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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Summer is over and most of the honey should be extracted by now. From the reports I have received, most people have gotten a pretty good honey crop. Some were excellent, some just average. I guess we are lucky we got anything at all with all the trouble of losing bees last winter and not being able to get packages and queens. Now is the time to see what everybody has. Make arrangements to deliver your honey to the Farm Bureau in Pekin for the Honey Show. I always enjoy seeing all the different types of excellent honey we have in our area. Categories and entry guidelines will be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

There will be some business to discuss at our October meeting. First, we will have to have nominations for officers and an election. If anyone would like to run for office, please let me know. Second, we need a new editor for the newsletter. I know we all enjoy the newsletter, but we may not have one if someone doesn't volunteer to take over this task. Third, we need someone to manage the beekeeping course. It's time for someone to take over this worthwhile task and keep educating anyone interested in beekeeping.

I have reserved the banquet room at the Jubilee Cafe in Kickappo off I-74 for our next meeting. The food is excellent and I can't wait. I reserved spaces for 30 people, so we have to pay for 30 meals either way. I don't think I can eat that much if some of you don't show! So, I will see you all October 12. Bring your appetites. We will award prizes and there will be one grand door prize.

*Steve*

Steve Mayes, HIBA President

## OCTOBER MEETING AT KICKAPOO

The October meeting of HIBA will be held at the *Jubilee Cafe* which is located AT the Kickapoo-Edwards Exit 82 on I-74, about 8 miles west of Peoria. HIBA President Steve Mayes has reserved a meeting room (no charge) for 30 people for Friday, October 12. The banquet dinner will begin at 7:00 p.m. (NOTE. **Not** the usual 7:30 p.m. time!) Steve tells us that *Jubilee Cafe* has excellent food served family style (all you can eat!).

The menu will consist of the following: four different entrees (Fried Chicken, Fried Walleye, Swiss Steak, and Baked Ham) with real mashed potatoes and gravy, one vegetable, three salads, homemade rolls and corn fritters, all for an unbelievable \$7.95 per person. Drinks, tax, and tip are extra. Because we have reserved settings for 30 people, we must pay for 30 whether they show up or not. Hence, we need a good turnout! Please be certain to attend this annual event.

## 2001 HONEY SHOW GUIDELINES

The following guidelines for submission of apiary products will be used in this year's October Honey Show. Please read the following information carefully. Only one entry per contestant per division will be permitted. There are no entry fees.



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Entries must be delivered only to the Tazewell Agricultural Center on Valle Vista Drive in Pekin by 5:00 PM on Thursday, October 11th. Entries will be accepted only in the classes identified in the table to the lower right.

Entries must be label free, but 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 which color grades. Ribbons and cash prizes will be awarded this year for the top three entries in each division; ribbons will go to the others. Tom Elston and Steve Mayes will serve as honey show judges. Everyone is encouraged to enter apiary products into the friendly competition.

### **MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 7TH GENERAL MEETING**

The September meeting was held at the Pekin Farm Bureau Bldg. President Steve Mayes called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM. Seventeen members and guests were in attendance. Steve announced that the membership provided enough help to successfully staff the HIBA booth at the July Heart of Illinois Fair. Also, he noted that the last meeting of the season will be held on October 12 and will feature a banquet, honey judging results, and election of officers. The banquet location has not been determined yet. The Illinois State Beekeepers Association fall meeting will be held at the state fairgrounds in Springfield on November 10.

Earl Lutz and Steve Mayes commented on the use of CheckMite+® for varroa mite control. Coumaphos, the active ingredient of CheckMite+®, is an organophosphate that can be very damaging to the nervous system. These strips should only be handled using nitrile gloves (Nalgene, according to supply catalogs). Also, the pesticide should not be left exposed in warm areas such as a vehicle cab where toxic fumes can be emitted.

Rebecca Wenning gave highlights of her year as Honey Princess. She noted how she had participate in the HIBA beekeeping course, got Governor Ryan to proclaim September Illinois Honey Month, was the subject of articles in the Bloomington *Pantagraph*, *Community News*, and *Illinois Steward* magazine. She noted that during

her tenure as HIBA Honey Princess that she also gave sixteen talks and presentations. Carl then gave his talk. The lecture and discussion was followed by honey tasting.

