Winners In Delaware

Ann Harman presents the Roger Morse Teaching/Extension & Regulatory Award to Clarence Collison.

Robert Mitchell of Delaware was the winner of the Divelbiss Award for 2007.

Greg Hunt won the Hambleton Award.

Above Ann Harman presents the Student Award to Nick Aliano.

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Greetings from Murray State, Kentucky. The EAS Board held its Fall Meeting on the site of the 2008 convention last weekend and everything is on track for another educational and entertaining meeting next August.

How can you get to Murray? If you are flying, the nearest airport is Nashville, Tennessee. From there it is almost exactly a two hour drive to the campus. The roads for most of the way are divided two lane highways passing through the rolling hills and pastures of western Kentucky. Many of the board, some from as far as New Jersey, chose to drive the distance.

Once we arrived in Murray, everyone was greeted with Kentucky hospitality. John Tulloch, EAS Treasurer, and I were travelling together and when we arrived at Murray realized that neither of us had brought directions to the buildings on campus where we were to meet. Well, we found the police on campus are indeed very helpful and even escorted us to the meeting.

Although the campus is quite large, registration, class rooms, vendor area, dining room and dormitory are all concentrated in one area. And, most of the class rooms are in a large atrium-like building with plenty of lounge areas for socializing.

What is there to do in Kentucky? The area around Murray has plenty of areas for camping. Nearby is the Land Between the Lakes, a 170,000-acre recreation area. The area has two of the largest man-made lakes in the country and four rivers that flow in the region, the Ohio, Cumberland, Mississippi and Tennessee. In the greater Kentucky area you will find Abraham Lincoln’s birthplace, Fort Knox, Kentucky’s bourbon distilleries, Mammoth Cave National Park and the Corvette Museum with America’s original sports car. And, don’t forget a stop at the Walter T. Kelley Company. So, mark your calendar for August 4-8, 2008 in Kentucky.

The numbers are in from EAS 2007 in Delaware and not only did Dewey, Ben, John and the rest of the Delaware group put on a fantastic convention, they finished within budget. Congratulations for a job well done. This year was Dewey’s ‘Swan Song’ – but he is not leaving town just yet. We plan to see him next year at EAS in Kentucky.

So, what is in store for EAS beyond 2008? Kim Flottum, our Past Chairman, has submitted a proposal for Bee Culture to sponsor EAS 2009 in southwestern New York. This will be the first time a corporate member has sponsored EAS and we look forward to the creativity and programs that our friends at Bee Culture will bring to a conference.

There are several areas that have not hosted EAS for some time - most notably New England, the Virginia/Carolina area and Canada. If you would like to have EAS in your neighborhood, let me know. Or, better yet, contact your director and state leadership and tell them to make a proposal. EAS has many years of experience and a wealth of members willing to volunteer and help make a convention successful. So, much of the administrative parts of the convention have systems developed and become routine. This allows states, and now corporate members, to spend their energy and creativity on the program, education, social functions and local flavor. Go ahead and throw your hat in the ring.

As your new chairman, I will make myself available to each member and expect to hear your ideas and constructive criticism. So, drop me a line. And, if you want to discuss beekeeping or have questions about our vocation, well, I have as many opinions as any other beekeeper.

Until the next issue ...
One Last Time From Delaware EAS 2007

It is a wrap. EAS 2007 ... if you missed it you missed a good one! We said at the beginning that it takes a couple of tries to get EVERYTHING RIGHT, and hopefully you’ll agree the 4th time in DE hit the mark.

EAS requires a lot of volunteers and is a challenge for smaller groups like DE, but true to form, we had a good group at Delaware – a core group of folks came forward and helped make EAS 2007 a success in DE. Ben had a chance to thank those present at the Friday closing banquet and at the DE OPEN HIVE Sat Sept 6th Dewey thanked DE volunteers again and handed out awards. Big, big thanks to Martin Reynolds, Marion Young, Paul Dill, Betty Gilman, George & Doris Payne, Charlotte Reynolds, Heather Harmon, Frank Marro, Cynthia and Ruppert Rossetti, Jim & Lois Dunn, Brooke Freeman, Bill Leitzinger, Joan and Warren Seaver and UD students Vicki Olmstead, Liz Burdick, Ben Cramer, and Ben Alexander. The Bee wranglers did an outstanding job as usual – Bill Troup and Bob Mitchell helped in the beeyard with lots of help. Bob Mitchell also helped coordinate the honey show along with Ann Harmon, and was also the Divelbiss Award winner in 2007 – congratulations again Bob!

We were blessed with a professional conference staff at Clayton and Jan O’Neill and her staff were most accommodating as were the housing and food service personnel. Thanks too for Vendor coordinator efforts of Dawn Fagan of A.I. Root Co and incoming Vice-Chair Kathy Summers. And of course Kim Flottum helped keep us on-track with his advice and tireless service.

We nearly wore out our EAS Treasurer John Tulloch who additionally oversaw the registration efforts of EAS 2007. John is still working on the details but a couple of summary stats John can provide at this early stage include:

• We had 20 vendors participate with booths
• We had 150 at the three short courses on Monday and Tuesday – far exceeding the early projections of 90! And there was a good number of the conference registrants that attended joint sessions on Wednesday
• Too early to report at this point all the financials as the University of DE bill just came in on Sept 20th. One number we can report $5635 for the Thursday night auction proceeds?

The weather was not very cooperative with rain and very high heat index the week of EAS. Not good bee inspection weather but the bees behaved well. The bees in the University apiary were well behaved and Warren Seaver’s trailer bees welcomed their “time out” from cucumber pollination for the stay in Newark. With everything in adjacent Clayton and Pencader we didn’t have to wander outside except to do the beeyard activities and the Tuesday night Short Course social. There was plenty of local “night life” on Main Street in Newark for those who did venture out from the meeting site.

