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Section 18 Approval and You

Mike Brown of the Missouri Department of Agriculture spoke at the Missouri State Beekeeper's Association Spring Meeting. During his talk Brown explained how to be a responsible beekeeper when using pesticides in treating for Varroa Mites, or any other hive pest. He explained that mites, like any other animal, could develop resistance to chemicals through a variety of means. Chemical treatments for mites don't kill 100% of the mites in a hive. Those that are left may have developed resistance to chemicals and can pass this along to their offspring. Under application, over application, and exclusive use of just one chemical can all lead to resistant mites too.

Another aspect of treating for Varroa Mites is Section 18 Approval. Section 18 Emergency Exemption is granted by the Environmental Protection Agency when relatively quick and temporary approval is needed to use a chemical for a specific purpose. Section 18 approval is not meant to be a year-by-year, ongoing process. This would appear to be in contradiction to what has happened to beekeepers in (Continued, Page 3)

From The President

Hello everybody. I hope this newsletter finds you well. Spring is at the doorstep here in west central Missouri. The days are getting noticeably longer, and warmer. I'm anxious to start working my bees as soon as they get home from California. And yet I find myself thinking about late summer and fall preparations. I'm starting to form plans in the back of my head as to how I can manage my bees in the fall for better survivability and productivity.

Some of you may know that I hail from California where my family raised queens and packages, and did pollination work. I've been thinking for some time how I could raise my own queens here in the Midwest and realized that Spring queens just weren't an option. I don't mind buying queens in general. But if I could raise my own queens from good producers that are resistant to mites, that would be better. I would be certain of where the queens came from and wouldn't have to worry about ordering enough queens, dead on arrivals, etc. So I've been kicking around the idea of raising late summer queens.

Then I went to the Spring Meeting. Robin Mountain from Kentucky State University talked about throwing the book away and learning what works from your bees. He talked about practical applications and thinking out of the box. What he had to say reminded me of what Clint Walker had said last fall. Clint's father (or grandfather) said "don't get too far away from the bee tree". There's a lot of wisdom in that. Robin also advocates raising our own queens in Missouri, in late summer/fall.

Something else from the Spring Meeting was Ann Harman's travelogue about beekeeping in Africa and other parts of the world. Something that caught my eye was how Kenyan beekeepers pooled their resources at extracting time. Most of them don't have extracting facilities or vehicles so they wait for a truck to make the rounds and pick up supers to be extracted. The supers are transported to an extracting facility where each super is marked and noted for proper accounting and then extracted. (Continued, Page 4)

Communications in your New Marriage
By
Ken Norman B.A.
Honeybee Marriage Counselor

Spring is just around the corner and the new queens have been ordered. Whether you are a new beekeeper or an old beekeeper the process of queen introduction to that hive will always be a concern. For who of us wants to lose that new queen we have just purchased. So let's get straight to the major problem we have in the marriage of the new queen and old hive.

Communication in the hive is the major problem a beekeeper must overcome if he wants to have a successful marriage of the new queen. The beehive has been operating with communications i.e. (pheromones) from the old queen. Pheromones are the chemical signals that honeybees are using to communicate with each other throughout the hive. The old queen pheromones have touched the eggs she has laid and have been passed to all the workers in the hive. The old queen pheromones need to be dissipated from the hive if the new union is to last. After the loss of the queen in a beehive there is an increased sensitivity of workers to the queen pheromone, which occurs approximately 50 minutes following the removal of the queen.²

This sensitivity must be allowed to increase by leaving the hive queenless for at least 12 hours and even better for 24 hrs before adding the new caged queen.³

The best hive to requeen is a hive that is made up of young bees. Honeybees between the ages of 2 days to 7 days old are the most responsive to queen pheromones and are actively seeking it.⁴ By placing brood which have been shaken free of bees above a queen excluder and letting it fill with young nurse bees, which are at the right ages to cry "I want a new queen", after it has been placed in a new hive and queen less for 24 hours.

