EAS Foundation for Honey Bee Research Award, 2009

A research team from the University of Maryland is the 2009 recipient of the $5,000 Research award for the EAS Foundation for Honey Bees. Galen Dively, Mike Embrey, and Terry Patton submitted a request to support their studies titled “Assessment of Potential Exposure Risks to Honey Bees from Neonicotinoid Insecticide Use on Cucurbit Crops.” The committee recognized their request as worthy of support in our annual effort to recognize and support bee research using funds from the EAS Foundation.

Galen Dively is a retired Professor at the University of Maryland, where he has been engaged in extension and research since 1972. Dr. Dively is still working full-time and, among other activities, is involved in risk-assessment issues of new pesticides to determine the sublethal effects of imidacloprid on honey bee health. Mike Embrey is a full-time agricultural technician and extension apiculturist for the University of Maryland. He represents the University on the Mid-Atlantic Apiculture Research and Extension Consortium (MAAREC) Task Force and has been an active participant addressing the pest management crisis facing the beekeeping industry in the Mid-Atlantic Region. Terry Patton is a full-time Extension Associate who has 20+ years of experience with small plot experimentation involving efficacy testing of insecticides on vegetable and field crops. His current focus is the testing of new active ingredients and insecticide formulations for organic agriculture. In this project, Terry will assist in the establishment and conduct of the pumpkin experiment and will be primarily responsible for implementing the insecticide regimes.

The committee was compelled by the importance of pesticide exposure to pollinators in field crops using “reduced-risk” systemic pesticides. Neonicotinoid insecticides, such as imidacloprid, have been speculated as to their ill-effects on pollinator populations and have even been speculated to be responsible for large-scale mortality and Colony Collapse Disorder. The proposed study aims to assess the levels of insecticide residues in pollen and nectar of pumpkin blossoms, testing a wide variety of systemic pesticides being applied by different techniques (such as bedding-tray drench and drip irrigation). Findings from this study will be helpful to determine the potential role that new insecticide chemistries might play on the health of the honey bee population, as well as provide recommendations for application levels to growers that minimize the exposure risk to bees.

Congratulations to the University of Maryland research team – EAS is pleased to support their study because of its importance to beekeepers and the timeliness of the issue.

David Tarpy
Managing Editor

EAS 2009

EAS 2009 Short Course Schedule

Here’s your chance to explore practical aspects of beekeeping with EAS Master Beekeepers who will be the instructors for the Level One Short Course. They are the ‘been there, done that, what to do and what not to do’ experts from across the spectrum of American Beekeeping. Join the Master Beekeepers to learn how to move beyond your successful start in beekeeping to achieve success in subsequent seasons.

Our list of confirmed EAS Master Beekeeper instructors is impressive – Rick Cooper, Maine; Bob Cole, North Carolina; Billy Davis, Virginia; Allen Hayes, Maryland; Joe Kovaleski, Ohio; Ray Lackey, New York; Landi Simone, New Jersey; Barry Thompson, Maryland; Bill & Nancy Troup, Virginia; Kent Williams, Kentucky.

Level One

Monday

Session One – Housekeeping. Introduction. “You’ve been keeping bees three to four months. Now what?”

Session Two – End of season assessment. Planning for next season.

Session Three – Harvesting the honey crop. Honey houses. Storage of equipment.

Session Four – Marketing your honey. “Moving the crop.”

Session Five – Colony management in the fall. Preparations for the change of seasons.

Session Six – Overwintering

Session Seven – Spring

Session Eight – Diseases – detection, identification, treatment/ management

Tuesday

Level One

Session Nine – Mites. Integrated Pest Management (IPM)

Session Ten – The Joy and Zen of beekeeping

Session Eleven – Summation. Q&A. Feedback on short course.

Merrimack Valley Apiaries Tour for everybody in Level One and Level Two

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Spring, 2009
Greetings from Georgia. I am on my way back from Georgia bringing packages to southeast Pennsylvania. This is the second trip which makes a total of nearly 800 packages. The bulk of the packages are going to new beekeepers. All of the classes for new beekeepers have sold out or had to be limited due to room capacity. The interest in beekeeping has sky rocketed. This year the annual April 1 trip sold out in early February – before many of the classes had started. So, we added a second trip.

Greetings from South Carolina. Why the increased interest in beekeeping? Many of the new beekeepers have told me that it was just something they always wanted to try. But the stories of bee decline in the press created the spark that ignited the explosion of new beekeepers. The public interest in bees has been the silver lining in Colony Collapse Disorder. We have invited Maryann Frazier to EAS 2009 in Ellicottville, New York to give us the latest news on CCD and her research on pesticides residues in pollen, wax, and honey.

Greetings from North Carolina. This is the critical state. Last month, my trailer had a blowout at 2:00 a.m. on I-95 just south of the Virginia border. I thought I was well prepared with two spare tires and tools, but the steel wires from the tire wrapped around the axle and I did not have wire clippers. It took me over an hour to loosen each loop of wire, one at a time. The good thing was that it was at night and the evening was cool so the bees did not heat up.

Greetings from Virginia. I guess you are wondering if it is safe to write an article and drive at the same time. I am tag-team driving with another driver. It takes about 15 hours driving straight through and I could never make it by myself without stopping – and we need to keep moving so that the bees do not heat up.

Greetings from Maryland. The queen-raising operation in Georgia was very impressive. Each mating apiary has 500 double-sided nucs, so a possible 1000 queens can be caught in each yard. Each nuc has two small frames for brood/honey/pollen and a feeder box. The frames are only about 5x5” so theoretically you can find the queen quickly. However, the young queens are not always on the comb and sometimes hide inside the feeder box. The first thing I look for when opening the nuc is not the queen but eggs, larva, and brood pattern. If the queen is not laying or not laying well, we kill her. Later someone will come through the yard, fill the feeder boxes, and insert a queen cell. Because the nuc is small, it takes careful management to keep the correct number of young bees in each nuc. After finding the queen, young bees or a frame of brood might need to be added to the nuc. Or, if there are two frames of brood, one must be removed so that the nuc does not swarm. If you are interested in queen raising, come to EAS 2009 and visit a Russian queen breeding yard.

