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## Letter from the President:

It has been busier than usual for me this Spring. Ceanne gave birth to our second baby boy. Nicholas John Gibbons was born on May 7, at 3:30 in the morning. Nicholas weighed 7 pounds 9 ounces and was 19 ¾ inches long. He is a very handsome little guy and looks alot like his big brother, Matthew. We are very proud to have Nicholas join our family.

The Heartland Apiculturists will be having a meeting on July 8 – 10 in Lebanon, Tennessee. For more information go to [www.heartlandbees.com](http://www.heartlandbees.com).

In May, I got a swarm call in downtown Columbia. The swarm was in a small tree on the sidewalk on 9<sup>th</sup> Street. It wasn't a very big swarm and I wondered if it was worth the effort to catch. I decided to, since I was already there to catch it. I grabbed my ladder, saw, and catch box. For a catch box, I use a plastic storage box with part of the top and bottom cut out. Over the cut outparts, I have screen hot glued to the box. It makes a very nice container to catch bees in. I set up my ladder and as crowds gathered, I climbed up and cut the branch, cropping the bee and branch right in my box. The people around were amazed. What a perfect time to promote bee and honey! I stayed for awhile to talk bees and show everyone the Queen, Drones and Worker Bees. I'm telling this story because of what happened afterwards. When I got to the next bee yard, I set up a new home for the swarm. I have a wet super from last year's honey that had dark framesso. I used this to dump the swarm into. This usually works very well for hiving a swarm. Not this time though. I proceeded to start working on other hives in the yard. After about 30 minutes I went back to see how my swarm was doing. To my surprise, they were gone! I looked around and there they were back on a tree. I caught them again, put them back in the hive and 20 minutes later they were back in the tree. I had never had anything like this happen before. I decided to take a different approach. I was making splits so I set up a Queenless split in a single hive body, put newspaper with slits on top and set the other wet box on top of the newspaper. I went over to the swarm, found the Queen and caught her with bare fingers. I put her in an old Queen cage that I carry in with my battery box of Queens, then I took some of the candy and plugged my old Queen cage with the swarm Queen inside. I set her in the super above the newspaper and shook her swarm back in. I closed up the hive and wondered if it would work. I am happy to report that it did work! The Queen was released and laying. With the split that I gave it, it will be a honey producing colony! The moral of this story is that sometimes bees don't act the way a book or "experts" say they should. Don't be afraid to try something "new" or "unorthodox."

State Fair time is coming up so I hope everyone can make plans to help at the booth and enter honey in the honey show. It is a fun time for all. Also, bids will be taken for honey to be sold at the booth.

Thanks!

Chris Gibbons

MSBA President

Hello Everybody,

I hope all is well for everybody. For most of us the honey flow should be going strong by now. In West Central Missouri the honey flow has been a bit slow, but very steady. Rain has been plentiful, almost too frequent. But the clover, dutch, yellow, and sweet, has been very plentiful. I can't remember when there has been so much clover as there has been this year. The yellow clover seemed to linger a bit longer than usual.

This year has been a learning experience for me. On several different fronts I have been taught that advance planning is a life saver. As the honey flow continues, let's get ready for our fall activities; extracting, fall festivals, fall medication, and requeening if needed. And of course don't forget about the Fall Meeting at Tan-Tar-A. As a procrastinator extraordinaire I usually don't send my registration for meetings in until the last minute. But this year may be different. Sharon Gibbons and her "staff" have prepared a wonderful Fall Meeting. Check out [www.mostatebeekeepers.org](http://www.mostatebeekeepers.org) for the latest information and registration form.

One important activity at the Fall Meeting will be elections; elections for board members and officers for the Association and also for Beekeeper Of The Year. The area Directors and I are accepting nominations for these positions. Of particular importance at this time is nominations for Beekeeper Of The Year. The Beekeeper Of The Year, in my opinion sets that mark for the rest of us to attain. According to the by-laws; "He/She promotes beekeeping, membership in the MSBA, promotes the activities of the Associate, and introduces the art of beekeeping to prospective future beekeepers."

I encourage anybody that knows a beekeeper that personifies these principles to nominate them for Beekeeper Of The Year. Nominations should be sent to me or any of the Directors as soon as possible for consideration. Please include in the nomination an explanation of the nominee's qualifications for the award.

Monte Richardson

### **Editor Note,**

Hello all hope all is going well with you. I ended up spending half the month of June in Florida for family reasons. I caught a nice swarm just before I left and the honey flow seemed to be in full swing. I've had to play catch up on three condos every since returning and by the grace of God that's wrapping up.

The executive board meeting was canceled so there's nothing to report .

The state fair is just around the corner and Art Gelder, I'm sure could use some volunteers as well as some supplies. The bid sheets will be included. in this news letter. Please fill them out as soon as possible and get them to Art.

The latest developments on the fall meeting is included as well. Sharron and Teg are busy working out the details so I'll try to keep you informed. Tan Tara is a beautiful place to hold the event so please plan on being a part of the meeting.

