Hello again from Kentucky. I hope spring has “sprung” for all of you, and your bees are brooding up nicely in preparation for the early honeyflow. Our bloom in western KY during April consists of henbit, wild mustard, black locust, and other minor nectar sources such as forsythia and other landscape propagation. We sometimes have white clover and tulip poplar during the latter part of April as well. The spring warm-up has been very slow in arriving, or arriving and staying, this year. Our forecast for the next two nights includes a frost warning—which if accurate will be detrimental for the flora presently blooming. This will be the third consecutive year that we have had a late (for western KY) freeze. Normally there is corn eight to 10 inches tall by this date, but this year the weather has been so wet that there has not been anything planted.

A year with weather such as this causes queen production to be pushed farther into the season, which causes splits and nucs to be made later, which causes hives to have overcrowded broodnests, which causes swarming. After four to five days of cool and rainy weather, the hive will be packed with newly emerged bees, combined with their older siblings that are inhibited from flying by the weather, congesting the broodnest. On the next warm and sunny day you may need a swarm box.

Late winter and early spring is the time of year most beekeepers are held in our State. The number of new beekeepers present at these events always impresses me. I am confident there will be a sizable number of “newbies” at the 2008 Conference in Murray.

I hope to renew acquaintances with many EAS regulars at the conference this year. The EAS annual Conference is a fantastic opportunity for educating oneself, but for many of the “regulars,” it is also an opportunity to visit friends that are only seen once each year...at the Conference. One of the things I appreciate the most about the annual Conference is the social activity each day. It is a genuine pleasure to watch the interaction of beekeepers that are relaxing and renewing friendships while sharing a meal or listening to music. I believe the “glue” that holds EAS together is like an epoxy; if there was only the educational portion of the Conference it would be very good, but probably not extraordinary. Likewise, if there were only the social aspect of the Conference we would go to our homes happy, but no smarter than we were before. BUT, when these elements are combined the end product is a week-long event that becomes unmissable (is that a word??)

I hope to see you in Murray August 4-8.

-Kent Williams
Potherings from our Chairman…

I have polled a scientifically significant sample of EAS members and here are the Top Twelve Reasons to join us at EAS 2008 Kentucky.

1. **Popular Speakers** Many beekeepers plan to attend EAS 2008 at Murray State to hear many of the popular speakers from past EAS events such as Jennifer Berry, Clarence Collison, Larry Conner, John Skinner, Kim Flottum, Dewey Caron, and Jim Tew.

2. **New Speakers** EAS 2008 is rich with new speakers and speakers that do not always attend EAS, such as Tom Webster, Sean Clark, Stu Jacobson, Jim Baerwald, Tom Eisele, Zachary Huang, Marion Ellis, Greg Hunt, and Lilia de Guzman.

3. **Short Course** The EAS Short Course provides in depth talks and hands-on activities. This year features a detailed three-part session on **Queen Raising** by Jennifer Berry, the Georgia Grafter.

4. **Workshops** Our Kentucky hosts have planned a great number of workshops on Thursday and Friday afternoons, such as how to:
   - Examine bees for tracheal mites with a microscope
   - Cook with honey
   - Select queens to be your queen mothers
   - Keep bees organically
   - Make beeswax candles
   - Judge honey
   - Reduce bee stress
   - Recognize and understand native bees and non-Apis bees
   - Instrumentally inseminate a queen
   - Identify flowers that honey bees prefer

5. **Bee Talk** Join other beekeepers at meals, breaks, and social events to discuss swarms, splits, requeening, Russian bees, cleaning beeswax, treatments, marketing, and other topics.

6. **Master Beekeeper Program** Challenge your apicultural knowledge by taking the Master Beekeeper challenge.

7. **Honey and Bee Products Competition** Enter your finest products to see how they compare to products from fellow beekeepers.

8. **Kentucky is a beautiful state.** Most beekeepers agree that Kentucky is a picturesque state and is perhaps the most beautiful state, second only to Pennsylvania.

9. **Kentucky Fried Chicken** Several beekeepers from Virginia plan to attend EAS in Kentucky to see if Kentucky Fried Chicken tastes better than KFC in their state.

10. **Kentucky is for lovers.** If you are single, you can probably meet an eligible beekeeper and fall in love in Kentucky. We have had many EAS romances in the past and this year will certainly foster more.

11. **Mammoth Cave** Visit many of the landmarks and parks in Kentucky. One EAS member plans to visit Mammoth Cave again. She says that the main cavity is large enough to fly and land a Boeing 747. The cave is deep underground with many mazes. It is reported that people that have gotten lost have gone crazy due to the deafening silence.

12. **Make Kent Williams and the Kentucky Team Happy.** Our Kentucky friends have been working for more than a year planning a wonderful event for all of us. I have not yet seen anyone cry at EAS – so let’s keep Kent happy. Come to Kentucky and enjoy the good Southern hospitality.

As for me, I am going to EAS for the camaraderie. I enjoy talking with each of you and often only see you once a year. I hope that each of you will join us in Kentucky.

Until August …

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Spring, 2008
Divelbiss Award

Each year the Eastern Apiculture Society gives the Divelbiss Award to that person, or husband-wife team, who has – over a period of years – reached the non-beekeeping public to teach about the values of honey bees in our lives.