EAS is a great social event. Our Clayton Hall lobby and wide hallways in Pencader were ideal for socializing. Our vendor area was tight but the 20 vendors were all pleased to be so close to the action and to host all the Short Course and Conference breaks. Business was reported as “good” by those with bee materials to sell from books to supplies to bee “stuff.” Special thanks to those who supported our local DE Association booth with purchases and for all those who made purchases from our vendors to support their participation.

The Wednesday Bee Bawl was a great opportunity for Dewey to “clean his closets” [and office, and garage, ...] and to recognize birthdays, anniversaries and our bee items. The queen bee (Linda Kaye, AL, worker inmate Landi Simone, see below) and others who came in costume, brought their bee “stuff” were a nice highlight. We can’t help but wonder who invited the SHB from GA?

The auction on Thursday was a winning event and we especially thank our Secretary of Agriculture Michael Scuse for his returning to the auction field to sell our 28 unique and unusual items. His opening remarks and comments also were appreciated. He stressed the importance and focus on bee-agriculture-pollination related issues in the Delmarva region including the Farming Native Bee joint project of the University and De Dept Agriculture.

Thanks to Mar Del Watermelon Association for the watermelons and the DE Beekeepers for the cakes both nights and of course all appreciated the free beverages, courtesy of the Association and DE Department of Agriculture. All in all it was a good show and the DE beekeepers enjoyed the opportunity to host EAS.
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2007 Honey Show Winners

The 2007 EAS honey show had only 45 exhibitors. The quality of the entries did not suffer however as the material was excellent. There were NO ENTRIES in the HONEY COOKERY SHOW and a number of categories did not have sufficient entrants to award 1st through 3rd place ribbons. The Mead show judging was conducted a bit differently this year and entries were disqualified rather than judged if they had technical problems.

Honey Show superintendent Bob Mitchell would like to again thank all those who volunteered to register the entries and monitor the display hours. Special thanks to the fine judges who gave their time and talent to determine the winners. The judges needed to take time from attending sessions to complete their task. Special thanks to EASers who took time to prepare entries and enter the 2007 show.

Honey
H1- White extracted
1st Jeffrey Pfoutz, VA
2nd Frank Ruthkosky, PA
3rd John Hartley, CO

H2 Light Extracted
1st Jeffrey Pfoutz, VA
BEST IN HONEY SHOW
2nd Kristi Sanderson, KS
3rd Pete Bizzoso, NY

H3 Light Amber Extracted
1st Joe Kovalesski, OH
2nd David G. Smith, MD
3rd Claire Desilets, MA

H4 Amber Extracted
1st Jim Gross, MA
2nd Jimmy Carmack, AL
3rd Kristi Sanderson, KS

H5 Dark Extracted
1st Jimmy Carmack, AL
2nd Bill Troup, MD
3rd Pete Bizzoso, NY

H6 Comb Honey
1st Pete Bizzoso, NY

H7 Cut Comb Honey
1st Bill Troup, MD

H8 Circular Comb Honey
1st Wade Apairies, NY
2nd Pete Bizzoso, NY
3rd Bill Troup, MD

H9 Creamed Honey
1st Andrew Gibb, ENG
2nd Bill Troup, MD

H10 Chunk Honey
1st Bill Troup, MD

H11 Wooden Honey Frame
1st Bill Troup, MD
2nd Peter Bizzoso, NY

H12 Plastic Honey Frame
1st Pete Bizzoso, NY

Mead
MI Dry Mead
1st Grace Crawford, PA

M2 Sweet Mead 2
1st William Blodgett, PA

M3 Mead with fruit juice
1st Jack Grimshaw, PA
2nd Paul Dill, DE

M4-6 Sparkling Mead, Beer & Braggott
No entries

Arts & Crafts Show
A1 Gift Arrangement
1st Pete Bizzoso, NY
2nd Steve McDaniel, MD

A2 Sewing or Needlework Art
1st Doris Payne, DE

A3 Novelty Beeswax with additives
1st Landi Simone, NJ
2nd Paul Desilets, MA

A4 Misc Arts & Crafts
1st Marina Marchese, CT
2nd Cathie Skove, NJ
3rd Cathie Skove, NJ

Beeswax Show
B1 Beeswax block
1st Pete Bizzoso, NY
2nd John Hartley, Co
3rd Kristi Sanderson, KS

B2 Dipped candles
No entries

B3 Tapered Candles
1st Joe Kovalesski, OH
2nd Ward Apairies, NY
3rd Kristi Sanderson, KS

B4 Novelty Candles
1st Landi Simone, NJ

Gadgets
G1 Large gadgets
1st Steve McDaniel, MD
2nd David G. Smith, MD

G2 Small Gadgets
1st Connie Still, NY
2nd Allen Hayes, MD

Photography
P1 Close-up Print
1st Steve McDaniel, MD
2nd Connie Still, NY
3rd Clare Waring, ENG

P2 Scenic Print
1st Steve McDaniel, MD
2nd Clare Waring, ENG
3rd Moira Alexander, NY

P3 Portrait Print
1st Clare Waring, ENG

P4 Print Essay
1st Betty Menucci, RI
2nd Moira Alexander, NY
3rd Care Waring, ENG

International Show
1H1 Light Honey
1st Joe Kovalesski, OH

1H2 Medium Honey
1st Jim Gross, MA
2nd Joe Kovalesski, OH
3rd Jimmy Carmack, AL

1H3 Dark Honey
No entries

1H4 Black Jar
1st Jim Gross, MA
2nd Landi Simone, NJ
3rd Kristi Sanderson, KS

1H5 Candles
1st Kristi Sanderson, KS
2nd Joe Kovalesski, OH

Best in Show International
Jim Gross, MA

Sweepstakes Winner
Pete Bizzoso, NY
Delaware State Apiarist Receives Divelbiss Award

At the closing Awards Banquet of the Eastern Apiculture Society Conference last week, Robert Mitchell, DE State Beekeeper was honored as the recipient of the Divelbiss Award. This award is presented to the person or team that has reached beyond the beekeeping community to educate the non-beekeeping public about the values and virtues of honey bees. It honors Charles Divelbiss, a dedicated OH beekeeper from Mansfield, OH, a lifelong school teacher and school administrator.

