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Fall Membership Conference draws over 200 to Lake of the Ozarks

Missouri Honey Queen,
Princess crowned for 2014

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From the President by John Timmons

How quickly the weather around us can change this time of the year. One moment we're experiencing the beauty and color of Fall, and the next we're worried about the water pipes freezing. After a much anticipated and needed vacation to the Florida Keys in early November, where life was sunny and 85 degrees, my wife and I returned to our frigid house in St. Charles and temperatures way below the freezing mark. What happened to Fall? Oh well.

I bet the bees are asking the same question.

One of the great joys of involvement with the Missouri State Beekeepers Association is participation in the semi-annual membership conferences. It's an opportunity to meet beekeepers from across the region – most from Missouri, many from adjoining and distant states. We have just completed our Fall 2013 Membership Conference, held at the beautiful Lake of the Ozarks in southern Missouri. What a wonderful event! Not only were we rewarded with beautiful weather and wonderful presentations in an extraordinary facility, but we experienced one of the largest audiences in the history of the MSBA, with over two hundred in attendance! Congratulations and thanks to all those that worked so hard to put everything together.

It's always risky naming people to thank for a job well done. Invariably, I'll miss someone whose contribution was extraordinary, yet subtle. But at that risk, there are those that deserve special thanks.

I'll start with our Vendor Liaison, Tim Hyde, who worked with our attending vendors to coordinate all the things that vendors require for a successful event, including assisting in hauling boxes to and from trucks and aiding in booth setup. Everything ran smoothly through his contribution, and without his assistance my life at the conference would have been miserable. Thanks, Tim.

Special thanks also goes out to Delores Vivian, Abbie and Ron Stockett, along with Wanda and Wes Johnston for their tireless work with the hospitality room and the coordination of our MSBA queens. And I don't want to forget the contribution of Nancy Gillard handling registration and keeping track of all the paperwork associated with a large event like this. The cooking and beeswax art contest was a great success, aided by Jane Timmons and her crew of Bonnie Potter, Kathy Lee, Diane Milosevich and Judy Finck. And our conferences just wouldn't be the same without Steve Crawford and Debbie Carbone and their tireless contribution managing all the work involved for the successful raffles and drawings. Thanks to all!

Which brings me to the anticipation of our upcoming Spring 2014 Membership Conference. We haven't had much time to relax from Fall, when we need to start getting ready for Spring. Scheduled for March 21-22, 2014, at the Country Club Hotel and Spa (again centrally located at

Lake of the Ozarks), we're well underway with plans for another great conference with great programs and speakers. Stay tuned to the MSBA website for details and registration.

As winter takes its grip on the Midwest, most of us are scheduling our beginning beekeeping classes across the state. In spite of the tremendous spike in the number of new beekeepers over the past several years, there continues to be strong interest in the hobby. As the list of local beekeeping associations grows, so do the beginning beekeeping classes.

For new beekeepers, active participation with one of the numerous local associations is crucial. The knowledge and advice gained from membership in a local beekeeping association can make the difference between success and failure. Equally as important, is participation in a state-wide organization, such as the Missouri State Beekeepers Association, providing support services and programs beyond the scope of the locals.

As an incentive for more of our new beekeepers getting involved with the MSBA, we are announcing a new membership program specifically for new beekeepers. Starting immediately, all graduates of a Missouri beginning beekeeping class, and not already members of the MSBA, will be rewarded with one free year of membership. No strings attached! All we ask is that the beekeeping organization sponsoring the class submit all participant names in an electronic format for processing. We'll have more information about this program in the very near future, so stay tuned.

As I look out my back window at grey skies, brown grass and cold bee hives, I'm reminded that this too will pass. The worst of the bad weather is yet to come. Thanksgiving is around the corner and Christmas decorations are already for sale at the local big box stores. But Spring is inevitable, and so is the start of a new beekeeping season. I can't wait!