Greetings from Delaware and almost home. The time is now 8:00 a.m. Friday. The last 24 hours we have been moving nonstop. Thursday started at 6:00 a.m. – that is when the crews start shaking bees. Caging queens started at 10:00. We had enough queens by 2:00, packages assembled by 4:00, and truck and trailer loaded by 5:30. Once loaded, we took off immediately and had to keep moving to keep the bees from heating up in the 88° Georgia heat. The phone calls are already coming in from anxious beekeepers wondering if the packages would be arriving on time – looks like we should arrive home around 9:00 a.m.

Greetings from Pennsylvania. The sun is up and we have to unload the bees quickly into the cool, dark garage so that they do not overheat. Beekeepers are already waiting to pick up their bees. The bulk of the new beekeepers will arrive around noon for the installation demo. The day will not be over until well after dark as beekeepers are scheduled to pickup packages all day long. Hopefully tomorrow I will be able to get back to my production hives to see which ones are thinking about swarming.

New Beekeepers Encore I have talked a lot about the demand for information from new beekeepers. This summer, our first level short course is designed for beekeepers that are just starting or want a refresher course. Our EAS Master Beekeepers will be teaching these courses. Since many local and state organizations provide beginner beekeeper classes,

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2009 President’s Message

When we first began planning the 2009 Conference the world seemed to be a pretty bright place. Although CCD was making a name for itself, the rest of the beekeeping world seemed to be moving along the way it should. We started with some high hopes and grand ideas.

Then came historically high fuel prices that made extensive travel, including air travel, a double look topic when it came to our speakers . . . we wanted to reach internationally to capture voices that were speaking on reducing chemicals in our bees, but we had to re-evaluate our choices in light of the cost. This applied to both distance and numbers certainly. Our initial intentions were to overwhelm attendees with choices – too many choices to be able to see everything. But as the season wore on and the recessionary numbers looked bleaker than ever, our overwhelming aspirations seemed a bit extreme, too.

So as with most things in meeting planning, you do the best you can with what you have. We looked hard at what was close at hand and the folks we’ve found have it all together, and have covered our topic – Toward Non-Chemical Beekeeping – just fine. You won’t be disappointed in this conference I assure you.

The schedule is elsewhere so take a look at the talented roster we have. But let me tell you about some of the activities we’ll have that aren’t quite as evident.

Steve and Sandy Forrest recently told us that the EAS Conference is the best one they go to every year . . . the people who plan these conferences take good care of the vendors, but it’s the attendees who make the show special . . . lots of people that enjoy the conference and make the trip just to see them every year. In fact, most of our vendors feel like that . . . and as a result, if you make it to our EAS meeting you’ll get to visit 30 or more vendors who are there to help you be a better beekeeper. Vendors are an important part of what we do each year, so spend as much time as you can finding out what’s new, what’s better, and why. It’s as educational as the speakers, and you don’t have to sit and be quiet.

Ten years is how long I have been attending EAS conventions. Over those years, I have made many friends at EAS. I wish that I could keep up with everyone throughout the year, but the conference is one time that I get to meet and catch up with everyone. I am hoping that all of you make a special point to register and attend. President Kim Flottum and the people at Bee Culture have planned a wonderfully educational meeting this summer at Ellicottville, New York. Although EAS provides a fantastic learning opportunity, the contacts, friendships, and practical advice from other attendees is perhaps even more valuable.

See you all in August. Don’t forget to bring along a story, a veil, and a friend.

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What’s Happening in Ontario?

Ontario’s Provincial Apiarist Retires

Doug McRory has decided to retire, April 30 2009, from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA).

Doug is a graduate of the University of Guelph, with a B.Agr (1968), specializing in apiculture and entomology. He was the Provincial Apiarist of Manitoba from 1967-1971.

From 1971-1983 the McRory’s operated a 4200 colony commercial operation in Manitoba.

In 1985 P.W. “Phil” Burke retired from the Provincial Apiarist’s position. With this position open, Doug was enticed to return to Ontario and the world of government extension work. He places great importance on the extension aspect of the work.

In 2002 Doug was the recipient of the Canadian Honey Council Fred Rathje award to honour the candidate who “has made a significant, positive contribution of innovative, creative and effective effort to our industry.”

Doug has been involved with or the “lead” in working on many projects that have assisted the bee industry. Some of which expand past Ontario’s borders.

To name a few of a long list:
• Enabling the commercial production of Russian honey bee stock in Ontario
• Facilitating the registration of Apistan and Checkmite+ in Ontario
• Working with key beekeepers to develop Best Management Practices for the bee industry
• Lobbying for and maintaining Canada’s best bee inspection programme
• Actively meeting with all of the 25 local bee associations in Ontario
• Advisor to the Tech Transfer Programme

A 2003 quote by the lead of the Tech Transfer Programme says it all:

“When talking with a bee inspector this summer, I was impressed, but not surprised, to hear how highly regarded Doug is as a boss. He is supportive, enthusiastic and a friend to those who work as inspectors for him. Having traveled with Doug this past summer, members of the Tech Transfer Programme observed his interactions with the beekeepers. Doug knows the families of the beekeepers and is always welcome in their homes. He is directly involved in their beekeeping operations and offers advice to improve their business and to improve the bee industry as a whole. Doug works in the bee industry, but he also is concerned about the beekeepers themselves.” *(CHC Hivelights February 2003)*

Don’t be surprised if you bump into Doug on a lake, fishing for the “big one”!

Keith Forsyth
Ontario Director

OBITUARY

J. Spencer Overholser, 92, of Wyomissing, PA, died Thursday, April 16, 2009 at the Lebanon Veterans Hospital.

Born in Butte, ND he was the son of the late James Galt and Clara Minerva (Groff) Overholser. He would have been married 67 years on June 15 to Ruth (Schell) Overholser.

After graduating from Jamestown (ND) College, he taught school for two years. He served four years in the U.S. Army as Master Sergeant during WWII in the European theater, including Normandy, the Battle of the Bulge, and the liberation of Flossenburg Concentration Camp.

