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June 11, 2011

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# President's Report

Dear Friends,

The search for a research leader for the Honey Bee Facility at Texas A&M in College Station continues. The search committee that consists of Clint Walker, Chris Moore, Morris Weaver and myself has just recently interviewed our fifth candidate for the position. We have been impressed with the quality of applicants, and have agreed that any of the candidates would have done a great job for the Texas beekeeping industry. Unfortunately, each of the first four applicants received better counter offers after Dr. David Ragsdale made his proposal to them.

We are now in the process of interviewing the fifth candidate, and working with Dr. Ragsdale as to whether to make him an offer. We are in the middle of this process and hopefully we will have good news for you in the next article. As we move through this process I remain as optimistic as ever, and know that what we are doing can, and will, have a lasting impact on the future of beekeeping here and beyond. Although it seems as though we are moving slowly, we all agree that it is important that we make the right decision.

It is late July here in South Texas and very hot and dry. The local paper here in Pearsall is reporting that we have received a total of 3.30 inches of rain for the year. I know I have never seen it any dryer than it is right now and a lot of the old-timers are saying this looks a lot like the drought of the fifties. I know we are having to feed a lot of syrup but the bees are able to find natural pollen on their own. We have already done one mite treatment, and are doing sugar rolls every so often to monitor the mite load. I am impressed with the strength of the colonies. I think with the early mite treatment I was able to reduce a lot of the stress on the hives, and maybe that is why my hives look as good as they do. I would encourage you to check for mites and treat appropriately. There are a couple of new mite treatments on the market that you may want to look into.

I hope this article finds you doing well.

Sincerely,  
Todd Youngblood  
President TBA



# A Note from the Editor



After a year-long (plus) search, I'm happy to say that TBA has found its new Editor! Mr. Chris Doggett from Thrall, Texas (by way of England) will take over. Chris has been

working very hard and has come so far in just two issues!

Although Chris has been acting as Editor for the last two issues, the appointment will not be made official until the Board meets in November at the convention in Corpus Christi. Please introduce yourself to Chris and his wife, Shirley. Join me in thanking him for taking the position!

I hope to see you all in Corpus!

Joan



Chris Doggett  
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## Cover Picture by Dan Eudy

### Front Row (left to right):

Shelby Kilpatrick, Collin County Honey Princess  
Allison Adams, American Honey Princess  
Caroline Adams, Collin County Honey Queen

### Back Row (left to right):

Kellie Lenamond, Texas Honey Princess  
Kaylynn Mansker, Texas Honey Queen  
Rebekah Lenamond, East Texas Honey Queen  
Hayden Wolf, East Texas Honey Princess

## In Memoriam



**O.T. Atkins Stroope**

O.T. Atkins Stroope, age 87, a resident of Garland, Texas passed away Tuesday, June 21, 2011. He was born August 28, 1923 in Nash, Texas to Annie Cole (Atkins) and Garland O.T. Stroope. He grew up along with 9 brothers and sisters in Waxahachie, TX, where he learned beekeeping from his father. After serving as a Marine in WWII, he reared 6 children and operated Stroope Bee and Honey in Frisco, TX. He later married Imogene Gibson Jordan of Garland, TX on February 14, 1977 and continued his beekeeping until his health declined. He was a member of the Texas Beekeepers Association and served as President in 1966. He was a recipient of the Jim Petty Memorial Award (Texas Beekeeper of the Year) in 1993.

Survivors include his wife of 34 years, Imogene Stroope of Garland; his children, Catherine Hughes, Jerry Stephen Stroope, Garland Ray Stroope, Deborah Francis, Mary Beth Stroope, and Nancy Lee Bartel; his stepsons, James Ralph Jordan, Mark Henry Jordan and William Thomas Jordan; three brothers, Don Erwin Stroope, Oscar Franklin Stroope and Jack Wayne Stroope; two sisters, Ruby June Hayes and Dianne Stroope Kelsch; 30 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild. O. T. was preceded in death by his parents, Annie and G.O. Stroope; one son, Hershel O.T. Stroope; 5 brothers, Thomas William Stroope, James Rhea Stroope, Bobby Joe Stroope, John Miles Stroope and Jewel Edward Stroope.



**J.R. Cantrell**

James Randolph 'J.R.' Cantrell passed away Tuesday, March 1, 2011 in Fort Worth, Texas. He was born September 21, 1920 in Como (Ft. Worth), Texas to Hayden and Estelle Williams Cantrell. He married Helen Combs on October 3, 1983 in Alvarado, Texas. J.R. was a long time member of the Texas Beekeepers Association (1996) and an active member of the Metro Beekeepers Club in Alvarado. According to his (2nd) wife Helen, he had bees when he was younger but stopped when he left to serve in WWII. He did not take up the vocation again till 1985, working with his beekeeping friend Dale Brock. He always enjoyed the TBA Conventions; he and Helen both winning ribbons in the honey competition. He had been very ill for over a year and finally sold all his beekeeping equipment in November.