Each year you are asked to nominate someone, not necessarily from your own state, who would be a candidate for this award. You may wish to announce this award at your local and state organization meetings and in their newsletters. You may wish to inform officers of state and local organizations and request their input.

The nomination is really very easy. Write a letter outlining what the candidate has done in reaching the non-beekeeping public over a period of time. Such groups as 4-H, Scouts, school groups, media interviews, community organizations, Lions, Garden Clubs, county and state fairs, etc., all qualify as non-beekeeping public.

The letter may also include the teaching of beekeeper’s Short Courses and other instructional work toward education beekeepers and prospective beekeepers. The nominee does not need to be a member of EAS (but we’d be delighted if he/she would join).

Send the letter to: L o r e t t a S u r p r e n a n t , 27 County Home Way, Essex, NY 12936. email: eas@willex.com

Since the award needs to have the recipient’s name engraved on it, the deadline for the nomination is June 15.

If you have any questions, please give me a call or send me an e-mail. I am looking forward to your nomination.

– J I M B O B B , C H A I R M A N

Budding Beekeepers Abuzz Over Brown Classes

Scott Lowenstein, Brown Daily Herald 3/28/08

In a small auditorium in a Lincoln, R.I., high school, a diverse crowd of about 60 watched enthralled as two queens battled to the death, workers in tow. Amid the eerie screams of the fighting queens, Betty Mencucci reminded the audience of the reason for the spectacle.

“Remember, when the queen gets too old and stops producing enough eggs, the workers will create a special egg case for a new queen,” she said, summarizing sections of the movie “Honey Harvest.”

The large audience represents a trend in Rhode Island beekeeping that has the apiculture community buzzing with excitement. More and more people who’ve never dabbled in beekeeping before are excited about starting their own apiaries.

Mencucci, a former Brown University technology instructor who has been teaching her class on bees for 17 years, said she has seen an unprecedented level of interest in beekeeping in recent years.

“For many years, beekeeping was in a decline as mostly older people did it and as they aged or died there was no younger people taking it up,” Mencucci said. “In the last five years, the popularity has increased and my class has grown larger and larger.”

Mencucci said her class had about 20 to 30 students until about 2003, when interest started growing. Class sizes jumped to about 50 in 2005, and last year drew over 80 participants. This year, interest was so high – more than 110 people have registered – that another section was started at the University of Rhode Island.

The classes, which meet on Wednesdays and run until the beginning of April, teach beekeepers old and new the basics of maintaining bees, either for collecting honey or for the medicinal benefits that bee enthusiasts say comes from bee venom.

“Honey Harvest” includes a close-up shot of a honeybee’s barbed stinger pulsing venom into the arm of a beekeeper, as the narrator touts the venom’s purported curative effects for diseases like multiple sclerosis and arthritis.

The popularity of beekeeping classes comes at a convenient time for North America’s bees. Colony Collapse Disorder, a largely mysterious phenomenon that has afflicted as many as 35 states. Though no cases have been reported in Rhode Island as of June 2007, CCD has cropped up in Massachusetts and Connecticut, according to an Aug. 14, 2007 report commissioned by Congress. But even without CCD, Mencucci said keeping bees alive during the winter – when bees hole up in their hives – is challenging because of mites and disease.

John Gardner, a contractor who attends Mencucci’s lectures, said the loss of bees to CCD and mites is a large reason he pursues beekeeping.

And then there’s the sweetest reason for the popularity of apiculture: the honey. All the students interviewed for this story cited the liquid candy as one of the class’s strongest draws.

Despite the noble or culinary ambitions of the participants, the class mostly focuses on the day-to-day work of raising bees.

Amid technical talk of “swarming,” “deep-frame bodies” and “drifting,” Mencucci gave students practical advice about where to place their hives and which bees to purchase.

The class also serves as a networking opportunity for bee buyers and sellers, who take two long trips to the south each year to purchase hundreds of caged “packets” of bees and bring them to New England.

Betty Mencucci is a long time EAS member. We commend her efforts and enthusiasm.

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**Tuesday - August 5, 2008**

8:00-8:45AM  Jim Baerwald - Baerwald Apiaries, Michigan  
*Planning, Design, Construction of Honey House*

9:00-9:45AM  Stu Jacobson, University of Illinois at Springfield  
*Beekeeping Business Options Panel Discussion*

9:45-10:15AM  BREAK

10:15-11:00AM  Kim Flotum, Bee Culture Magazine  
*Good Neighbor Beekeeping Practices*

11:15-12:00PM  Jennifer Berry, University of Georgia  
*Queen Rearing - Pt 2, techniques of grafting*

**Wednesday August 6, 2008**

**EAS SHORT COURSE (BOTH TRACKS) & CONFERENCE**

**Joint session (Beginner & advanced/sideliner)**

8:00-8:45AM  Zachary Huang – Michigan State Univ  
*Honey bee pheromones and their use in beekeeping*

9:00-9:45AM  Dr. Thomas Webster, KY State University  
*Noosema mysteries new and old*

9:45-10:15AM  BREAK

10:15-11:00AM  Stu Jacobson, University of Illinois at Springfield  
*How to get the best disease/mite resistant queens.*

11:15-12:00PM  Dr. Jim Tew, Ohio State University  
*Honey bee Nutrition - how important is it?*

