EAS 2009 – Holiday Valley

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.

Level One
Monday
Session One – Housekeeping, Introduction. End Of First Season Assessment – Where Do I Go From Here? – Barry Thompson
Session Two – Fall Planning, Winter Preparations, Overwintering – Billy Davis
Session Three – End Of Winter/Spring Preparations – Joe Kovaleski
Session Four – Honey/Honey Houses/Marketing – Rick Cooper
Session Five (In The Apiary) – Queens – Nancy Troup
Session Six – Diseases - Detection/Diagnosis/Remedy – William Troup
Session Seven – Integrated Pest Management (IPM) – Landi Simone
Session Eight – The Importance Of Record Keeping – Ray Lackey

Tuesday
Level One
Session Nine – Innovations/Laborsaving Devices/Gadgets – Allen Hayes
Session Ten – Beekeeping Around The World – Bob Cole
Session Eleven – The Beekeeper’s Year – Kent Williams

Merrimack Valley Apiaries Tour for everybody in Level One and Level Two after lunch on Tuesday.

Evening Q&A

Monday Level 2 Short Course
Room 1
Introduction
IPM Lab, Nick Calderone
IPM Continued
Bee Breeding, Ernesto Guzman
IPM Lab, Nick Calderone
IPM Continues
Honey House, Kim Flottum
Marketing, Ann Harman
Evening
Room 2
Introduction
Winter Prep N/S, Clarence Collison
Indoor Wint, Paul Kozak
Winter Prep N/S, Clarence Collison
Marketing, Ann Harman
Winter Prep N/S, Clarence Collison
Bee Breeding, Ernesto Guzman
Q&A
Outside
Reading A Colony, Larry Connor
Grafting, Dave Tarpy
Mating Nucs, Jennifer Berry
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Grafting, Dave Tarpy
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Tuesday Level two Short Course
Room 1
IPM Lab, Nick Calderone
IPM Continued
Bee Breeding, Ernesto Guzman
Room 2
Indoor Wintering, Paul Kozak
Honey House, Kim Flottum
Marketing, Ann Harman
Outside
Mating Nucs, Jennifer Berry
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Evening Q&A
Microscopy Session, Larry Connor - 7-9 p.m.

Microscopy sessions will be repeated Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. if registration warrants scheduling additional classes. Classes will be filled on a first come, first serve basis.

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• 2009 EAS Honey Show

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have been exposed to about Russian queens, hygienic bees, his queen rearing operation and mat-queen breeder and he will be opening Bob Brachmann is a nearby Russian those that survived have been natu-
over a century with no treatment – so ideas throughout the year.

Raising your own queens Perhaps the most important way to reduce dependence on miticides is to raise your own queens. Warren was encour-
gaged to raise his own queens at the last New York EAS convention at Cornell in 2002. He learned that with only three years of selective breeding, he could make a marked improvement in his apiary. He first raised queens for himself and now raises extra queens to sell to his neighbors.

After seven years, EAS is again back in New York this summer and Dave Tarpy, Gary Reuter, and Jennifer Berry will be teaching queen raising techniques and selection criteria. Come to EAS to learn these tech-
iques.

Inbreeding is a problem for any breeding program and Mike Thomas, Warren, and others have started a Northern Queen Breeders Association to trade breeding stock among other breeders. Be sure to make some friends at EAS when you are attending the queen raising programs and you too will find other beekeepers just like yourself to swap queens, stories, and ideas throughout the year.

Russian queens Russian bees have been exposed to Varroa mites for over a century with no treatment – so those that survived have been natu-

Breaking the brood cycle Warren has been experimenting with breaking the brood pattern to knock down the mite population. The Pennsylvania honey flow in his area runs through the start of July and Warren pulls the queens from his hives in early June.

Any eggs laid after that will not hatch in time to participate in the nectar flow. With no brood, all of the bees will be free to forage and boost his honey production.

Beekeepers have found other ways to reduce mite population – screened bottom boards, drone comb removal, summer splits, powdered sugar treat-
ments. Ross Conrad and Kirk Webster both will share their experience on these and other techniques.

Not just mites Of course, the week will be filled with other activities. One speaker that I am looking forward to hearing again is our 2008 Honey Bee Research recipient, Juliana Rangel-Possada. She has worked with Tom Seeley and has done research on the pheromones and signals during swarming.

