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Missouri and Kansas beekeepers to hold joint Spring Meeting

March 6-7 in Overland Park, Kansas

The last time the Missouri State Beekeepers Association joined forces with the Kansas Honey Producers Association, over 270 attendees filled the host hotel's rooms and meeting facilities to enjoy two full days of lectures and activities. Leaders of both groups pronounced that March 2006 meeting a rousing success and vowed to do it again sometime.

That time has come. Join us on Friday and Saturday, March 6-7, 2009, as a variety of entomologists, research scientists and other experts lecture on honeybee biology, disease prevention and beekeeping methods. We'll also have a number of breakout workshops on topics ranging from soap and lotion making to agritourism.

We are again meeting at the:

Overland Park Marriott

10800 Metcalf (I-435 & Exit 169 Highway-Metcalf)

800-228-9290 or 913-451-8000

Make reservations by February 12 to get our group rate of \$85.00 plus tax. (Reference group code **American Beekeepers**.)

Our guest speakers include:

Dr. Clarence Collison, professor of Entomology and head of the Department of Entomology and Plant Pathology at Mississippi State University. Prior to moving to Mississippi he was an extension entomologist at The Pennsylvania State University, where he served as a beekeeping/pollination specialist. He began writing his monthly column "Do You Know?" for Bee Culture magazine in 1984.



Dr. Clarence Collison

See "Spring Meeting" on page 9

Here comes the sun ...

The days are getting longer, and your bees have already begun their Spring preparations. Queens are laying and, on warm days, workers can be seen carrying in pollen. You can help with a few early-season chores. If it's honey production you want, see page 4 for tips on what you can do in February to achieve a strong field force in June.



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From the President

by Scott Moser

As I sit here typing this, the temperature outside is a balmy 15 degrees, and the wind is howling. I can't help but wonder about how my bees are faring in this kind of weather. Over thousands of years, Mother Nature has given them the skill to survive such weather, and in actuality, this brutal cold is probably more of a problem for the beekeeper than for the bees. While sitting nice and warm in front of the woodstove with my dogs, I began to tick off a mental list of things I wanted to accomplish in the upcoming New Year. Some of those things were beekeeping related, while some of them were not. It seems like each of us begins to make resolutions this time of the year, so it seemed only logical that I make up a "to-do list" for the year.

One of the things that I would like to do is to let the MSBA membership know a little bit about me. Many of you have seen me at the meetings, but as is often the case, it is hard to take the time to stop and talk beekeeping or just visit with so much going on in such a short time. I have been keeping bees for about 11 years now, and like many of you, I began with just a couple hives in the backyard. By the end of the first season, those two hives had become eight, and 11 years later, that number has swelled to almost 100 colonies spread all over Jefferson and Franklin counties. Since I often feel that beekeeping is a full-time job, I guess you could say that my part time job is teaching 7th grade science. In between the bees and teaching, I like to spend time in the outdoors. Due to my varied interests, I am comfortable talking hunting, fishing, honeybees, or even the mysterious world of the modern 7th grader.

Another one of the items on my "to-do" list is to focus on one of the main goals of the MSBA, and that is education of others, be it the public or beekeepers. It is important that we share our wealth of knowledge with others. Throughout my 11 years, I have relied on many different beekeepers for suggestions and advice. I want to take a moment to thank Jim Buxton, Ted Jansen, Ray Batton and Ray Nabors for all the advice, information, suggestions, help and support that they have given me throughout this journey. Without them, I don't think I would be where I am today. It is important for us to help other beekeepers whenever possible, so that we have more successes and fewer failures. In addition, we each need to pass on what we know so that when we are gone our knowledge is not lost. Before their passing, beekeepers like Howard Hileman and Walter Smith were a wealth of information for many beekeepers, but unfortunately much of that information went with them. They knew that educating newcomers was important to bringing in and keeping new beekeepers. I still miss them, and always will because of what I learned from them.

Local associations have always been the backbone of beekeeping and the MSBA. At the Fall Meeting, I looked at the map of local associations, and one thing I noted, like several other people did, was the lack of local associations north of the Missouri River. It struck me that here was some of the state's prime beekeeping habitat, and there were a large number of beekeepers who were not being served by local associations. One of my goals during my upcoming two years in office is to start at least two new locals north of the river. In addition, I challenge any other local to "pay it forward" and

help start at least one local association on their own. It isn't that difficult to do, because the Jefferson County Beekeepers, with the help of Mary Reed, helped get the Parkland Beekeepers started, and they have a large and hard-working membership in the Farmington area. There is no reason that every county in the state could not support a local association. I am aware that many established local associations fear that a neighboring local may drain membership from them, but I have found the opposite to be true, and in fact, membership often goes up in both the established and the new local. How many of you are members of two or more local associations?