**EAS Conference**

1:30-1:45PM  Welcome from EAS president

1:45-2:30PM  Address by EAS Chairman

2:30-3:00PM  Break

3:00-3:45PM  2008 J.I. Hambleton Award Winner Presentation

4:00-4:45PM  2008 EAS Student Award Winner Presentation

**Thursday - August 7, 2008**

8:00-8:45AM  Jennifer Berry, University of GA  
*Research at the Univ. of Georgia*

OR  Dr. Marion Ellis, University of Nebraska  
*Why does lavender honey sell for $18 per pound?*

9:00-9:45AM  Dr. Gordon Wardell, S.A.F.E. Research & Development  
*Honey bee Supplemental feeding*

OR  Greg Hunt, Purdue University  
*Beekeeping for Varroa Resistance*

9:45-10:15AM  BREAK

10:15-11:00AM  Dr. Larry Connor, Wicwas Press  
*Should This Queen Live or Die?*

OR  Zachary Huang – Michigan State Univ  
*Genetically modified plants, are they causing CCD?*

11:15-12:00PM  Lilia De Guzman, USDA Baton Rouge  
*Breeding Russian Honey Bees*

**Thursday afternoon workshops**

Edwin Holcombe - *Examining for tracheal mites (lab course)*

Michael Young - *Cooking with honey (all afternoon session)*

Dr. Larry Connor, Wicwas - *Selecting queens to be your queen mothers*
We are getting set for EAS 2008 in Murray, Kentucky. The registration form is in this Journal. Please register early so we can include you in all of the activities. Like past years you can register online at [www.easternapiculture.org](http://www.easternapiculture.org) with a MasterCard or Visa and you will be sent your confirmation by email. This does make life simpler for you and for our Treasurer, John Tulloch. It’s quicker and more convenient. So we encourage you to give it a try this year!

Kent Williams and his Kentucky Volunteers have done a great job coming up with a good program and some exciting social events. Please make sure you read all of this Journal so you have all of the information you need to make your choices for EAS 2008.

The program this year includes some faces very familiar to EAS - Larry Connor, Clarence Collison, John Skinner, Jennifer Berry, Kim Flottum, and more. There are also some who are not as familiar to us - Gordon Wardell from Arizona, Lilia De Guzman from Baton Rouge, Jim Baerwald from Michigan. Take a look at the program and you won’t be able to pass up this opportunity.

There is a Fish Fry and a River Boat Gaming night on Wednesday. I’m really looking forward to that event. The Kentucky BBQ and auction will be great. And the week concludes with our Banquet on Friday night. It’s EAS week to the full extent. I hope to see you all there.

As always we need some volunteers to fill in with our Kentucky folks. I encourage you to take this opportunity to work for one or two hours at EAS 2008. You’ll enjoy it, I guarantee, and probably make some new friends. If you’d like to be a part of helping the vendors unload and load, helping in the beeyard, helping with registration or the auction or the Annual Show or just be available wherever we may need extra hands, then please get in touch with me and I’ll put your name on my list.

In our Winter 2008 issue of the Journal which was published in late January, we printed a membership list. As always happens as soon as we print the list it is immediately outdated. We did get emails and letters from several of you saying there were errors. Below you’ll find some of the corrections, but I promise you not all of them are there. We will do our best to publish corrections as we get them, but please be patient. This process is hard to make work because, people move, phone numbers change and dues payments are sent after we’ve already published. So please continue to let us know if something is not right with your information or if you were inadvertently left off. A decision has not yet been made as to when we will publish a complete list again, but we will let you know ahead of time and again try our best to give you the most current information we can.

Another topic of interest regarding the journal is that this is our first issue we will be sending to some of our members electronically. We’ve been talking about this for awhile and now it’s finally happening. One advantage of receiving the journal this way is that you receive it much faster than by mail. As soon as I’m done and even before it goes to the printer I hit the “email button” and you have your journal. Also, it allows us to send you the Journal with color added. This will make so much difference in the photos and the advertising that we publish. This issue does not contain many photos but several of our advertisers have already taken advantage of the color option. It is much too costly to print the Journal in color. We just cannot afford to do that. So I encourage you to take advantage of this and email me that you’d like to start receiving the journal as an email. I think you’ll be happy you did.

We are still taking nominations for the Divelbiss Award for a short time. If you know someone that fits this category please let us hear from you. See the full instructions for nominating on Page 3.

Membership Corrections:
I unintentionally did away with Indiana. I do apologize for this. The subtitle got left off and our Indiana folks were clumped in with Illinois. So if you look at your list you’ll see that the Indiana Beekeepers Association, Greg Hunt, Dave Laney, Joe Papalia and Davis Schulz should be listed under Indiana.

In Virginia the correct email address for Brenda Kiessling is honeyfarmv@yahoo.com.

In Georgia, Keith Fielder was left off - 243 Folds Road, Eatonton, GA 31024, kfielder@uga.edu, 706.485.4151.

Please add Bill Cervenka, 751 Temescal Way, Emerald Hills, CA 94062, 650.365.5548, BillCervenka@comcast.net.

I hope to see you all in Kentucky for EAS 2008. Have a safe and pleasant summer. Keep in touch!

Kathy Summers
Editor & Vice Chairman

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From The Editor –

Steve Taber, 84, of Elgin, SC, passed away May 22. Steve was a prolific writer and had a colorful personality which combined to serve the beekeeping industry for many years.

Steve began his beekeeping career on the University of SC campus in Columbia where his father was a professor of Geology. Steve showed an interest in beekeeping at an early age.

