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Eugene Makovec Editor

Kick Off Spring Meeting With Capitol Tour

Exclusive dome tour to be led by Senator Clemens

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.

In addition to the two-day agenda detailed on pages 6-7, early arrivals can accompany us on a special tour of our beautiful state Capitol building on Friday morning. We will leave the hotel in two groups, at 8:45 and 9:05, for an hour-long tour led by Capitol staff.

Following this, we are in in for a real treat, as Senator Dan Clemens, R-Marshfield, Chairman of the Agriculture, Conservation, Parks and Natural Resources Committee, will lead us upstairs for a rare tour of the Capitol Dome. This will include a walk around the outside of the dome.

Keep in mind that there are 250 steps to the top of the dome, but there is an elevator that goes to the halfway point.

If you have not yet made hotel reservations, you will no longer be able to receive our group rate at the Capitol Plaza. A map of the immediate area, including hotels, is located on page 12 of this newsletter (for email subscribers), or is available from the Jefferson City Convention and Visitors Bureau, at 573-632-2820 or www.visitjeffersoncity.com.



Our featured speaker is **Dr. Keith Delaplane** (at left), a professor in the
Department of Entomology at the University of Georgia in Athens. He is
Senior Editor of *The Journal of Aprcultural Research*, and has written several books, including "Honeybees and Beekeeping — a Year in the Life of an Apiary". Keith is fascinated with state capitols, and has agreed to come to our meeting because we are meeting in Jefferson City.

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This is one small area of a huge mural of 19th Century Missouri life on display in the Missouri State Capitol. Painted by renowned artist Thomas Hart Benton, it is one of the attractions to be seen on the Capitol tour.

photo by Eugene Makovec

We also are featuring a hands-on session in Apitherapy, conducted by **Reyah Carlson**. Reyah is Secretary of the American Apitherapy Society. She recently returned from India where she taught apitherapy (story on page 4). In January 2007, she gave a program at the American Beekeeping Convention, and the year before she spoke to the American Honey Producers. She has also been featured on the Discovery Channel and the National Geographic Channel.

Reyah makes her home in Bruner, MO, and her website is www.reyahsbeesness.com. She will speak on the medicinal and nutritional qualities of all honeybee made products. She will also demonstrate sting technique.

Other Speakers

Andy Cutter is Sales Manager for Jost Chemical in St. Louis.

Dr. Wes Stricker is a Columbia physician whose practice specializes in allergies, especially to stinging insect venom.

Several members of our Association will also be speaking and/ or assisting in demonstrations. These include **Rev. Grant Gillard** from the Parkland Beekeepers, **Jann Amos**, **Carol and Bob Wade**, **Robert Speradio** from Beekeepers of the Ozarks, and **Chris Gibbons**.

All meeting questions can be directed to Sharon Gibbons at sqibbs314@earthlink.net or 636-394-5395.



From the President by Ken Norman

Hello Missouri beekeepers,

I would like to thank all the new beekeepers that have chosen to enrich their beekeeping experience by joining the Missouri State Beekeepers Association. The Association will do all it can to aid you in your beekeeping experience. At any time you can contact the officers or members with any questions or suggestions you might have. I hope to see all the Missouri State beekeepers in Jefferson City at the Spring meeting in March.

After contemplating on the porch with Todd the dog, I have decided to look at one of the tools of beekeeping, the infamous smoker. After looking at the research on the effects of using smoke on bees, I have decided it would be good to understand the effect it has on bees so a beekeeper can maximize the use of this tool.

When using a smoker, always practice caution as you would with any device that produces heat and flame.

1. When you first approach a hive entrance, smoke any opening that a bee could fly out of using five or six puffs of smoke.

Using research from the Department of Entomology of Illinois, we see that the ability of the honeybee to perceive the alarm odor is diminished by smoke. The smoke clogs up the antennae of the honeybee, which slows the perception of any alarm odors put forth by the guard bees in the entrance, and then causes a series of events to happen in the hive. The first event is that the guard bees are reduced in numbers at the entrance of the hive because many of them are headed for the honeycomb to fill up on honey. Then the rest of the hive engorges on honey in preparation of flying away from danger. The smoke then makes it more difficult for the other bees to perceive the intruder by odor because the alarm odor cannot pass through the clogged antennae.²

- Use a hive tool to crack the lid and apply three or four puffs of smoke. Remove lid and inner cover and direct a few puffs between the frames.
- 3. When you notice the bees are lining up to stare at you, it is time for a few more puffs

The effect of smoke lasts about 10 to15 minutes in blocking the alarm odor, and must be reapplied to keep the bees in the dark about any intruder at the hive.³

This tool of the beekeeper stops the recruitment of more guard bees because their antennae are clogged and the alarm odor is not sent out or it is masked. Smoke makes it more difficult for the bees to locate the beekeeper by odor and finally the bees become engorged with honey and are less likely to sting.