Finally, I would like to see more local associations represented at the MSBA executive meetings and the general membership meetings. The MSBA does some really wonderful things that beekeepers should take advantage of. How often has your local association brought in guest speakers like Jim Tew, Marion Ellis, Marla Spivak, Dianna Sammataro and Dewey Caron, to name a few. The MSBA meetings offer the beekeeper the opportunity to meet and talk with some of the best known beekeepers in the state and from around the country. In an effort to spread the word more, I am going to try and make it to as many local meetings as I can in the next couple of years. If I can't make it, I would like to call on my directors to touch base with the locals in their area in an effort to let beekeepers know what we do.

In closing, I want to thank all of you for your support of me and the MSBA. A few years ago, I was a bit apprehensive about running for Secretary of the MSBA, and even more apprehensive about becoming the Vice President, knowing that I was thus destined to become President in two years. One of the things that helped ease my mind was the fact that I knew I was going to be giving back to the beekeeping community in a meaningful and satisfying way. It was time for me to "pay forward" for what I had learned and the friends that I had made. I want to thank Ken Norman and Ron Vivian for encouraging me and helping me out when needed. It is my goal to build on the foundation of previous presidents, and to make the MSBA an even better association that can help any beekeeper, be it the hobbyist or the large scale producer. I am looking forward to serving all of you as President. Now, it is time to throw another log into the stove, and get back to that "to-do" list. Hmmm... I think I will move "more fishing time" to the top of that list! Happy New Year to you and yours!

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½ t Salt

¼ t Baking Soda

1-1/2 C Rolled Oats

½ to ¾ C of the following:

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Method

Pre-heat oven to 350 degrees.

Use Silpat, parchment paper or butter baking sheets.

Blend the butter, oil, brown sugar, honey, egg and water thoroughly.

Sift the flour, salt and baking soda together, then add the rolled oats.

Stir and blend the oats mixture with the liquid mixture.

Finally, mix in whatever goodies you chose.

Drop heaping teaspoonfuls onto the baking sheets.

Bake for 12-15 minutes.

Let sit 5 minutes on sheet, then remove with spatula to wire rack to cool.

Enjoy!

Carrie Sayers (www.sayerscatering.com) is a first-year beekeeper and a member of the Missouri State Beekeepers Association and the Eastern Missouri Beekeepers Association. She lives in Glendale, MO, and has been cooking with honey for years.



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Early Spring management

by Eugene Makovec

Get a jump on the beekeeping pre-season, and your bees will jump on the honey flow

The following is based on a method taught by Ted Jansen over the past several years, and is designed to bring your colony's field populations to a peak just in time for the main honey flow. The dates used are based on an average season in St. Louis County.

Mid-February: Reduce your two-story hive to one story. This should be done on a warm, sunny day (55+ degrees), as soon after February 15 as possible.

Begin by setting both boxes to one side on an inverted outer cover. Clean debris from the bottom board, and set one empty hive box on it. Take the frames containing the broodnest from the overwintered colony and place them in the center of the empty box. Place two frames of empty, drawn comb on each side of the brood nest. Next, place one frame of pollen on each side. Finally, fill out the rest of the box with honey frames.

This process has two benefits. First, this early Spring manipulation stimulates brood production. Secondly, it provides a perfect opportunity for you to cull old and damaged comb from your hive.

Here's one of Ted's handy tips: If you have enough good frames with you, place the second box (with empty comb and/or foundation) back on top, with the inner cover in between. The bees will not move up through the inner cover, and your upper story will be in place for the next step.

Two to four weeks later (depending on weather): When you pop the lid and most of the frames are covered with bees, it's time to add the second story (or pull out the inner cover dividing the two stories). This gives the bees a full story for upward expansion, thus discouraging the swarm impulse.

Mid-April: About six weeks before the peak of the main honey flow, equalize your colonies so that each hive has about four full frames of bees and brood, adequate stores, and a healthy queen.

Move bees/brood from overpopulated hives to lighter hives to reduce the probability of the strong colonies swarming. If your strong hives outnumber the weak, the same thing can be accomplished by making splits.

There are two methods of splitting a colony. (Okay, if you've attended a few beekeeping meetings, you know that there are hundreds of methods, but we're dealing in generalizations here.) One is to take excess bees and brood from one or more strong colonies and introduce a queen or swarm cell to them.