Steve’s first commercial beekeeping experience was in 1941 in Upstate NY where he worked one summer making $30 a month. He worked in NY and WI where he claimed to have learned much of the basics of beekeeping. Steve served in the Navy and taught beekeeping as a sideline job at several local universities. After the Navy, Steve attended the University of WI.

Following college, Steve began with the USDA Bee Culture Division in Baton Rouge, LA where he served for 15 years as assistant to Dr. Otto Mackensen where he pioneered the use of instrumental insemination to breed queens to selected drones. His next USDA assignment was at the USDA Bee Lab in Tucson, AZ, which is where he finished his career as a USDA bee scientist. No one knew the past or current bee literature like Steve. Not only did he know it, he analyzed it and told you who, or what, was right and what was not. There was a point when he was doing more research and publishing more articles than most of the rest of the beekeeping community.

Steve later moved to Vacaville, CA where in cooperation with Tom Parisian, he founded the company known as “Taber’s Honey Bee Genetics” in 1978. Steve moved to southern France before returning in recent years to his home state of SC. Steve continued queen rearing and research work on a limited basis. He enjoyed international prestige as a bee researcher and queen breeder and spoke at beekeepers’ conventions in Europe.

One of Steve’s more popular writings was “Breeding Super Bees” which is an excellent source of information on queen rearing. He was a regular writer for the American Bee Journal and Bee Culture.

He will be missed. One of the neat things about an obscure field like beekeeping is that one can sit beside the giants upon whose shoulders we stand so that we can see further. Steve was one of those giants.
Conference Looks at Turning Landfill Into World's First Pollination Park - Guelph, Ont.

Turning a garbage dump into a bloom-filled haven for birds, butterflies and other pollinating insects is the vision the Guelph Pollination Initiative has for a local landfill site.

In an effort to educate others about this vision to create the world’s first pollination park, the initiative held a daylong symposium March 7.

Hosted by the University of Guelph and the City of Guelph, the event focused on plans to turn Guelph’s Eastview landfill into an urban habitat for pollinators by designing the 100 acres to include plant species that attract pollinators.

The Guelph project involves U of G experts in urban landscape architecture, plant agriculture, integrative biology, environmental biology, and geography who will work with city planners and landfill management engineers.

The goal is for the site to be a model for future pollination parks, intended to help stem a worldwide decline in pollinators that has many people worried about future food supplies.

“We want Guelph residents and people who are interested in the project to come out,” said Prof. Karen Landman of the School of Environmental Design and Rural Development, who is one of the lead researchers in the pollination park project. “It’s about bringing people with a variety of backgrounds together to generate ideas about how pollination habitat can be built back into the landscape. Anyone can play a role in rebuilding the environment.”

Landman spoke on design options for landfill sites. Also presenting from the University are environmental biology graduate student Marianna Horn, who will talk about the importance of pollination, and engineering professor Ed McBean, who will discuss the features of landfill sites.

Other speakers included Julianna Tuell, of Michigan State University, who focused on native plants and their pollinators; Gordon Frankie of the University of California, Berkeley, who described urban pollination in California; and Steven Handel of Rutgers University, who discussed restoration of landfill sites. Guelph City councillor Vicki Beard, a strong proponent of the Pollination Park Initiative, also spoke.

The Canadian Pollinator Protection Initiative Meeting was held in conjunction with the Pollination Park conference, where experts in pollination and pollinator habitat shared ideas.

Government Subsidized Housing
For Ohio Honey Bees

Franklin County OH commissioners voted in April to spend $7,500 to supply hobbyists with hives and protective gear.

The human landlords get gloves, a veil, a textbook, hive, hive tool, smoker and three-pound package of bees.

Commissioners want to boost the population of pollinating honey bees.

“Without the honey bee, we have no food,” Commissioner Paula Brooks said. “Without the honey bee, we have no jobs. The food industry is the largest employer in central Ohio.”

The 15 economic-development grants, worth $500 each, are already claimed. The Central Ohio Beekeepers Association has dozens of applicants from their beginner’s course.

The first winner is an 11-year-old Pleasant Township girl who read about “colony collapse disorder” in school.

Karissa Smith’s parents, took their daughter to the library and then to beekeeping class.

“And before you know, we’re the proud owners of bees,” Mr. Smith said.

Interest in beekeeping is growing, said Barry Conrad of the beekeepers association. Sixty enrolled in the March class, which usually draws 30.

Attention!
Changes To The Journal

Would you rather receive your EAS Journal as a pdf addressed to your email? In an effort to improve our service to you we’d like to start doing this. There are two big advantages to you receiving your Journal as a pdf through email. The first is that I can send you a color version of the Journal. You can see all of the photos and most of our advertisers in color. The second big advantage is that you will receive it even sooner than you already do.

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We started this new process with this Journal.

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Kathy Summers, Editor

MSBA Annual Meeting

The Maine State Beekeepers Association held their annual meeting on Saturday, April 12 in Augusta. Dr. Thomas Seeley from Cornell University’s Department of Neurobiology and Behavior presented a fascinating talk on House Hunting by Honey Bees: biology and Behavior. The University of California, Berkeley, who discussed urban pollination in California, also spoke. Dr. Seeley focused on the importance of pollination, and engineering professor Ed McBean, who will discuss the features of landfill sites.

