxiliary Checking Account For the Year of 2004\*

Beginning Balance January 1, 2004 **\$2,134.12**

Receipts:	
Cookbooks Sold	\$ 814.00
Dues	\$ 335.00
Sale of Banquet Center Pieces	\$ 299.70
Sale of Bee Picture Trading Cards	\$ 7.50
Sale of Caps	\$ 50.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$1,506.20</b>

Expenses:	
Funds to Support Honey Queen Program	\$ 500.00
Kids n Bees Promotion	\$ 264.33
Payment on Loan for Cookbooks	\$1,000.00
Postage	\$ 16.40
Supplies for Banquet Center Pieces	\$ 133.12
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,913.85</b>

**Net Decrease of Funds** **-\$ 407.65**

**Ending Balance December 31, 2004** **\$1,726.47**

\*This report is unaudited

Note: The remaining \$1,000 balance on the Cookbook Loan will be paid off before the Spring 2005 Convention at Osage Beach, MO.

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## Honey Queen Checking Account For the Year of 2004\*

Beginning Balance on January 1, 2004	\$ 354.06
<b>Receipts:</b>	
Dollar Auction	\$ 252.00
Donations	\$ 69.00
Silent Auction	\$ 591.10
Transfer of Funds from Auxiliary	\$ 500.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$1,412.10</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	
Booth Rent for MO FFA Convention	\$ 200.00
Cooking Supplies for State Fair Demonstration	\$ 19.01
Honey Sticks for Promotion	\$ 80.00
New Honey Queen Bouquet	\$ 30.81
Queen Brochure Photo Costs	\$ 50.00
Sash & Tiara	\$ 52.90
Scholarship for Outgoing Honey Queen	\$ 350.00
Telephone Card	\$ 21.40
Travel for Honey Queen	\$ 216.90
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,021.02</b>
<b>Net Increase in Queen Fund</b>	<b>\$ 391.08</b>
<b>Ending Balance on December 31, 2004</b>	<b>\$ 745.14</b>

\*These figures are unaudited

### **From the librarian-John Sauls**

Here is the list of the material that is in our library at this time. At the Executive Board meeting it was voted that we should have a \$20 deposit on all requests. A check will be fine. The check will be held, not cashed, until the materials are returned, and then returned to the individual. Materials will be checked out for 30 days unless special circumstances exist. The Board has decided to make it a priority to update and add to the Library. Your input would be greatly appreciated.

Here's a list of the materials that we have at this time. If you have suggestions for topics or specific books or videos let me know. If you have one of the materials noted as "checked out", please return them to me as soon as possible.

- 1) Queen Rearing
- 2) Africanized Bees
- 3) Varroa Jacobsoni-Biology Research Control
- 4) The Monk and the Honey Bee Story of Brother Adam
- 5) National Honey Board-A Golden Opportunity
- 6) A Year With the Bees
- 7) What's Buzzin'
- 8) The Mysterious Bee
- 9) Swarm Boxes a Revolutionary Management Tool
- 10) Colony Division and Requeening Made Easy
- 11) Keeping Bees and Producing Honey, an Introduction
- 12) The World of Bees
- 13) The Art of the Sting: A 3 tape set
- 14) The Honey Harvest
- 15) Tracheal Mites: Detection Prevention, Cure
- 16) Early Spring Management (Checked out)
- 17) Spring Management 1 (Checked out)
- 18) Spring Management 2 (Checked out)
- 19) Honey Bees and Beekeeping
- 20) Why Honey Bees
- 21) The Four Seasons of Charlie Mraz
- 22) The Honey Bee-A grower's Guide

Have a great year and please use this library of materials.

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### **From the Editor-Glenda Richardson**

So much is happening this year and it is still January. I'm looking forward to this newsletter to come out and to have some reply on what you think of it. The newsletter will come out January, March, May, July, September, and November. Please submit any articles or information by the 10<sup>th</sup> of that month. You can email me at [editor@mostatebeekeepersassociation.org](mailto:editor@mostatebeekeepersassociation.org) or regular mail to Glenda Richardson, 1405 S. Prospect, Sedalia, MO 65301.

I am introducing a new feature in the newsletter. I would like to pose a question related to beekeeping in the newsletter and collect comments and answers for the next newsletter. I also would like your opinions for the question for the March newsletter. I will then publish the answers to the question and then the question for the next newsletter.

The Executive Board met last week. I took notes through the meeting and here is a brief summary of the meeting.

- 1) The website is running and getting a lot of hits. The web address is [www.mostatebeekeepersassociation.org](http://www.mostatebeekeepersassociation.org).
- 2) The board wants to make it a priority to update the library. Check out the information in the newsletter and add your input.
- 3) Labeling requirements for the fair were discussed. Art Gelder was acknowledged for his hard work on the fair exhibit for the past several years. Thank You Art.
- 4) Joanne Davis from the Women's Auxiliary voiced a "Thank You" for all the donations to the silent auction in the past. It was noted that the silent auction has gotten away from having items that appeal to guys as well as the gals. We might try and remember things for men as well as women. The money collected goes to the queen fund.
- 5) There was talked about the Spring Meeting and the agenda. Sharon Gibbons has done a great job on this meeting, like always.
- 6) The budget was discussed, adjusted, and passed. Check out the budget information in the newsletter.