Steve Mayes provided some seventeen honey samples from various floral sources around the world. Generally the tasters were not very successful in matching the various samples to the floral source on the list provided. A possible exception was the buckwheat sample which some identified as much by its color as its taste. Doug and Sue Voltz showed two new styles of plastic honey containers; a 12-oz. unit in the shape of an angel and a 16-oz. unit in the shape of a happy bee. The tasting was followed by dispersal of a dozen neat door prizes including honey-based products, reference books and a free journal subscription.

Sharing of treats and lively conversation followed the meeting and continued until well after 10:00PM.

*Don*

Don Waldman, Secretary

### **MAKE PLANS NOW FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS**

HIBA members should be giving some thought now to attending two upcoming beekeeping events of significance. The ISBA Fall meeting will be held in Springfield on Saturday, November 10th.

The host of this meeting will be the Illinois Department of Agriculture. The meeting will be held in the division's new office compound on the south end of the state fairgrounds. The agenda has not been prepared as of yet, but at least one notable beekeeper will presenting. Steve Tabor, well known beekeeper from South Carolina, will be speaking to us.

The ISBA summer meeting is being managed by the central section this year, and will be hosted by Dadant & Sons of Hamilton, IL. Carl Wenning is spearheading the effort as a representative of HIBA. A tentative agenda has been prepared, and it can be found on page three of this newsletter. The theme for the meeting will be "Sustainable Beekeeping in the Midwest." Emphasis will be placed on what beekeepers need to know in order to maintain beekeeping under the condition of increasing stress. The quality of the meeting agenda speaks for itself. It is hoped that there will be a large turn out of the HIBA membership for this meeting. Details will appear in future editions of this publication.

### **HOI FAIR WINNING RECIPES**

Janet Hart has once again been able to gather up the award winning recipes for honey-based treats prepared for the Heart of Illinois Fair. Thanks Janet! The first and scnd place recipes are given here. The third place recipe will appear in future editions of the *Heart of Illinois Beekeeper* newsletter.

## ***Honey Show Guidelines***

- Liquid honey: One 1-pound jar each entry (glass or plastic bottle). Three categories exist within this class: 1) light, 2) light -amber, and 3) amber.
- Creamed honey: One 1-pound or one 2-1/2 pound wide mouthed jar per entry.
- Comb honey in standard (4"x4") plastic box: One 13- to 16-oz. comb per entry.
- Half comb hone: One cassette per entry.
- Ross round section: One 8-oz. section per entry.
- Chunk honey (wide-mouthed jar filled with comb and surrounded with liquid honey: One 1-lb. or one 2-1/2-lb. wide-mouthed jar.
- Frame of honey for extracting. One shallow 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.

HONEYBEE DELIGHT COOKIES  
FIRST PLACE

1/2 cup butter flavored shortening  
1/2 cup butter, softened  
1 cup packed light brown sugar  
2 eggs  
apricot jam or preserves  
1/3 cup clover hone  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
3-1/2 cups sifted flour  
2 teaspoons baking soda  
yellow sugar nonpareils

Thoroughly combine shortening, butter, brown sugar and eggs. Stir in honey and vanilla. Sift flour before measuring; sift again with baking soda. Stir into shortening mixture. Chill until firm, several hours or overnight. Roll into balls the size of a large Bing cherry. Place on ungreased baking sheet. Using a thimble that is powdered in flour press into the center of each cookie creating a well. Fill well with yellow nonpareils. Bake in 350 degree oven 10 - 15 minutes until browned (almost no imprint is left when lightly touched with finger). Let cool slightly. Using a flower shaped cookie cutter, press onto cooked cookie to cut to a flower shape. Gently press out flower shaped cookie from cutter. Do this with half of the cookies. On the round cookies, place approximately a teaspoon of apricot jam or preserves and place flower shaped cookie on top.