¹Journal of Insect Behavior, Vol. 8, No. 1, 1995

Alarm Pheromone Perception in Honey Bees Is Decreased by Smoke (Hymenoptera: Apidae)

P. Kirk Visscher, I Richard S. Vetter, I and Gene E. Robinson 2

Accepted May 27, 1994; revised June 20, 1994

² Ibid

³ Ibid

Email Subscribers: We will once again be conducting a drawing for a free one-year MSBA membership. Our email subscribers save the Association considerable time and money on the printing and mailing of newsletters, and this is our way of showing our appreciation. So if you're not currently receiving your newsletter via email, please contact the editor and become eligible for our next drawing, to be held at the Spring meeting in Jefferson City. (You need not be present to win.)

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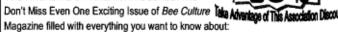
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Bumblebee Colonies Afflicted by Small Hive Beetle

An abstract from the journal *Ecological Entomology*

Evidently the small hive beetle is an equal opportunity parasite. Its presence in bumblebee colonies was detailed in a recent issue of *Ecological Entomology*, a scientific journal published on behalf of the Royal Entomological Society in London.

The following abstract is from the December 2006 issue (Volume 31, Issue 6, page 623):

Infestation of commercial bumblebee (*Bombus impatiens*) field colonies by small hive beetles (*Aethina tumida*)

Authors: Sebastian Spiewok and Peter Neumann

Abstract:

- The small hive beetle, Aethina tumida, is a parasite of honeybee (Apis mellifera) colonies native to sub-Saharan Africa and has become an invasive species. In North America the beetle is now sympatric with bumblebees, Bombus, not occurring in its native range. Laboratory studies have shown that small hive beetles can reproduce in bumblebee colonies but it was not known whether infestations occur in the field.
- 2. For the first time, infestation of bumblebee colonies by small hive beetles was investigated in the field. Commercial Bombus impatiens colonies (n=10) were installed in proximity to infested apiaries. Within eight weeks, all colonies that were alive in the five-week observation period (n=9) became naturally infested with adult small hive beetles and successful small hive beetle reproduction occurred in five colonies.
- In four-square choice tests, the beetles were attracted to both adult bumblebee workers and pollen from bumblebee nests, suggesting that these odours may serve as cues for host finding.
- 4. The data indicate that bumblebee colonies may serve as alter-



Sharing the harvest: A bumblebee (Bombus impatiens) shares an autumn sunflower with its cousin the honeybee (Apis mellifera), here seen imbedded head-first in the center of the flower.

As it turns out, these two species share more than food sources. Like our honeybees, bumblebee colonies have recently been found to be afflicted by the small hive beetle (Aethina tumida).

photo by Eugene Makovec

native hosts for small hive beetles in the field. To foster the conservation of these essential native pollinators, investigations on the actual impact of small hive beetles on wild bumblebee populations are suggested.

Help Needed to Preserve Earliest Issues of American Bee Journal Volumes range from 1861 to 1880

Editor's Note: The following plea comes via the Bee-L internet bee-keeping forum:

Fellow beekeepers -- I need your help!

As you may know I have been working with the Cornell Library to get Books from the EF Phillips rare beekeeping book collection digitized for all beekeepers everywhere. If you have a computer and (fast) internet connection you can view these important volumes from early American beekeeping.

Our latest choice has been the first 20 volumes of American Bee Journal from the years 1861 through 1880. This would be an incredible new addition. I have had great assistance from the beekeeping community from across the U.S. This last effort has slowed and we are only halfway to our goal of \$3000 to complete this segment of digitization. I agree that it does seem expensive

but these items are very fragile and get the best of care while being scanned.

Our local club acknowledges our officers' efforts and past members by gifting to this cause. It is a gift that will be useful to beekeepers worldwide.

I was hoping that I could get each of you to bring this up at your state or local beekeeping meetings to see if we could get to this target!

If you have any questions see http://bees.library.cornell.edu/ or ask me or the library.

Thanx,

Mike Griggs President, Fingerlakes Beekeepers Ithaca, NY

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Apitherapy News ...Now, A 'Sting Operation' on Multiple Sclerosis Patient

Express News Service http://cities.expressindia.com

Vadodara, India — February 2, 2007

Vadodara-based Deepthi Waghela is more than happy to be stung by honeybees. The reason: This 40-year-old woman, who is suffering from multiple sclerosis, is undergoing Apitherapy, an ancient cure, which involves treating disorders with the help of bee venom. Helping her out is 49-year-old Reyah Carlson, an Apitherapy expert from the U.S., who has come all the way to Vadodara to treat Deepthi free of cost after the Waghelas contacted her through the internet.