If you do not have a source for queens in April, or prefer to raise your own, then place those same excess bees and all stages of brood (including eggs) in an empty hive or nucleus box with a frame of pollen and at least one of honey, and let them do their thing. Your goal here is a colony for next year, but this is nature at its finest!

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Eastern MO Beekeepers to host 2nd annual beekeeping workshop

Leading educators to present courses for beginners and experienced beekeepers

The Eastern Missouri Beekeepers Association will offer full-day courses of instruction for beginning and experienced beekeepers on Saturday, February 21, 2009, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Maritz in Fenton, Missouri.

The courses will be led by two nationally recognized beekeeping educators: Dewey M. Caron, PhD., Professor of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology, University of Delaware, and Visiting Scientist at Oregon State University, and Phil Craft, Kentucky State Apiarist.

Dr. Caron is the author of numerous papers and teaching publications, including Honey Bee Biology and Beekeeping. In addition to his teaching and research, he founded and chaired the Mid-Atlantic Apicultural Research and Extension Cooperative (MAAREC), the country's leading university beekeeping cooperative research and teaching facility, and is active in beekeeping development abroad. Dr. Caron is the 2001 recipient of the Eastern Apicultural Society Roger A. Morse Outstanding Teaching Award.

Mr. Craft, a graduate of Oberlin College, is a past president of the Apiary Inspectors of America, has served as Program Chairman for the Eastern Apicultural Society, and is currently the Chairman of the Heartland Apicultural Society. Mr. Craft has extensive experience as a director and faculty member at national and regional beekeeping schools and meetings, and is much in demand as a speaker for beekeeping organizations.

The Beginner's Class is specially designed to provide everything necessary for beginners to learn how to keep bees and make honey in 2009. The Experienced Class is intended for beekeepers who have kept bees for at least a season, and wish to continue or expand their beekeeping. The courses will be followed throughout the beekeeping year by a series of field workshops at a teaching apiary maintained by the Association.

The cost of each course is \$55 for an individual, or \$75 for a couple (one packet of materials), with lunch and refreshments. The registration packets include instructional materials, beekeeping periodicals, and equipment catalogs.

Registration is available at www.easternmobeekers.com/workshop, or by completing and mailing the downloadable registration form.

Space is limited, and will be filled on a first-come-first-served basis.

Registration closes February 15th.

More information is available at www.easternmobeekers.com, or by calling 314-894-8737.

The Eastern Missouri Beekeepers Association has been supporting beekeeping in the St. Louis metro area since 1939.

MSBA Web Page -- What's New? by Scott Moser

If you haven't checked out the MSBA website lately, you really should take the time to do so. There have been a lot of new features added, and more are on the way. One of the new things that have been added is an interactive map that lists various things pertaining to the MSBA. One of the things you will find on the map is the location of each of the current local associations. In addition, it is possible to show individual members on the map as well. If you would like your name to appear on the map, just drop me a note or an email, and I will update the map as soon as possible. This would be a great way for others to find you, and they can even get turn by turn directions to your door. In addition, it would also be possible to list products you sell, or services that you offer. What a great way to get your information out to others!

Another new feature that you will find there is our new MSBA discussion forum. The forum provides individuals with an opportunity to ask questions, provide information, list services, buy and sell, and learn more about the MSBA. The forum service is free, and open to the public. Reading the postings is open to anyone, but to post a question, or respond to a post, you must register. Registration is quick and easy to do, and only takes a couple of moments. After you register, stop by the "Introduce Yourself" forum and tell us a bit about you and your operation. Also, take a few moments and look over the "Rules of the Road" forum as well. What a great way for us to learn and share information with one another!

Coming soon to the website will be a page of downloadable information that you might find interesting and handy to have. All files posted there will be in PDF format, so be sure to download Adobe

Acrobat Reader, so you can take advantage of that. That page should be up and running this Spring.

Finally, at the bottom of the Home page, you will find a sponsored hotlink to Walter Kelley Beekeeping Supply. Beginning this year, it will be possible to post a dedicated link to your business website for a nominal fee. Clubs and non-profit informational sites will still be listed on the "Links" page for free. For information about having a hotlink to your website, email me, and I will give you the details.

There is a lot of good information there on our website. It is a wonderful way to get important information out to the membership and others. If you would like to have your name on the map, or would be interested in a business hotlink, you can email me at: smoser1963@hotmail.com, or from the "Officers" page of the site.