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There is also camping available at Land Between the Lakes*, but the drive is further. For more information go to: http://www.lbl.org/

*Ken Lake State Park or LBL might also be of interest to those who wish to camp prior to or after EAS. It is a very scenic outdoors area.

Riverboat Gaming Comes To EAS

In the spirit of the Four Rivers Region of Kentucky (where Murray University is located), we have planned a Riverboat Gaming Night for the Wednesday night Social. Relax and listen to pianist Todd Hill (www.toddhillorchestra.com/pages/Todd_Hill.html) or join the games where a modest ante will buy into Blackjack, Poker or Fortune Wheel. Prizes will be awarded in lieu of cash and all proceeds will benefit EAS.

We are asking EAS Life Members to volunteer for this event. If you are an EAS Life Member and you've ever wanted to be a Casino Dealer or Table Assistant, this is your chance. If you're willing to assist with this event, please contact Aaron Morris at director.ny@easteriapiculture.org. We are also soliciting “gaming prizes” from life members, or anyone else willing to donate. Items that will make good gaming prizes include lotions, lip balm, creamed or varietal honey, candles, (new) bee-related knick-knacks and new equipment. Anyone willing to donate items for prizes should contact Toni Downs at tonivdowns@hotmail.com

The Wednesday Social – Riverboat Gaming Night – promises to be a new and exciting event at EAS '08 and we look forward to seeing you there!

-Toni Downs

From the Southwest (Memphis area)
1. Take I-40 East; at Jackson, TN take Route 45 North to Route 79 toward Paris, TN.
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From the East (Louisville area)
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4. On Continue on 641 South approx. 17 miles to Murray.
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4. Continue a few miles into Murray.
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From Southeast (Nashville area)
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5. Continue a few miles into Murray.
6. Once in Murray, turn right at the intersection of Hwy 641 and Chestnut Street.
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August 4-8, 2008
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   2. First & Last Name(s) ____________________________________________

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REGISTRATION

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   Main Conference officially begins WEDNESDAY MORNING at 8:00. Don't Forget!

   Registration Fees – $100/person or $140/family

   3. First & Last Name ____________________________ $100 = $ ______

   4. Family Names (first & last of each) ____________________________ $140 = $ ______

      ONE DAY FEE $40/person/day or $50/family/day

   5. First & Last Name(s) ____________________________

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6. All meals must be purchased in advance and are sold a la carte. Cafeteria meals begin with breakfast Monday morning, no supper will be served Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday (see Special Events on other side). Please indicate how many of each meal you require. Meal tickets will be with your registration packet upon your arrival.

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If you have questions regarding registration contact
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Attendees can choose either a private bath suite or a shared bath suite (one bathroom shared by two adjoining rooms). Dorms are air conditioned and include two twin beds. If taking the shared bath option please indicate if you have someone you want to share with. A linen package is available, or you can bring your own. The linen package includes two sheets, one blanket, one pillowcase, two washcloths and one towel. **PILLOWS ARE NOT INCLUDED, YOU NEED TO BRING YOUR OWN!**

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You can also register online with a credit card at www.easternapiculture.org
Plan now to attend the EAS Conference in 2009 in Ellicotville, New York at the Holiday Valley Resort and Conference Center. Holiday Valley is located in Western New York State, 50 miles south of Buffalo on Rt. 219. Buffalo is the nearest airport if you plan to fly.

The theme next year is “Celebrate the Brethren, Beekeeping Without Chemicals”, and we’ve got a raft of talented and successful beekeepers lined up. For starters, Dr. Tom Rinderer who has headed the USDA Russian Bee project and Bob Brachman a Russian queen breeder who lives right in Ellicotville. Eric Osterland, a champion queen breeder who lives right in Sweden will be joining us, as will Dee Lusby from Arizona, Kirt Webster and Kent Williams...all successful beekeepers and members of the Brotherhood Of Better Beekeepers.

Certainly there are others that will be adding to the story and helping with the Conference. Many speakers are long time EAS regulars and many are new to our group...but all have a voice in the Brotherhood Of Better Beekeepers.

The traditional Short Course will take place Monday and Tuesday as a two level event, one for newly minted beekeepers taught by EAS Master Beekeepers, and the second level focusing on advanced beekeeping skills. Nick Calderone from Cornell University will be helping with the advanced group along with experienced beekeepers and scientists. On Wednesday we will join the two groups for a full day of exposure to our cast of speakers.

Thursday and Friday there will be lectures in the morning and in the afternoons we’ll be in Bob Brachman’s queen production beeyard, or in Andy Card’s honey house, exploring the commercial side of honey production. Also in the afternoon there will be beeyard exercises in the beeyard right at the Resort for those who don’t want to travel, and an assorted program of workshops covering all manner of how-to and arts, crafts and more.

Rooms and meals will be handled directly by Holiday Valley so you will need to work with them for those amenities, and online registration for the conference this year will offer a discount on the registration fee, so check out our web page as the meeting gets closer.

Vendors, a BBQ and our traditional Banquet are all on the agenda too, so plan now on attending EAS 2009 – Celebrate The Brethren, Beekeeping Without Chemicals, August 3 – 7, 2009, at Holiday Valley, Ellicotville, New York.

