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 Editor



*Evening sun illuminates snow-covered beehives in the St. Louis suburb of Kirkwood, MO. A picture of serenity, this tiny apiary stands in stark contrast to snarled rush hour traffic less than a mile away on Interstate 270.*

*The area bore the brunt of a half day of sleet and freezing rain on November 30, followed by three to four inches of snow overnight.*

*"What do your bees do in the winter?" "Are they hibernating?" "Where do they find food?" These are questions often asked of beekeepers this time of year. It is difficult for people to imagine that the insects they see ambling from blossom to blossom in sunny June are able to survive in a wooden box outside in the dead of winter.*

*photo by Eugene Makovec*

## Make Reservations Now for Spring Meeting in Jefferson City

by Sharon Gibbons, Program Director

Please join us for our Spring Meeting on Friday and Saturday, March 16-17 in Jefferson City, MO. We have an exciting agenda planned and we hope that all of our members will attend. Remember, communication and learning are the keys to successful beekeeping.

This two-day meeting will be held at:

**The Capitol Plaza Hotel**  
 415 W. McCarty Street  
 Jefferson City, MO 65101  
 573-635-1234 800-338-8088

The group room rate is \$69.00 plus taxes. Please mention MSBA to get the special rate. The block of rooms will be held for us until February 13. Make reservations quickly, as there is a large soccer tournament in town that weekend.

Our featured speaker is **Dr. Keith Delaplane** from the University of Georgia in Athens. He has written several books, one of which is "Honeybees and Beekeeping — a Year in the Life of an Apiary". He is Senior Editor of *The Journal of Apicultural Research*, and a professor at the University of Georgia in the Department of Entomology.

Keith is fascinated with state capitols, and has agreed to come to our meeting because we are meeting in Jefferson City.

We also are featuring a hands-on session in Apitherapy, conducted by **Reyah Carlson**. Reyah is Secretary of the American Apitherapy Society. She will speak on the medicinal and nutritional qualities of all honeybee made products. She will also demonstrate sting technique.

Reyah has been on the National Geographic Channel and the Discovery Channel. She has spoken to the American Honey Producers and the California Beekeepers, and will be speaking at

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## From the President

by Ken Norman

The holidays are behind us and now one thing we have to look forward to is the spring meeting on March 16 and 17 in Jefferson City. We will have our new Honey Queen in attendance. Lori Guthals was crowned at the Governor's Conference on December 10 at Tan Tar A in Osage Beach, MO. Take time to get acquainted with her and help her to promote beekeeping around the state with invitations to the different fairs and promotional sites.

I wish to thank the membership for the opportunity to serve as president and will endeavor to help the association to expand beekeeping throughout Missouri.

I went looking through several state beekeepers newsletters to determine what I was supposed to write about in the presidential column. In the 2006 Iowa Honey Producers newsletter, called The Buzz, the presidential column dealt with President Donna Brahms wanting to make a new resolution not to procrastinate. Well, I'm not wanting to go that direction; in fact, being from the Ozarks, the thought of just sitting on the porch with my faithful dog, Todd, and watching the bees buzz by sounds good to me. So I am making a 2007 resolution to spend more time contemplating about beekeeping with Todd the dog, and you all can join with me to slow down and watch the bees go by.

For all officers and two delegates from each of the local associations: The next Executive Board meeting will be in Columbia, Missouri at the Ryan's restaurant, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Ryan's is located at 908 I-70 Dr. SW (phone 573-499-0133). Contact me with any questions at 417-669-4452.

One last sad note: With the death of Don Reinkemeyer the Association has lost a great worker and asset for the Missouri State Beekeepers Association. Don was the overseer at the MSBA booth at the Missouri State Fair. He was the type of person you could always rely on and he enjoyed working at the fair and talking about bees.

## Midwest Beekeeping Symposium

June 9, 2007 — Illinois State Beekeepers Association

**SAVE THE DATE:** The ISBA is proud to announce its upcoming Beekeeping Symposium. This full day meeting will feature:

- Keynote presentations
- General sessions
- Breakout sessions
- A "Beginner's Track" of sessions
- Beekeeping supply vendors
- A provided lunch

Please save the date and look for further details to be released in early 2007. Please also refer to the ISBA website for the latest information at [www.isba.us](http://www.isba.us)

The Symposium will be located at the McHenry County College (MCC) Conference Center in Crystal Lake, IL. For a campus map and driving directions, you may visit [www.mchenry.edu/Maps](http://www.mchenry.edu/Maps)

Questions can be directed to ISBA President Ken Haller via email at [vikinghoneyfarm@comcast.net](mailto:vikinghoneyfarm@comcast.net)

## Kansas Spring Meeting

March 2-3, 2007 — Hays, Kansas

The Kansas Honey Producers Association will hold their Spring Meeting in Hays, Kansas on Friday and Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>. Guest speakers will be Paul Jackson, State Entomologist of Texas, and Lyle Johnston, a commercial beekeeper from Colorado. This meeting will include a great deal of beginning beekeeping concepts — just good old basic information.