Carlson, who herself was a multiple sclerosis patient, says she has used the therapy on herself, and has had positive results. She now runs an Apitherapy clinic in Missouri, U.S., and claims she has helped around 2000 other multiple sclerosis patients through the bee-bite treatment.

"If a bee-bite can help my wife who is suffering from multiple sclerosis, it's good news," says a happy Pradeepsinh Waghela, Deepthi's husband. 'For nine years, we had tried a host of treatments to cure Deepthi but nothing worked much. In fact, my wife's condition worsened due to the progressive nature of the illness." He adds that they did not prefer to go in for chemotherapy because of its side-effects.

"Then my brother Yograjsinh mentioned Reyah Carlson. So I Googled for her and then got in touch with her," says Pradeep.

Carlson, who is in India for the first time, says, "Although there is no treatment for multiple sclerosis, Apitherapy has been successful in helping people with severe rheumatic diseases and is accepted in many countries, because its results are evident." Talking about her own experience, she adds, "I experimented on myself with the help of my husband and had honeybees stinging me 25,000 times in seven years." Her husband used to insert bee venom into her body-points affected by the disease. In fact, she says there is no spot on her body which had not been stung by honey bees.

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A nurse by profession, Carlson did courses in Apitherapy from the Charles Mraz Therapy School in California. Apart from her clinic, she is also involved in manufacturing of api-products (honeybee products). Carlson has traveled the world over to acquaint people with the 'bee-sting' therapy. She laughs, "Just like bees, I was swarmed by television channels like Discovery, National Geographic as well as local journalists."

The apitherapist is in Vadodara for one more week and plans to teach Deepthi's husband the method of the therapy before she leaves.

Carlson says, "With a cocktail of medicinal agents, the 'beevenom' therapy is the oldest form of acupuncture practiced by the Chinese and even Hippocrates to treat arthritis and gout." She says the venom contains melatin which is a hundred times more effective than cortisone, a steroid, which is believed to be harmful in the long run. Bee-venom also has anesthetic properties.

When asked what she felt about the treatment, Deepthi's tongue-in-cheek response was, "In six months, I can 'bee-healthy' and can 'bee-dazzle' people with its effects."

Editor's Note: Reyah Carlson will be a guest speaker at the upcoming Spring Meeting of the Missouri State Beekeepers Association. She will also conduct a hands-on apitherapy session that will be open to the public.



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Spring Meeting Program

Thursday, March 15th

8:00 p.m. Executive Board Meeting, Springfield Room

Friday, March 16th

8:00-8:45 Registration for early birds — Hall outside Carnegies Room

GROUP 1

(First 50 people)
Group Leader: Chris Gibbons
Meet in hotel lobby at 8:30 a.m.
Start for Capitol at 8:45
Tour begins at 9:00

GROUP 2

(Remainder of people)
Group Leader: Jann Amos
Meet in hotel lobby at 9:00 a.m.
Start for Capitol at 9:05
Tour begins at 9:20

CAPITOL TOUR

Join us for a special tour of our State Capitol including a walk up to the top of the Dome. Then walk over to the Jefferson Landing Historical Site. This site is housed in the Lohman Building, one block east from the Capitol. The Lohman Building was built in 1839, and is significant as a rare surviving Missouri River landing. It houses exhibits on the city's history. You can then tour the Carnahan Memorial Garden, on your way to view the Governor's Mansion. Wear comfortable shoes! Our tour of the Governor's Mansion is scheduled for 11:00 am. I need to know how many people are planning on going on the tours. Please call me at 877-736-8607, or e-mail me at sgibbs314@earthlink.net.

The Capitol Tour will take about one hour, and is given by the regular Capitol Tour guides. We then go to Senator Clemens' office at Room 418 Riverside. They will help us tour the dome. Senator Clemens is chairman of the Agriculture Committee and represents the Southwest part of the state. Unfortunately the last day for viewing our legislators in action is March 15th. They then leave for Easter recess. One word of caution: The dome tour is not for the faint-hearted. Most everyone can go to the Whispering Gallery, but it is a total of 250 steps to the dome. This dome tour is arranged for us by Senator Clemens' office and is not available to all tour groups. Please bring "thank-you" jars of honey as gifts.