Bob Mitchell has had a long and illustrious career in the beekeeping field and at the DE Department of Agriculture. He became Apiary Inspector in 1985 and continues in the position today. He is the longest serving State Apiarist in DE history. Bob is also a beekeeper in his private life. He has kept bees since 1972, using them to pollinate vegetables on his family’s Century Farm and for watermelon growers in DE.

Faith Kuehn, Mitchell’s supervisor and DDA Plant Industries Administrator, said, “Bob's dedication to Delaware agriculture, straight talk and quick wit have earned him great respect within the agricultural community. He has supported the beekeeping industry in many ways, from presenting educational displays and outreach programs at schools, to working diligently with industry on disease prevention programs, and raising awareness about prevention of the spread of Africanized honey bees.”

Bob Mitchell was nominated for this distinguished award by a group of his peers who said the following:

Bob has given extraordinary service to education of the general public about honey bees, well above and beyond his job duties. Bob annually visits over 20 classrooms to bring the honey bee message to 2-5th graders, the age-group that includes a series of science lessons on entomology. He tailors his presentation for the age group and brings a good mix of show-and-tell items to get his point across. Additionally, Bob gives a number of presentations annually to adult groups like garden clubs, service organizations and the like. His message is straight forward and delivered with humor and grace. He has been active with our major Ag museum in Dover and helped develop a honey bee exhibit (since retired). He is always taking the lead to get the beekeepers display at the State Fair to have a professional look. We can rely on Bob for the details and for pulling a great display together for the public. He often then mans the booths putting in countless hours when volunteers are lacking.

Bob has two special projects going this spring. Bob has been the technical advisor to a honey bee project at Sussex Tech HS. Students care for three colonies, with Bob’s capable assistance; a recent student who did a senior project was given a scholarship by the Farm Bureau for his efforts. A new project was just started at Sussex Correctional Institute by Bob. He is helping establish an apiary for inmates to manage. The bees are used to pollinate the variety of vegetable crops the inmates raise for distribution to DE state institution kitchens. Inmates are building their own equipment and with Bob’s assistance develop some skills necessary to keep bees. Bob helped get beekeeper donations of nucs to establish the colonies this spring.

Bob is a tireless promoter of the honey bee and helps educate others about the critical benefit of their pollination service for the public of all ages. He brings great enthusiasm and energy to his presentations and displays which are always first rate and well received. Bob is a fitting recipient of the 2007 Divelbiss Award. At EAS 2007 Bob was our Honey Show Chairman, our Short Course bee wrangler, the watermelon cutter at the Bee Bawl and he donated the Honey Bears for our closing banquet.
EAS Has Lost A Friend

George Wady Imirie, Jr. age 84 of Rockville, MD, who tirelessly promoted beekeeping and public education about bees, passed away on September 6, of congestive heart failure. Mr. Imirie founded the Montgomery County Beekeepers Association (MCBA) in the 1980s and led it until his retirement in 2004. For many years, he and his sons thrilled adults and children alike at the Montgomery County Fair by giving demonstrations with a live hive of honey bees inside a screened tent. George wore only shorts and a t-shirt. The MD State Beekeepers Association, which he had served as president, named the yearly award for distinguished educational activities in MD “The George Imirie Award.”

George was an Eastern Apiculture Society (EAS) certified Master Beekeeper and was a stalwart promoter of that certification program. He advocated an involved, scientific approach to hive management and was well known for urging people to be “beekpeepers not bee-havers.” His opinionated and blunt “Pink Pages,” a monthly publication, was read by beekeepers all over the world.

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After the war, he studied engineering at WA Univ. in St. Louis and American Univ., one of his sons said. Mr. Imirie returned to Bethesda and helped run the family auto parts business until it was sold 18 years ago.

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In recent years, despite having several strokes, Mr. Imirie continued beekeeping using an electric scooter to get around. When the beekeeping community arranged with the state of MD to produce automobile license plates with a beekeeping logo, he was given the prototype, which he proudly affixed to his scooter: Bee 001. In 1998 EAS awarded George it’s prestigious Divelbiss Education Award for his work with the non-beekeeping public.

In 1999 he contracted throat cancer, which caused his previously booming voice to become a raspy whisper. However, that didn’t stop him from running the monthly bee meetings, where he would quiz both neophyte and experienced beekeepers on their scientific knowledge, correcting them if they were not completely accurate. “You had to know your material if you were going to give a presentation and he was in the room. His high standards made us all better beekeepers, and we will miss his guidance,” said David Bernard, President of the MCBA.

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George’s death comes soon after the sudden death of his son, Arthur, of a heart attack on July 20. He is survived by his sons Allan, Aaron, and Alexander, three grandchildren, and five great grandchildren.

Hambleton Award Winner

The winner of the J.I. Hambleton 2007 Award is Greg Hunt. Greg received a B.S. in biology from John Carroll University in 1979 and an M.S. in Plant Pathology in 1984. While working in a research position at the University of WI, Madison, he began keeping bees and became interested in studying their behavior and particularly with their genetics. This interest lead him to pursue a PhD program at UC-Davis under Rob Page, the 1988 Hambleton Award winner. While in California he constructed the first genetic map of the honey bee genome and mapped genes that influence behavior.