JOY'S PEANUT BUTTER GRANOLA  
SECOND PLACE

1/2 cup oil  
1 cup honey  
1 tsp. vanilla

Mix the above in a small bowl and set aside.  
Then, mix together:

5 cups Quaker Oats  
(quick or old fashioned)  
1 cup coconut  
1 cup nuts  
1 cup wheat germ

Add honey mixture and stir well. Spread on ungreased cookie sheet and bake at 275 degrees for 20-25 minutes, stirring often. Cereal is done with it turns light brown. While it's still warm from the oven, add an entire package of peanut butter chips. Blend well; store in an airtight container. This makes an excellent topping for ice cream or yogurt, or as a cereal.

## TRI-STATE MEETING

Hosted by Dadant & Sons, Inc.  
in cooperation with the  
Illinois, Iowa, and Missouri  
State Beekeepers Associations  
Hamilton, IL & Keokuk, IA

### TENTATIVE AGENDA

#### Friday, March 8

5:00 p.m. Display Set Up at Hawkeye Restaurant, Keokuk, IA  
6:30 p.m. Buffet Dinner at Hawkeye Restaurant, Keokuk, IA  
(Buffet available to only to those who have pre-paid.)  
7:30 p.m. Guest Speaker Marion Ellis, Nebraska Apiary Inspector,  
*Bees and Stamps*  
8:30 p.m. Informal Activities

#### Saturday, March 9

7:00 a.m. Open House at Dadant & Sons, Inc.  
Plant tours and sales concluding at 9:00 a.m.  
8:00 a.m. Check In: Keokuk Middle School  
Coffee and Rolls (compliments of D&S)  
9:00 a.m. Introductory Session: Auditorium  
Tim C. Dadant, President, Dadant & Sons, Inc., *Welcome*  
Jerry Hayes, *ABJ* Columnist, Moderator, *Overview and Orientation*  
9:15 a.m. Plenary Session 1: Auditorium  
Carl J. Wenning, *ABJ* Feature Writer  
*The Pro's of Sustainable Beekeeping*  
10:05 a.m. Break (compliments of Iowa State Beekeepers Association)  
10:25 a.m. Plenary Session 2: Auditorium  
Tom Webster, Kentucky State Apiarist  
*Preparations for Winter*  
11:15 a.m. Break (compliments of Missouri State Beekeepers Association)  
11:35 a.m. Plenary Session 3: Auditorium  
Marion Ellis, Nebraska State Apiarist  
*Integrated Management Practices for Control of Mites and Diseases*  
12:30 p.m. Luncheon Break: Middle School Cafeteria  
1:30 p.m. Seminar Session A (all 45-minute seminars repeated in Session B)  
A1: Bob Cox, *Honey Bee Diseases*  
A2: Ray Nabors, *Comb Honey Production*  
A3: Sharon Gibbons, *Making Creamed Honey*  
A4: D. Coovert, K. Robertson, J. Graham, *Setting Up a Honey House*  
2:15 p.m. Break (compliments of Illinois State Beekeepers Association)  
2:35 p.m. Seminar Session B (all seminars repeated from Session A)  
3:30 p.m. Plenary Session 4: Auditorium  
Jerry Hayes, *ABJ* Columnist, Moderator, *Panel Discussion*  
4:00 p.m. Raffle Drawing and Adjournment

# 2001 HIBA Membership Application/Renewal Form

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HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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*Orders for journals are accepted December through May only.*

	Renewal	New	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	Amount
<i>American Bee Journal</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$15.00	\$28.50	\$40.25	\$ <u>XXX</u>
<i>Bee Culture</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$16.00	\$31.00	N/A	\$ <u>XXX</u>
<i>The Speedy Bee</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$13.50	\$25.50	\$34.25	\$ <u>XXX</u>

Please be certain to indicate "renewal" or "new."

**2001 Dues** Check membership application type:  Renewal  New \$ 10.00

**Donation for Princess / Ambassador Program** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Submitted for Journals and Dues** \$

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 Don Waldman, HIBA Secretary, 14409 Schlink Rd., Brimfield, IL 61517. Make checks or money orders payable to "HIBA." For answers to questions about membership, contact the HIBA Secretary by phone: (309) 446-9728 or e-mail: donwald@npoint.net.

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