10:30-12:00	Set-up for vendors in the Lincoln Ballroom
12:00-1:00	Registration open, Lincoln Room Lunch on your own
1:00-1:15	Welcome and announcements: President Ken Norman
1:15-2:00	"Varroa IPM: Does it work? Does it pay?" Dr. Keith Delaplane
2:00-2:30	"Introduction to Apitherapy for Beekeepers" Reyah Carlson
2:30-3:15	"Small Hive Beetle — How they will change the way we keep bees" Dr. Keith Delaplane



Spring Meeting Program

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3:15-3:30	Break and some	door prizes

"Beekeeping 101"

3:30-5:00

Move to the bee yard set up in nearby Jeff City Park. Maps available. **Bring protective gear.** If weather is bad, we will move the demonstration (without live bees) into our meeting room. Demo will include requeening, making splits and nucs. For beginners: How to open and smoke the hive. How to tell if your bees are doing okay! How to feed, etc. Assembling equipment. Supering and honey removal techniques. We will be set up in work stations at the park. This will be run by experienced beekeepers, including Chris Gibbons, Jann Amos, Bob Wade and Robert Sperandio.

6:00 **Beekeeper of the Year Banquet** in the Carnegies Room:

Special guest is Deputy Director of Agriculture **Matt Boatright**. He will speak about the future of Missouri

Agriculture.

8:30 **"Beekeeping in Other Countries"** Dr. Keith Delaplane

Saturday, March 17th

7:30-8:00	Registration — Hall outside Carnegies Room
8:00-8:15	Welcome & announcements
8:15-8:45	Greetings from Queen Chairperson Cathy Hogan and introduction of our 2007 Honey Queen Lori Guthals . Bring silent auction items as a donation to support the queen program.
8:45-9:45	"Beekeeping 101: The Big 4 of Swarms: Prevention, Control, Capture and Calls" Rev. Grant Gillard
9:45-10:05	"Introducing Copper Gluconate to Your Feed for Varroa Control" Andy Cutter of Jost Chemicals
10:05-10:30	Break — raffle prize drawing
10:30-11:30	"Pollination: What do Varroa and All the Problems Have to Say About Pollination? Also an update on the new problem called Colony Collapse Disorder" Dr. Keith Delaplane
11:30-12:00	"Allergic Reactions to Insect Stings" Dr. Wes Stricker
12:00-1:00	Lunch in the Carnegies Room
1:00-2:15	Apitherapy Workshop Reyah Carlson — Open to the public for a \$5.00 charge
2:15-2:45	" Using Beeswax in Lotions and Creams" Carol Wade
2:45-3:15	Break — end of silent auction — raffle prize drawing
3:15-4:15	Annual Business Meeting
	More door prizes

Program and speakers subject to change

Fall Meeting Preview

The MSBA Fall Meeting will be held at the Quality Inn in Hannibal on November 2-3, 2007. The main speaker will be University of Delaware Entomologist Dewey Caron.

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Beginning Beekeeping Class

Midwestern Beekeepers Association

The Midwestern Beekeepers Association will hold its annual Basic Beekeeping Class on Saturday, March 24th. It will be held in Raytown, Missouri, at the YMCA at 10301 E. 350 Highway.

Registration begins at 8:45 with the program running from 9:15-4:30. The fee includes a notebook of information and a chance to win valuable door prizes (including a hive and bees).

The fee for non-members is \$25.00 and includes a one-year membership.

For more information call Glenn Davis at 816-690-8007 or Joli Winer at 913-768-8967. For a program and registration form please call or visit www.mid-conagri.com. We really appreciate those that pre-register so we have enough notebooks.

Gasconade County Beekeepers

New club forming in Owensville

Starting in March, there will be a club in Owensville to answer your questions regarding the fascinating world of beekeeping. Find out how to enjoy this amazing hobby.

Produce your own honey and beeswax.

Talk to experienced beekeepers about the many rewards of beekeeping.

There will also be a one-day beginner's beekeeping class offered in March with a one-year membership included.

Meetings will be held the second Monday of each month starting in March, at the Progressive Bank in Owensville.

For more information: 573-764-2922 bee143@fidnet.com

Local Honey Wanted

The following query came to one of our members via email, and he passed it along to us:

I was referred to you in reference to purchasing some honey. I use it for a sugar substitute so I don't need gallons of it but I would prefer getting the natural whole honey from the beekeeper and not the store.

If you do sell some to individuals please let me know the size you carry and the pricing please.