– Kim Flottum, Past Chairman

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**Obituary**

**John (Jack) Robinson** of Weston, Ontario, Canada died April 20. He was 89 years old.

Jack was the beloved husband of the late Lorna. Both were heavily involved in the beekeeping industry. Jack was a past Director for the Eastern Apicultural Society and served as President in 1992 when EAS was held in Guelph, Ontario. He also served as Director of the Ontario Beekeepers Association and the Toronto District Beekeeper Association.

Jack and Lorna’s joys were the TDBA, the RAWF Honey & Education Booth, their Georgian Bay cottage and Condo in Florida.

Jack is survived by his daughter Cheryl and grandson Dilan.

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**MASS Field Day**

Massachusetts Beekeepers will hold their annual Field Day on June 21st, 2008. Fifteen state and regional beekeepers will offer practical demonstrations using live colonies. The event takes place from 9AM to 4PM at UMASS Agronomy Farm, River Rd., South Deerfield, MA.

Field Day is open to all beekeepers, there is no registration fee, and topics for new & experienced apiarists will be offered throughout the day. Focus this year will include alternative methods of mite and disease control.

Holy Smokes BBQ will provide lunch (must order in advance or bring a lunch), raffles, smoker and frame nailing contests during the day. Check www.massbee.org for details.

Dan Conlon
President MBA
EAS MA Director

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**From Our Penn State Director**

The Pennsylvania State Beekeeper’s Association is making plans for our summer picnic to be held July 18 and 19. Friday will include a tour of the Penn State Honeybee Research Facilities followed by a picnic box lunch at the Raymond B. Winter State Park and a tour of Dave and Linda Hackenberg’s Commercial Facilities. Saturday’s picnic will be an educational day with a beginners track as well as a sustainable approach to beekeeping for the experienced beekeeper. These topics will include various queen rearing options for the small scale operation as well as nuc production to reduce mite levels during the summer. Our meal will include a pig roast and roast turkey, home made rolls and hand cranked ice cream. Our picnic will be at the farm of Craig and Charlene Cella in Loganton, PA just off I-80.

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Life Member Report

I was sitting one day, rocking on my porch and a stranger came up to me and asked, "Have you lived here all your life?" I replied, "Not yet!"

Currently, life membership fee is $250. On paper, it appears to take 10 years of annual memberships to equal a life membership, and many members have taken advantage of the bargain. In fact, almost half of current EAS members are life members! From a "bottom line" point of view, it looks as if the Society enjoys the equivalent of 10 years of paid membership before a life member enjoys "free" benefits. However, a little known fact about the life membership dues is that they go immediately into an encumbered account, the purpose of which is twofold. First, the interest generated from the encumbered account supports the annual student award. Second, the encumbered account is a rainy day fund that can be tapped by special action of the EAS Board of Directors in case of an emergency. In other words, life membership dues are not available to cover the day to day costs of running the Society. Some have opined that Life Members are "dead weight" on daily operating expenses. I'm sure any recipient of an EAS Student Award would disagree, and others may note that life members are likely to attend the annual EAS Conference, regardless of location.

In times of increasing costs, these encumbered funds draw attention as a possible source for cost reduction. It has been discussed at Board meetings that perhaps a set amount can be withdrawn annually to reduce the cost of all members to attend the annual conference. Simple arithmetic shows that such a practice will deplete and eventually exhaust the account, leaving no rainy day fund, and either bring the end to the EAS Student Award, or obviate the need to fund the award from another source. Dipping into the rainy day fund eventually leaves one stuck in a rain storm without an umbrella.

I have always looked at the life members as a group of people who recognize the inherent value of EAS membership. So much so that they acknowledge up front that EAS will continue to be an important part of their life long after they realize the financial benefit of their life membership. Some life members have made donations to a "Life Member Fund", which is more readily available in the balance sheet. Other Life Members regularly make donations to "Honey Bee Research" when they register for the annual conference.

Realizing that I don't have to pay an annual fee usually makes me feel a few dollars ahead when I'm filling out my registration form, and I am inclined to send at least a few of those dollars to "Honey Bee Research." I encourage all life members to do likewise. The generosity of life members (and all donors) is greatly appreciated. Unfortunately, generous donations to a "Life Member Fund" and/or "Honey Bee Research" do not address, and in fact flaunt the issue unique to life membership; encumbered funds!

The EAS Officers and Board of Directors are striving to address an oft stated concern, the arguably high cost to attend the annual conference. Most suggestions, such as dipping into the encumbered life member account, amount to a band aid approach. At the last Board meeting, a bold proposal was made to launch a campaign to build an endowment fund, proceeds from which may grow to be sufficient to cover operating expenses of the Society. A direct impact of such an endowment would be to lower the cost to attend the annual conference. Details of this proposal are sketchy right now, investigation will continue. As implementation of an EAS endowment plays out, life members are logical first players in the effort. Life membership is not forever, but a life members contribution to EAS can be. At this time a suggestion to consider a donation to an EAS Endowment is premature, first because the details of the endowment have yet to be worked out, and second you hopefully have many years remaining in your membership. My intent here is simply to sow a seed.

A friend I haven't met yet came up to me at an EAS conference and asked, "Have you enjoyed your life membership?" I responded, "Not yet!"

- Aaron Morris
Live Member Chair

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Policy & Procedures: The Constitution and By-Laws have been rewritten and approved. We now need to get the Policy and Procedures accomplished. Many items have been submitted and we will continue to work on this.

The board broke at 6:00 p.m. The board meeting was called back to order at 7:00 p.m.

