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### Sept. 2004 Presidents message

What a busy time of year? The bees are busy capping and fanning honey that they have collected. The beekeeper is busy uncapping, extracting and selling honey. It is the time of year to reap the harvest of the seeds sown (so to speak)!!

The bees have begun to slow down on honey production. All of the summer flowers have begun to fade, with the fall flowers looking promising. The Golden Rod has begun to bloom along with many other fall flowers. If we have favorable weather conditions the bees have a good possibility for an excellent fall honey flow. Most of the beekeepers I have visited with have been seeing a small honey crop again this year.

I would like to thank all that have helped with the different fair events that we have had this summer. Especially those who helped organize and set-up the HIBA booth at the Heart of Illinois Fair and who helped to man the booth through out the week! I would also like to thank all of those who helped sell honey ice cream at the State fair!

At the September meeting, the HIBA will be accepting the entries for the 2004 honey contest. This will be the only date and time to enter your honey products in the contest. We will also be having a honey tasting time during the meeting. Please bring your 2004 honey for a sampling contest during the meeting!

A great deal of time has elapsed since we have met as a group to discuss new beekeeping ideas and hash out old theories. I look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting on **September 10, 2004 at the Tazewell County Farm Bureau Building, 1505 Valle Vista, Pekin at 7:30pm.** Be sure to bring your honey entries, show and tell items and your 2004 honey for a tasting contest.

### State Fair Winners

The Heart of Illinois Beekeepers Association was well represented at the 2004 Illinois State Fair. Here are the winners:

Frame of honey for cut-comb: 4<sup>th</sup> – Jim Ryan

Display of white cut-comb in plastic boxes:  
4<sup>th</sup> – Janet Hart, 6<sup>th</sup> – Nathan Sasse,  
9<sup>th</sup> – Steve Mayes

Light extracted honey; 3 1 lb. Jars, strained: 1<sup>st</sup> – Steve Mayes, 7<sup>th</sup> – Jim Ryan  
Amber extracted honey; 3 1 lb. Jars, strained: 7<sup>th</sup> – Nathan Sasse,  
9<sup>th</sup> – Janet Hart

Dark extracted honey; 3 1 lb. Jars, strained: 9<sup>th</sup> – Janet Hart

Amber chunk honey in glass or plastic; 3 one lb. Jars: 5<sup>th</sup> – Steve Mayes

Light chunk honey in glass or plastic; 3 one lb. Jars: 7<sup>th</sup> – Jim Ryan,  
8<sup>th</sup> – Steve Mayes

Chunk honey in glass; 3 2\_ lb. Square Jars: 4<sup>th</sup> – Steve Mayes

Beeswax molded in commercial forms for sale, not less than 3 pounds:

8<sup>th</sup> – Steve Mayes, 9<sup>th</sup> – Jim Ryan

Beeswax, art designs, not less than 3 pounds: 6<sup>th</sup> – Steve Mayes

Beeswax candles, 1 pr. (molded): 9<sup>th</sup> – Steve Mayes

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## JUNE 14 FIELD DAY MINUTES

President Nathan Sasse called the meeting to order at 9:42 am at his home in Chestnut, IL. Introductions were made around the room with over 30 members and guests present. Secretary Janet Hart read the minutes from the last meeting. A motion was made by Charlie Ott to accept them as read and was seconded by Brian Davies; motion carried.

Presentation: Dr. Kevin Barber, Research Agronomist and Director of Advertising for Thorp Seed Co. gave a presentation on "Toxicity of Pesticides to Honeybees". It had some excellent information on now and future pesticide hazards. For additional information, he gave us the following web sites: [www.checkbiotich.org](http://www.checkbiotich.org) & [www.seedquest.com](http://www.seedquest.com) .

Old Business: In Bob Coppernoll's absence, Pres. Sasse discussed the Heart of Illinois Fair on July 9-17, 2004. Also he again pointed out our new website address. Tom Elston reported that there is a problem in emailing our newsletter and hard copies will be mailed out to everyone until it is fixed.