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BEEKEEPING OF YESTERYEAR

A look back at beekeeping literature from years past

Honey harvest in the days of the skep

- excerpted from *The Feminine Monarchie*, by Charles Butler (1609)

The most usual and generally most useful manner of taking the Combes, is by killing the Bees. For which the naturall and seasonable time is the latter part of Virgo from the end of the Dog-daies unto Libra: because till then the Combes are full of Schadons, which deceive the Honi-men, making the Hive heavier and the Honie worse: (for the young bee as well as the Coome corrupt the same) ... and after that time, the weather waxeth colder, not so fit for the running and working of the Honie: and the Honie is likely to decrease, either by their owne spending or by the spoiling of Robbers. Except in the heath-countries, where their gathering lasteth longer : for there they defer their taking untill Mid-Libra.

At this time you will therefore consider with your selfe what Stalls you will kill. Swarmes that may live, yeerlings and two yeerlings that are in prooffe, keep for store. Likewise those that rid their Drones betimes, and specially those that draw out their young Cepheris. Those of three or foure yeeres, which, by reason of their not swarming this last summer, are full of Bees, lightly are fat, and therefore worth the taking but they are also good for store, unlesse the frequent Honi-dewes have made them over fat. But those of that age which have cast twice (except they were very forward and had beat away their Drones betimes) are not likely to continue and therefore are to be taken.

Likewise all poore swarmes unworthy to be fed, and all light stocks whose stocks are decayed: For they will surely die. Neither is it safe to trust any after they have stood five yeeres : unless it be some speciall kind of Bees, which cast often, and yet beating away their Drones betimes, doe still keep themselves in heart. For such I have kept nine or ten yeeres : and I have heard of some of a greater age. Moreover, all stalls of three yeeres old and upward, that have mist swarming two yeeres together : and especially those, that having lyen forth the summer before, did not cast this last summer : for such doe seldom after prosper. It is therefore better to take them now while they are good, than in a vaine hope of increase, to keepe them till they perish. Likewise if you have any that are very fat and full of

Honie, (as some yeeres some will be, even down to the Stoole) those are ripe and ready to yield their fruit. One such is worth three or foure. Take them therefore in their season : For wanting roome to breed in (their Cells being full of Honie) they will decay little by little, and consume to nothing. And therefore, as in a wet hungry yeere you must keepe the best, so in a dry yeere, rich and plentiful in Honie-dewes, the worst are like to prove best for store.

But generally take the best, and the worst. In medio virtus. And ever suspect those that did not rid their Drones in time. Also, those which the Robbers doe eagerly assault, and if their Combes bee once broken, delay not their taking.

(This excerpt was recently posted to the Bee-L online beekeeping forum by Peter Borst.)



Modern-day skeps: Beekeeper Bill Lord of Louisburg, NC, travels the world working with beekeepers using all sorts of equipment. Bill provided your editor with the above photo and accompanying note: *I have worked in Bulgaria quite a bit and one large beekeeper I worked with on several occasions (Stefen Kurdov, Sysiphus Honey) had a large commercial bee yard devoted to skeps. I did an article on him back in the mid 90's for ABJ....*

Stefen thought his bees preferred skeps as skeps had been the abode of choice in the Balkans for many centuries. His skeps were very tall as I recall. He was using skeps as a means of increasing hive numbers by swarming. He kept the skeps (several hundred as I recall) at his bee training school and several apprentice beekeepers were kept on duty at all times to capture swarms. On that same trip I was taken to a farm Stefan had recently purchased that was said to have a curse on it as the previous two owners had died within six months of purchasing the farm. Stefan, a retired MiG fighter pilot, would have nothing of that nonsense, but to hedge his bets, he had a full-blown exorcism ceremony carried out while I was there that involved sacrificing a lamb and a lengthy church ceremony.

To celebrate the successful exorcism we had a big blow-out party that night that involved cooking up the lamb (I was served the roasted head as the guest of honor) and I was told we had the 'second best gypsy band' in Bulgaria for entertainment. Rare old times keeping bees in the Balkans.....