So make up those new hives with the young nurse bees and let it sit 12 hours to 24 hours before marrying the new caged queen to it, if you want the marriage to last.

¹ Egg Marking Pheromones in Honeybees *Apis Mellifera* Behavioral Ecology and Sociobiology (2002) 51:590-591

² Apidologie 35 (2004) 565-573
DOI: 10.1051/apido:2004057

³ Robin Mountain,
Missouri State Beekeepers Meeting
March 12, 2005

⁴ Age related changes in response to Queen Pheromone and in Retrocerebral complex of *Apis Mellifera* L. workers. G. Vaitkeviciene, A. Budriene

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March Recipe

Honey Fried Chicken

3 Lbs. pounds of chicken

½ teaspoon paprika

½ cup honey

¾ cup buttermilk baking mix

vegetable oil

2 teaspoons dry mustard

salt and pepper to taste

Coat chicken with honey set aside. Combine buttermilk baking mix, mustard, and paprika. Salt and pepper: drench chicken in mixture. Heat ½ inch of vegetable oil at 375 degrees in a 12-inch skillet over medium heat. Carefully place chicken in hot oil for 5 minutes or until the underside of the chicken is golden brown, turn chicken pieces and cook about 5 minutes, turning as needed. Reduce heat to low and cook 15 to 20 minutes or longer or until juices run clear. Remove the chicken, drain on paper towels. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

I also omit the salt for healthier chicken. This makes a good carry-in for church dinners, just put it in a crock-pot to warm it up.

I found this recipe in the Missouri Honey Recipes cookbook. If you don't have one of these cookbooks get in touch with Auxiliary President Joanne Davis. Her contact information is on the back page with the other officers.

Auxiliary President-Joanne Davis

We had a great Spring Meeting. At the Women's Auxiliary meeting it was decided that we would make a quilt to be raffled off for the Queen Fund. Come to the Auxiliary meeting during the Fall Meeting with your ideas for the quilt. We would like to work on the quilt between the Fall and Spring Meetings and raffle it during the Spring Meeting. So make plans to attend the Women's Auxiliary meeting.

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Have you renewed your MSBA membership? If your mailing label shows "2004", this is your last newsletter. Renew and continue to enjoy the benefits of membership in the Missouri State Beekeeper's Association.

Section 18, continued

regard to Api Life Var, Apistan and Checkmite+.

Checkmite+ has been in use for years, and each year has been granted Section 18 "emergency" approval. According to Brown chemicals receiving Section 18 approval usually only get such approval once in anticipation that further evaluation and documentation will occur for full approval.

An important aspect of Section 18 approval is the "registration" form that beekeepers are asked to complete when they use Section 18 approved chemicals. This "registration" helps the EPA in understanding the need for the chemical. How much of a given chemical is used, in what parts of the country, to help them gain an accurate perspective on the use of such chemicals, as well as identify any potential adverse affects.

Brown explained the Section 18 Exemption as follows. Most requests for emergency exemptions are made by state lead agricultural agencies, although United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and United States Department of Interior (USDI) also request exemptions. The process generally takes place as follows. Growers in particular regions identify a problem situation that registered pesticides will not alleviate. The growers contact their state lead agency (usually the state department of agriculture) and request that the agency apply to EPA for a Section 18 emergency exemption for a particular use. Requests are most often made for pesticides that have other food uses registered. The state agency evaluates the requests and submits requests to EPA for emergency exemptions they believe are warranted. The uses are requested for a limited period of time (no longer than 1 year), to address the emergency situation only. To be as responsive as possible to the states and growers, EPA attempts to make decisions on the requests within 50 days of receipt.

Brown explained during his speech that he initiates the request for Section 18 approval for Api Life Var, and Checkmite each year. He forwards the request to the Pesticide Bureau of the Missouri Department of Agriculture who in turn forwards the request to the E.P.A. Bob Harrison commented during the lecture that Missouri is one of only seven states that have applied for Section 18 approval for Api Life Var so far this year, an indication of the timely manner in which

the Department of Agriculture responds to beekeeper needs.