I am also looking forward to listen-
ing to Roberta Glatz. She was my favorite speaker at the last EAS con-

EAS Master Beekeeper Exam If you have been attending conferences for awhile, perhaps it is time to test your knowledge with the Master Bee-
keeper exam. The information to en-
roll in the exam is on the web site but you must preregister before arriving at the conference. If you are uncertain about taking the exam this year, sit in on the pre-exam and post-exam meetings to find out if you are ready.

Social Activity Take advantage of the social time to meet and share stories with other beekeepers. The speakers and researchers will give you much to ponder; your fellow beekeepers will give you practical advice as to what worked or did not work for them.

I am looking forward to seeing you in New York and may your stay at EAS 2010 make as big of an impact to your operation as the last EAS New York conference did for both Warren Miller and me.

See you all next month. Don’t forget to bring along a story, a veil, and a friend.
We hope you’ve already made plans to head out to EAS 2009 in New York in August. You’ve seen the program, read about the speakers, know the topics, have a good idea about the entertainment and off site visits and the extra programs – the Microscopy workshops and Master Beekeeper Exams – and know all about when and where and why. All things considered it’s a pretty good deal, we think.

This is the first time an EAS Conference has been sponsored by a Beekeeping business. A few years ago the EAS Constitution was modified to allow a Business to sponsor, or host actually, a Conference. Previously, only a member state beekeeping association could take on this responsibility. But between the time that part of the constitution was written, over 40 years ago and the present, much changed and some local and regional organizations have grown in size and complexity, enough to host a meeting certainly, and beekeeping businesses have expanded and changed to where they can also. So now any beekeeping organization . . . state, regional, or county can take the lead and host an EAS Conference as can a beekeeping business. Any organization, of course, must invite EAS to their location and the Board must approve. We certainly encourage groups other than state associations to consider this.

After this went into effect there was a dearth of State Group volunteers to host the meeting and the board was looking for a host for this year’s conference. Since it was now permitted, and no state group was jumping at the chance, we decided that it was time to try this. The Ohio State Beekeepers have hosted a couple of Conferences in the recent past . . . in 1995 when I was President and in 2005 when Kathy was President. Plus, Dawn has worked as vendor coordinator for many Conferences in several states, easing that burden from planning committees. And, as Chairman I had the opportunity to be involved, to one degree or another with Conferences during my eight year tenure so I’ve had an opportunity to see first hand those Conference attributes that work well, and some that don’t.

Now, Kathy has been appointed Vice Chairman and Conference Coordinator by Chairman Jim Bobb so her role in this has constantly evolved also.

Not surprisingly then, Bee Culture’s staff is very involved with hosting the Conference this year, and our parent organization, the A. I. Root Company has been extremely supportive of our efforts. The Root Company, though now known as Root Candles, has a long and rich history with EAS. John Root, A. I. Root’s great grandson, served as the first Chairman of the Board for EAS, served on the Board for a time, and was President in the 60s when over 600 beekeepers came to Wooster, Ohio to enjoy that meeting.

John has mostly retired from the day to day activities of his Candle Company, and spends winters at his Florida home, but returns to cooler climes in Medina each summer. He keeps in touch with the beekeeping community and with EAS through his magazine Bee Culture, and by reading the EAS Journal when it arrives. He has stayed in touch and keeps us in line.

Kathy Summers, Bee Culture’s Production Supervisor took the lead on a lot of the details required to organize and run this Conference. She’s chosen the lineup for the Workshops on Thursday and Friday afternoons, made many of the travel arrangements for our speakers, and has been invaluable with all the details of registration.

Dawn Feagan, who runs Circulation and Advertising for the magazine is in charge of our vendors again this year, a familiar role for her. She’s even bringing her son J.T. this year to help vendors get organized during the week.

We’ve also brought in many or our regular writers to share what they know and do, certainly people you are familiar with. Clarence Collison again is in charge of the Master Beekeeper exams, Jim Tew is giving a workshop and is the speaker at the Banquet, Ann Harman keeps all the sessions in both Short Courses on time and running, Larry Connor is a Short Course speaker and is in charge of the new Microscopy Workshops this year, Jennifer Berry is demonstrating her queen rearing skills, and Ross Conrad has lots to share on the topic of reducing chemical use in a beehive . . . in fact, all of our speakers have that goal in mind, so you have a great opportunity to learn much on the subject from the whole list of speakers.