See more of Bill's work at <http://beekeepingconsultingfordevelopment.com>



Advanced Beekeeping Workshop

Great Plains Growers Conference

Thursday, January 9, 2014 – St. Joseph, Missouri

In this year's workshop, we are again addressing advanced beekeeping topics, with an emphasis on organic bee management. Come prepared to learn, discuss, and ask questions. The advanced workshop will be of interest to all, no matter what your level of expertise. Raymond Heldenbrand will be returning again this year to present a short beginning beekeeping presentation on Saturday morning for those who are new to beekeeping. Ross Conrad will also be presenting a talk on Overwintering Bees and Spring Management on Saturday morning.

8:00 Registration

8:45 **Welcome, Introductions and Program Overview**

9:00 **Getting Started with Organic Beekeeping:** Location and equipment requirements; basic honey bee biology; swarming as an expression of the bees vitality; presence and mindfulness in the bee yard.

10:30 Break

11:00 **Organic Control Of Varroa Mites:** Mite biology and identification, genetic resistance, nucleus colonies and brood cycle interruption, screened bottom boards, trapping mites, comb rotation, essential oils, organic acids, herbal treatments, sugar dusting, small cell foundation/naturally built comb.

12:30 Lunch

1:30 **Colony Collapse Disorder and Organic Solutions:** The current state of bees and beekeeping and every day solutions for beekeepers and the public...pesticides, proper nutrition, beneficial bacteria and antibiotics, organic-vs-non-organic methods of controlling diseases and pests, climate change and pollution, better stewardship of the Earth.

3:00 Break

3:30 **Controlling Pests (Other Than Varroa) Naturally:** Bears, skunks, mice, ants, wax moths, small hive beetles, American foul brood, European foul brood, nosema, chalk brood, chill brood.

5:00 **Wrap-up and evaluation:** In addition to knowing how much you got from this workshop, we are interested in what topics you would be interested in for future meetings. Please take this opportunity to make suggestions, and fill out our survey.

WORKSHOP INSTRUCTOR:

Ross Conrad learned his craft from the late Charles Mraz, world renowned beekeeper and promoter of apitherapy, and Charlie's son Bill. Conrad is a former president of the Vermont Beekeeper's Association, a regular contributor to Bee Culture - The Magazine of American Beekeeping, and author of Natural Beekeeping: Organic Approaches To Modern Apiculture published by Chelsea Green. Ross has given bee related presentations and led organic beekeeping workshops and classes throughout North America for many years. His beekeeping business, Dancing Bee Gardens, supplies friends, neighbors, with honey and candles among other bee related products, and provides bees for Vermont apple pollination in spring.



Registration and complete information can be found at: <http://www.greatplainsgrowers.org/>



Fall Conference draws 200+ to Lake of the Ozarks

by Eugene Makovec

Just over 200 beekeepers (a modern record) traveled to the Lodge of Four Seasons for the annual Fall Conference of the Missouri State Beekeepers Association.

Attendees had their pick of over a dozen vendors to stock up on everything from beekeeping supplies to beeswax lip balms, garden soil amendments and honeybee calendars.

We crowned a new 2014 Honey Queen and Honey Princess: **Lauren Collins** of Kansas City, and **Erin Mullins** of Quitman, respectively.

And, as always, we got an education. Here's just a sampling of what we learned:

In *Beeconomics 101*, **Greg Hannaford**, large-scale nuc producer and President of Ozark Bee Supply in Tulsa, OK, taught us *How to Make \$500 Per Hive*. "A sideliners," he said, "is a beekeeper who tries to produce significant income." That, he defined as "not enough to quit your day job, but enough money to think you actually may be able to pull it off!"

And how do we do that? Well, for starters, keep a support nuc for each four hives, to boost or replace failing queens or colonies. Then you have the following:

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- **Queens:** Raise them using excess brood from support nucs.



Phil Craft

- **Wax:** \$5.00 per pound, or \$1.00 per ounce
- **Pollen:** \$18.00 per pound @10#/hive = \$180

Okay, I lost track of the math somewhere (just like in high school), but you get the idea - there's a lot of money to be made in bees, if you just have the time!