After the war the worked as a Food Chemist in Bismarck, ND, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in Minneapolis, MN and most recently for 23 years as a U.S. patent Examiner in Washington, DC retiring in 1974.

His many lifelong interests and volunteer service included the church, Boy Scouts of America, conservation, beekeeping, genealogy, history, and the arts.

Surviving in addition to his wife is a son, Christopher J., married to Sara Jo Overholser of Richmond, VA; two grandchildren, Robert and Terry Anne Overholser; and daughter, Josephine R.O., married to Ole Helleskov of Sacramento, CA.

Spencer was the last surviving beekeeping charter member of EAS and a member of the PA Beekeepers Association.

He and Ruth attended their last EAS conference in 2000 at Salisbury State, MD, along with charter members Arthur and Louise Strang.

Honey Exchange

This will be the 7th year that we have held our Honey Exchange. If you’re not familiar with what we do, here’s some information. Bring up to three one-pound jars of your very best honey, clearly labeled - name, location and type of honey. You will be given a ticket for each jar up to three. The jars are then put on display for all to check-out until Friday afternoon. At that time each participant brings back their tickets and claims that many jars of whatever honey they have been ‘eyeing’ for the week. Of course, you have to get in line early! Check at the registration table for the exact time and location when you turn in your jars of honey. This is a great way to bring home some honey that is different from what you normally have.
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### EAS Conference Schedule

#### TOWARD NON-CHEMICAL BEEKEEPING

**WEDNESDAY CONFERENCE, (Short Course and Conference meet Jointly)**

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Andy Card and his crew at Merrimack Valley Apiaries have jumped in with all feet to make this meeting special. Merrimack Valley Apiaries is a 20,000 colony migratory beekeeping operation based in Massachusetts, New York and Mississippi. They pollinate a variety of crops . . . cranberries and blueberries and more, make a bundle of nucs for sale every spring, and produce a premium variety of honey and specialty crops. They have a large extraction plant just down the road from the Conference Center, and we’ll get to see all their equipment, watch how they make nucs, find out about commercial scale migratory pollination, and learn their unique marketing tips. Plus, on Wednesday night, they’ll host our pig roast and chicken BBQ, with music, a bit of beer to wash it all down with, and some extra entertainment. Merrimack Valley Apiaries has rolled out the red carpet for EAS . . . you don’t want to miss this special treat.

Since the main focus of this meeting is Toward Non-Chemical Beekeeping, finding out about Russian honey bees, Survivor Honey Bees, and Hygienic Honey Bees should be the name of the game . . . and it is in spades this year. Dr. Tom Rinderer, Bob Brachmann and Kirk Webster have everything you need to know about Russians, and Kent Williams and Adam Finkelstein have lots of information on Survivor Queens, and Gary Reuter has everything you need to know about selecting for hygienics in your bees. You want resistance to Varroa mites . . . here are the answers you have been looking for.

Dr. Tom Seeley, from Cornell will be joining us too, talking about swarming behavior and showing, in the bee-yard, how it all works. Come listen to the workers pipe and watch the dancers dance. It’s a rare and special moment when we have scientists of this caliber share their wisdom and experience. Don’t miss this wonderful opportunity. You’ll tell your grandchildren about this.

There’s so much more of course. I haven’t even mentioned the two level short course on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, the workshops on Thursday and Friday afternoon, the visit to a Russian Queen Breeding yard, the microscopy workshops, our regular BBQ and Banquet, the Master Beekeeper’s meeting and exam, the honey exchange and this year’s first honey taste contest . . . I’m out of room and out of breath. There’s more to explore at EAS 2009. Come and be a part of this fantastic meeting. Bring a friend, or three. You won’t see a meeting like this again. I guarantee it.

Kim Flottum, President, EAS 2009

We will be having our regular auction Thursday night after the BBQ.

We will also have a Chinese Auction where you purchase raffle tickets and take a chance on an item that you like.

Our vendors are always very generous as are all of you. We appreciate your donations and hope you will consider a donation this year. Remember one beekeeper’s trash is another beekeeper’s treasure. We’d like to encourage you to bring bee stuff for kids - books, toys, games, clothes, costumes. These are just some ideas to get you thinking. Look through those things that you haven’t used or even looked at in a while. Someone else might just be waiting for it. Anthony Simpson from Ohio will be our auctioneer this year.

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**DUES**

1. EAS DUES $25/Annual (Single or Family); $250/Life Member (includes family); ..........$___________

EAS Dues must be paid to attend this conference.

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**EAS SHORT COURSE - August 3-5, 2009**

**Short Course Fees** – $159/person, includes lunch everyday all three days Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday.

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**EAS MAIN CONFERENCE - August 5-7, 2009**

Main Conference officially begins WEDNESDAY MORNING at 9:00 a.m. Don’t Forget!

**Conference Fees** – $169/person includes lunch everyday Wednesday, Thursday, Friday.

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**SPECIAL EVENTS** Children under 18 attending Special Events must be accompanied by an adult.

**WEDNESDAY . . .**

6. Pig Roast & BBQ Chicken – **Preregistration required.** # _____ x $15.00/ Person $______

   Offsite at the home of our host Andy Card & Merrimack Valley Apiaries

   Pig Roast Total $______

**THURSDAY . . .**

7. BBQ – **Preregistration required.** # _____ x $28/ Person $__________

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**FRIDAY . . .**

8. Banquet – **Preregistration required.** # _____ x $30/ Person $__________

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The first of these sessions will be held Tuesday Evening, 7-9 p.m. If there is enough interest we will add two more sessions as needed – Wednesday Morning 6-8 a.m. and Thursday Morning 6-8 a.m. to be filled consecutively as each previous session is full. There is room for 12 per session, so the maximum we can accommodate is 36. You will sign up upon arrival at EAS 2009. The cost will be $50. WE ARE NOT TAKING RESERVATIONS FOR THIS WORKSHOP IN ADVANCE, SIGN UP WHEN YOU ARRIVE AND PAY WITH CHECK, CASH OR CREDIT CARD AT THE REGISTRATION TABLE.