The ISBA Summer Beekeeping meeting will be held in Plano, Illinois next weekend. Earl Lutz urged our membership to have a good attendance.

New Business: Charlie Ott gave an apiary report. Supers have been getting full within a week's time so keep on top of it. He also reminded members to keep the grass mowed in front of the hives. Beekeepers need to treat for Hive Beetles with Guard Star; SHBs are thick in Will County. There has not been a lot of Vorroa this year. Hives can get hot in full sun and will cause the bees to spend a lot of time fanning so keep that in mind when locating them. Moving permits are still required when moving hives over county lines.

Pres. Sasse announced that August 17<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, is HIBA's day at the State Fair in Springfield. He encouraged everyone to enter honey in the StateFair competition. Also, if you are selling honey wholesale, you need to register by December according to the Bio Terrorism Act. You can do this on line.

Activities: Charlie Ott led us outside to Nathan's apiary for a hive opening. Nathan was also nice enough to have a hive swarm while we were there.

A delicious lunch of pork chops with all the fixings was served, including homemade honey ice cream.

A contest to guess the number of bees in a jar was won by Earl Lutz. Close guesses were also given by Janet Hart and Paul Moens. Mike Moens who remembered the most items in the box after 10 seconds won the memory game. Second and third went to Tom Cross and Danny Hart.

Charlie Ott thanked Nathan for his hospitality in hosting the field day. Nathan thanked his family for their help. After several door prizes, the meeting was declared adjourned by Pres. Sasse at 1:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Hart, secretary

## 2004 Honey Show Guidelines

The following guidelines for submission of apiary products will be used in this years Honey show. Be sure to read and follow the following information carefully. Only one entry per contestant per division will be permitted. There are no entry fees for the contest. All entries will be accepted and must be delivered at the September 10, 2004 HIBA meeting. Honey entries will be accepted by the classes identified in the Honey Show Guidelines Table.

Entry Tips: Be sure to fill your containers above the beginning of the bottleneck. Do not use cheesecloth to strain your honey it adds lint fibers. If your container has foam on the top of the jar be sure to remove it before it is shown. If you are showing creamed honey be sure to keep it cool so that it will not return to a liquid state. Comb honey should be fully capped and free of leakage in its container.

Entries must be label free, but the specimens should be submitted in bags or boxes that clearly denote the name of the contestant along with a statement of which extracted honey products are to be entered into one of the honey color grades. Cash prizes will be awarded this year for the top three entries in each division. Everyone is encouraged to participate in the Honey Show.

## Honey Show Guidelines

- Liquid Honey: One- 1lb jar each entry (glass or plastic jar) Three categories exist within this class  
1) Light, 2) Amber, 3) Dark Amber
- Creamed Honey: One 1-lb jar or one 2 \_ lb wide mouth jar per entry (glass or plastic)
- Comb Honey: in plastic container; 12- 16 oz comb per entry
- Half Comb hone: one cassette per entry
- Ross round section: one 8 oz section per entry
- Chunk Honey: Wide mouth jar filled with com and surrounded with liquid honey: One 1 lb or one 2 \_ lb jar per entry
- Frame of honey for extracting: One Illinois depth or shallow depth frame per entry
- Beeswax: entries may be of any size, shape, or design, either plain or molded. Judging will be on the basis of wax quality only.

## HIBA 2004 Calendar of Events

- **September 10** (National Honey Month)  
7:30 PM – Tazewell Farm Building, Pekin, IL. Bring your 2004 Honey for honey tasting – Bring your 2004 honey products for the Honey Contest (Results will be at the HIBA Banquet
- **October 15, 6:00 PM** Annual HIBA Banquet – Jubilee Café, Kickapoo, IL. Honey Contest results. Election of HIBA Officers

## **Just for Grins**

By trying we can easily learn to endure adversity.  
Another man's, I mean. Mark Twain

I don't know the key to success, but the key to failure is trying to please everybody.  
- Bill Cosby

A smile is a curve that sets everything straight. Phyllis Diller

On a Septic Tank Truck sign: "We're #1 in the #2 business."

On a Maternity Room door: "Push. Push. Push."