But we’ve also brought in several speakers not well known to EAS Conferences but known in the industry . . . Gary Reuter, a queen breeding researcher from the University of Minnesota working with hygienic genetics; Kirk Webster, a queen producer from Vermont working with resistant traits; Gary Shilling, an internationally known Economist and sideline beekeeper brings both insights to the meeting; Bob Brachman, a Russian Queen Breeder will be there; Andy Card and his sons, Glenn and Wes, of Merrimack Valley Apiaries and Crystal’s Honey, will share a bit about their huge migratory and queen production operation; Chris Heintz will touch on her role on the Board of Directors of Apis-m, without doubt the most influential industry-funded research support organization we have. She works with both the beekeeping groups out west and the huge Almond Board to bring about critical, practical research that is solving our problems today.

There’s so many more of course. The program is inside so take a look. The goal of this Conference, and we hope the goal of every beekeeper is to begin to be Toward Non-Chemical Beekeeping. I am quite certain that you will be better able to reach that goal after attending this Conference.

- Kim Flottum, President

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# EAS 2009 Conference Schedule

## Toward Non-Chemical Beekeeping

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

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**BBQ supper at Andy Card’s 5:30 – 9:00**

**THURSDAY CONFERENCE**

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<td>Bob Brachmann</td>
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<td><strong>For The Bees. More? Or Less?</strong></td>
<td>Kirk Webster</td>
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**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

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2009 Workshops

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. Juliana Rangel, Swarming In Honey Bees: How Is A Swarm’s Mass Departure Triggered
2. Joe and Sue Kovaleski, How To Make An Award Winning Candle
3. Peter Sieling, Beeswax Wood Finishes
4. Maryann Frazier, 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

3:00 – 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, Hot Wax In The Summer Time, Watch the Encaustic Explosion (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, Reading The “Bees” - Body Language, Posture, Beehavior
3. Margaret Reid, Catching The Human Swarm – Teaching and dealing with the non-beekeeping public.
4. Jim Bobb, Honey Plants You Should Know
5. beeyard – Master Beekeepers

BBQ, Auction, Evening of Fun

Friday Workshops
1:30 – 2:15
1. Mike Hood, Small Hive Beetle
2. Peter Sieling, 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, Good Bees In Bad Places
2. Gary Shilling, Keeping Bees In The Wilds Of New Jersey
3. Sherry Ferrell, Bee Crafty – 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, Kitchen Sweetness – Cooking With Honey
3:45 – 5:30 – Tour to Andy Card’s extracting facility including additional Tour of Indoor Wintering Facility

Banquet, Award Ceremony, Pass The Gavel to North Carolina, Banquet Speaker Jim Tew
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 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.

We strongly encourage you to enter your honey in this show. This is an excellent opportunity for first time, inexperienced honey show folks. You don't have to do anything fancy to your entries, see rules below.

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.

EAS Auctions
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. If we have enough items we may do two of these, one during the Short Course and another during the Conference. So watch for EAS folks selling raffle tickets and check at the registration table to see where items will be on display.
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. Some of you may remember Anthony from a few years ago. He was our auctioneer the last time we were at 7 Springs which was 2004.

Volunteers
As I've done in the past I'm soliciting volunteers. EAS is a pretty well-run machine, but there is always a need for extra hands.
I'm a big advocate of volunteers and my reasons are often selfish. You get to be a part of the action. You get to meet and get acquainted with a lot of really interesting people and you sometimes get to find out things before everyone else. So lots of advantages. I guarantee you'll make at least one new friend.

Here are the areas where we need help - the registration table (the more volunteers we have, the shorter time each person has to work), we will need able bodies to help set up tables and chairs for the Wednesday night Pig Roast at Merrimack Valley Apiaries. I'll need some help setting up and organizing our Chinese auction. And we are possibly in need of one or two more folks to get a few of our speakers back and forth to the Buffalo airport. It is about an hour drive from Holiday Valley and EAS will cover gas money for these trips. If you can help please let me know. - Kathy Summers

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

2. Short Course Level 1 - First & Last Name(s) _____________________________________________
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3. Short Course Level 2 - First & Last Name(s) _____________________________________________
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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!