In 1995 he took a position in apicultural research with extension responsibilities in the Department of Entomology at Purdue University. At the start of 2002 his position was converted to a faculty position at Purdue. In IN he has been involved in many beekeeping education programs and he teaches a class in beekeeping each year. Along with Tom Webster of KY State University he helped to establish the Heartland Apicultural society (HAS), with financial backing of EAS.

Greg maintains close to 100 bee hives for breeding for resistance to Varroa mites and for behavioral genetic studies. He is best known for his behavioral genetic research. He has collaborated with Ernesto Guzman-Novoa for the past 15 years and together they have mapped and confirmed the presence of genes that influence guarding and hygienic behaviors. The genetic research of Greg helped to lay the foundation for the Honey Bee Genome Project that now has resulted in successfully mapping of the entire bee genome.

Greg was recognized by one fellow faculty member for pioneering work on the honey bee genome saying “the honey bee was sold as a genome model for behavior based on Greg’s research.” Another said of Greg “clearly [he] has a world-wide reputation as a leading authority in honey bee genetics” and acknowledged Greg’s “outstanding contributions to training students in the art and science of conducting scientific research.” It is our pleasure to recognize Greg Hunt as the 32nd Hambleton winner. He will be present at our meeting this summer to once again grace our EAS program.
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Student Winner

The EAS graduate student Award winner is Nicholas Aliano of University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Currently Nick is a PhD student of Marion Ellis, our EAS Roger Morse award winner in 2005. He also received his MS under Dr. Ellis and his undergraduate degree was completed at Nebraska. During Dr. Ellis’ current sabbatical leave in France, Nick is teaching the popular beekeeping course [ENTO 109] at NE, while continuing his PhD studies on oxalic acid control of Varroa. His thesis research will include determining the toxicological properties of oxalic acid, establish its mode of action and develop treatment for broodless colonies and packages; he has already been able to demonstrate that oxalic acid is NOT effective in suppressing mite populations if used when brood is present. Nick plans to graduate this coming December.

Nick’s MS studies were on powdered sugar use in Varroa control and he has had three papers published on his research already. Nick has spoken to a large number of beekeeping groups, including the CT group in April of this year, and as the John Ambrose student Award winner to the NC State Bee meeting last summer. He has received the top American Bee Research Award for paper presentation the last three years and been recognized twice by the Entomological society for paper and poster presentations at Society meetings. He was also a member of the University of NE Linnaean team, national winners of the Entomological Society Linnaean Team Competition (a Jeopardy type competition – he nailed the questions on bees and beekeeping). He has been invited to be on our EAS program in August at UD and if his first child cooperates he will be able to attend. We are honored to recognize Nick Aliano as the 2007 EAS Graduate Student Award Winner, our 24th student to be so honored.

Ben Bauer, President 2007

Traditionally EAS gives a thank you gift to the President at the end of his or her reign. In the past EAS has given an inscribed Captain’s Chair or more practical items such as gardening or beekeeping equipment. This year our President, Ben Bauer, generously declined a gift and asked that EAS contribute the cost of a gift to our Research Fund. But we knew that Ben does have a fondness for all things John Deere, so we found a John Deere scale model collectors “Alligator,” complete with a plaque thanking Ben for his Presidential endeavors over the past two years. So, Ben, thanks for all you did.

Roger Morse Award Winner

Our 8th winner of the Roger A. Morse Outstanding Teaching/Extension service/Regulatory Award is Clarence Collison. Probably only 1st time EASers do not know Clarence nor have benefited from his numerous contributions to EAS. He is our popular chairman of the EAS Master beekeeper program and MB certification supervisor. He has been on many conference programs and again this year is a featured Short Course instructor. Clarence is author of the popular Bee Culture column “Do you Know” and the book of the same title of his columns.

Formerly extension Apiculturist at Penn State, Clarence is currently Head of the Entomology and Plant Pathology Department at Mississippi State University. He has been active with the Mississippi beekeepers and currently serves as President of the state association. He teaches their annual beekeeping short course and is a regular contributor to the Association newsletter. He has been a valued leader in the Mississippi 4-H Entomology Camp program and brings beekeeping to the 4-H program. It is a befitting honor that Clarence be recognized with our Roger Morse award this year by EAS.

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Kathy Summers, Editor
EAS 2007 – We Had A Great Time!

Peter Bizzoso is presented the Sweepstakes Award by Bob Mitchell and Jerry Fisher.

Loretta Surprenant was presented the Chairman’s Award at the Banquet. She has served as Secretary for over 20 years with four Chairmen. Pictured from left past Chairmen Dewey Caron and Bob Cole, new Chairman Jim Bobb, Loretta and retiring Chairman Kim Flottum.

Kim Flottum presents retiring Vice Chair Ann Harman with a thank you gift from EAS for all of her years of service.

Our brand new Life Members for 2007.

The passing of the gavel. Retiring Chairman Kim Flottum welcomes our new Chairman Jim Bobb.
Eva Crane passed away peacefully on September 6, 2007, aged 95 years. Founder, and for 35 years Director, of the International Bee Research Association she was, for half a century, a towering figure in the world of apiculture and the legacy of her written work has been, and will continue to be, a beacon to guide and inspire for many years to come.

Eva Widdowson was born on June 12, 1912 to Thomas Henry and Rose. She had an older sister Elsie, who went on as Eva to become world famous for her work on nutrition and diet.

Eva grew up in Dulwich, South London and was educated at Sydenham School in Kent. She won a scholarship to read mathematics at King’s College, London. One of only two women then reading mathematics at the university, she completed her degree in two years. An MSc in quantum mechanics soon followed, and she received her PhD in Nuclear Physics in 1938.

