

# Heart of Illinois Beekeeper

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### May Presidents Message

Hello Beekeepers. I hope you are getting your hives requeened and your new packages installed this month. I haven't spoken to Nathan but I hope you all have your bees.

We installed 19 queens and I hope they take. "" Susie found one while helping me""

The weather seems to be playing jokes in the area but we can still hope for a good honey crop. Be sure to be at the May 13th meeting at the McLean County Farm Bureau in Bloomington at 7:30. We will be discussing harvesting and processing honey. There will be snacks and some door prizes.

Congratulations to Jill Mayes for winning the honey recipe cook off in April. Look for her recipe in this month's newsletter. See you soon.

David Stiles, Pres.

Avoiding danger is no safer in the long run than outright exposure. The fearful are caught as often as the bold.  
--Helen Keller

"Accept the challenges, so that you may feel the exhilaration of victory."

-General George S. Patton

Love is the irresistible desire to be irresistibly desired.  
- Mark Twain

### May HIBA Meeting

Our next HIBA Meeting will be on **May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM** at the McLean County Farm Bureau Building, 402 N. Hershey Road, Bloomington, IL. It is on the east side of Bloomington and can be reached easily from Veterans Parkway (Business I-55) to East on Empire St (East Rt 9) to Hershey Rd. and turn south.

The main topics for the evening's discussion will be "Harvesting and Extracting Honey"

### "Just for Grins"

In Victorian times, toilet seats were always made of wood: the well-to-do sat on mahogany or walnut, while the poor put up with untreated white pine.

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## APRIL MEETING MINUTES

President Dave Stiles called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm on April 8th, 2005 at Tazewell County Farm Bureau Bldg. in Pekin. Twenty-two members and guests were present. An introduction was made around the room with spring apiary reports. Jill Mayes gave the Treasurer's Report in Mike Moens absence. (He reported a balance of \$1,363.21 in the general account and \$597.25 in 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. Nathan Sasse motioned to approve the treasurer's report and minutes, seconded by Susie Stiles and motion passed.

### Old Business:

A new web site host has been approved by the Board for \$54/year. The new Web Master is Nathan Sasse who has the site updated and running. The address is still the same at [www.hoibeekeepers.org](http://www.hoibeekeepers.org).

Jill Mayes, our state director, reported on the letter of thanks she received from Robin Mountain of Heartland Apicultural Society for our offer of support for the Midwest Convention to be held July 7-9. After some discussion on the amount of support to be offered, Steve Mayes made a motion that a maximum of \$400 will be used towards HIBA's participation in the HAS Convention in lieu of the State Summer Meeting. Brad Niemcek seconded the motion and it passed.

### New Business:

Suzy Stiles reported that she had received an email from John Hanson of the Illinois State Beekeepers Association explaining the liability insurance policy that they purchase each year from Country Insurance and Financial Services. This policy covers all of our regular meetings and events. It will also cover members at an extra event (such as a bee demonstration at a local school or exhibiting an observation hive) *if the beekeeper notifies our insurance agent of the event beforehand*. We were asked to estimate the approximate number of these additional events so a sheet was passed around to the members to list presentations that could be covered and this will be sent back.

To notify our agent, Lea Sommers, of an event to be covered, she will need to know the *location, date, hours and description of the presentation*. She will then issue a *Certificate of Insurance* that we can make available to the person requesting the presentation. Her contact info is:

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This notification process is simple and well worth the effort. The liability coverage is substantial and our members are encouraged to take advantage of this benefit.

Presentation: Everyone enjoyed watching Keith Delaplaine's video about Hiving a Package of Bees. An informative group discussion followed.

The next meeting will be May 13 at McLean County Farm Bureau in Bloomington. Tickets were drawn and several door prizes were awarded. Being no further business, Steve Mayes motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jean Nyman seconded it and the meeting was adjourned.

Following the meeting, the Honey Cook-off was happily judged by the members. Each tempting treat was assigned a number and everyone submitted a list of his or her favorite three. Jill Mayes won the close contest with her honeyed chicken wings and Susie Stiles presented her with a prize.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Hart

## **The 2005 HIBA Agenda**

**May 13, 7:30 p.m.** –  
McLean County Farm  
Bureau, Bloomington, IL  
Harvesting and Extracting  
Honey

**June 18** – Field Day at Tom  
Elston's  
Speaker TBA, 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 and represent HIBA  
and ISBA.

**September 16, 7:30 p.m.** –  
Tazewell County Farm  
Bureau. 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 Judging,  
Election of 2006 HIBA  
Officers

## **Beekeeping Forum**

Hello everyone, thanks for letting me be part of this forum - I have been teaching beekeeping on the Internet for more than 7 years – my website [www.beemaster.com](http://www.beemaster.com) is rated high in the tops of ever major search engine when searching Beekeeping and rated no. 1 when searching Beekeeping forums.

My forum has currently over 680+ members, 10,500 posts and quickly growing. Our membership currently spans 41 countries, 47 US States and is ideal for Beekeepers at all levels from the "Merely Interested" to the "Commercial Beekeeper" and everyone in between. The theme of International allows members everywhere to share their unique styles of beekeeping so that we can all learn from their experiences.

I come here with the hopes that your membership will checkout with my International Beekeeping forum at [www.beemaster.com/beebs](http://www.beemaster.com/beebs) and also hope anyone in this forum new to beekeeping checks out my massive Backyard Beekeeping Course at [www.beemaster.com/honeybee/beehome.htm](http://www.beemaster.com/honeybee/beehome.htm) - all commercial free and family friendly educational material.

In the forum we have many features, sharing hi-res photo posting, beekeeping related audio and video files, polls and voting, private messaging and Internal Emailing, a powerful search engine and it is 100% commercial free and family friendly. I hope you will check out the Forum and share it with the membership of your club or organization - The members are friendly, assistive, prolific and entertaining in sharing their questions, comments, stories, ideas, etc. Thank you for reading this I hope you check out the Beekeeping forum and my massive Online Beekeeping Course listed above with detailed writings and photos on all topics related to starting a beeyard for the very first time. Everything on my site is free, with over 50 pages of Entry Level Beekeeping for anyone with interest in this wonderful hobby..

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## **2005 Honey Cook-Off Winner**

### **CURRIED HONEY CHICKEN WINGS By Jill Mayes**

1 cup honey  
2/3 cup Dijon mustard  
2 tbsp. margarine  
4 tsp. curry powder  
2 1/2 lbs. chicken wings

Cook and stir over medium heat, all the ingredients except the chicken wings until well blended. Arrange the chicken wings in a baking dish and drizzle with the honey mixture.  
Cover with foil and bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes  
Then remove the foil and bake an additional 30 minutes, turning the wings after the first fifteen minutes.

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