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5. First & Last Name(s) _________________________________________________________________
   Which day(s) _____ Wed. _____ Thur. _____ Fri. # _____ x $70 x # ____ days = $ ______

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 $__________
   Local Cuisine Prepared by Holiday Valley Chefs

   BBQ Total $____

FRIDAY . . .

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

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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.
**From The Editor –**

EAS 2009 is fast approaching. I hope you’ve all made your plans to attend. *Bee Culture* has done their best to bring you an excellent conference with a theme that is timely and interesting. Our theme this year is “Towards Non-Chemical Beekeeping.” It’s a hot topic and we’ve got great speakers on hand to cover this and other topics. Be sure and take a look at our EAS President’s (Kim Flottum) article on page 3 for more details on the conference.

EAS 2009 is being held at Holiday Valley Resort in Ellicottville, NY. Hopefully you’ve already been hearing a lot about Ellicottville and have been planning your trip. If not I encourage to visit their website – www.ellicottvilleny.com. It is a beautiful town in western New York. There is a lot to see and do in the area.

We have some great workshops lined up for Thursday and Friday afternoon (see page 7). There is a mix of good beekeeping talks and there is also the fun stuff that we all enjoy. We also have more women on the workshop program than in some years past. I’m excited about that.

For the hard core beekeepers there is Ernesto Guzman talking about Africanized Honey Bees. We are honored to have Tom Seeley with us and he will be doing an outdoor workshop in the beeyard on “Scout Bees and Swarms.” Will Hicks, Don Hopkins and Jennifer Keller, all from North Carolina, will be running the beeyard and keeping things under control. Will is our president for 2010 at Appalachian State University in Boone, NC. Running the beeyard this year will give the NC folks experience for next year. Dave Duncan from Ohio will be sharing his experiences with removing bees from different structures – homes, chimneys, barns, trees. Wherever the bees are Dave can figure out how to get them. He has a new video just released in the past few months called *Swarm plus.* Dave does a very professional and enjoyable job on this topic. Mike Hood will be updating us on Small Hive Beetle.

Jennifer Berry and Gary Reuter will be doing an ongoing workshop on *Queen Raising* starting indoors on Thursday and moving to the beeyard on Friday. Also in the beeyard will be Ross Conrad and Kirk Webster showing us how to do splits.

Roberta Glatz is going to speak to us on *Reading Bees.* This is a workshop on reading bee behaviors other than the dance language – postures, body language, different communications between the bees. We are so happy to have Roberta Glatz with us this year. She is a long time EAS member and supporter. In checking my EAS history I found that in 1979 Roberta was the first female ever scheduled as an EAS speaker.

Now for when you’re done with the actual beekeeping and want to do something else we’ve got you covered. We have a couple of helpful workshops to keep you healthy in the beeyard – Joanne Thomas, NY, will be speaking on *Being Fit For The Beeyard* on Thursday and on Friday another friend from Ohio, Ben Slay will do a workshop on *Ergonomics and Beekeeping.* Robert Brewer, our EAS director from Georgia will be doing a workshop on *International Honey Judging.* This will be after he’s done judging our “Black Jar” Honey show.

Friday afternoon when all of the beekeepers have gone off to visit Andy Card at Merrimack Valley we’ll be doing a workshop with Sherry Ferrell from the Honey Bee Lab in Wooster, Ohio, on *Kitchen Sweetness.* This will be a fun way to end up the week. I’ll be helping Sherry and we’re still working on our ideas. But there will be samples – you can count on that. So if you just want to have fun and get out of the sun come join us Friday afternoon.

The list goes on and on. Check page 7 of this Journal for more details on the workshops and be sure and look through the program book carefully when you arrive, as there is always the chance of last minute changes.

I know some of you are disappointed that we are not having our usual Annual Show. I really felt we needed a change of some kind. Our Honey Show has not had good response of late and this seemed like a good alternative instead of just not having one. So I hope you will all consider participating. See the rules on Page 8 of this journal. This contest is based strictly and wholly on the taste of your honey. And after all, that is the most important thing, isn’t it? There will be one prize given for the best tasting honey.