And if you do have the time, Greg also talked about *Making the Jump ... From Hobby to Sideline to Fulltime*.

Blake Shook, of Desert Creek Honey Company in Texas, spoke on expanding *From One to 4000 Hives in a Few Years*. He should know, as he and his wife are now running over 2000 hives, and he is not yet 25 years old!

We also received plenty of

advice on the day-to-day, year-to-year tricks of the trade, including Blake's lectures about honeybee nutrition and *Products of the Hive*.

There was a good deal of discussion about Queens: **Phil Craft**, Bee Culture columnist and former Kentucky State Apiarist, lectured on *How to Identify Common Queen Problems*; **Cory Stevens** gave a *Back Yard Queen Rearing* workshop; **Steve Moeller** covered *Making Splits and Re-Queening for the Hobbyist*; and **John Timmons** described the *Local*



Greg Hannaford

Produced Nuc and Queen Initiative in which he'd had a hand at Three Rivers Beekeepers.

And then there was **Yvonne Von Der Ahe**, who led a class on *Decorating a Holiday Honey Bee Tree*, while cleaning up on awards in our cooking and artwork contests.

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Dr. Leo Sharashkin shows off his beautiful homemade hive, painted by his wife, along with a stack of books on natural beekeeping. His hive design offers options of standard or double frames or top bars, can be compartmentalized and/or reduced for smaller colonies, and can be run as one story or two. The horizontal line just below the bee's abdomen is the hive entrance.

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Lauren Collins, 2014 Missouri Honey Queen

Hello! From the 2014 Missouri State Honey Queen. I had a wonderful time at the fall meeting in Ozark and it was a pleasure to meet many of our club's members. I would like to introduce myself to those of you who I have not been able to meet yet.

I am a 19 year old college student, and I am currently pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in English. I live with my family on a small homestead outside of Kansas City, Missouri. I have been keeping bees for two years, and I also enjoy leading a young girls' Bible study out of my home.

To all who attended the Missouri State Beekeepers fall meeting, thank you for your support and encouragement as I began my journey as the new Honey Queen! I enjoyed talking with many of you over the weekend and hearing many of your stories and experiences with beekeeping. I am continually amazed at the dedication of the Missouri beekeepers, and it is you who were my inspiration to apply for the Missouri Honey Queen program:

The ideal beekeeper would probably have a strong back and arms, and plenty of land with morning sun exposure to place his apiary. He would have a clean place for extracting honey, and he would always be available to work his hives between the hours of ten in the morning and five in the evening. However, those are not the beekeepers that I know! You are students, retired military, teachers, nurses, factory workers, business men and third generation farmers. You rise early, stay up late, and invest so much of your resources and time into caring for our state insect.

Whether beekeeping is your hobby, or your main source of income, you truly are the backbone of Missouri and American agriculture. I am honored to be the 2014 Missouri State Honey Queen and I look forward to representing each of you, and your passion: the honeybee.

Lauren Collins, 2014 Missouri Honey Queen



Queen Lauren

Erin Mullins, 2014 Missouri Honey Princess

Hello everyone, my name is Erin Mullins and I am honored to be serving as your 2014 Missouri Honey Princess. I look forward to the upcoming year promoting honey and beekeeping throughout the state and having the opportunity to meet you all.

A little bit about myself: I grew up on a small farm near Quitman, Missouri. I recently graduated in 2012 from West Nodaway High School in Burlington Jct., MO. I am currently a student through North Central Missouri College where I am in classes to obtain my LPN degree.

I am a member and Vice President of the Northwest Missouri Beebusters in Maryville. This club is where I got my start in beekeeping. About 4 years ago they offered a beginning beekeeping class which I took and became hooked on beekeeping! With joining this club I have had the opportunity to speak to elementary students, work at booths at my county fair and the American Royal, and help teach the very beginning beekeeping class where I had gotten my start. As a member of the Missouri State Beekeeping Association I have attended the past three state meetings and worked at the Missouri State Fair booth.