The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn at 3603 Vine St. in Hays, KS (785-625-7371). Room reservations must be made by February 1<sup>st</sup>. Rates are \$67.00 per night. Mention the Kansas Honey Producers to get this rate.

For more information call Joli Winer at 913-768-8967 (daytime) or 913-856-8356 (evenings). The entire program will be available at [www.mid-conagri.com](http://www.mid-conagri.com). Click on events.

## A Letter From the Past President

by Monte Richardson

Hello Everybody,

By now we've all dug out of the snow and ice. I was a bit worried about my bees being covered in snow and checked a couple of days after the snow to find that the sun had melted the snow within a couple of feet of each hive. I typically put my hives up off the ground anyway so they were doing fine. I was a bit surprised to find several dead bees as far as 50-75 yards away from the hive.

As the Past President my duties include doing whatever the President tells me to do. Payback is a bugger. The other responsibility that I have is to coordinate activities and communication with the Directors. You know, those folks that live and work in your neighborhood and know a lot about bees. I hope that we, the Directors, can increase the public awareness of the benefits of honeybees and the beekeeping industry as a whole.

As many of you know, Don Reinkemeyer has passed away. I first got to know Don when he attended Board meetings. He was always friendly and upbeat. He worked for years as Art Gelder's assistant at the Missouri State Fair. When it came time for Art to move on to other pursuits, Don continued to help at the fair. Last year Don stepped up to the Fair Manager's position and did an outstanding job there. Don was also very active with the Eastern Missouri Beekeepers Association. He put on beginning beekeeper classes and helped with the various functions of the local club. I also had the pleasure of selecting him as the Beekeeper of the Year for the MSBA from a pool of nominees. The State and Eastern Missouri Beekeepers Associations have lost a wonderful friend and teacher in Don.

You will find a list of the Directors in the newsletter and on the MSBA website, [www.mostatebeekeepers.org](http://www.mostatebeekeepers.org). If there is anything that any of the Directors or I can do for you, just let us know.

Monte Richardson





## DON REINKEMEYER

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Special thanks to Jo Ann Sona, EMBA newsletter



## In Memory of Howard Hileman

Howard E. Hileman was born Aug. 8, 1929 in De Soto, MO. He died Sept. 15, 2006 at St. Louis University Hospital at the age of 77 years.

Howard kept bees for 62 years, and was a longtime member of the Jefferson County Beekeepers Association. He is survived by his wonderful wife, Opal.

Thanks for everything you taught us, dear friend. You will be sadly missed.

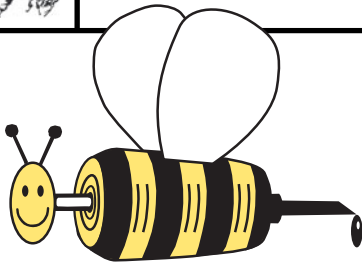
Scott Moser

## Pass it On! by Scott Moser, Vice President

Those of you who have stepped into the electronic age of computers, internet and email know all about the obnoxious and annoying email messages that ask us to "pass this along to all the people in your address book". I usually just read it quickly to make sure it isn't something important, and click on the delete button. I figure I have more important things to do, and others don't want to be bothered either.

There is one thing, though, that needs to be "passed on", and that is beekeeping. As I sit in various beekeeping meetings, I see a population that is growing older by the day. Very seldom do I see a new face in beekeeping, much less a younger face. It seems like beekeeping is becoming a "seasoned citizen's" activity. As beekeepers, we need to do

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## Apitherapy News ... **Topical Honey Heals Diabetic Foot Ulcers**

*Journal of Family Practice*  
June 2005

Jennifer J. Eddy, MD and Mark  
D. Gideonsen, MD

*University of Wisconsin Medical School, Eau Claire*

A 79-year-old man with Type 2 diabetes mellitus developed heel and forefoot ulcers, for which he received currently recommended therapy, including an off-loading orthotic, systemic antibiotics selected by infectious disease consultants, and topical therapies directed by a wound care expert.