In 1941 she was appointed to a Lectureship in Physics at Sheffield University. She brought her proven intellect, acute powers of observation, and a wide ranging curiosity and an incisive and penetrating line in questioning, therefore, a burgeoning career in the rapidly developing world of nuclear physics seemed assured. In July 1942 she married James Alfred Crane, RNVR. One of the wedding presents was a hive of bees to provide honey and so give sweetness at a time of sugar shortage.

She took out a subscription to Bee World and became an active member of the local beekeepers’ association. Later she became secretary of the research committee of the British Beekeepers’ Association (BBKA). However, convinced of the vast potential of beekeeping in the tropics, her outlook was international. In 1949 she founded the Bee Research Association, dedicated to “working to increase awareness of the vital role of bees in the environment.” The organization was “international” in outlook and membership from the very beginning but did not add the word to its title until it was proposed at a meeting in France in 1976. From then on it became IBRA.

In 1949 she took over the editorship of Bee World, a journal that she saw as the “international link between beekeeping science and practice.” She expanded it to include abstracts of all that was published worldwide on bees and bee science providing it was “accurate and worthy of inclusion.” Soon the large number of abstracts needed its own publication. *Apicultural Abstracts* was founded and continued until 2005 and still forms the basis of one of the most comprehensive databases of bee related information in the world with over 60,000 entries.

By 1960 IBRA had a worldwide network of contacts and Eva felt that there was a wealth of new bee research that needed to be disseminated and published. In 1962 she founded *The Journal of Apicultural Research* that soon became, and remains to this day, the premier English language vehicle for the publication of cutting edge apicultural research. In this age of instant electronic access it is perhaps hard to imagine the importance of these publications in the mid decades of the 20th century. The information they provided undoubtedly made possible the careers of many bee scientists working in countries which were, at that time, cut off from access to mainstream publications.

From 1950 to 1990 Eva’s pursuit of all things bee related took her to over 60 countries and her travels resulted in a number of beekeeping discoveries. These and her ability to put together clues and then lucidly report her findings have made her work, over 180 publications in all, inspirational to many. *A Book of Honey* (Heinemann, 1980) and *The Archaeology of Beekeeping* (Duckworth, 1983) reflected her strong interests in nutrition and the ancient past of beekeeping. She took late retirement from IBRA in 1984 to concentrate on the two seminal tomes that will forever be keystones in the study of beekeeping and the pursuit of bee science: *Bees and Beekeeping – science, practice and world resources* (Heinemann 1991); *The world history of beekeeping and honey hunting* (Duckworth 1999).

Everywhere she went she sampled the life of the local people, sometimes in the remotest rural areas of the world. She went ostensibly to share her beekeeping knowledge and to teach governments, NGO’s and farmers. She recorded these travels in her book, *Making a Beeline* (IBRA 2003). Typically, she always claimed to have learnt much more than she taught. From her travels she acquired a huge collection of beekeeping artifacts that, combined with other materials, constitute the IBRA Historical Collection containing some 2000 items which have now been digitally photographed and recorded while the actual items await being placed on show in an international museum being established in Belgium.

The meticulousness of Dr. Crane’s research showed in her examination of ancient rock images involving bees and honey. She studied 152 sites in 17 countries from a register of rock art she established herself for her book *The Rock Art of Honey Hunters* (2001).

Eva Crane received many honours for her work. In 1985 she was awarded an Honorary Doctorate from OH State University in recognition of her contribution to the science of beekeeping: it was an honor of which she was particularly proud. She was made an officer of the Order of the British Empire in 1986; an award that many felt under-rated her achievement. Her life was devoted to building the IBRA into a world centre of expertise on beekeeping. Based in her private front room until 1966, the Association eventually found offices in Chalfont St Peters, Bucks, and since 1985 has been based in Cardiff. In support of the IBRA and its work she established the Eva Crane Trust that aims to advance the science of apiology - in particular the publication of books on the subject, and to promote apicultural libraries and museums of historical beekeeping artefacts.

*Dr. Eva Crane*

*Richard Jones, Director, IBRA*
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A Word From Our Retiring Chairman –

I am here today to declare that the state and condition of the Eastern Apicultural Society of North America, Inc. is excellent – that the promise for our future is positive and exciting, and I would be so bold as to predict that this grand lady shall outlive all of us here today.

I do not make this prediction lightly and am confident that what I relate will ably support this position. Of course to predict the future you need to study the past, so please bear with me for a short review of the time I have been associated with this grand organization.

I came to EAS as a replacement for the Connecticut director at the Spring Director’s meeting in 1985. Back then the spring and fall EAS board meetings traditionally met on Friday evening to discuss all of the topics that would be discussed formally on Saturday morning.

At the summer meeting that year in Lancaster, PA there was a change in leadership when Jack Matthenius, our second Chairman stepped down and Bob Cole was chosen to fill out the remaining three years of his term. Dewey Caron was then elected at a meeting he did not attend. There’s a message there. After Dewey’s two terms I raised my hand to take his place. I was elected in 1999 in Tennessee.

Since then we have been invited to eight different locations – each unique, each presenting its own special benefits and challenges, with each President and crew bringing their own sets of skills and talents and passions to the table. When these come together in the right mix, I’ll tell you, magic happens, and a short course, a conference, a Master Beekeeper program are all planned, organized and carried out. It is a wonderful experience to watch this unfold every, single year.

As fantastic as each year’s gatherings are, as fascinating as the speakers are, to me the most exciting, the most challenging and the most entertaining aspect is what goes on between those sessions. The social activities, the Master Beekeeper exams and the auctions, the dorms, the meals, every year at every location. All of this is the reason I said I will when Dewey Caron retired and why I stand here today. This is a fun job and I’m only sorry more of you don’t try it.

