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President's Message

Hello To All.

I can't believe another month has passed. Time flies when you are busy, but we hope everyone is setting a few hours aside to attend the Field Day on the 23rd. It will be a great time for a little relaxation and a lot of fun (and goood food). We will also have door prizes to give away plus prizes for the games that we will have. So please try hard to attend and get to know your fellow beekeepers. It is amazing how much helpful knowledge you can attain by attending these meetings and talking with others who have been in the business for quite some time. You may have a special something that you do that can help others also. So PLEASE try to attend.

Due to the fairs, this will be our last regular meeting until fall, so don't miss out.

I hope you are all having good luck with your bees and preparing to start harvesting your honey. We have found as a lot of you that some of the hives are really thriving and others seem to be struggling along.

The wild honeysuckle didn't seem to have a very long bloom this year but the dutch clover is making up for it. We are looking forward to harvesting some good clover honey. Hope your luck will be the same.

David and Susie Stiles.

HIBA Field Day

The Heart of Illinois Beekeepers Association will be having our annual Field Day on June 23, 2007. It will be held at Tom Elston's country home for the third year and the address is:

3006 Harvest Hill Ave.

Bloomington, IL 61704

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A map is on page 3 of the newsletter, if you get lost, call and I can give you directions. Doors will open at 9:00 AM for coffee and donuts. The meeting will come to order at 9:30 AM. Our guest speaker this year is Seth Ament. Mr. Ament was born in Falmouth, MA. On the 16th of September 1980. He received an A.B. from Harvard University (cum laude in biology) 2003 and presently is a Ph.D candidate at the University of Illinois studying under Dr. Gene Robinson in the Neuroscience Program. Mr. Ament will be giving two talks; the first on the honey bee genome and a second talk in the afternoon on honey bee nutrition and social behavior. We will be breaking for lunch around 11:30. HIBA will be providing meat sandwiches and the drinks. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. We will also have games beekeepers play: guess the number of bees in the jar and a smoker contest. Bring your smoker and smoking materials and we will see who can keep their smoker lit the longest and coolest. Also bring your bee veil because the last event will be opening of the hives for those who wish to inspect a real colony of honey bees and get up-close and personal with a queen. Agenda for the meeting is printed on page 2.

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Just for Grins

Gaiety that sweetens existence and makes it wholesome - a sense of humor, a zest of enjoyment - this is the accompaniment of courage which gives it a supreme value. Something of the high laughter of a Cyrano de Berquerac - the world needs it. --Dr. Herbert Hichen

HIBA Field Day Agenda

June 23, 2007

- 9:00 AM Coffee and Donuts**
- 9:30 AM Meeting Called to Order
Introductions**
- 9:45 AM HIBA Business Meeting**
- 10:15AM Guest Speaker Seth Ament
Insights from the honey bee genome
Q & A**
- 11:15 AM Guess the number of bees in the jar.
Drawing for door prizes**
- 11:30 AM Lunch**
- 1:00 PM Guest Speaker Seth Ament
Honey bee nutrition and social behavior
Q & A**
- 2:00 PM Drawing for door prizes
Smoker Contest**
- 2:30 PM Hive Opening**

Many persons have a wrong idea of what constitutes true happiness. It is not attained through self-gratification but through fidelity to a worthy purpose.
-Helen Keller

Happiness resides not in possessions and not in gold, the feeling of happiness dwells in the soul. --Democritus

I never think of the future - it comes soon enough.
-Albert Einstein

2007 Calendar of Events

June 23, 9:00 AM – Field Day at Elston Ranch. Speaker from University of Illinois. Beekeeping games. Pot luck lunch. Hive opening.

July 13 – 21, Heart of Illinois Fair, Peoria. Beekeeping Booth.

July 12-14, HAS Beekeeping Seminar, KY State University, Frankfort, KY

August 10-18, Illinois State Fair, HIBA Day Aug. 14.

September 21, Pekin, Propolis by Jill Mayes. Marketing Honey.

October 19, HIBA Banquet, location to be announced. Honey Contest results. Election of 2008 officers.