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KHPA/MSBA Spring 2009 Meeting Program

Thursday night, March 5th:

Board meeting for the Missouri State Beekeepers, 8:00 p.m., Sunflower Room

Board meeting for the Kansas Honey Producers, 8:30 p.m., Conference Room 922

Friday, March 6th

- 7:30-8:30 Registration, coffee & tea
- 8:30-8:45 Welcome & announcements
- 8:45-9:30 Clarence Collison Swarm Management - Are you Winning the Battle?
- 9:30-10:15 Nancy Gentry How to Get a Standard of Identity for Honey for Your State
- 10:15-10:45 Break
- 10:45-11:30 Deb Smith NGO (Non Governmental Agency) Bees for Development
- 11:30-12:15 Rudolf Jander Honeybees Smartly Decide When and Where to Forage
- 12:15-1:15 Lunch on your own or Deli Luncheon paid extra with registration
- 1:15-2:00 Danny Najera The Honeybee Waggle Dances: History & Cognition
- 2:05-2:45 Ron Fessenden The Honey Revolution
- 2:45-3:15 **Break** — visit vendors
- 3:15-4:00 Clarence Collison Factors Affecting Colony Buildup in the Spring
- 4:05-4:50 Jerry Brown State of the Industry
- 6:30 Banquet & Entertainment

Saturday, March 7th

- 7:45-8:15 Registration, coffee, set up for silent auction in Quail 1
- 8:15-8:25 Welcome & announcements
- 8:25-9:10 Clarence Collison Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD) - What do We Know?
- 9:15-10:00 Main Ballroom: **Installing a Package of Bees**, Steve Tipton
- Quail 2: **Plants for Honeybees**, Vera Gelder
- Quail 3: **Making Mead**, Bob Finck
- Quail 4:
- Sunflower:
- 10:00-10:25 **Break**
- 10:25-11:10 Main Ballroom: **Removing Swarms from Buildings**, Mike Allen & Glenn Davis
- Quail 2: **Walk at Walk About Acres—Exploring Agritourism**, Art & Vera Gelder
- Quail 3: **Bee Photography -- Shooting and Optimizing for Web and Print**, Eugene Makovec
- Quail 4: **Producing Comb Honey**
- Sunflower:
- 11:15-12:00 Main Ballroom: **Honeybee Biology**, Gary Ross
- Quail 2: **Communication Among Beekeeping Groups**, Jerry Brown
- Quail 3: **Food Safety to Include Audits and Licensing**, Jacquie Rowan
- Quail 4: **Soapmaking 101 — Getting Started**, Becky Tipton
- Sunflower:
- 12:00-1:00 Lunch on your own or Deli Luncheon (paid extra with registration)
- Vendors will be packing up at this time
- 1:00-1:45 Main Ballroom: **Installing a Package of Bees**, Steve Tipton



KHPA/MSBA Spring 2009 Meeting Program (continued)

- Quail 2: **The Energy Auditor/Beekeeper and Infrared Views** — Energy conservation measures one can do or consider in the Honey House (or your own home): Hidden heat losses, looking at some hives during the winter using an I.R. camera to evaluate winter survival, Greg Swob
- Quail 3: **Youth Scholarship Program — Are You Interested in Starting a Program in Your Club?** Presentation from several of the 2008 Kansas Youth Scholarship recipients, Becky Tipton moderates
- Quail 4: **Honeybee Diseases Q&A**, Scott Moser
- Sunflower:
- 1:50-2:35 Main Ballroom: **Requeening & Making Splits**, Kristi Sanderson
- Quail 2: **Making Creamed Honey**, Cecil Sweeney
- Quail 3: Nancy Gentry, **Topic to be announced**
- Quail 4:
- Sunflower:
- 2:35-2:55 **Break**, End of Silent Auction
- 2:55-3:40 Main Ballroom:
- Quail 2: Ron Fessenden, **The Honey Revolution — Focusing on Diabetes, Sleep Disorders and Antibiotic Use**
- Quail 3: **Making Honey Beers**
- Quail 4: **Making Balms and Lotions**, Sharon Gibbons & MO Honey Queen Tara Fisher
- Sunflower: **Preparing Honey for Competition from a Judge's Viewpoint**, Gary Ross
- 3:45-4:30 Main Ballroom: Clarence Collison, **What if?**
- Quail 2: **Electronic Media**, Scott Moser
- Quail 3:
- Quail 4: **Advanced Beeswax**, Sharon Rowan
- Sunflower:
- 4:35- Door Prizes & Raffle Drawings, Main Ball room
- Program and Speakers Subject to Change**

Spring Meeting program loaded with apicultural intellect

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Dr. Ron Fessenden, MD, MPH, is a retired medical doctor. Dr. Fessenden received his MD from the University of Kansas School of Medicine in 1970, and his Masters in Public Health from the University of Hawaii in 1982. For the past two years he has been researching and writing about the health benefits of honey. He is co-author of *The Honey Revolution: Restoring the Health of Future Generations*.