After 4 months of care costing more than \$390,000 — which was the cost of five hospitalizations and four surgeries — the ulcers measured 8x5cm and 3x3cm. Deep tissue cultures grew methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MSRA), vancomycin-resistant *Enterococcus* (VRE), and *Pseudomonas*.

During this time the patient lost two toes but refused below-the-knee amputation. He was informed by two different surgical teams that without this surgery he would likely die. This opinion was based on the patient's recurrent episodes of heel osteomyelitis and multiple medical complications, including acute renal failure from culture-specific antibiotics.

The patient was eventually discharged to his home at his request, after consulting with his family and the hospital's ethics committee. He lost a third toe before consenting to a trial of topical honey.

- **Course of treatment with honey**

Once-daily, thick applications of ordinary honey purchased at a supermarket were smeared on gauze 4x4s and placed on the wounds, which were then wrapped. Oral antibiotics and saline dressings were discontinued, but otherwise treatment was unchanged. Since the patient's family purchased and applied the honey, the cost of this therapy was merely that of the dressings. Dressing changes were painless and the serum glucose remained in excellent control.

Granulation tissue appeared within two weeks; in six to 12 months the ulcers resolved. Two years later, the ulcers have not recurred; the patient ambulates with a walker and reports improved quality-of-life.

- **Honey as wound treatment in the medical literature**

Honey has been used to treat wounds for millennia, but the medical evidence supporting its use is limited. While there are many case reports of honey's effectiveness, seven controlled trials demonstrating effectiveness for treating burns and wounds are limited by poor quality and the use of nonstandard controls, while another trial found minimal benefit when "a very thin smear" was used. Concerns about wound infection from *Clostridium* spores appear unfounded, as no such complication has been described in more than 500 reports in the literature, and honey has repeatedly been shown to suppress bacterial growth.

Gamma-irradiated "medical" honey is available, which has also been selected for its potent antibacterial properties, although most of the cases in the medical literature have used raw honey. A burning or stinging sensation has been described with honey's topical use.

As rates of diabetes increase, it is important to identify effective strategies to reduce amputation rates, both to improve quality of life and to decrease cost. Given honey's potential for improved outcomes, cost savings, and decreasing antibiotic use and resistance, we advocate publicly funded randomized controlled trials to determine its efficacy. Meanwhile, we encourage others to consider topical honey therapy for patients with refractory diabetic foot ulcers.

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## Beekeeping ... Pass it on!

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more to promote beekeeping to more people, especially younger ones.

Recently, a wonderful member of the Jefferson County Beekeepers passed away. Howard Hileman died at 77 years of age, and had been keeping bees continuously since he was 15 years old. For 62 years, Howard had tended hives faithfully, attended beekeeping meetings, sold honey, and educated others about the wonders of the honeybee.

He was a grandfatherly figure, with dancing eyes, quick wit and captivating stories. He had an uncanny knack of drawing you into his tales, and keeping your attention whether he was discussing bees, cattle, border collies, or old motorcycles. Throughout the years, Howard taught countless others how to keep bees; some of them still keep a hive or two. Howard was the association's "go-to guy" when you had a problem or needed advice. If anyone could solve the problem, he could.

He and his wife Opal made countless appearances at schools and fairs explaining the job of honeybees and the virtues of honey. Not only was Howard a beekeeper, he was a teacher as well. He knew that to ensure the future of beekeeping, he had to involve others, and especially the younger generations. He and Opal would seldom turn down an invitation to talk to others about beekeeping. One of his most powerful tools was the observation hive that traveled with him to most of his engagements. Before he was finished, he would have managed to have someone interested

enough in bees to suit up and go through a hive with him. To me, Howard embodied the spirit of what it is to be a successful beekeeper.

As beekeepers, we should continue the work that Howard began. We need to go out into the community, talk about beekeeping, and get others, especially young people, involved in beekeeping. Take a few moments to tell about what you do, explain why bees are important, and get other people interested in the honeybee. Refrain from discussing in detail the negative aspects of beekeeping like stings, pests, diseases and other less interesting aspects of beekeeping. Your goal isn't to scare them away. The media does that well enough; we don't need to help them.

Take the time to visit a local classroom, be it elementary, middle or high school. No matter the age, kids are fascinated by honeybees. If you can't go, find a fellow beekeeper that is willing to go and do it instead. If someone seems generally interested, steer them to the local or state association, and take them out to go through a hive or two. Help them find a beekeeping class, or better yet, become a mentor to them. Finally, discuss the possibility of your local association donating a hive or two and sponsoring some 4H or FFA students.