ADDITIONAL HELPFUL INFORMATION

HOLIDAY VALLEY – You will need to make your hotel reservations with Holiday Valley on your own. You will have the option of purchasing breakfast tickets when you reserve your room. Be sure and mention you are with EAS and the beekeepers when you call. If you are staying at a different hotel, breakfast will be on your own. Breakfast is not a part of your EAS Registration fee. Please visit www.holidayvalley.com to learn more about the facilities at Holiday Valley. Or visit www.ellicottvilleny.com to see what other options are available. There are several hotels, B&Bs and camping options close by.

MEALS – Lunch is included in your EAS registration fee and you will need to make sure you have your name tag each day to identify you. That is what will get you lunch – your name tag. This starts Monday with Short Course. Sunday, Monday and Tuesday night dinner is on your own. We encourage you to explore the area. There are many restaurants to choose from in Ellicottville and the surrounding area.

SPECIAL EVENTS – Wednesday Night – You don’t want to miss this one. Andy Card and his crew at Merrimack Valley Apiaries has graciously agreed to host a pig roast for us at their site, which is only a few minutes away from Holiday Valley. We will have a pig roast and chicken and all of the fixins. There will be beer and soda furnished with the purchase of your meal. And we’ll have some music for entertainment. It will be a fun night.

Thursday Night BBQ – Our traditional night of food and fun will take place onsite at Holiday Valley. We have not chosen the final menu yet, but it will be prepared by Holiday Valley Chefs. Our auction will be held after the BBQ.

Friday Night Banquet – This will be our traditional buffet. Jim Tew of Ohio is our banquet speaker. Life Member, Master Beekeeper, Divelbiss and Honey Show awards will be presented.
EAS 2009

Thursday Continued
12:30 – 1:30 Lunch In The Vendor and Classroom Area

Workshops in the afternoon (see below)
BBQ and Auction at supper

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Afternoon Workshops
Tour of Andy Card’s Facility/Workshops
Banquet in Evening

2009 Workshops

These speakers and topics are tentatively scheduled. There may be some changes will be published in the Summer Journal and on our website.

Thursday
1:30 – 2:15
1. Ernesto Guzman, African Honey Bee Update/Overview
2. Joanne Thomas, Bee Fit For The Beeyard
3. Dave Duncan, removing Bees From Structures
4. Jennifer Berry/Gary Reuter, Raising Queens
5. beeyard – Tom Seeley, Eaves Dropping On The Scout Bees Swarm Debate, part 1
6. beeyard – Will Hicks, Don Hopkins, Jennifer Keller
7. beeyard – Master Beekeepers

2:30 – 3:15
1. Larry Connor, Chemical free queen breeding
2. Joe and Sue Koveleski, Award winning candles
3. Peter Sieling, Beeswax Wood Finishes
4. Maryann Fraiser, Overview of Colony Collapse Disorder
5. beeyard – Tom Seeley, Eaves Dropping On The Scout Bees Swarm Debate, part 2
6. beeyard – Will Hicks, Don Hopkins, Jennifer Keller
7. beeyard – Master Beekeepers

3:30 – 3:30 Break

3:30 – 5:30 Russian Breeder Beeyard visit with Bob Brachmann, Tom Rinderer, Mike Potoczak, Charlie Harper. Plus, mite sampling and diagnosis for varroa, tracheal mites and nosema with Ontario Tech Transfer Team.

3:30 – 4:15
1. Claire Waring, Award winning photography
2. Ellen Harnish, Encaustic painting
3. Ann Harman, Design Your Dream Honey House
4. Adam Finkelstein, Sare Grant Work:
5. beeyard - Master Beekeepers

4:45 – 5:30
1. Robert Brewer, European honey judging
2. Roberta Glatz, Topic TBA
3. Margaret Reid, Teaching The Public About Bees
4. Jim Bobb, Honey Plants You Should Know
5. beeyard – Master Beekeepers

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Friday Workshops
1:30 – 2:15
1. Mike Hood, Small Hive Beetle
2. Peter Selling, Building A Better Beehive
3. Larry Connor, Chemical Free Queen Breeding
4. Ben Slay, Ergonomics and Beekeeping
5. beeyard – Ross Conrad, Splits
6. beeyard – Jennifer Berry/Gary Rueter, Queen Production
7. beeyard – Kirk Webster, Splits and Resistant Bees

2:30 – 3:15
1. Jim Tew, Topic TBA
2. Gary Shilling, Keeping Bees In The Wilds Of New Jersey
3. Sherry Ferrell, Gift & Craft Ideas
4. Duane Waid, Everything Candles
5. beeyard – Jennifer Keller/Dave Tarpy
6. beeyard – Jennifer Berry/Gary Rueter, Queen Production Continued
7. beeyard – Master Beekeepers

3:15 – 3:45 Break In The Vendor Area

3:45 - 5:00
1. Sherry Ferrell, Cooking With Honey

3:45 – 5:30 – Tour to Andy Card’s extracting facility including additional Tour of Indoor Wintering Facility

6:30 Banquet, Award Ceremony, Pass The Gavel to North Carolina, Banquet Speaker Jim Tew

2009 Instrumental Insemination Three Day Course

Join us September 9th -11th, 2009, for the first annual instrumental insemination course taught by Dr. Joseph Latshaw. This course is designed to help individuals learn the science of instrumental insemination and the art of perfecting this valuable technique. Course attendance will be limited in order to maximize the benefits of a small group setting. Ample opportunities for individualized instruction and plenty of practice will be provided.

Dr. Latshaw has over 20 years of beekeeping experience and specializes in the design and production of award winning instrumental insemination equipment. Dr. Latshaw has designed two insemination devices: the Latshaw Instrument and the new Latshaw Micro Instrument. Dr. Latshaw’s instrumental insemination skills and his extensive background in honey bee genetics have allowed him to significantly contribute to the beekeeping community by providing exceptional breeder stock to commercial queen and honey producers across the United States. Locally, Dr. Latshaw has assisted the Ohio Queen Project in developing superior stock around the state.

Dr. Latshaw has spent hundreds of hours teaching beekeeping skills, and he is a frequently sought after speaker. Join him for this great opportunity to learn the instrumental insemination technique. Applications are required. Enrollment will be closed when the course is full. Please visit www.latshawapiaries.com for additional information and an application.