In 1999 we began our Master Beekeeper updating program. It began by finding out how many there were, discussing possible improvements to advance the program and making room on the Board for a Master Beekeeper Director to represent this group within our group.

In 2000 there were two Honey Shows in Maryland, certainly a first for our group. One had ribbons for prizes and one had money for prizes. That year Don Chirnside, our treasurer, began doing some real digging, looking at our fundamental expenses for each year. It was a financial wake-up call.

In 2001 we met on Cape Cod. The new Director’s handbook was introduced containing a wealth of information to get our new Directors going in the right direction. We had each Director fill out a profile sheet so we could determine their skills and experience. A rewritten conference guidelines for presidents was released, updating the last one written in 1986. Dues were increased to help operating funds. And this was the year Dick Chapin took over as our Historian. We’ve been lucky ever since.

Our website www.easternapiculture.org came to be in 2002 and 20% of that year’s registrations came in from the web page. John Tulloch was recruited as our new Treasurer and the Board donated $4000 to an upstart organization called HAS, The Heartland Apicultural Society. We ended our association with the FFA and I was able to give Richard Taylor the Joys Of Beekeeping Award. That was an honor and a treat. This was also the year we killed the Friday night portion of the Board meeting and went to just a Saturday afternoon and evening meeting so directors didn’t have to miss work. You’re welcome directors.

The new site inspection guidelines released in 2003 dictated all air conditioning all the time and no tents ever again for vendors. We gave money to the Phillip’s Library. And there was no Annual Show at the Maine meeting. That was a first, and so far a last. We did have our first Honey Exchange and Jim Bobb accepted the President’s gavel for Rene Troutman. The Board elected to let the Chairman have access to $500 petty cash every year. Thank you Board.

The 2004 Conference was at 7-Springs Resort in Pennsylvania. Run by the board this was a first, but certainly not the last time that will happen. The first vote for the new constitution took place and some major changes in philosophy came to be. For instance the Delegates were removed, electronic participation in a board meeting was OK’d and directors could now serve two full terms. Also changed was who could host a meeting. It no longer has to be the State beekeeping group. Any group, any business entity, any one can, as long as they have resources and the Board’s permission.

In 2005 we celebrated our 50th Anniversary with Kathy Summers as president at Kent State University hosted by the Ohio State Beekeepers Association. The board was less enthused with this event than the Ohio bunch seemed to be, so rather than the Board sponsoring its own birthday party, the Ohio beekeepers put it in their budget and made it work. That meant Ohio had to work a little harder but it was worth the effort. What a party we had. There was a vendor’s contest for the first time, a colorful book on EAS history was printed and all five EAS chairman were present – John Root, Jack Matthenius, Bob Cole, Dewey Caron and myself. We had a cake, a piano player, a thousand photo memories and a we got to send Mark Winston a fond farewell as he addressed his last beekeepers meeting.

Let the Georgia Moon Shine On you and did it ever in 2006. But there was more than moonshine and a costume ball. We passed the final vote for the new bylaws and now have a new set of rules, regulations and guidelines to make our organization run. Last year we gave our treasurer and secretary their first raises, ever. We had our first International Honey Show and we published our membership list in the Journal for the first time. It was in 2006 that we began our search for a new Chairman, sifting through several excellent candidates and settling on two, Jim Bobb and Ann Harman.

That brings us to 2007. We broke tradition this year and gave an additional $5000 emergency research grant to study CCD. And we offered our members a business liability insurance policy, something very new for our group. About two-thirds of our conference registrations came in online via our web page, using credit cards. And the Board elected a new Chairman and Vice Chairman. Jim Bobb and Kathy Summers take the helm at the very end of this meeting.

Kim Hollow, Chairman Emeritus

This is just a portion of the talk that our retiring Chairman gave at EAS 2007. We will have more from Kim on his vision of the future of EAS and a little more about the past in our next issue.
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It is no surprise that this very skilled team of women is regularly asked to share their knowledge at conferences throughout Canada and the United States.

In the early nineteen-nineties, Ontario was facing a desperate situation. Varroa mites were just starting to destroy hives and the U.S. border had to be closed to the importation of package bees that many beekeepers depended on for their business. Over a decade later the value of the research team initiated by Dr. Medhat Nasr and later assumed by the Ontario Beekeepers’ Association is clearly evident.

Today, Ontario has a vibrant queen rearing industry. While we all face the ongoing struggle with Varroa mites, most beekeepers rely on a variety of soft and hard chemicals as well as management techniques to achieve control. Research conducted in Ontario by the OBA Tech Transfer Team helped establish these methods.

Over the last few years the OBA Tech Transfer Team has helped queen breeders select for positive traits in queens. The Bee Girls took a role in forming practical mite control methods. The team conducted rigorous trials to prove to the Ontario government that use of formic acid and Checkmite+ in Ontario hives was warranted. The examination and development of organic beekeeping techniques is also to their credit. This is a list of just some of their achievements.

How are their projects funded? Members of the OBA regularly make voluntary contributions to the Ontario Research Fund. Most local associations also give to this fund. In addition monies come from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs; the Ontario Bee Breeders Association; Queen testing; mite scouting service; course fees and fund raising.

The beekeepers of North America are fortunate to have the OBA Tech Transfer Programme and Team!

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**Indiana Report**

Dr. Marion Ellis of the University of Nebraska will be keynote speaker at Indiana Bee School VI at Indianapolis, February 23, 2008, according to Indiana Beekeepers Association (IBA) president, Steve Doty.