Dr. Fessenden is Co-Chair of the Committee for the Promotion of Honey and Health, an international organization committed to communicating the message of honey and health, encouraging research on honey, and establishing honey quality standards worldwide.

Dr. Rudolf Jander is the last doctoral student of Karl Von Frisch,

of waggle dance fame. His research focuses on experimental analysis of behavioral mechanisms and reconstruction of behavioral macro-evolution. This work emphasizes social insects, and includes a variety of arthropod and non-arthropod taxa.

Danny Najera is a current PhD candidate in entomology, and holds a BS in biology from the University of Kansas. His research interests include honeybee cognition and comparative cognition.

Dr. Deborah Smith received her PhD from Cornell University, and is currently at KU in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology. She is one of the foremost authorities on Bees of the World.

Nancy Gentry is president of the Northeast Florida Honey Bee Association and director of public relations for the Florida State Beekeepers Association.

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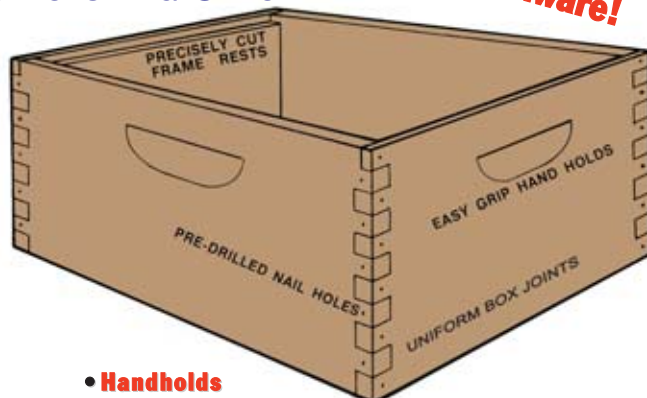
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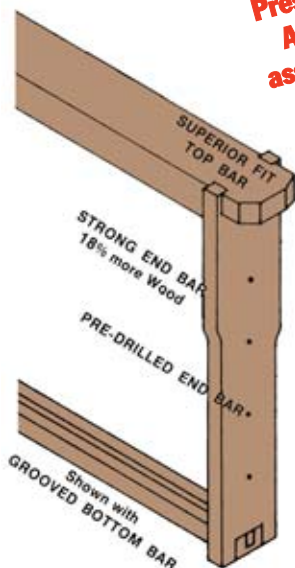
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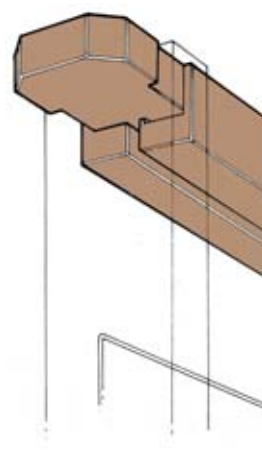
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Honey Queen Report

by Tara Fisher

Hello Everyone!

Happy New Year! I hope all of you had a wonderful holiday! For Christmas this year my mom and I took on the task of making lotion bars and lip balms in various flavors! Needless to say, they were fun and very easy to make!

My friends and family sure enjoyed receiving them as gifts!! I encourage everyone who has wax sitting around to give it a try!!



In December, I attended the Midwestern Beekeepers Christmas Dinner. They had a wonderful pot luck dinner with almost five tables of food!! After a great meal, Roger and Sue Nichols gave a very interesting presentation on their trip to Australia last year when they attended the Apimondia. They had all kinds of souvenirs they shared and a wonderful slide show of pictures!

I also finished another semester of school! While I was on my break (which was 5 weeks long!!) I worked on scrapbooking the events that I have attended as the 2009 Missouri Honey Queen! I feel like I am running out of pictures!! With that being said, I would love to add more pictures to my collection! As the 2009 Missouri Honey Queen, I am here to promote honey and beekeeping! If you have any fairs, festivals, meetings, or activities that you would like for me to attend, please contact Joyce Justice, Queen Chairperson. Her contact information appears in the column at right.

Again, Happy New Year and I hope you all have a very healthy and happy 2009!!

Tara

When you start planning your markets and special events remember to make arrangements to have our Honey Queen attend. Please contact me as early as possible so she can work the timing into her schedule.

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