Well, I’m out of room and out of time, so I’ll see you in Ellicottville in just a few weeks. – Kathy Summers, Editor
As you saw in the Short Course Schedule some of our own EAS Master Beekeepers have taken on the responsibility of teaching Short Course Level 1. Some of these folks you may know, others may not be quite so familiar. So we wanted to tell you a little bit about them.

**Bob Cole** (North Carolina) has been a beekeeper for decades and has served in leadership positions locally and nationally, including Chairman of the Board of EAS. A participant in numerous outreach programs across the world, Bob has broad hands-on experience with foreign beekeepers, large and small.

**Rick Cooper** (Maine) has been keeping bees for almost 30 years and has grown from a one hive keeper to almost 100 hives. He does a small amount of apple and blueberry pollination in his local area. He sells honey and beeswax products through a multiple of outlets, including Maine’s largest country fair.

**Billy Davis** (Virginia) is an experienced beekeeper and educator, constantly active in promoting the craft in Northern Virginia by means of efficient and highly effective presentations to beginning and advanced beekeepers. He is a founder and principal of Sustainable Honeybees, Inc. for the rearing of queens tailored to the area of intended use.

**Allen Hayes** (Maryland) has been co-teaching a local association short course for a number of years and has helped scores of “newbees” get started in the craft. A mechanical design engineer, Allen has always enjoyed making or fixing things. He has applied his technical abilities to the production of labor-saving devices for the beeyard.

**Joe Kovaleski** (Ohio) has been a beekeeper for more than 15 years, producing honey and beeswax for the production of candles, and is active in a wide range of educational efforts for beekeepers, schools and the public. Joe currently represents his state as its director on the EAS Board. Recently, he has gained intimate knowledge of neighborhood politics.

**Ray Lackey** (New York) Ray Lackey has been keeping honeybees for over 25 years on Long Island. He received a Master Beekeeper Certification in 1995. He typically runs a dozen hives but has run 50 colonies and produces honey, does pollination, raises some queens, talks in schools, garden clubs, and nature centers, and also builds, installs, and maintains observation hives at nature centers.

**Landi Simone** (Delaware) of Gooserock Farm runs about 80 colonies in northern NJ. She raises and sells hygienic queens and nucs, and has been practicing IPM for over a decade. Gooserock Farm’s line of beeswax cosmetics, soaps, and creamed honeys have acquired a strong local following. Landi is active in the NJBA, and enjoys teaching an annual beekeeping short course in Essex County.

**Nancy Troup** (Maryland) and husband, Bill, manage over 100 colonies currently, for pollination, nucleus colony production, and extracted and comb honey. She “locates, marks and evaluates” hundreds of queens each beekeeping season. Nancy is a former Director, EAS Master Beekeepers and active in national, state, and local organizations.

**William (Bill) Troup** (Maryland) and Nancy are involved in numerous short courses and the EAS and HAS Conferences. Bill has been an inspector for MD Department of Agriculture for 9 yrs. and trained an AFB detection dog in 2008. Bill was honored last year at EAS as the recipient of the Divelbiss Award for Public Education in Beekeeping.

**Barry Thompson** (Maryland), a beekeeper since he was a teenager, has been a sideliner in TN, MS, TX, Germany and now MD, providing pollination services for local orchards. A volunteer at the Bee Research Lab, Beltsville, he has an interest in gene expression. He has spoken nationally about the critical need for resilience in the beekeeping industry.

**Kent Williams** (Kentucky), a beekeeper since 1988, is a much sought-after speaker whose practical approach to beekeeping has proven invaluable to many. Kent manages hundreds of colonies for honey production/pollination in his home state and Mississippi. He teaches simplified queen rearing and nuc production at his home/farm throughout the spring and summer. Kent was EAS President in 2008.
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- Elmira, NY: 2 Hours
- Jamestown, NY: 45 Minutes
- Pittsburgh, PA: 3 Hours, 30 Min.
- Rochester, NY: 2 Hours
- Toronto, ON: 3 Hours
- Youngstown, OH: 2 Hours, 45 Min.

The closest airport to Holiday Valley and Ellicottville, New York is the Buffalo, NY airport.

Ellicottville, NY

Ellicottville, NY is a beautiful town and there is lots to see and do within driving distance. If you’re arriving Sunday you may want to venture out and see the sites.