Brown also stressed the importance of reading and following label directions. Apistan, Checkmite, and other commonly used chemicals in the beekeeper arsenal have the potential to harm humans, harm bees, and contaminate honey and beeswax. Using too little of a chemical will be ineffective and will lead to early resistance. Using too much of a chemical will have the potential of killing bees and contaminating hive products. Leaving chemicals in the hive is just as dangerous.

Unapproved chemicals such as Amitraz have been found to be very dangerous in regard to comb contamination. As such those chemicals should not be used. The beekeeping industry in the U.S. has been very fortunate in that we have an unblemished reputation for the purity and quality of our honey. Let's jealously protect that reputation and avoid potential over regulation and liability. More information about Section 18 Exemption can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/opprd001/section18/>.

The Swarm Story

Bob McCarty

Midwestern Beekeeper

This past summer in my home yard (the only one I have), I noticed a swarm high above my colonies. My first thought was I had better let this one go - My Second thought, I hate to do that. So I got out my eight-foot pole with hook and an eight-foot stepladder and backed up my pick-up under the swarm. Still too high to reach! So I decided to follow my first thought, and let them fly.

Second thought again (I hate to let them go) so I put the above pick up, swarm pole, and step ladder away, and went to the house to get my 12-gauge full choke single barrel shot gun. The gun is at least as old as I am, (and that is not young).

The bees were on a small branch so I put the gun to the side of the swarm and fired. They dropped, to a lower branch! Still too high. Another shot and they dropped again, still too high! A third shot and they fell on top of my empty hive and marched right in. If there is a lesson in this story it is "don't hesitate to try plan B", it might just work.

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President, continued

I hear of beekeepers that complain about what they CAN'T do. I even catch myself doing the same. After listening about beekeeping overseas and how they have to deal with predators and lack of equipment I just can't accept any of my own excuses. After hearing about the idea of breaking out of the box and raising fall queens, I have resolved to try to keep an open mind about what I have held as absolutes in beekeeping.

Local associations are the bread and butter of beekeeping. I, like most beekeepers, have talked to people that are interested in beekeeping. I tell each one the same thing; "join a local association and find a beekeeper to mentor you". Of course I suggest to them that they join the State Association as well.

Over the last couple of years I have asked myself the same question over and over; "what does the Missouri State Beekeeper's Association have to offer to beekeepers that the local associations can't provide?" This weekend it came to me. We offer educational opportunities that the local associations just can't deliver. We offer a platform where accomplished researchers and beekeepers can come and speak to a large number of people at one time about what works and doesn't work in beekeeping. We also bring the best that Missouri has to offer together too. I'm still trying to get with Ted Jansen about what it takes to make 200 lbs. of honey per hive!

The Officers and Directors of the Association want to hear your suggestions and ideas about beekeeping and what the Association can do for you. I met several people during the Spring Meeting that had great ideas. I listened earnestly to anybody that had an opinion or suggestion. I want to visit any local association that will have me. And I believe that the rest of the Board will do so as well. We want to do what we can to promote bees and beekeeping in Missouri. The first thing we need to promote is the Missouri beekeeper.

Auxiliary, continued

The Women's Auxiliary has finished paying off the cookbooks that were printed a couple of years ago. Any sales that we make from now on are profit. We have a generous supply for anyone that is interested in adding them to their farmers market, county fair, or other sales events. Outright sales or consignments are possible. My contact information is listed with the other officers on the back page of the newsletter.

I want to thank everybody that donated items for the silent auction. We could still use more donations that would appeal to the men. The proceeds from the

silent auction help fund the Queen's activities. Lauren Whitney, as our Queen, is a wonderful spokesperson for educating the public about the benefits of honey, the M.S.B.A., and beekeeping in general. Lauren is available for your event for as little as the price of lunch. Contact the Queen Chairperson, May Schmitt, for details on how Lauren can promote honey and beekeeping in your area. May's contact information is on the back page too.