Going into winter I currently have three hives. One of my hives is a swarm catch from earlier this year in May. This was my first ever swarm catch and probably my proudest accomplishment thus far as a beekeeper. One other accomplishment I have had was receiving a reserve champion ribbon for my honey in the FFA division.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. But more importantly, good luck on wintering your hives; may we all come out of winter with a 100% survival rate!

God Bless,

Erin Mullins, 2014 Missouri Honey Princess



Princess Erin



From the Queen Chair

by Wanda Johnston

Thanks to everyone for supporting the MSBA Honey Queen/Princess Program at the Fall Conference at Lake of the Ozarks, through a very successful auction, silent auction, and generous donations.

I am thanking everyone who assisted with the hospitality room, especially Abbie and Ron Stockett who worked above and beyond the call of duty to keep the hospitality room tended and stocked so well. Thanks to Dolores Vivian for all her assistance and support through this past year. Thanks to all that furnished refreshments for the hospitality room; the donations are so greatly appreciated and apparently enjoyed by all who visited the room.

Thank you 2014 Queen Lauren Collins and 2014 Princess Erin Mullins for your interesting presentations at the banquet. Thank you Megan Allen, 2012-2013 Honey Queen, for a job well done! Thanks to Cathy Misko for all her work with our Queens and Princess, and preparing for such a wonderful patriotic presentation by our new Queen Lauren.

I thank the MSBA Executive Board for their support and assistance while transitioning me into the Honey Queen Chairperson position. I thank my husband Wes for driving, photos, printing brochures, endless listening and support. I met so many wonderful people at the fall meeting and look forward to working with the local beekeeping clubs through the MSBA Honey Queen Program.

Please see the MSBA web site for further details on the Queen Program. Now we can start preparing for the March 2014 meeting at the Lake of the Ozarks.



Megan Allen (left), 2013 Missouri Honey Queen, introduces 2014 Queen Lauren Collins at the Friday evening banquet as 2014 Princess Erin Mullins looks on.

The new Queen and Princess gave speeches at the banquet, then paraded auction items around the room to raise money for the Queen Program. Queen Lauren gave a beautiful rendition of America the Beautiful to begin Saturday morning's meeting schedule.