A popular speaker at EAS events, Dr. Ellis brings much practical experience to the Indiana Bee School, the largest annual state-level beekeeping event in the mid-west with more than 400 in attendance. The School, drawing from not only Indiana but also surrounding states, features a wide variety of topics of interest to beekeepers as well as their families. Another key attraction is participation of vendors such as Dadant, Kelly, B &B, Brushy Mountain, Mann Lake and several in-state suppliers.

The Indiana State Fair was again a state-wide beekeeping attraction in 2007, as more than 100 beekeepers took turns staffing the IBA booth. Indiana Honey Ice Cream and Indiana hive products were sold there to raise money for IBA programs, the Indiana Young Beekeeper Awards, and local clubs around Indiana. The Indiana State Beekeepers Association (ISBA) demonstrated honey extracting and wax making techniques.

Lake Shore Beekeepers, the mid-west's newest regional group, serving beekeepers in Northwestern Indiana and Southwestern Michigan, saw its membership grow to about 100 during the year. Lake Shore plans a mini-school at Indiana University-Northwest in Gary, Indiana, February 9, 2008.

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**South Carolina Has Its First Master Beekeeper**

Steve Genta was honored at the South Carolina State Beekeepers annual summer meeting in Clemson, SC, as the first beekeeper to attain the Master level in the South Carolina Master Beekeeper Program. Steve is a third generation beekeeper in his family, and maintains 20+ hives on his 7 acres in Simpsonville, SC. He is very active in beekeeping, serving as a director to the South Carolina State Beekeepers Association, past President and past Treasurer of his local association (Piedmont Beekeepers Association), and is the South Carolina State Director for EAS.

Steve is a certified honey judge and judges the South Carolina State Fair’s honey entries.

He and his wife Carol, sell honey, candles, hand lotion, pollen, furniture polish, and lip balm that they produce from their colonies. Steve also teaches beginning beekeeping classes at the local college and at the Clemson Extension office and gives lectures to schools and local groups educating the public of the many benefits of the honeybee.

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**Membership List To Be Printed**

Almost a year ago in the Winter 2007 Journal we printed a membership list consisting of name, address, phone number and email if available. We’re going to do this again this year in the upcoming Winter Journal. This is your opportunity to let us know if you do not want your information printed. This list is for the use of our members to be able to contact each other. Please let Kathy Summers or John Tulloch know by December 15 if you do not want your information included in this list. Thank you.
A Summary Of The Summer Board & Annual Business Meetings  
August 8 & 10, 2007  
University of Delaware, Newark, DE  

Call to order The 52nd Meeting of the Eastern Apicultural Society of North America was called to order at 12:15 p.m. on Wednesday, August 8, 2007 with 27 board members attending. The agenda was changed to allow Ben Bauer and Dewey Caron to give their reports early so they could attend to EAS business.

President’s Report EAS 2007 held August 6-10, 2007 at the University of DE in Newark. The Short Course had 150 in attendance. There were workshops, a Honey Show, a social, no BQ, a Bee Bawl, a Chinese and live auction and a quilt raffle.

The Annual Banquet will feature the award ceremony, along with a special recognition program and the welcoming of our new Chairman of the Board Jim Bobb and the passing of the gavel to Kent Williams, Kentucky.

Honey Bee Foundation: There were 6 submissions. This year’s winner of $5000 goes to the Texas A&M program of Tanya Pankiw with Shane Tichy for support of Brad Metz in his PhD studies on “Semiochemical communication of larva nutritional status in the Honey Bee.”

In addition, the Foundation awarded ($5000) to Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD) grant to the Penn State Univ. team of Dennis vanEngelsdorp and Diana Cox-Foster. This grant will build upon a National Honey Board grant of $45,832. This funding will allow them to speed up analysis of samples already taken of collapsing colonies by increasing sample process capacity and to purchase the lab supplies needed to process an increased volume of samples being collected by the Beltsville Lab.

Secretary’s Report The minutes were accepted as printed.

Treasurer’s Report The Balance Sheet as of August 4, 2007 showed total liabilities and equity of $222,671.59. Profit and Loss from January-December, 2007 showed net income - $3,640.70.

EAS 2008 Kentucky will be held August 4-8, 2008 at Murray State Univ. in Murray, KY. The 2008 Preliminary Budget was presented with a more refined budget to be presented at the Fall Board Meeting in Murray, KY.

Chairman’s Report will be published in the EAS Journal. A paragraph was dropped from the by-laws regarding how a director is chosen.

Fall Board Meeting Time The board decided to hold the Fall Board Meeting at Murray State in Murray, KY on October 13, 2007.

Committees


Membership The Board authorized up to $2000 towards the development of an acknowledge packet and the membership brochure.

Master Beekeepers A survey was mailed to 132 EAS Certified Master Beekeepers. The purpose was to obtain information as to whether or not they were active in beekeeping, membership in EAS and in other beekeeping organizations, and in educational efforts for fellow beekeepers and the public. 48% were completed and returned. 91% considered themselves “active in beekeeping” and are currently members of EAS.

Three draft proposals for certification of additional experience were submitted. 1) Legal Aspects of Beekeeping; 2) Honey Judging; 3) Education of the public about Honey bees and Beekeeping.

The MB’s report was accepted and will be tied in with the EAS ’08 Conference.

EAS Bumper Stickers will be available to all Master Beekeepers for free with the remaining ones selling for $1 to benefit the MB fund.

Award Winners Hambleton: Greg Hunt, Purdue Univ.; Student Award: Nicholas Aliano, Univ. of Nebraska-Lincoln; Devilbiss Award: Robert Mitchell, DE Dept. of Agriculture; Roger A. Morse/Weiss Teaching, Extension and Regulatory Award: Clarence Collison, MS State Univ.; Chairman’s Award: Loretta Surprenant, Secretary.