As you look around the meetings, it is easy to see that the average age of beekeepers is increasing each year. If something isn't done to draw younger blood into beekeeping, beekeeping will continue its downward trend. Unlike that annoying chain email, let's all "pass this along".

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## This Just In ... Don't Believe Everything You Read in the Papers

by Eugene Makovec

An international media survey released last May by the BBC identified the United States as one of three industrialized countries whose citizens trust the news media even less than the government.

Much of that distrust is due to reporting scandals that pop up periodically. The Boston Globe, New York Times, Washington Post and CBS News have all been forced to discipline reporters for plagiarizing or even fabricating stories. Columnists have been fired, and one reporter even returned her Pulitzer Prize. (Her story was a great one – it just wasn't true.)

But I also believe that as more people come into contact with journalists, they come away with their own personal reasons for skepticism. This has certainly been the case with me. I have been featured in local media on five occasions (four bee-related), and three of them left a bad taste in my mouth.

My journalism degree may make me more sensitive than some to poor reporting. But just as you don't need a football background to be critical of a dropped pass or a missed tackle, I don't think it's unreasonable for an ordinary reader or viewer to expect reporters to get their facts right.

People are always calling to my attention the latest bee-related stories they've seen in the print or broadcast media. And I don't think I've seen more than a couple where the reporter got everything right.

Granted, some issues are debatable, like the number of bees in a hive or the particulars of the waggle dance. But many of the "facts" I've seen have been way off the mark. One local weekly here in St. Louis, in a feature on a historic neighborhood, mentioned the existence of a "bee tree". It had been there for years and, to their credit, residents not only tolerated the bees but were happy to have them. After all, said the reporter, the existence of such a hive is a known deterrent to so-called African killer bees. This was stated matter-of-factly, and not in any way attributed to anyone in particular.

Several years ago the local daily's science reporter (!), in an error-riddled story on Africanized honeybees, made the statement that "all the workers are males." I emailed the guy with a polite list of corrections, and did not even receive a response.)

A recent Time Magazine article stated that tracheal mites "can kill an entire hive in a matter of hours". Hmmm.

But my all-time favorite has to be this gem from a St. Paul, MN, weekly: In an article called "The Secret Life of Apiarists", the reporter cites as her main source "my friend Lorraine", who had recently attended a beginning beekeeping class. People's fear of bees is largely unfounded, the reporter writes: "Lorraine said bees only sting at night, when they're crawling around and it is possible to step or lean on them." On the downside, she writes, beekeepers are forced to kill large numbers of their stock, as "bees multiply really fast ... hives are divided regularly and ... if this procedure continued indefinitely, the beekeeper would eventually end up with thousands of hives, too many to maintain." It's okay, though, this mass murder of bees; Lorraine "assured [the reporter] it was painless. 'They roll in the snow and go to sleep'".

All this stuff can make for great entertainment, but it makes one wonder: If they are so far wrong about the things that I know, how can I trust them on the things that I don't? What about economics, or politics, or the environment?

I think the key is, you have to take everything with a healthy dose of skepticism. Based on my own experiences with reporters, whenever I watch or read anything in the news, I try to keep the following points in mind:

- Words between quotation marks are not necessarily a quote. They may be a summary of what you said, written the way the interviewer wishes you had said it. A story looks more credible if it contains quotes, and if a good quote is not available, they might just make one up.
- Originality and imagination are secondary to cute catchwords. Hackneyed phrases like "a honey of a hobby" and "the buzz about beekeeping" were clever when they were first used during the reign of Ramses II. Now they are just annoying.
- Journalists are not good with details. I know this is harsh, but here's a prime example: After an extensive interview and tour of Bob Finck's operation, a reporter came away with, "Starting in mid-July, the honey-flow activity begins." ((How's that Anchorage yard doing, Bob?)) In addition to being flat-out wrong, this statement is in the form of a quote attributed to Bob. (See first bullet point above.)

Like the old adage says, "Don't believe everything you read." Journalists have their biases like everyone else; if a reporter is scared to death of bees, the likely result will be a story with a sensationalist spin. And remember, reporters are usually working under tight deadlines; as much as they'd love to get the story right, their main concern is getting it finished.