Promoting Beekeeping

By Scott Moser

One of the goals of the Jefferson County Beekeepers Association is to promote beekeeping and instruct future beekeepers. Our association feels that it is extremely important to pass along what we have learned to others. In our club, we have over 200 years of combined beekeeping experience, and each of us is willing to help the "new bee" in any way possible. It seems like beekeepers, unlike other groups, tend to want to help one another be successful. To this end, JCBA promotes beekeeping in a variety of ways.

Each year, the JCBA offers a 3-night beginning beekeeping class. The class is instructed by a member, or members, of the club, each of whom donate their time. The association charges a nominal fee of \$35.00, including a textbook. We have offered the class in both spring and fall, and found that fall appears to be a much better time to hold the class. In the past, we have offered this class jointly through the local college, but they refuse to put on the class if less than six people sign up. Last fall, we broke from the college, and decided that we could hold the class with as few as 3 students. In our Fall 2004 class, we had 13 new beekeepers join the ranks.

In addition to the class, we also make appearances in local agricultural events such as the Jefferson County Soils and Crops Conference. This conference, which is billed as "the Jefferson County Social Event of the Season", spotlights agriculture in our county. It gives our club a chance to get out and speak with the people in our community, promote honey, and recruit new beekeepers.

Our association has also helped other clubs get their start. The Jefferson County Beekeepers were instrumental in the formation of the Parkland Beekeepers Association. We went there, presented a one-day beginning beekeeping class, and then helped them set up a temporary group of officers. During the first year of its existence, we helped out in any way we possibly could.

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Spring Inspection

When doing your spring hive inspections, keep the following points in mind;

- 1) Do your hives have enough stores? Spring is when your bees will typically run short of honey as they begin to raise more brood.
 - a. Frames of honey from disease free colonies is best.
 - b. Table sugar and water mixed on a 1:1 ratio BY WEIGHT will work just fine.
 - c. High Fructose Corn Syrup, not thinned, will also work.
 - d. Daytime temperatures should be in the 50's or 60's in order to feed syrup.
 - e. Remember, feed your bees syrup will stimulate them to raise more brood.
 - f. Feed your bees to stimulate brood production if you plan to divide. Have queens and equipment ready ahead of time.
- 2) Medicate your bees if needed. Now is the time to do it before the honey flow begins. Terramycin treatments must be finished 45 days before the honey flow.
- 3) When it warms up check for a healthy laying queen. See how much brood is being raised. Also pay attention to the brood pattern. A spotty pattern may mean a poorly performing queen. If the queen is not performing as well as expected you may need to replace her.
- 4) Check for unacceptable levels of varroa mite infestation.
 - a. A sticky board 24 hour count of over 50 indicates a need to treat for mites.
 - b. A drone pupae count of more than two mites per pupae indicates a need to treat for mites.
 - c. Ether Roll count of 10 or more mites indicates a need for treatment.
 - d. Powdered Sugar count of 10 or more mites indicates the need for treatment.
- 5) On a warm day check bees that are coming back to the hive for pollen.
- 6) Repair or replace any hive equipment that needs attention. It's easier to do it now than later when the hive is full of honey and bees.

Local Association / Club Officers

The State Association would like to list your contact information on our website. Officers, meeting time/dates, etc. can also be included in the State Newsletter. Send your information to P/O Box 448, Oak Grove, MO. 64075 or email to editor@mostatebeekeepersassociation.org

Promoting (continued)

Today, the Parkland Association is booming, and membership continues to rise.

Finally, we often pair up new beekeepers with some experienced ones. This allows the new beekeeper an opportunity to see what it is like to go through a hive, diagnose problems, and learn to work the bees correctly. It takes a bit of the mystery out of keeping bees, allows them to ask questions, and see how and what must be done in a hive. In our association, Howard Hileman has taken many under his wing over the years and helped them become wonderful beekeepers.

