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### June President's Message

Hello Everyone,

Hope you are preparing to attend the June meeting field day at Tom Elston's place.

For those of you who are trying to get started, this is a good time to learn more about beekeeping. Bring your questions, and anything you might have for show and tell.

Our special speaker this year will be our own, Charlie Ott. So look forward to a lot of knowledge to be shared.

Don't forget to bring a covered dish to share, desserts are always welcome too. The meat, breads and all the condiments will be there along with drinks and all the utensils for eating. We will have coffee and donuts for those arriving early, and then a short business meeting followed by our guest speaker. After lunch, we will have some games and prizes to win. So come enjoy the day with us and get to know your fellow beekeepers.

David Stiles, President HIBA

### HIBA Field Day

Our annual Field Day will be held on Sat. June 18<sup>th</sup> at HIBA Vice-President Tom Elston's home. The address is:

3006 Harvest Hill Ave.

Bloomington, IL 61704

A map is enclosed on page 2. While the address says Ave., his home is located on a country road just southeast of Bloomington. The phone number is 309-829-3006 if you need further instructions or get lost on the way over.

The games will be the same as previous years: Smoker Contest, Memory Game and Guess the number of bees in the jar. After the games, we will look into two hives on the property. So don't forget your bee suit and veil.

Keep Buzzin'

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[Click Here for a map to Tom Elston's](#)

The MapQuest star representing Elston's home is a little out of place. 3006 Harvest Hill Ave. is further East of Capodice Rd., up over the RR tracks and second house on the north side of the road. Capodice Rd. is easily accessible from Woodrig Rd. which can be reached from either S. Main St. (Business US 51) on the west or from Morrisey Dr. (US Rt. 150) on the east. The house is white with a red barn in the back. Please follow HIBA signs.

#### **MAY MEETING MINUTES**

President Dave Stiles called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm on May 13th, 2005 at McLean County Farm Bureau Bldg. in Bloomington. Nineteen members and guests were present. An introduction was made around the room with swarm and apiary reports. Mike Moens gave the Treasurer's Report with a total of \$2,029.76 in both the general account and the princess account. There were no additions or corrections to the Treasurer's Report or the Minutes of the last meeting as printed in the April newsletter. Tom Elston motioned to approve the treasurer's report and minutes, seconded by Susie Stiles and motion passed.

#### **Old Business:**

Jill Mayes, our State Director, reported on the Heartland Apicultural Society Convention to be held July 7-9. It will be held at the Edwardsville SIU campus and the rates will be very reasonable. More information will be in the State Newsletter.

Janet Hart reported that copies of the letter about obtaining insurance coverage for events or presentations were available as well as HIBA membership pamphlets.

Nathan Sasse gave an update on changes he has made to the web site and he also created a link to the ISBA's site.

### The 2005 HIBA Calendar

**June 18** – Field Day at Tom Elston’s,  
Speaker: Illinois State Bee Inspector  
Charles Ott, Hive opening, beekeeping  
contests

HIBA will provide meat and drinks,  
members to bring side dish or dessert.

**July 7,8,9** – Heartland Apicultural  
Society,

Location in southern Illinois to be  
announced.

**July 8-16** – Heart of Illinois Fair –  
HIBA booth

See Bob Coppernoll to sign up

**August 16** (?) – HIBA Day at the  
Illinois State Fair

Volunteer to sell honey ice cream, talk  
about honeybees and represent HIBA.

**September 16**, 7:30 p.m. – Tazewell  
County Farm Variety of hive products  
explained including creamed honey,  
propolis, mead, beeswax and dipped  
candles. Also, honey tasting.

**October 14**, 6:00 p.m. – Location to be  
announced. Banquet, Honey Contest  
Results, Election of 2006 HIBA  
Officers.

### Just for Grins

Carpe diem! Rejoice while you are  
alive; enjoy the day; live life to the  
fullest; make the most of what you  
have. It is later than you think. --  
Horace

Such is human psychology that if we  
don't express our joy, we soon cease to  
feel it. -- Lin Yutang

Take your life in your own hands, and  
what happens? A terrible thing: no one  
to blame. -- Erica Jong

### May Meeting Minutes (Con't)

#### New Business:

Jill Mayes, Honey Princess/Ambassador Program  
Coordinator, reported that there has been no interest in this  
program for several years and questioned whether it  
should be continued. After some discussion, Tom Elston  
made the motion to discontinue the program and transfer  
the funds into the general account with an option to reopen  
the program in the future if there is interest at that time.  
The motion was seconded by Janet Hart and the motion  
passed.

Bob Coppernoll passed around a schedule for  
volunteers to man the HIBA booth at the Heart of Illinois  
Fair July 8-16. He also had a sign-up sheet for those  
interested in being called if there is a swarm in their area.

Presentation: Removing the Honey Crop was the  
topic in which everyone participated, especially those with  
more experience and larger apiaries. The advantages and  
disadvantages of using a blower, chemicals with fume  
boards, and bee escapes were discussed. There was also  
a lively exchange on the use of queen excluders.

Earl Lutz reported on presenting honeybees to 350  
Tazewell Co. third graders. Charlie Ott announced that  
formic acid is now approved for use in Illinois in the form  
“Mite-Away II”.

The next meeting will be the Field Day scheduled  
for June 18<sup>th</sup> at Tom Elston’s. Depending on his wife’s  
illness, it may be moved to Nathan Sasse’s. Tickets were  
drawn and several door prizes were awarded. Being no  
further business, Susie Stiles motioned to adjourn the  
meeting. Danny Hart seconded it and the meeting was  
adjourned.

Following the meeting everyone enjoyed the honey  
treats and conversation.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Hart

### The Little Busy Bee

How doth the little busy bee  
Improve each shining hour,  
And gather honey all the day  
From every opening flower!  
--Isaac Watts

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