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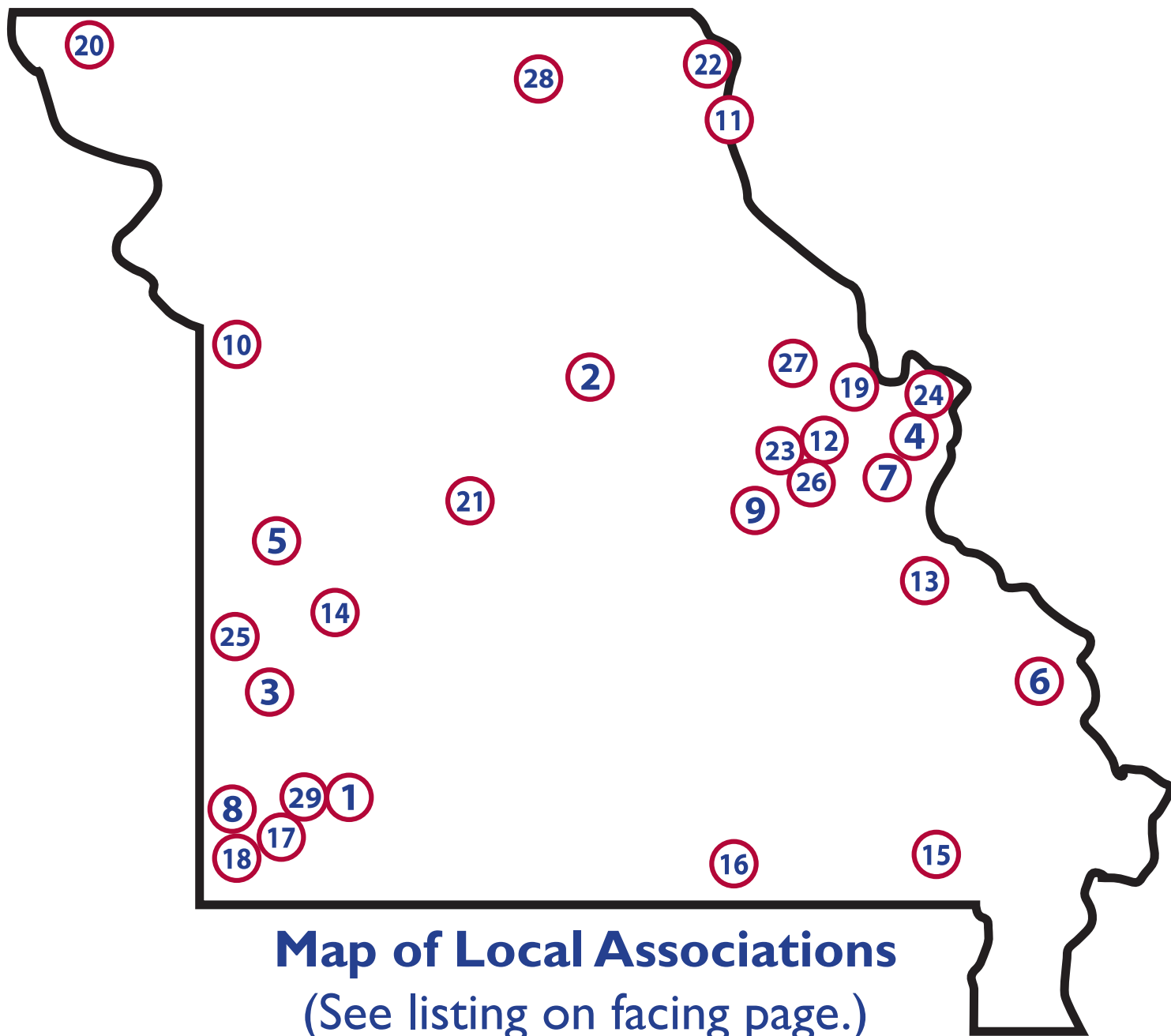
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Bruce Snavelly, President 417-732-5219
www.ozarksbeekeepers.org
- 2 Boone Regional Beekeepers Association**
3rd Sunday of month, 3:00 p.m., Columbia Insurance Group, 2102 Whitegate Dr. (back door), Columbia
President Jim Duever 573-254-3373
www.boonebees.org
- 3 Busy Bee Club**
4th Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m., Cedar County Health Center, Owens Mill Road, Stockton
Neal Lee 417-276-3090, Neil Brunner 314-276-4252
- 4 Eastern Missouri Beekeepers Association**
2nd Wednesday of each month, 7:00 p.m., location changes. Bob Sears, President 314-479-9517
www.easternmobeekers.com
- 5 Golden Valley Beekeepers**
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- 7 Jefferson County Beekeepers Association**
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Jefferson County Extension Center, Hillsboro
Contact Marvin Hook 636-274-1759
- 8 Joplin Area Beekeepers Association**
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Contact Dale Foley 417-850-0285
- 9 Mid Missouri Beekeepers**
3rd Sunday of each month, 2 pm, Old Train Depot, St. James.
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- 10 Midwestern Beekeepers Association**
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- 14 Pomme de Terre Beekeepers**
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- 15 SEMO Honey Producers**
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Contact Cory Stevens 573-225-6935
wells.ernie@gmail.com
- 16 South Central Missouri Beekeepers Association**
1st Friday of month, Howell Electric Coop, West Plains
Monty Wiens, President 417 257-3994
- 17 Southern MO Beekeepers of Monett "MOBees")**
3rd Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m.
United Methodist Church, Hwy 37 NW of Monett
Kevin Young, President 417-847-5464
- 18 Southwest Missouri Beekeepers Assn. of Neosho**
1st Tuesday of month, Neosho High School FFA Bldg
President Roger Ross 417-472-3504
- 19 Three Rivers Beekeepers**
3rd Monday of month, University of Missouri Extension, 260 Brown Road, St. Peters, Missouri, 7:00 p.m.
For info: 2952 Greenleaf Drive, St. Charles, MO 63303
info@threeriversbeekeepers.com
- 20 Northwest Missouri Bee Busters**
1st Monday of odd months, 7:00 p.m.
511 4th Street, Conception Junction, MO 64434
Gerald Auffert, President 660-944-2535
- 21 Lake of the Ozarks Beekeepers**
3rd Saturday of month, 1:00 p.m.
UMC Extension Office, 100 E. Newton, Versailles MO
Contact Russell Kasnick 573-372-3122
- 22 Northeast Missouri Beekeepers Association**
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- 23 Gasconade Region Bee Keepers**
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- 25 Western Missouri Beekeepers**
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- 26 Meramec Valley Beekeepers**
First Sunday 2:30 pm Bourbon, MO American Legion Hall
Contact Sam Elia 573-732-5597
- 27 Quad County Beekeepers**
1st Tuesday, 7:00 pm, Missouri Extension Office, Troy
Contact Fred Meder (573) 760-2574
quadcountybeekeepers.com
- 28 North Central Missouri Beekeepers Association**
1st Monday, Area Career Center, Macon, 7:00 pm
Contact Dan West (660) 651-7582, www.ncmobees.org
- 29 Bees Alive**
Springfield Contact Kristi Mitchuson (417) 886-8585