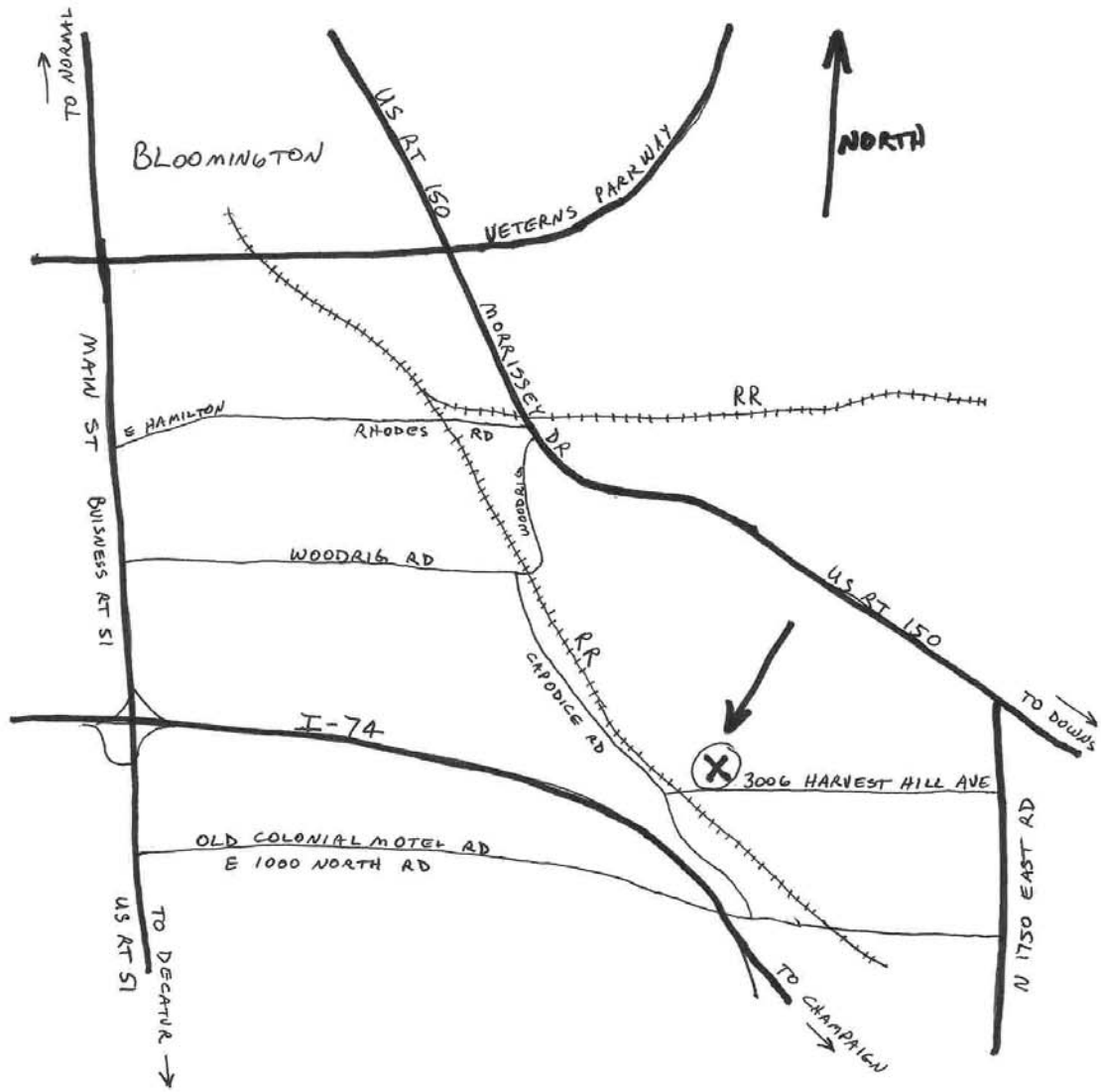
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By Tom Elston
3 & ½ Gals. Of Farm and Fleet Exterior latex paint-gray. Great for painting your hives. \$10.00

22 – Ross Round supers with frames. \$5.00 each

8 oz. Honey Bear, clear PETE plastic with flat panel on front and back. \$.40 ea or carton of 355 for \$125.00
38 mm flip lid for bear \$.10 each-red, white or yellow.

Can be viewed at the Field Day.



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