EAS 2008: Kent Williams reported on the meeting. The Conference will be held at Murray State University, Murray, KY the week of August 4-8, 2008. Rooms are air conditioned and there are elevators. Total count for rooms and meals are needed two weeks in advance of the meeting. A secure room will be provided for the treasurer. There will be a BBQ, social, auctions, honey show, beeyard, Master Beekeepers exam, and Kelly Tour. Publicity has been sent out and will be continued. The Directors meeting will take place during lunch.

Speakers are confirmed. Meals for the Short Course and Conference will be provided for the speaker engaged in that part of the program. Speakers will be allocated $40 per night for lodging. Airline tickets will be provided for all speakers from the nearest major airport to Nashville, TN.

A van will be rented for airport taxi service for the week of the conference. If you need transportation you will need to contact Kent Williams.

The Short Course budget was based on 75 people at $100/person. There will be 25 vendors @ $125 for single table/booth. The Conference budget was based on 375 at $100/person. There will be 25 vendors @ $125 for single table/booth. The budget is very conservative and income is projected on the low side.

A motion was made by Steve Genta and seconded by John Baker to accept the President’s Report. All voted in favor of the motion.

Chairman’s Report:

Speaker’s Fund: Jim Bobb stated that we have a Honey Bee Research Fund and suggested a speaker’s fund. The speaker’s fund would help defray cost of key note speakers and other speakers. We need to encourage beekeepers to put money into this fund. There has been one contribution so far. We will try to make the Speaker fund an endowment fund.

Letters of Support: Jim Bobb has been asked to write letters of support for grants. The board said that EAS supports research grants and there is no problem sending letters of support for projects.

EAS ’09: to be held at the Holiday Valley Conference Center in Ellicottville, NY August 3-9, 2009. The site plan has been completed. Bee Culture will be the first sponsor for the EAS short course and conference that is not a state beekeeping group. The Conference Center will supply rooms and meals as a package for a registrant rather than EAS registration dealing with the details. It is compatible with Seven Springs. Program still needs to be developed. Budget should be fairly simple. Will focus on commercial beekeeping, Russian bees and harvesting. Canada will be invited to attend.

Biggest change will be that the Beginning Level Short Course will be turned over to the Master Beekeepers to do. Next two copies of the Journal will announce the proposal.

EAS 2010: An invitation from North Carolina to host EAS 2010 was presented by Dave Tarpy and apiary inspector Will Hicks. North Carolina has 2200 energetic beekeepers and has been since 1986 since they last hosted an EAS meeting. Site locations will be sought out.

A motion was made by Kim Flottum and seconded by Dan Conlon to accept the invitation from North Carolina to host EAS 2010. All voted in favor of the motion.

EAS 2011: Possible hosts Rhode Island and Mann Lake.

Committee Reports:

Editorial Report: Kathy Summers reported the deadline for the EAS Journal is April 15, 2008. Conference registration will be in the May issue of the Journal.

At the next mailing of the Journal, postage rates will have increased. An article was put in the Journal asking how many members would like to receive their Journal electronically. The next Journal will be sent electronically to those who indicated they wanted it that way.

EAS printed and distributed to its members (for private use only) a roster of members by state. Dave Laney would like to see it in the middle of
the EAS Journal. The Board felt it was fine where it was already published.

**Membership:** Chairman Dan Conlon thanked Dave Laney for a great job with the publicity brochure and with sending them out.

Corporate Membership still needs to be developed. Dan will put some ideas together on this and email them to everyone.

Renewal notices has been sent out. Each director has received a list of beekeepers and they need to follow up with renewals.

**Master Beekeepers:** EAS will create an opportunity for additional and advanced classes for Master Beekeepers in order to grow and become better beekeepers. Barry Thompson reported that the committee for certification would be tied with the EAS '08 program.

David Morris stated that a MB's newsletter has been put together. The cost for six pages is $120. He would like to send everyone the first copy but questioned whom should he send the 2nd newsletter to if they haven't paid? The board recommended that the MB's work out the details and then submit a budget to the EAS board.

The EAS '09 NY Short Course program will be turned over to the Master Beekeepers.

**Bee Inspectors:** AIA attended last year's meeting and had a great time. Kent Williams will try to put together a short program for bee inspectors.

**Awards:** Jim Bobb reported that the Award information for the Hambleton, Student Award, Roger A. Morse Teaching, Extension and Regulatory Award, had been advertised.

A chairperson is needed for the Divillbis Award. All that is needed is a letter outlining their qualifications.

**Honey Bee Foundation:** One $5000 award will be offered at EAS 2008.

**Resolutions:** Aaron Morris and Kent Williams are to have the resolutions prepared before the meeting.

**Historian Report:** is due in 2008.

**Life Members:** John Tulloch stated there are 675 members that include 231 Life members. 449 attended EAS '07. 91 were Life members. There are 133 Master Beekeepers and 42 attended EAS '07.

In regards to the EAS Journal, we are losing money with the Life members. We publish 1000 copies of the Journal and distribute 20 copies to each director for further distribution.

We have no revenue stream until registration begins for the EAS 2008, except for what we can collect in dues in which 1/3 of the Life Members are tied up in restricted funds. It was suggested taking money each year from the Life member’s restricted funds and putting it into the unrestricted funds to help with expenses. A committee consisting of John Tulloch, Jim Bobb, Warren Miller, and Dan Conlon will bring back recommendations on how to come up with an equation to remove life member’s money from the restricted funds. Life member fund has $31,000.