The irony is that as media outlets try harder to connect with the community via human interest stories, sloppy and sensationalist reporting ends up alienating the very people whose lives they are spotlighting. Imagine calling your friends and family to tell them you're going to be on TV or in the paper, only to find yourself misrepresented, misquoted or, worse yet, the butt of some anchor-man's joke. All of these things have happened to me. (Not that I'm bitter or anything.)

The more I think about it, the more I think maybe the Pulitzer board was too hard on that Washington Post reporter. I know it sounds bad when a writer pulls both her story and her sources out of thin air, but at least no real people were hurt in the process.

I'm not suggesting that we all shy away from reporters from now on. Our industry can certainly benefit from media attention, and it can be pretty cool to be the subject of a human interest story. I'm just saying that, should the opportunity arise, speak slooowly and deliberately. Only a small fraction of what you say will end up in the story anyway, so try not to confuse things with too much technical information. You might even ply the reporter with a bottle of honey and offer to review the final edit for accuracy.

That's not likely to happen, but it's worth a try.



## MSBA Spring 2007 Meeting Registration Form

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Member Family— 2 day \$30.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Or Member family— 1 day \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Non-member – 2-day, per person \$28.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Or Non-member – 1 day, per person \$23.00 \_\_\_\_\_

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Or Member – 1 day, per person \$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Non-member – 2-day, per person \$35.00 \_\_\_\_\_

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**Total** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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### Jefferson County Beekeepers Association

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**Date** Beginning Monday, **February 12, 2007** from 6-9 pm

**Location** Jefferson County Courthouse Extension Office  
Hillsboro, MO (directions available)

**Cost** \$50 (including textbooks).

**Contact** [www.jeffcobeekkeepers.com](http://www.jeffcobeekkeepers.com)

(To register, call Wanda Kiggins at 636-797-5391)

## Beginning Beekeeping Workshop

### Boone Regional Beekeepers Association

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**Date** **January 20-21, 2007** (Saturday 9-5 & Sunday 11-4)

**Location** Columbia Insurance Group — Clark Lane  
Columbia, MO (directions available)

**Cost** \$50 (\$40 students with ID). This fee includes a beekeeping manual and a catered, honey-themed Saturday evening dinner.

**Contact** Art Gelder at [walkabot@midamerica.net](mailto:walkabot@midamerica.net) or 573-474-8837.

## Local News Needed

Send us your news! We'd love to know what's going on in your part of the state. Send us your announcements of things like:

- Newly formed organizations
- Beekeeping classes (beginning or otherwise)
- Beekeeper of the Year awards
- Beekeepers in the news

If you edit a local newsletter, how about putting us on your mailing list? You can send it either via email ([editor@mostatebeekeepers.org](mailto:editor@mostatebeekeepers.org)) or to the editor's mailing address shown on page 11.

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Jefferson County Extension Center, Hillsboro  
Contact Scott Moser 636-285-7295

Midwestern Beekeepers Association

Third Wednesday of each month 7:00 p.m.  
YMCA, 10301 E. 350 Hwy, Raytown  
Bob Justice, President, 816-358-3893

Eastern Missouri Beekeepers Association

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m., Kirkwood  
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## Lori Guthals, 2007 Honey Queen

### Sharon Gibbons

Missouri's 2007 Honey Queen was crowned by 2006 Queen Sarah Jackson. She is Lori Guthals from Gower, MO. Lori is a junior at the University of Missouri-Columbia, majoring in Agriculture. Lori has two sisters, Wendy and Cheri, who also were Missouri Honey Queens. Lori will be a great representative for our association.

She was crowned in front of a crowd of about 700 people attending the Governor's Conference on Agriculture at Tan-Tar-A Resort. The Director of Agriculture, Fred Ferrell, introduced President Kenny Norman, who then introduced Sarah. Sarah proceeded to introduce Lori Guthals as our 2007 Queen. We thank Sarah for all she has done for our association this past year.

Beekeepers attending and working at the banquet were Chris and Sharon Gibbons, Ken Norman, Jann Amos, and Dan and Cathy Hogan.

## Spring Meeting is March 16-17

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the American Beekeeping Federation meeting.

Friday afternoon will be filled with a tour of the Capitol, conducted by one of our state legislators, and a live beekeeping demonstration (weather permitting). More complete information on the meeting and the Friday banquet will be included in the March newsletter.

The Thursday evening Executive Board meeting will be at 7:30 in a conference room yet to be determined.

All meeting questions can be directed to Sharon Gibbons at [sgibbs314@earthlink.net](mailto:sgibbs314@earthlink.net) or 636-394-5395.



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— Editor

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