Hope everyone has a great and prosperous year.

### **Question of the "Month":**

Which do you prefer to use to feed your bees:

- 1) Table Sugar
- 2) High Fructose Corn Syrup

The results will be posted in the next issue of the newsletter in March. Your answers and "Question of the Month" suggestions can be sent to the editor. And yes, your name will be changed to protect the innocent. ☺

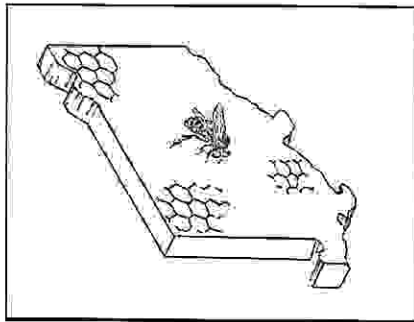


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## Missouri State Beekeeper's Association Membership Application

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Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Adult Membership	\$10.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
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## Local Association Meeting Information

### Jefferson County Beekeeper's Association

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month, 7:30 p.m.  
Jefferson County Extension Center, Hwy B & 21, in  
Hillsboro. Contact Scott Moser (636) 285-7295

### Midwestern Beekeeper's Association

Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at 2:30 p.m.  
YMCA, 10301 E. 350 Hwy, Raytown MO  
Contact Pres. Bob Justice, 816-358-3893

### Eastern Missouri Beekeeper's Association

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month (except March)  
Kirkwood Comm. Center, 111 Geyer Rd., Kirkwood MO

### Beekeeper's Association of the Ozarks

4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m.  
The Library Center, 4653 S. Campbell, Springfield MO

### South Central Missouri Beekeepers Association

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday at 7:00 p.m., Howell Oregon Electric  
Cooperative, West Plains, MO  
Meeting months are Feb, Apr, June, Aug, Oct, Dec  
Contact May Schmitt, President 417-256-9447

## Upcoming Events

### American Apitherapy Society Meeting

February 10-13, Los Angeles CA

### National Honey Board Meeting

February 17-19, Anaheim, CA

### New Beekeeper Workshop - Beekeeper's Assoc. of the Ozarks

Tuesdays from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. From Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>  
through March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2005 @ The Library Center,  
Springfield MO

### Eastern Missouri Beekeeper's Association Banquet

Thursday, March 3, 2005 at 7:30 p.m.  
Kirkwood Comm. Center, 111 Geyer Rd, Kirkwood MO

### New Beekeeper Workshop - Northeastern Beekeeper's Assoc.

March 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Lawrence Memorial Hospital Auditorium, Lawrence KS

### New Beekeeper Workshop - Midwestern Beekeeper's Association

Saturday, March 19, 2005, 8:45 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.  
YMCA, Raytown MO

### Heartland Apiculture Society Meeting

July 7-9, TBA, IL

### Eastern Apiculture Society Meeting

August 1-5 Kent State Univ. OH

Contact [editor@mostatebeekeepersassociation.org](mailto:editor@mostatebeekeepersassociation.org) to have your  
information or meeting listed.

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I have 4 or 5 pails of light amber Honey for sale.  
Take all at \$85 dollars a pail or 1 or 2 at \$90 dollars a  
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Garry Blackwell (573) 374-7402

## **A Mite of News**

Mike Brown of the Missouri Department of  
Agriculture has applied for Section 18  
approval for Checkmite+ and Apilife VAR.  
We'll let you know when the registration  
process is finished.

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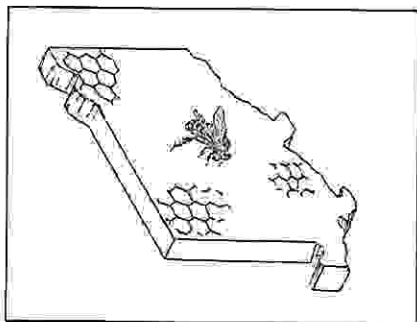
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## **MISSOURI STATE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION** **SPRING 2005 MEETING** **Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>**

Please join us for our meeting at the Inn at Grand Glaize Resort at the Lake of the Ozarks. Originally this meeting was scheduled for Poplar Bluff, but the hotel was not going to be completed on schedule, so we had to make a quick change.

Please make your reservation by Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> at:

Inn at Grand Glaize Resort  
Hwy 54, Lake Road 40  
P.O. Box 969  
Osage Beach, Mo. 65065  
(573)348-4731, (800)348-4731

The group room rate is \$55.00 plus taxes. Please mention MSBA to get the special rate. The block of rooms will be held for us until Feb. 20, 2005. This convention center has everything under one roof. About 100 rooms face the Lake, with many of them having private balconies. There is a large fitness room, sauna, and oversized whirlpool. They also have a tennis court and boat rentals. Make this a mini-vacation. The special rate includes Thursday night through Sunday.

Speakers will be Ann Harman from Flint Hill, Virginia; and Robin Mountain a beekeeper from South Africa. Robin is presently with Kentucky State University. The program for this meeting will focus on beginning/intermediate beekeeping, but there will be something for everyone. Both of our speakers have been involved in instructing beekeepers through the years.

All members are welcome at the Executive Board meeting on Friday morning at 9:00 am. Each local association should elect a voting representative to the executive board, and ask them to attend the board meeting.

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