We encourage you to visit www.ellicottvilleny.com to see what is available.

Helpful Hints For EAS 2009

If you are staying at Holiday Valley you need to be aware that there are no elevators in the guest room areas. So if stairs are an issue for you please when you call to make your reservation be sure and request a ground floor room.

If you are staying at Holiday Valley breakfast can be included in your room costs. When you call to make your reservation you will have the option to include breakfast and you will receive tickets when you arrive. It will be a wonderful hot breakfast which will be served each morning in the meeting room area – not in the hotel.

If you are considering flying to EAS 2009 please know that Buffalo is the closest airport and it is about an hour drive to Ellicottville and Holiday Valley Resort. There is a local taxi – 716.375.8294 or 716.945.1305 and Georgio’s Limousine – 716.683.7455, www.giorgioslimousine.com

To find out more information and about other hotels, B&Bs and campgrounds in the area visit www.ellicottvilleny.com and www.holidayvalley.com.

When you register for the Short Course and/or Conference this fee includes your lunch each day. You will need your nametag to receive lunch, so please remember to have it with you. Supper Sunday, Monday and Tuesday will be on your own and we encourage you to visit Ellicottville. There are many local restaurants to try.

Our Wednesday night Pig Roast is being hosted by the folks at Merrimack Valley Apisries. The Pig Roast will be at their location and directions will be provided in the program book when you arrive. It is about 10 miles from Holiday Valley. We encourage car pooling.
Getting To Holiday Valley

Holiday Valley’s physical address is 6557 Holiday Valley Road, Ellicottville, NY 14731. It is at the intersection of NY Rt. 219 and Holiday Valley Road, one mile south of Ellicottville, NY. GPS coordinates of Holiday Valley: Latitude 42.26282, Longitude-78.66895 Source: Google Maps. We recommend you double check the coordinates with your gps device.

From the North - Cross the Peace Bridge and take 190 South to Interstate 90 West (the NYS Thruway.) Take Exit 55 to Rt. 219 South. Follow 219 for 50 miles to Ellicottville, then one mile farther south on 219 to Holiday Valley. From the Buffalo Airport- at the airport exit take Rt. 33 west to Interstate 90 west. Exit 55 to Rt. 219 South, 50 miles to Ellicottville and one mile to Holiday Valley.

From the West –Take Interstate 90 to Exit 37 (the Jamestown exit). Follow NYS 86 east (Southern Tier Expressway) to Exit 21 in Salamanca. Take Rt. 219 North 10 miles to Holiday Valley.

From the East - Take NYS 86 (Southern Tier Expressway) West to Exit 21 in Salamanca. Take Rt. 219 North 10 miles to Holiday Valley.

From the South - Follow Rt. 219 North through Bradford, PA and Salamanca, then North 10 miles to Holiday Valley on 219.

If you are traveling from Canada, check www.holidayvalley.com for traffic conditions that are updated every 15 minutes. For a mobile website, use mobile.peacebridge.com. The phone number is 1-800-715-6722.
Honey Bee Health Initiative

To our fellow beekeepers:

As the threat to America’s bee population continues to grow, we are attempting to initiate a completely new type of bee research to address this decline. This project will focus not on particular diseases or losses but rather on determining what microbial systems our bees need in order to keep themselves healthy. We all realize that our bees have been around for millions of years before being domesticated so they must have natural ways to maintain their health. Our focus is on understanding what the bees need and how to provide that microbial system to their hive environment.

To advance this initiative, we are attempting to develop funding through the federal grant and legislative systems. The USDA and several members of Congress have expressed interest, but we need more help. That is why we are coming directly to you.

We need you to encourage your home state’s Congressional delegation to endorse this project. I invite you to contact your Congressmen and Senators to ask for their support of the Pollinator Research Bill and to be certain that the bill directs at least some of these funds toward this project.

We are applying for funds from other sources, but the scope of this national project requires support from multiple sources including this proposed Congressional allocation. For example, the sophisticated equipment needed to conduct the testing exceeds $500,000 and thousands of dollars to operate. But given the current risk to our nation’s bee population and the importance of bees to American agriculture, I hope you agree the investment is critical.

Below we describe this project in more detail and offer some key points that you can make in your contact efforts. When you send your letters or make your contacts please be sure you provide a copy to us.