As beekeepers, it is our duty to do all we can to promote beekeeping. As we look around, it is easy to see that the average age of beekeepers is increasing all the time. It seems like fewer and fewer young people are getting into beekeeping. We need to help out anyone who is interested in beekeeping, and do our part to see that they remain in it. Local associations should hold beekeeping classes, field days, and open houses to promote beekeeping. Begin mentoring programs to help a beekeeper out in their first year. Participate in local events and get the word out that you have a local club open to anyone who is interested. Beekeepers need to be proactive, because if we don't do something, beekeeping will look like that dwindling hive, and not recover.

Make Plans To Attend
The M.S.B.A. Fall Meeting
October 29 – 30, 2005
Tan-Tar-A Resort
On The Lake of the Ozarks

To Prevent Swarming:

Consider reversing your brood chambers every two weeks. If you live in southeast Missouri and most of your brood is in the upper hive body in early March, put the upper hive body on the bottom board and put the lower hive body on top. Elsewhere in Missouri consider this procedure in late March or early April. In two weeks when the upper brood chamber is full of brood again, reverse the hive bodies again. Be careful not to do this too earlier. Cold weather could cause chilled brood.

In Remembrance

Frank E. Parish, 70, died March 18, 2005, at St. Mary's Hospital in Blue Springs, MO. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Wed., March 23, 2005, at Chapel of Memories Funeral Home, Grain Valley, Missouri. He will be laid to rest with military honors in Swan Lake Memorial Gardens, Grain Valley, Missouri. Frank served honorably in the U.S. Army, during the Korean conflict. He was a member of Shepard of the Valley Lutheran Church. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister. He is survived by his wife, Kathy; three sons, Brad and wife, Temple; Greg and wife, Erin; and Chris and wife, Diedre; five grandchildren, Candice, Nick, Onnika, Ronda and Jesse; three great-grandchildren, Landon, Koree and Risteria; sister Patty Glenn; two brothers, Robert Parish; and Leslie Parish of Independence, Missouri. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Lung Association. (Arr: Chapel of Memories Funeral Home, 816-463-4030.)

Published in the Kansas City Star on 3/20/2005.

Frank was a most willing volunteer in working for the MSBA. Each year he was one of the first to sign up to work in the beekeeper's booth at the Missouri State Fair. Frank was the type of guy who would go out of his way to just come by and say, "hi". He was a special person and I was proud to call him, "a friend". He was a member of the Midwestern Beekeepers Association.

Ron Vivian

What's Blooming?

- March:** Dandelion, Elm, Locust, Maple, Poplar, Sumac, Willow.
- April:** Birdsfoot Trefoil, Buckthorn, Dandelion, Elm, Fruit Trees, Hawthorn, Honeysuckle, Maple, Poplar, Redbud, Sumac, Willow.
- May:** Basswood, Birdsfoot Trefoil, Brambles, Brassicas, Buckthorn, Clover, Dandelion, Fruit Trees, Hawthorn, Honeysuckle, Locust, Milkweed, Persimmon, Privet, Sumac, Tulip Poplar, Vetch, Willow.

What is the going price for honey? How does Missouri compare with other states? How can you market your honey better/smarter? Check out www.nhb.org for lots of information about honey.

From the Editor:

We had a great spring meeting. I want to thank Sharon Gibbons for all the hard work she put into this meeting. She works very hard and needs to know how much we appreciate her. Also to our great speakers a very big "thank you". Thanks to the Executive Board for dedicating their time help our organization. The vendors are always a treat. They work very hard to bring our supplies to us.

We had a good banquet and a magic show. Bernie Andrews did a wonderful job stumping us with his magic. The speakers did a wonderful job. I was able to speak with Ann Harmon and also Robin Mountain. If you did not go to this meeting "Don't Miss the Next One".