The total cost per participant is $780 – $480 course registration and three days of instruction; $300 room and board: includes overnight accommodations for four nights (9/8-9/11) and all meals.

We look forward to working with you. Latshaw Apiaries ~ 6050 Harlem Road, New Albany, Ohio 43054 ~ 614.855.9065

Corrections

In the Winter 2009 issue we printed our membership list. As always happens there are some corrections to mention. I’m sure this is not all of them, but if you continue to let me know, I will do my best to get the corrections made before we reprint in the future.

First, I neglected to distinguish Vermont. I mixed them in with Virginia. The names listed at the end of the Virginia list from George Gillispie through Enoch Thompkins should have been under the heading Vermont.

Our Director from Maryland, David Morris should have had Life member status indicated. Joe Bayer from Pennsylvania should have been listed as a Master Beekeeper.

I got some responses to my inquiry about usage of this printed list. All of the responses I did get were positive asking that we continue to do this approximately once a year. So we will continue to update and try to be as accurate with the list as we can. Please understand we are only human and there will be errors, but we’ll do the best we can.

Thank you for your continued input and suggestions as to how to make the Journal better for our members.

Kathy Summers
Editor
**2009 EAS Roger Morse Award**

**Dr. Wm. Michael Hood** has been chosen for the 2009 Roger A. Morse Outstanding Teaching/Extension Service/Regulatory Award, supported by the Anita Weiss Fund.

Dr. Hood has been involved in apiculture teaching, extension service, or regulatory service at Clemson University since 1988. He joined the department as a full-time regular faculty member in 1995. Prior to that, Mike had a joint appointment with the entomology department and the Department of Plant Industry and served as the State Apiarist & Extension Apiculturist. Mike’s current apiculture appointment 68% extension, 10% teaching, and 22% research.

Dr. Hood began here by assisting beekeepers in the management of *Varroa* mites and tracheal mites. In addition to his efforts to assist beekeepers to deal with those two introduced pests, he is now working with them to include management of the small hive beetle. Mike has oriented his extension and research activities toward the development, evaluation, and implementation of effective and efficient integrated management strategies for these pests.

Dr. Hood is actively involved with the SC Beekeepers Association which he has served as Executive Secretary for the past 21 years. For the past 20 years, Mike has served as editor of the “News for SC Beekeepers” which is a newsletter mailed to over 2,050 beekeepers and is on the department website, [www.bugs.clemson.edu](http://www.bugs.clemson.edu). Dr. Hood’s high profile extension apiculture program is recognized at the state, regional, national, and international levels. He regularly interacts with apiculturists in GA, NC, and FL. He has given presentations at many EAS annual conferences. In addition to his state and regional activities, he has given invited presentations on small hive beetle pest management at the joint meetings of the 7th International Beekeeping Research Association Conference on Tropical Bees, Management and Diversity & 5th Asian Apicultural Association Conference the 37th Apimondia International Apicultural Congress, the 2nd International Conference on Africanized Honey Bees and Bee Mites, the 13th International Congress of Actualisation in Beekeeping, the Entomological Society of America Southeastern Branch Meeting, the 39th Apimondia International Apicultural Congress, the 8th International Bee Research Association Conference on Tropical Bees and VI Encontro Sobre Abelhas, the 15th National Congress of Apiculture of France, and the 40th Apimondia International Apicultural Congress.

Dr. Hood implemented a number of innovative apiculture extension programs in SC. In 1996, he initiated the *SC Master Beekeeper Program*. Mike co-authored the program’s Resource Guide which contains the Instructors Manual, lesson plans, and background information. He currently serves both as an instructor in this program as well as the program administrator. As such, he is responsible for coordinating training sessions, grading written and practical exams, helping maintain program records, and preparing and presenting completion certificates to those who achieve one of the four program levels. Over 575 SC beekeepers have achieved at least the certified level of the SC Master Beekeeper Program since its inception. He also has initiated *Project Bee Extension* in which he has trained County Extension Personnel located throughout the state to serve as the first point of contact for honey bee related issues. He also initiated an apiculture program, *Project Bee 2000*, at Broad River Correctional Institution in Columbia, SC. Under his instruction and administration, 75 horticultural staff or inmates at Broad River Correctional Institution completed the certified level of the SC Master Beekeeping Program. As a result of the project, the Department of Corrections has established and maintained honey bee colonies that provide honey for consumption in the dining facilities while serving as pollinators on their vegetable and fruit production farms.

Dr. Hood developed a very productive research program that is strongly linked to his extension activities on *Varroa* mite, tracheal mite, and small hive beetle integrated management. He has 21 refereed publications, with two others in preparation or submitted for publication, based on his work at Clemson. In addition to his refereed publications, Mike has authored two, and co-authored two, book chapters on honey bee pests, has written for trade journals, and has prepared Extension publications. His most recent publication was a result of an invitation from Encyclopaedia Britannica to write a featured article on “Honey Bees and CCD” which was published in the 2009 Book of the Year.

Dr. Hood teaches Apiculture (ENT 308) in alternate years. Student evaluations show he is an effective instructor who provides valuable hands-on learning experiences. As one example, he has involved several of the students in that course as instructors for the staff and inmates participating in *Project Bee 2000*. This service learning project was supported by a Clemson University Innovation Fund Award.

In addition to his formal classroom teaching, Dr. Hood develops and conducts in-service training sessions and short courses for county extension personnel and beekeepers throughout SC, and is regularly invited to participate in similar activities in both GA and NC. He also is regularly invited to speak on a variety of topics that have included: honey bees, Africanized bees, wax moths, imported fire ants, honey bee pollination, general entomology, protecting pollinators from pesticides, and many others. His audiences are equally diverse ranging from volunteer fire departments, to church groups, K-12 students, civic organizations, and garden clubs.

Dr. Hood is an active member of the American Association of Professional Apiculturists since 1995. Over the years, he has served on many AAPA committees and served as Vice President in 2006, Program Chair of the 2007 American Bee Research Conference, and President in 2007-2008. AAPA’s membership is made up of apiculture extension, research, and regulatory specialists along with others in the U.S. and Canada.