Aaron Morris suggested asking the Life Members to donate to the Speakers Fund. A letter will be published in the Journal thanking them for being a Life Member and asking for a donation. Dave Peregmon said he purchased Life Membership forever and would be offended if he were hit up again.

John Tulloch suggested that the board consider setting up an endowment fund. If we have income coming in then the next EAS President would not have to generate so much money from the conference, thereby eliminating the type of letter that Aaron Morris was to send to the Life Members.

A motion was made by John Baker and seconded by Dan Conlon that the Life Membership committee put together information on the endowment fund to be submitted by October 2008 so the Board had time to review it and then defer it until the Spring, 09 Board Meeting when the endowment rep from DE could attend. All voted in favor.

**Nominations:** An official letter must be submitted from each state nominating their candidate for director to the EAS board.

The following nominations are needed: President, Vice President, Treasurer.

Director Nominations Needed: KY; MA; MI; WI; NH; NC; TN; VA
Vacant states: LA; WI; IL; VT; MS
Vacant Provinces: Newfoundland; New Brunswick; Nova Scotia; Quebec; PEI.

A motion was made by Dan Conlon and seconded by Warren Seaver to accept the nomination report. All voted in favor of the motion.

**Website Overview:** Aaron Morris and Steve Genta will review the site.

**Old Business: By Law Amendment:** In order to support the Policy and Procedure Guidelines regarding who can sponsor and host an EAS Annual Conference, two by-law amendments need to be made. The key element, no matter who makes the proposal, is signed off by the Board of Directors. This is the final decision making body, and that decision should be in the best interest of the image and integrity of EAS, and the annual EAS Conference.

The By-law amendments are as follows:

Section 4.3. The officers of the Society shall be members in good standing - DELETE THE FOLLOWING: (except that Association membership and Corporate membership do not qualify). This entry must be deleted so to permit a President to be from either an Association not a State Member Association, or from a Corporation making a proposal.

Section 4.4.3.1: In order to build and maintain a level of expertise on the Executive Committee the VP of the Society shall be nominated from that State/provincial ADD THE FOLLOWING – OR CORPORATE MEMBER which one year hence shall be the host association OR BUSINESS for the annual conference.

A motion was made by Dan Conlon and seconded by Warren Seaver to accept the By-Law change and to present it to the membership at the 2008 EAS Business Meeting. All voted in favor.

John Tulloch recommended having a section in the Policy & Procedure Manual outlining the rights and privileges for corporate members.

David Morris brought up some good points and was asked to explore them.

**New Business:** Jim Bobb asked if it was necessary to hold interim Board Meeting via Conference Call. Board said they felt that was not necessary.

**Teleconferencing:** Billy Davis and Aaron Morris were appointed to investigate the cost of doing Teleconferencing.

**Board Compensation:** A motion was made by Warren Miller and seconded by Aaron Morris that compensation to the board members be raised from $55 to $75 for attending board meetings. All voted in favor.

**Fall Board Meeting:** October 18, 2008 at Holiday Valley Conference Center in Ellicottville, NY

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Kent Williams and seconded by John Baker to adjourn at 10:00 pm. All voted in favor of the motion.

Submitted by: Loretta M. Surprentant, EAS Secretary
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.

The GA Beekeepers Association will be holding their annual Fall meeting September 26-27 at the Rabun County Civic Center, 201 W. Savannah St., Clayton.

Speakers include Robert Brewer, Steve Forrest, Randy Oliver, Dan Purvis, Berry Wright and more.

For more information and to register visit www.gabeekeeping.com.

The Empire State Honey Producers Association will hold their summer picnic July 19 at George & Joyce Lyke’s summer cottage on Oneida Lake. The meeting will begin at 11 a.m. Lunch will be served, please bring your own table service, lawn chairs, drinks, and a dish to pass. Further details will be posted when available on the ESHPA web page www.eshpa.org.

The NC State Beekeepers Association invites all beekeepers to the annual Summer Conference at Sandhills Community College in Pinehurst, July 10-12.

Speakers include Bob Danka, Jennifer Berry, Kirsten Traynor, and Mayann Frazier.

Workshop topics: queen rearing, healing with honey, removing bees from structures, cooking with honey, and more.

A banquet will be held Friday evening. Vendor exhibits and sales booths will display equipment, supplies, gifts, and the latest beekeeping books.

For more information on registration and lodging visit www.ncbeekeepers.org/meetings or Charles Heathery, 919.859.6995, heath7@bellsouth.net.

The CT Beekeepers Association will hold its Field Day on Saturday, June 14 at the Agriculture Experiment Station’s Lockwood Farm, at 890 Evergreen Avenue, Hamden, CT. Dr. Larry Connor will do a workshop on Small Scale Queen Rearing for the hobbyist. There will be a potluck and then hands-on experience in the afternoon.

For more information contact John Baker, berryleidges@optonline.net.

The MD State Beekeepers Association is celebrating its centennial year, will hold their summer meeting June 7, 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Oregon Ridge Nature Center, 13555 Beaver Dam Rd., Cockeysville.

The featured speaker is Kim Flottum, editor of Bee Culture. For more information visit www.MSBeea.org or David Morris at beelfriend@verizon.net.
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