Now about the newsletter! I'm looking for articles on whatever subjects you would like to write about. Examples would be flowers that are blooming in your area and what the bees like, maybe something about extracting honey, or queen breeding. Also, give me ideas and I will find someone that can write about a given subject. I would like to put in some stories if anybody would like to share. Remember, laughter is the best medicine. Don't forget the next newsletter will be in May. I need all articles by the 10th of the May. Thank you to everybody for the articles that I have received.

I am starting something new. If you would like to have your newsletter emailed to you, let me know. If you are part of the Electronic Age and want to have your newsletter in your Inbox instead of your Mailbox, email me your name and email address. It is expensive to mail newsletters out and this would be a good way to save money and time.

When I go and help Monte with his bees, he does all the work. I enjoy opening the hives and watching the bees work. If people worked as hard as those bees this world would be a lot better. It is so peaceful in the bee yards. I like it because there are no cell phones and no noise. I like when our two kids go out and work the bees too. Our daughter has 4 hives of her own besides helping dad. When our son is a little older we will teach him. I have learned a lot about the bees and spend a lot of time talking about them. They are a great conversation starter.

Question of the month:
What breed of queen do you prefer?

Or

What color queen do you prefer?
Send your comments to the Editor.

Tale of Two Weevils

A short tale from Hurley, Mo

I was watching the movie Master and Commander that starred Russell Crowe with my son Sunday afternoon. It had a scene with Russell Crowe, as a Captain of an English Naval ship, set in the 1700's fighting against the French during the Napoleonic War.

At dinner one night Russell Crowe asked the doctor of the ship, who was eating a biscuit that had two weevils near by, which weevil would he want to eat. The doctor of course said he would not want to eat either weevil. "But you don't have a choice" said the Captain, "Which weevil would you choose. The doctor replied, "If I have to choose I would choose the larger of the two". The Captain laughed and replied, "Don't you know, you must always choose the lesser of two weevils!"

I began my beekeeping training with my local association, Beekeeper's of the Ozarks in Springfield Missouri. I have had the pleasure of training with some of the finest beekeepers in my area. Bob and Carole Wade, Valerie Nichols, Harry Martin, Michael Myers, Howard Wimmer and many others to numerous to mention have mentored me in the Art of beekeeping and hive products. I owe a debt a gratitude to them that I could not possibly pay. It was there in my local association that I learned of the Missouri State Beekeeper's Association and the opportunities it could provide.

This past Missouri State Beekeeper's spring meeting brought to me the opportunities to meet with some of leader's in Apiculture such as Ann Harman, a world traveler and writer on beekeeping, and Robin Mountain, a bee breeder and leader in Heartland Apiculture Society. As wonderful as that, it could not compare to the training I received from a beekeeper from Chesterfield, Missouri, Ted Jansen, on selling nucs, and Don Reinkemeyer, who taught me how to use scrap lumber to make bee equipment.

These training opportunities and the personal and business relationships that were created over a few days are invaluable. The cost of belonging to the Missouri State Beekeeper's Association is \$10.00 for a single person with the cost of going to a meeting is near \$16.00. I believe I have chosen the lesser of two weevils.

Ken Norman

Surveys

I received two surveys recently about beekeeping. One of them is being conducted by USDA-ARS to study the feasibility of crop insurance for the beekeeping industry. I first heard of this issue a couple of years ago at the ABF convention in Kansas City MO. Honey, like any other agricultural commodity, is subject to the whims of nature. It will be interesting to see the results of this undertaking.

The other survey that I received was from Louisiana State University. This particular survey concerns the control of varroa mites through various breeding programs. I strongly suggest that everybody go to the L.S.U. website and fill out as much of the survey that they feel comfortable with. There is some financial information that some may find intrusive. I have been told that any information that a beekeeper is willing to provide will be welcome. So fill out what you can and disregard any questions that you don't wish to provide information for. The website for the survey is:

<http://www.agecon.lsu.edu/Paudel/bee%20survey/Beesurvey.htm>

Local Association Meeting Information

Jefferson County Beekeeper's Association

2nd 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

Wednesday, April 20th, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

YMCA, 10301 E. 350 Hwy, Raytown MO

Contact Pres. Bob Justice (816) 358-3893

Eastern Missouri Beekeeper's Association

First Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Kirkwood Community Center, 111 Geyer Rd, Kirkwood, MO

Beekeeper's Association of the Ozarks

4th Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m.