Dr. Hood is also an active member in NC508, a group of apicultural scientists from throughout the U.S. who meet annually to plan and coordinate bee extension and research projects. He served as the Secretary of NC508 in 2007 and was the Chair of this group of scientists for 2008. In the role of Chair of this organization, he assumed the lead role in coordinating the affairs of the group and wrote the annual research proposal.

**Congratulations Dr. Hood.**
Dr. Reed Johnson is the winner of the EAS 2009 Student Award. He received his PhD from the University Of Illinois, working with Dr. May Berenbaum. Before that he worked as a beekeeper and research assistant with Dr. Jerry Bromenshenk.

His PhD work included work on pesticides and honey bees, specifically tau-fluvalinate (Apistan) and the enzymes associated with detoxification of that compound in bees. From there he worked with other scientists looking at the complete inventory of cytochrome P450 genes in the Apis mellifera genome. These are the genes responsible for detoxifying toxic compounds in the honey bee environment. He was one of the co-authors on the Nature paper on the Honey Bee Genome.

A major finding of this work was the finding that the two principle pesticides used in-hive by beekeepers – coumophos and fluvalinate – when combined, synergize each other’s toxicity by several-fold. When coupled with other information regarding the high levels of these two chemicals found in stressed hives, this finding is even more important.

This work led him to be heavily involved in the Colony Collapse Disorder research that is still ongoing, and he has found useful markers to alert beekeepers of incipient problems before major losses occur to stresses from pesticides, but these findings may point to one of the root causes of CCD.

The future of the beekeeping industry relies on the work, and the findings of students such as Dr. Johnson. EAS is proud to honor his work at the EAS Conference this summer, and encourages you to attend and learn from his presentation.

Congratulations to Dr. Johnson. Be sure to meet Dr. Johnson and attend his talk at Holiday Valley.
2009 Honey Show

The typical EAS Annual Show is taking a rest this year. Participation has been considerably down the past couple of years so we've decided to scale back and keep it very simple for 2009. We're only doing the “Black Jar” Class - see below. There will be a $5 entry fee and the winner will receive a ribbon and half of the entry money.

Robert Brewer, EAS Director from Georgia and International Honey Judge will be judging your honey.

Entries will be accepted Wednesday August 5 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Check at the registration desk for location.

Black Jar of Extracted Honey
1. One jar of extracted honey, any color;
2. Exhibitor will enter honey in their own opaque container;
3. Honey will be judged solely on the merits of its taste;
4. Exhibitors may remove their entry any time on the last day of the conference.

NC State Beekeepers

North Carolina State Beekeepers invite all new or experienced beekeepers to the 2009 NCSBA Summer Meeting. The theme is “Natural Beekeeping in the Face of Diseases and Pests.” It will be held at Wilkes Community College (www.wilkescc.edu) in Wilkesboro, NC from noon on Thursday, July 9 until the afternoon of Saturday, July 11, 2009.

Featured talks will include Nosema, Small Hive Beetles, American Foulbrood, Non-Chemical Control of Varroa Mites, Pesticide Residues in Honey Beehives, and Certified Naturally Grown Queens, Bees, Honey and Wax. Workshops are planned on Using Your Own Wax for Foundation, Reducing Honey Bee Stress, Keeping Bees without Foundation or Chemicals, Natural Queen Rearing, Cooking with Honey and Bee Venom Therapy.

Speakers and workshop leaders include Steve Pernal, Roger Simonds, Mark Carroll, Holly Wantuch, Buddy Marterre, Virginia Webb, Jennifer Berry, Ann Harman, John Ambrose, David Tarpy, Don Hopkins and many others.

For fun, there will be an Apple Orchard Tour, a Wine Grapes Tour (complete with a home wine making demonstration), and tours of the newly expanded Brushy Mountain Bee Farm. The Awards Banquet will be hosted by Steve and Sandy Forrest at Brushy Mountain Bee Farm.

For more information visit www.ncbeekinders.org. Don’t miss it!
Extracting Kits

Junior Bench Extractor Kit
Junior Bench Extractor Kit—The Junior Bench Extracting kit is the perfect extracting set up for the beginning beekeeper. The kit comes complete with 1 Junior Bench two frame extractor and stand, 1 bottling bucket kit, 1 speed king electric knife, plastic uncapping tub and 1 capping scratcher.

M00390KIT JB Extractor Kit ........................ $515.00

This ships in 4 pkgs.
1 pkg @ 47# 1 pkg @ 8#
2 pkgs @ 35#

Little Wonder Hand-Extractor Kits
Power style also available
Little Wonder Extractor Kits—A step up in size from the Junior Bench. The little wonder extracting kit is perfect for the hobby beekeeper. It is available in both hand and power styles. This four frame extractor comes complete with extractor and stand, 1 bottling bucket kit, 1 speed king electric knife, plastic uncapping tub and 1 capping scratcher.

M00396KIT LW Hand Extractor Kit ................... $559.00

This ships in 4 pkgs.
1 pkg @ 78# 1 pkg @ 8#
2 pkgs @ 35#

M00403KIT LW Power Extractor Kit ................. $849.00

This ships in 5 pkgs.
1 pkg @ 78# 1 pkg @ 13#
2 pkgs @ 35# 1 pkg @ 8#

Ranger Power Extractor Kit
Hand style also available
Ranger Extractor Kits—For those who prefer a radial extractor this is for you. The Ranger extracting kit is available in both the power and hand styles. It is capable of extracting 6 - 6 1/4" frames or shallow frames radially or three deep frames tangentially by using the optional baskets. The 6 frame radial extractor comes complete with extractor and stand, 1 bottling bucket kit, 1 speed king electric knife, plastic uncapping tub and 1 capping scratcher.