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Local clubs announce spring workshops

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Three Rivers Beekeepers will offer its Beginning Beekeeping Workshop on Friday and Saturday, February 7th & 8th, at the University of Missouri Extension Center in St. Peters. Details and registration will be available soon at <http://threeriversbeekeepers.com/>

Quad County Beekeepers will offer a Beginning Beekeepers Workshop on Saturday, March 1 in Troy. Watch for details and registration at <http://quadcountybeekeepers.com/>

Midwestern Beekeepers will conduct a Beginning Beekeeping Workshop on Saturday, March 8 in Blue Springs. More details will be available soon at <http://www.midwesternbeekeepers.org/>

Western Missouri Beekeepers are

having beginning beekeeping classes on each Saturday in the month of January. To be held at the Franklin P. Norman Community Center, 200 North Ash, Nevada MO 64772 from 9:30 to noon. Free to the public! Contact Caroline Phillips at bcphillips81@gmail.com for more information.

Mississippi Valley Beekeepers Association of the tri-state area will have its beginners beekeeping class on Saturday, March 1, at the U of I extension building, 330 S

36th St., Quincy IL. The one-day class will start at 9:00 am and will end at 3:00. After the class we will be placing orders for package bees and other equipment. Contact Bernie Andrew at magic@adams.net for further details.

Boone Regional Beekeepers announce the following Saturday workshops:

January 25, 2014, 8:30 am to 6:30 pm in Columbia. Presented by Boone Regional Beekeepers Association. Email Marty at treasurer@boonebees.org for more information. Beginning Beekeeping class includes hive building, lunch, honey-themed dinner, membership to both BRBA and the MSBA (restrictions apply) and a raffle drawing for the hive built during class.

February 8, 2014 9:00 am to 4:30 pm at Columbia Area Career Center. Presented by Jim 'n' I Farms. Email Valerie at jimandifarms@ktis.net for more information. Cost includes lunch, membership to both BRBA and the MSBA (restrictions apply) and a discount on beekeeping supplies.

April 26, 2014 8:30 to 4:30 pm in Marshall, MO, at Saline County Career Center. Presented by

Amy Giffen and Jim and Valerie Duever from

Boone Regional Beekeepers Association. Email Michelle Hanson at mhanson@MarshallSchools.com for more information. The cost

will include lunch, hive building, membership to both BRBA and the MSBA (restrictions apply), and a discount on beekeeping supplies.

We also taught a class on Dec 5th in Clinton, and that one filled up. We cap our attendance out at 30 students.

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