Thank you for your help with this important effort. Feel free to contact us if you have any questions or need additional information.

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You can locate the address for your Senator or Congressman via the following websites: www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senate_cfm.cfm; www.house.gov/house/MemberWWW.shtml

Project Summary

This project represents the first initiative focused on the microbial systems active within healthy honey bee hives. Additionally, this will be the first basic examination of the differences in the microbial populations within commercial hives and those maintained by small hobby beekeepers.

The basic concept is that the natural microbial community is established early in the development of each hive. This is, in reality, a three way symbiosis involving microbes, honey bees and plants. When functioning properly, this powerful inter-relationship helps to create an environment within the colony that maintains proper nutrition and creates conditions that are unfavorable to the diseases or pest conditions detrimental to the colony.

When this fundamental microbial system breaks down the colony becomes susceptible to a host of problems. Most beekeepers know the honey bee colony is a fascinating lesson in organization. They also recognize that a well functioning colony is a complex symbiosis between at least two of the major divisions of life (plants and insects). Now however, beekeepers and scientists need to appreciate how this symbiosis is assisted by the unexpectedly intimate relationships between the bees and microbes that the bees inoculate into their primary foods. This is a relationship that has existed at least since the earliest appearance of flowering plants 210 million years ago.

To date microbiological studies on honey bee hives have focused on such things as which microbes were present and which were detrimental to the bees themselves or which could lower the quality of the bee products used by humanity. Many current research programs are focused on attempting to determine why bee hives are collapsing in great numbers. However with the recognition that the bees are generally attempting to foster fermentations using microbes that inhabit their honey stomachs this project will take the microbiological understanding of the honey bee microbe relationship in a completely new direction. Rather than trying to determine what microbes are killing the bees, this research will focus on understanding how the natural microbial flora acts to keep the hive healthy.

This microbial activity could take many forms. Preliminary data indicate that the fermentations occurring in both honey and stored pollen lower the pH of those materials to as little as pH 3 – 4. Since this material is eaten by all members of the hive this acidity may aid in digestion or more importantly may act to simply inhibit the growth of detrimental microbes such as Paenibacillus larvae (the causative agent of American Foulbrood) or Nosema infections. New research has also shown that at least some of the microbes present in hives produce powerful (but previously unknown) antibiotics which may be another mechanism by which the bees normal flora protects them and may at the same time provide a valuable new source of antibiotics. The exciting and significant part of this project is that the focus is away from trying to make sick hives healthy but on looking at this ancient interaction from the bees point of view trying to determine which microbes should be present to keep a hive healthy and learning how to help these marvelous social insects maintain their own health in a more sustainable, less intrusive manner.

Main Points for your Congressmen/Senators to Know

1) Be sure they know you are a beekeeper or a concerned voter.
2) If you are a beekeeper make sure they realize you are concerned and having problems.
3) Be sure they realize that one in every three bites of food requires action by honey bees.
4) Current knowledge focuses on trying to kill microbes in the hive without regard to what must be present to sustain a healthy hive.
5) Bees need microbes to turn pollen into usable food. Current practices may compromise this effort and studies have shown that bees denied properly prepared pollen (bee bread) exhibit symptoms of CCD.
6) Microbial diseases (Foulbrood, Nosema, CCD, even mites) may largely be the result of a compromised natural microbial flora rather than a specific weakness in the bees.
7) Use of preventative antibiotics to control microbial diseases may actually increase the problem but we have no information about how to restore the natural balance.
8) This research project will begin to provide answers to these problems and will likely lead to developing sustainable, environmentally friendly, probiotic treatments for bee hive worldwide.
9) This research could discover whole new classes of antibiotics to help both bees and society as well as give beekeepers potential new revenue sources.
10) Urge them to support full pollinator funding in the FY 2010 farm bill and the Healthy Hives Initiative.
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 in the vendor area 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!

Bring your honey to the registration table by Thursday afternoon at the latest. We will give you your tickets and let you know what time to claim your honey. This is a great way to bring home some honey that is different from what you normally have.

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SNEBA 2009 will be held Saturday,
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Hamden. Please check our website
www.ctbees.com for more information, but
reserve this date.

Empire State Honey Producers Asso-
ciation will be holding our summer meeting
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