M00400KIT Ranger Hand Extractor Kit ............. $639.00

This ships in 4 pkgs.
1 pkg @ 78# 1 pkg @ 8#
2 pkgs @ 35#

M00401KIT Ranger Power Extractor Kit ............ $925.00

This ships in 5 pkgs.
1 pkg @ 78# 1 pkg @ 13#
2 pkgs @ 35# 1 pkg @ 8#

M00402 Optional Baskets, for Deep Frames, Ship Wt. 8 lbs. ... $84.75
BOARD OF DIRECTOR’S MEETING
March 14, 2009, West Chester, PA

Call to order: Chairman, Jim Bobb called the Eastern Apicultural Society of North America to order at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 14, 2009.

Roll Call: In order for a director to be able to vote their State/Provincial dues need to be paid. New York and Ontario have not paid yet.

Present: Jim Bobb, PA; Kim Flottum, OH; Kathy Summers, OH; Loretta Surprenant, NY; John Tulloch, DE; David Peregmon, NJ; Ray Lackey filling in for Aaron Morris, NY; Dan Conlon, MA; Gerry Fitzgerald, WVA; Joe Kovaleski, OH; John Baker, CT; Warren Miller, PA; David Morris, MD. On Conference Call: Dave Tarpy, NC; Ed Lafferty, RI; Carol Cottrill, ME; Steve Genta, SC; Barry Thompson.

Director’s Absent: Billy Davis, VA, Robert Brewer, GA; Jim Carmack, AL; Jim Garrison, TN; Toni Downs, KY; Warren Seaver, DE; Keith Forsyth, ONT.

Secretary’s Report: A motion was made by Ray Lackey and seconded by Kim Flottum that the minutes be accepted with a minor correction. All board members voted in favor of the motion.

Treasurer’s Report: The Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2008 showed total liabilities and equity of $129,700.25. Profit & Loss Income January-December 2008 showed $4048.47. EAS Budget overview January-December 2009 net income $3,810.00 A motion was made by John Baker and seconded by Davis Morris to accept the report pending audit. All board members voted unanimously in support of the motion.

The Finance committee has been considering how to increase EAS’ income. Additional income is needed if EAS is to grow in its ability to provide superior training courses and conferences.

A second issue that the Finance committee looked at was the financial management of EAS’s investments. (Note: None of EAS current investments have lost value and all are insured).

Therefore the committee has been in contact with the Delaware Community Foundation, a professional money management firm that provides investment services to non-profit organizations like EAS. The Delaware Community Foundation is a 501 (c) 3 tax exempt organization and essentially what they do is act as a trustee for their clients. They pool the funds on deposit with them for investment and then provide all the administrative services, such as, writing the trust agreement, and accounting for all income and disbursements to the individual trusts they manage. Additionally they prepare and mail the documentation required by the IRS to donors for donations that qualify as tax deduction. They have the capability to accept not only money; but they can accept other assets such as stock certificates, bonds, and CD’s for deposit into an EAS trust account. This capability is a service that is important for our membership when they make charitable contributions.

The finance committee also took up the issue of how much risk would be prudent for an EAS investment. The dollar amount agreed was $20,000. This number was arrived at by considering how much money was considered “rainy day funds,” the maturity dates of the CD EAS currently possesses the amount of cash in the Edward Jones money market fund, cash on hand, and the Society’s cash flow.

$40,000 has been collected for life membership over the years and none of that money has ever been rolled into paying EAS Operations costs. Next we considered cash flow. In simple terms EAS has several large expenses between now and when the pre-registration income begins to flow in. Those expenses are the $5,000 research grant, approximately $2,500 for an issue of the "Journal," an as yet unspecified amount to deposit for the conference facilities and $2,500 in normal operating expenses. By limiting EAS’s initial investment to $20,000 ample funds will be available to supplement cash flow, and deal with unanticipated requirements.

Finally, the finance committee took up the issue of Foundation management fees. Foundation management fees range up to 1% of the assets under management, but not less than $250/yr. The finance committee considers these fees to be acceptable and the risk to be minimal.

Therefore: the EAS Finance Committee recommends that EAS invest $20,000 with the Delaware Community Foundation in their Traditional Pool balanced fund which is 65% equities and 35% fixed income with a goal of conservative growth, capital appreciation and principal preservation.

A motion was made by Gerry Fitzgerald and seconded by David Morris to use Delaware Community Foundation as our investment firm. All voted in favor of the motion expect for Kim Flottum who abstained.

After much discussion, a motion was made by John Baker and seconded by Dan Conlon that EAS invest $20,000 in the Traditional Account with the Delaware Community Foundation. $10,000 will be taken from the HBR and $10,000 from the general operating fund with profits and losses rolled back into each account. All voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Ray Lackey and seconded by John Baker to give John Tulloch the authority to work with the Delaware Community Trust executive committee to deal with restraints, guidelines, etc. All voted in favor of the motion.

Past President’s Report EAS 2008: The Board stated it was a great conference in all aspects. EAS 2008 made a profit of $4048.47.

A motion was made by Kim Flottum and seconded by Dave Pergemon to amend the agenda to accommodate those on the conference call. All voted in favor of the motion.

Sites:
EAS 2011: Ed Lafferty and Everett Zurlinden, RI reported that they had been to the University of Rhode Island to negotiate a date. There seems to be a high school group of around 1500-2000 kids who attend there each year and the University will not commit to EAS’ August meeting date until they hear from the school group first. Ed and Everett asked the board what the latest date was that the university could commit. The board said that we would need to know by August 1, 2009 so we could report to the EAS membership.

Another option would be to see if the University had availability in the month of July. If this could not be worked out perhaps we could ask Virginia to host the conference in 2011 instead of 2012.

EAS 2009: Short Course: Barry Thompson and the Master Beekeepers will be in charge of the beginners Short Course. There will be eight sessions on the first day and four sessions on the 2nd day. We have about 20 master beekeeper speakers on the program. Compensation for the Master Beekeepers who attends & teaches Short Course Level 1 & Level II will attend for free. EAS will pay for registration and lunch. The Short Course is budgeted for 100 attendees with a registration fee of $159.00.

President’s Report EAS 2009 NY: to be held at the Holiday Valley Conference Center in Ellicottville, NY August 3-7, 2009. Conference registration cost will be in the $170 range which will include lunch and based upon 275 attendees. The cost of a room is in the range of $160/night which includes breakfast. Parking is free at the hotel and at the meeting room parking lots. Kim Flottum noted that EAS ‘09 has a negative budget.