Library Center, 4653 S. Campbell, Springfield MO

Missouri Valley Beekeepers Association

3rd Monday each month at 7pm

Scenic Regional Library, Union, MO

Joplin Area Beekeepers Assn.

Last Thursday of the month

Community Center at 7th and Duquesne Rd., Joplin, MO.

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Where Do I Put My Bees?

When scouting for a location to put your bees, whether in town or out in the country, look for the following:

- 1) Early sunlight and afternoon shade promote more active bees, less stress, and more honey production.
- 2) Beware of animals that might be close to your hives, or wander close by. Neighborhood pets wandering too close could generate complaints. Farm animals rubbing against hives can cause damage.
- 3) A water supply nearby will keep bees from invading the neighbor's pool or birdbath.
- 4) Out of sight is out of mind. In town it reduces the risk of complaints from neighbors. In the country it helps avoid vandalism.
- 5) Keep in mind that you will probably want clear access to the beehives. Whether it's a garden wheelbarrow or a truck, make sure that you can get to your hives in rainy weather as well as other times.

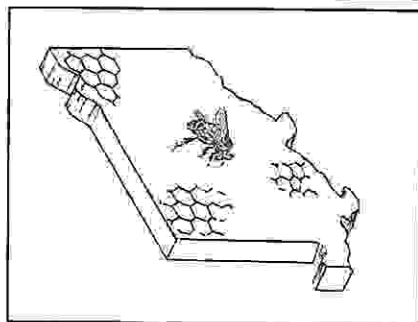
For Sale: Dadant 32 frame extractor in good shape. Contact Jann Amos at (417) 529-3398 after 5pm.

Notes From the Business Meeting

The Spring Business Meeting was held during the Spring Meeting. Here are a few of the topics discussed:

1. Sharon Gibbons is working on a combined Missouri - Kansas Spring Meeting for 2006. The meeting will probably be held in the Kansas City Metro Area.
2. Glenda Richardson and Don Reinkemeyer are coordinating plans for the State Fair Booth. Call Glenda at 660-826-4917 or Don Reinkemeyer at 636-949-9515 to volunteer your time at the Booth.
3. Beekeeper of the year will be awarded at the Spring Meeting. This will allow for a full 12 months of activity for consideration.

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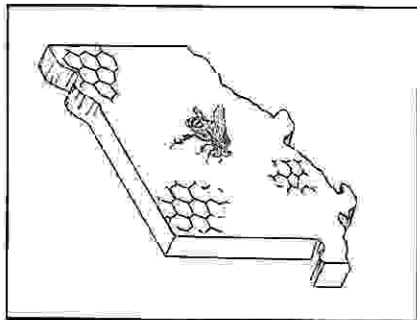
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Upcoming Events



New Beekeeper Class –

Missouri Valley Beekeepers Assn.

Saturday, April 16, 2005, 8:30 – 4:30

East Central College, Union, MO

Contact Pres. Mark Horner 636-583-6456

or Rodney Angell 573-764-2922

Trapping Feral Swarms and Raising Queens From Feral Hives

Saturday, April 30, 2005, 9am – Noon

First Presbyterian Church, Jackson MO.

RSVP Grant Gillard, 573-243-6568,

gillard5@charter.net

Heartland Apiculture Society Meeting

July 7-9, TBA, IL

Eastern Apiculture Society Meeting

August 1-5 Kent State Univ. OH

Missouri State Beekeepers Assn. Fall Meeting

October 29-30, Tan-Tar-A,

Lake of the Ozarks

Contact editor@mostatebeekeepersassociation.org to have your information or meeting listed.