Rodger Myers South St. Louis Cell 314-596-6920

Local Club Meeting Information

Jefferson County Beekeepers Association

2nd Tuesday of each month, 7:30 p.m., Hwy B & 21 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

1st Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m., Kirkwood Community Center, 111 Geyer Rd, Kirkwood Steve Harris, President 636-946-5520

Beekeeper's Association of the Ozarks

4th Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m. The Library Center, 4653 S. Campbell, Springfield www.ozarksbeekeepers.org

South Central Missouri Beekeepers Association May Schmitt, President 417-256-9447

Missouri Valley Beekeepers Association

3rd Monday of each month, 7:00 p.m. Scenic Regional Library, Union

Contact Rodney Angell 573-764-2922 or bee143@fidnet.com

Boone Regional Beekeepers Association

3rd Sunday of every odd months, 1:00 p.m., University Outreach & Extension Office, Rt. UU, Columbia Contact Art Gelder 573-474-8837

Jackson Area Beekeepers

4th Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m.
First Pres. Church of Jackson, 206 E. Washington
Contact Grant Gillard 573-243-6568

gillard5@charter.net

Southwest Beekeepers Association

1st Tuesday of each month Neosho High School FFA Building Contact Herb Spencer 417-472-7743

Joplin Area Beekeepers

Last Tuesday of each month, SW MO Bank Annex (7th and Duquesne)

Contact Howard Thompson 417-781-0587

Parkland Beekeepers

3rd Tuesday of each month, 108 Harrison Farmington, MO

Contact Gene Wood 573-431-1436

Mid Missouri Beekeepers

3rd Sunday of each month, Bank of Salem Salem, MO

Mel Williams, President

Gasconade County Beekeepers Association

2nd Sunday of month, Progressive Bank of Owensville Contact Rodney Angell 573-764-2922 Or bee143@fidnet.com

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Honey Queen Report Lori Guthals

Hello, Beekeepers!

First of all, I cannot begin to say thank you enough times! I am so very excited to be serving as your 2007 Missouri Honey Queen! If being awarded the title of Missouri Honey Queen wasn't enough, having the opportunity to be crowned at the Governor's Conference on Agriculture in December was amazing! Everyone was very warm and welcoming towards me and, I can see this year's going to be just as great!

In case you didn't have the opportunity to attend the conference or meet me in person. I'd like to tell you a little more about myself. My name is Lori Guthals and I am a junior at the University of Missouri-Columbia. I am majoring in Agricultural Education-Leadership, with a minor in Animal Science. At the University I am very involved in Collegiate Cattlewomen, Block and Bridle, and Sigma Alpha Professional Sorority.

I was born and raised on a farm in Gower, Missouri. In my spare time, I love to show cattle, scrapbook, spend time with friends and family, and cook. I am the youngest of six children, with four sisters and one brother. Two of my older sisters, Wendy and Cheri, were past honey queens. Wendy competed at the national level and was also crowned National Honey Princess. Traveling alongside those two has greatly contributed to my passion for agriculture and desire to promote Missouri honey.

As this year's Honey Queen, I look forward to serving you! Wherever honey is being promoted, I look forward to being there! If you have a fair, festival, meeting or activity you would like me to attend, please contact Kathy Hogan, Queen Chairperson, and she will relay the message to me. Her address in shown in the column to the right, and on the association website.

Once again, I want to say thank you for this amazing opportunity! I anticipate an exciting year ahead and can't wait to get started! Lori Guthals

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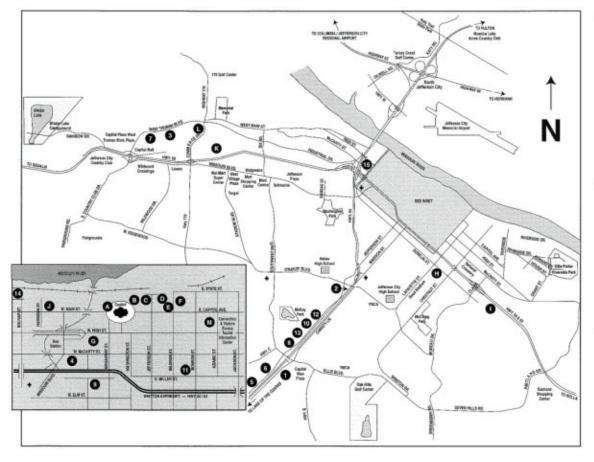
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- C. Jefferson Landing State Historic Site
- D. Governor's Garden
- E. Governor's Mansion
- E Cole County Historical Museum G. Harry S Truman State Office Building
- H. Lincoln University
- Missouri State Highway Patrol Safety Education Center
- J. Missouri State Information Center
- K. Missouri Veterinary Medical Foundation Museum
- L. Runge Nature Center
- M. Missouri River Regional Library

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