There will be two levels of beekeeping. The Advanced Bee Class will be headed up by Kim Flottum and Nick Calderone. The beginner’s session will be spearheaded by Barry Thompson, Clarence Collison and the Master Beekeepers.

Webpage: will include each day’s schedule, a short description of the events of each day, contact information for local Continued on Next Page
hotels, B&Bs, camping and trailer parks. The Registration Form will be up on the webpage by May 1st. Registration closes July 1 as we need numbers to Holiday Valley by August 1st.

Special Events: A tour of Bob Brackmann’s Queen Breeding and Andy Car’s Honey House will be part of the activities. There will be a Pig Roast & BBQ, Annual Banquet and an auction. A microcopy workshop as well as other workshops will be offered. Some sessions are off site and transportation will be needed.

Dave Morris suggested doing a marketing survey from the questionnaires handed out and filled out by the participants from the previous years. The “Waggle” will be published again this year. It was suggested that we have special classes or group sessions such as a Queen Breeders class to talk about their interest to help encourage more attendance.

Chairman’s Report: Jim Bobb reported on the following:

Speaker & Education Fund Update
We will be offering the option to donate to both Honey Bee Research and the Speaker and Education Fund on the conference application form and the membership renewal forms.

Longwood Gardens will donate to the Speaker and Education Fund in exchange for work to support their 2009 theme of pollination in the garden.

Sources of funding include:
• Finding grants and charities that might contribute to our funds
• Encouraging members and friends to include EAS as a beneficiary in their wills and life insurance

Other avenues to pursue are welcome.

Education & Outreach Committee
Proposal to assess & document the education resources currently available to state/organizations has been received by several states but the information has not yet been compiled.

Award Nominations and Request for Proposals for Honey Bee Research
Letters have been distributed for the James I. Hambleton Memorial Award; Roger A. Morse Outstanding Teaching/Extension Service/Regulatory Award; and Student Apiculture Award – the deadline for submission is April 6, 2009. A call for proposals for Honey Bee Research has also been distributed with a deadline for submission of March 31, 2009.

Nomination Committee Chairperson
EAS needs a chair for the Nomination Committee. Ann Harman has drafted the responsibilities of this position for the policy and procedures manual. If you are interested, Loretta can provide the expectations for the committee.

EAS 2010: will be held at Appalachian State University in Boone, NC. August 2-6, 2010. The site inspection has been done. There is no budget available now as the University is reluctant to give budget numbers at this time. There are some parking issues and the University if concerned about having bees on the premises. They will ask the Department of Ag & Markets to work with them giving them assurance.

It was suggested that we have a video tape available showing how other places had no problem with the bees. There is plenty of meeting room space and the dorms are within walking distance. Meal prices are reasonable. Dave Tarpy said he is trying to do a session to train the trainees. Conference grants up to $10,000 are available and he might need letters of support.

A motion was made by Kathy Summers/Flottum and seconded by Dave Morris to authorize $2000 as seed money to EAS 2010 for promotional material. All voted in favor of the motion. An amendment was made to send $500 now with the remaining balance by June 1st. All voted in favor of the amendment.

Committees:
Editorial Report: Kathy Summers reported that the electronic Journal was going well. David Morris said that in order to read the newsletter it needs to be horizontal but Kathy said that was not possible. The deadline for the Journal is April 15th.

Membership: Dan Conlon reported that we all need to promote the NY Conference. Our goals should be to try to bring in different kinds of members. We need to try to get more sponsorship which fall under Corporate Memberships.

Brochures: We broke even on the brochures. The EAS’09 brochure seemed to do better for us.

Renewals: The solicitation letter was sent back out around the first of the year with a good return.

Corporate Membership: Kim Flottum stated that he sent out the proposal but did not hear from anyone. Therefore, no action has been taken and will be tabled until the summer meeting.

Master Beekeepers: will be helping with Level 1 of the Short Course.

Awards: The Student Award, J.I.Hambleton, Roger A. Morse/Weiss Teaching, Extension and Regulatory Award and Divelbiss Award has been sent out.

Foundation for Honey Bee Research: Dave Tarpy said that the deadline was March 31st. A $5000 award will be offered at EAS 2009. Dave is looking for commit-
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### 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 Heartland Apicultural Society (HAS)** will host their annual conference July 9-11, 2009 in Oberlin, Ohio. Please visit [www.heartlandbees.com](http://www.heartlandbees.com) for more details.

**The Connecticut Beekeepers** will hold their Field Day on Saturday, June 13th at the CT Agricultural Experiment Station’s Lockwood Farm in Hamden. Dana Stahlman from Ohio will talk about Queens for the Hobbyist, and Anne Frey from NY will show us how to manage colonies with medium supers. There will be a potluck lunch, so please bring your favorite dish.

**SNEBA 2009** will be held Saturday, November 21st at the Unitarian Society in Hamden. Please check our website [www.ctbees.com](http://www.ctbees.com) for more information, but reserve this date.

**The Kentucky State Beekeepers Association** will hold their Summer Field Day on June 6, 2009 at the Walter T. Kelley Company. There will be hive inspections and several tracks for every level of beekeeper. More information www.ksbabekeeping.org.

**Empire State Honey Producers Association** will be holding our summer meeting and picnic in Waddington, NY on Saturday July 25, 2009. The guest speaker will be Alison Van Alten. For additional information, please go to www.eshpa.org.

**The Ohio State Beekeepers** summer meeting will be at Brukner Nature Center, 5959 Horseshoe Bend Road, Troy, Ohio. June 19th from 6:00pm to 9:00pm is slated for informal discussion and June 20th from 8:00 am to 4:00pm will be the the summer meeting topics with Clarence Collison as keynote speaker. More info please contact-Tony Rimkus at rimkus@juno.com.

**The Ontario Apitherapy Association Symposium and Ontario Beekeeper's Association Summer Meeting** will be held jointly June 26-28. Please visit [www.ontariobee.com](http://www.ontariobee.com) for details on location, hotels, prices and speakers.
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