Historian Report was published in the Journal and presented at the Business Meeting.

Life Members There are 20 new Life Members since last year.

Nominations The following nominations were offered and accepted.

President: Kent Williams Directors Nominations: KY; Robin Mountain; RI: Ed Lafferty

Vacant states: NJ, AL, LA, DE, MS, WI, VT, IL, FL. Vacant Provinces: Newfoundland, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Quebec, PEI.

Resolutions The following resolutions were presented and accepted.

Resolution #1 BE IT RESOLVED that the Eastern Apicultural Society of North America, Inc. thanks those who helped make EAS 2007 a success. Specifically, thanks are given to Conference coordinator Jan O’Neil and her staff for all their efforts in planning and helping to execute the meeting.

FURTHERMORE BE IT RESOLVED that thanks are given to DE Department of Agriculture, that generously allowed key employees to fully participate in the meeting. Notable contributions were made by Bob Mitchell, Jeff Brothers, and Elizabeth Burdick. Thanks are also given to Agricultural Secretary Michael Scuse for his time and effort addressing the conference and running the auction.

Noting that such a conference cannot happen without significant efforts both in planning and helping to execute the meeting,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that thanks and appreciation be given to Kim Flottum, Kathy Summers, Dawn Fegan, John Tulloch, Ann Harmon, Loretta Surprenant and Clarence Collison.

Further noting that a conference of this size and magnitude relies on the contributions and efforts of the hosting state

BE IT RESOLVED to give thanks to the DE Beekeepers Association. Honorable mentions are given to: Ben Bauer, 2007 President; Dewey Caron, Program Chair; John Tulloch, Treasurer and registration and his volunteers; Martin Reynolds, VP and auction volunteer coordinator; Marion Young, Volunteer across key areas: Auction, etc.; Paul Dill and Paul Lacefield (from Kentucky), vendor support and honey exchange; Bees for the conference, Warren Seaver; Apiary and bee wranglers: Bob Mitchell, Bill Troup, Gerry Fisher, Don Hopkins, Warren Seaver, Richard Hearn; Key student volunteers, Elizabeth Burdick and Vicki Olmstead; Honey Show Coordinators, Ann Harman and Bob Mitchell+ volunteer judges; DE table, Joan Seaver and Betty Anne Gillman; Information Table, George & Doris Payne, Cynthia Rosetti, and Charlotte Reynolds.

It is difficult to name all who helped and contributions of many may...
Resolution #2
WHEREAS, Kim Flottum ends his second term as Chairman of the Eastern Apicultural Society of North America, Inc. at this meeting, BE IT RESOLVED that a heartfelt and sincere thanks are given for his years of dedicated service, guidance and direction. Although Kim will no longer be Chair, EAS looks forward to his continued presence and participation in the years to come.

Similarly, BE IT RESOLVED, that the same heartfelt and sincere thanks be given to Vice Chair Ann Harman who has selflessly given untold years of service to the Society. We are truly blessed to have benefited from her dedication.

Finally, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eastern Apicultural Society of North America, Inc. welcomes and eagerly anticipates the terms of Chair and Vice Chair Jim Bobb and Kathy Summers.

The EAS Board of Directors, the EAS Master Beekeepers, and the general membership resolved continued support for the new leadership as they guide the Society into the future.

Old Business EAS will print and distribute to its members (for private use only) a roster of members by State. In the next issue of the EAS Journal, a notice will be published giving members the opportunity to opt out of the roster with a publication date for the roster in the Winter EAS Journal.

New Business A request for a matching grant for the Lake Shore Beekeepers Association was received. They requested a $3,000 grant to be matched by donations from the Lake Shore Beekeepers Association and other interested parties for year-round programs. The request was tabled until the fall meeting and to send back an acknowledgment that the request is under consideration and ask for further information on how it will benefit EAS.

Kim Flottum introduced the new Chairman of the Board: Jim Bobb and Vice Chairwoman: Kathy Summers.

Adjournment Meeting adjourned.

From The Colonies

News • Events • Gossip From The EAS Beeyard

EAS belongs to most of our region’s State Associations in order to keep up with what’s going on in the Colonies. If we don’t yet belong to your Association contact Loretta so we can sign up. And, send your newsletter to our Editor so we can keep up. Following, in no particular order, are snippets we’ve found.


The Ontario Beekeepers Association will be held in Cornwall, ONT (eastern Ontario) November 16-17. For details visit www.ontariobee.com.

The Michigan Beekeepers’ Association will hold their Spring Meeting at MSU, Kellogg Center, E. Lansing March 7-8, 2008. The keynote speaker will be Larry Connor. Break-out sessions will include Honey Judging Class, Bee Biology, How To Catch A Swarm, Comb Honey Production, Two-Queen System, Health & Beauty, Varroa, Control, Bee Plants, Bee Diseases, Marketing, Starting Hive with a package and more.

For more information contact Dave Anthony, 810.621.4371 or visit www.michiganbees.org.

The Buncombe County Chapter of the NC Beekeepers Association will begin accepting reservations October 10 for their 2008 WNC Beginning Beekeepers’ School scheduled for February 2-3 & 9-10 at the Folk Art Center. The school is free and open to the public but you must pre-register.

You can register online at www.wncbees.org or contact the Buncombe County Extension offices, 828.255.5522.

Beekeepers from Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio and beyond will gather at the 30th Annual Southwestern Ohio Beekeepers School, March 29, 2008 at the Oasis Conference Center near Loveland, Ohio. Jim Tew will be the keynote speaker. Attendance is limited to 300, so be sure to pre-register.

To register and obtain more information visit http://warren.osu.edu and link to the Agriculture and Natural Resource page. You can also call 513.695.1311 or 513.887.3722.

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