## **Missouri State Beekeepers Fall 2004 Meeting** **Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup> - Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Please join us for our fall meeting at Tan-Tar-A Resort at the Lake of the Ozarks. We have an exciting agenda planned and we hope that all of our Missouri State Beekeepers will attend. Remember, communication and learning are the keys to successful beekeeping.**

This two-day meeting will be held at the: **TAN-TAR-A RESORT  
GOLF CLUB & MARINA  
P.O.Box 188TT, State Road KK  
Osage Beach, Mo. 65065  
(573) 348-3131, (800)-826-8272**

The group room rate is \$69.00. Please mention MSBA to get the special rate. The block of rooms will be held for us until September 30, 2004. The hotel's regular room rate for 2004 is \$164. Make sure that you are quoted the \$69 rate. All rooms include irons, ironing boards, hair dryers, and in-room coffee service. The hotel has both heated pools, out-door pools, and an exercise facility.

Make this meeting a mini-vacation. The special rate includes Thursday night through Sunday. If you want to add more days, please let me know, and I will arrange the same rate. A golfing event is planned if there is enough interest. We need to have 8 or more people to get a special price. Friday morning or Sunday morning would be the choices for the golfing. Price for 18 holes of golf is \$59, or \$39 if played after 1pm.

New at Tan-Tar-A is the indoor waterpark. There is a charge of \$15 per person per day, and \$7.50 spectator charge if you don't use the facility, but want to supervise your children or just observe.

If you like to fish, bring your boat and moor it at the marina. Boats are also available.

The Friday morning Executive Board meeting will be at 10 am in room 7071 in the main lodge. The evening banquet will be in Parasol A, which is also in the main lodge. The meeting room is in Building D, suite G. There is an unloading dock at Suite G. Tan-Tar-A is a very large facility, so please pick up a map when you arrive. If you are handicap, or limited as far as walking, request to be close to Building D. Remember that there is a shuttle which operates throughout the complex.

Speakers for our meeting include Laurence Cutts (retired Apiary inspector from Florida); Clint Walker, beekeeper, pollinator, queen breeder, and honey marketer from Rogers Texas. We also have Stu Jacobson from the Univ. of Illinois who will present a guide that the Univ. of Illinois has written for improving business skills for beekeepers.

An agenda will be ready soon. Any suggestions contact Sharon at [sgibbs314@earthlink.net](mailto:sgibbs314@earthlink.net)

## Tentative Meeting Agenda

### **Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup>**

8:00-	Golf tournament	
10:00 a.m.	Executive Board Meeting	
11:30-12:30	Lunch on your own	
12:30-1:00	Visit with Vendors	
1:00 p.m.	Registration and Welcome	
1:15	Small Hive Beetle Identification	
	Laurence Cutts	
2:30	Identifying queens: Races, Traits-SMR Queens, Russian Queens, etc.	
	Clint Walker	3:00
	Break	
3:30-5:00	TO BE ANNOUNCED LATER	
4:00	Judging of Queen Contestants	
6:00	Banquet Welcome with Cash Bar	
6:30	Banquet: Invocation-Clint Walker	
	Speaker: Laurence Cutts	

Menu: Buffet includes Honey Dijon Chicken, and Rotini & Meatball bake, assorted salads and desserts.

### **Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup>**

7:30-8:15 a.m.	Registration
8:15	Welcome and Announcements

REST OF AGENDA IS IN PROGRESS IN THE WORKS

Missouri State Beekeepers Association  
2004 Fall Meeting Registration  
October 29-30, 2004 at Tan-Tar-A Resort, Lake of the Ozarks

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ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Two-Day Meeting Registration  
Must be received by October 14<sup>th</sup> - no phone registration accepted

Pre-Registration

Member - number in party \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$16.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Family Member-number in party \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$24.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Non-member - number in party \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Late Registration (After October 14<sup>th</sup>)

Member - number in party \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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2004 Honey Queen & Beekeeper of the Year Banquet

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Number in party \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Children under 12 \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Lunch

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Number in party \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$13.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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Questions? Contact Sharon Gibbons at: [sgibbs314@earthlink.net](mailto:sgibbs314@earthlink.net).

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**P.O. Box 448 Oak Grove , Mo. 64075**



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**To be returned to Art Gelder by June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2004**

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<u>Item</u>	<u>Quantity Needed</u>	<u>Your Price each</u>
<b><u>Extracted Honey</u></b>		
Gallon		
½ gallon		
4lb jars		
Quart Jars		
2lb jars		
1lb jars		
24 oz. jars		
12 oz. jars		
<b><u>Chunk</u></b>		
Size _____		
<b><u>Niblet</u></b>		
Size _____		
<b><u>Comb</u></b>		
Cut comb		
Ross Rounds		
<b><u>Creamed</u></b>		
Plain _____		
Flavored _____		
Fruit _____		
<b><u>Honey Sticks</u> - assorted flavors</b>		
<b><u>Beeswax</u></b>		
Candles		
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Dipped		
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1lb blocks		
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Candle rolling sheets -assorted colors		
Soap containing honey & or beeswax		
Wicking for rolled candles		
<b><u>Pollen</u></b>		
8oz. Jar		
1lb. Jar		
<b><u>Hard Candy</u> - assorted flavors</b>		
<b><u>Dippers</u></b>		
<b><u>Honey Pots</u></b> -list styles _____		
<b><u>Clothing</u></b> - describe _____		

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"Bee Pollen Miracle Food"

"Honey Bee Diseases & Pests"

Other \_\_\_\_\_

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**Stuffed Animals**

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**Other Items**

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for Saturday, July 10 only	<u>          </u>	X	\$15.00	= \$ <u>      </u>
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**Total Housing Cost** = \$

Late fee if postmarked after June 30, \$20 for three days or \$7 per day = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total Cost for REGISTRATION, MEALS, DORMS, LATE FEE = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please indicate any special requests or requirements:**

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