He was a retired engineer for the Rock Island Railroad, and a member of the First Baptist Church of Alvarado. J.R. will be missed by all who knew him. He is survived by his wife Helen Cantrell of Alvarado; four daughters, Carolyn Jackson and husband James of Flowery Branch, GA; Catherine Slaughter and husband Ken of Haltom City, TX; Barbie Annette Pollard and husband Ross of Granbury, TX, and Lisa Ross and husband Steve of Alvarado, TX; sister Dorothy Mae Marshall and husband Nathan of Azle; 12 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, five brothers and one sister.



## Director's Report

*by Ray Latner*

*Trinity and East Texas*



Greetings Texas beekeepers.

We have had a very busy year again here in Paris, as I expect everyone has. First I would like to share with you some honey production reports. In our immediate area of northeast Texas, we had just enough rain to produce a fair to good crop as Randy had shared in the last report. However, much of Texas wasn't as lucky as one of the most severe droughts in Texas history descended on a large part of the state. In east Texas, honey production was down for many beekeepers, with smaller than average crops on brush and even tallow. The real bright spot is that the demand for good quality, local home grown, Texas honey

seems to have no limit. With this said, wholesale and retail prices are at all time highs. My hope at this time of the year, with it being so hot and dry, is that every one can keep their bees in good shape going into winter to take advantage of whatever next year has in store for us.

Until then warmest regards,

Ray Latner  
Dadant & Sons Inc  
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## Constitution and Bylaws

In accordance with Article VII of the Constitution and Article VIII of the Bylaws, requiring a thirty (30) day advance written notice, proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws will be presented for adoption at the Annual Meeting of the Texas Beekeepers Association membership in Corpus Christi, Texas November 5, 2011. Changes to the Constitution require a two-thirds (2/3) approval of the votes cast, and the Bylaws require a majority of the votes cast at the meeting.

A complete copy of the proposed documents will be published in the TBA Journal immediately preceding

the Annual Meeting. All items for proposed change have been the subject of much discussion in the Executive Committee meetings for the past year.

Since a quorum of fifty (50) members is required for action, your attendance and participation are requested and needed.

John J Talbert  
Executive Secretary  
Texas Beekeepers Association





# Honey Queen Committee Chair Report

## Kids Learning about Bees - Corpus Christi

### Thursday, November 3, 2011.

A unique opportunity awaits all Texas Beekeepers  
Come, be a part of the fun, bring the life of honey  
bees to the children of Corpus Christi!

The Corpus Christi area has over 305,000 residents,  
per online information from the last census. We  
know of a few beekeepers in the Corpus Christi area.  
Would you like to be a part of increasing the number  
of beekeepers in the largest city on the Texas coast?

Come to the Omni Bayfront Hotel on Wednes-  
day, November 2, in preparation for KLAB,  
10 am – 2 pm, on Thursday, November 3!

We'll need about 40 volunteering beekeepers of all  
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- Contacting local homeschool groups, private schools, and/or public schools
- Compiling responses to the ad
- Bringing an observation hive of honey bees
- Working the reception area for the event
- Being at the sign-in table
- Sharing about the three kinds of bees in the hive
- Demonstrating the beehive box
- Wearing a bee suit
- Providing an extractor
- Talking about pollination
- Manning the table for foundation candle-making
- Supplying honey for taste-testing
- Discussing skeps
- Wearing Buzzy Bear costume
- Being creative with microscopes, activity sheets, and any other ideas you have
- Selling honey and bee-related items.



*Eva Prieto, Demonstrating Rolling Candles  
Kerrville, 2006 KLAB*



*Mary Hicken, Janet Rowe and Anna Seida  
Kerrville, 2006 KLAB*

Give me a call or send me an email regarding how  
you would like participate in this special opportunity!

Honey Queens and Honey Princesses from around the  
state of Texas will be there!!

### Texas Honey Queen Co-Chairpersons

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# 2011 Texas Honey Queen Report

Hi Everyone,

I hope you are having a great summer. I certainly have been enjoying mine.

Let me bring you up to date on what I've been up to.

At the end of May, I was invited to give a bee talk to my piano teacher's music classes at Stonebrook Learning Center in Royse City. I presented to five groups of boys and girls. They made it very special by singing, "Deep in the Heart of Texas," for me at the beginning of the class. Then I talked to them a little bit about bees, taught them a fun bee song and talked a little more about bees. They all enjoyed it so much, and I was grateful for the opportunity to present to them.



*Stonebrook Learning Center, Royse City*

June 2, I made my way to Tyler, TX, to visit the East Texas Beekeepers club. This being Kellie Lenamond's (2011 Texas Honey Princess) home club, she was there too. Mrs. Shirley, my mom and sisters came with me as well. Before the meeting we enjoyed some BBQ at Rudy's, then headed to the meeting. I introduced myself to the club, sharing a little bit of what I had been doing this year. We received such a warm welcome; I appreciate the hospitality of the club. Like the other clubs I have visited, ETBA has experienced a lot of growth, and their scholarship program is doing well. Also present at the meeting was ETBA Honey Queen Bekah Lenamond and Hayden Wolf, ETBA Honey Princess. The Wolf family was so very kind to



*ETBA, Tyler*

invite my family to stay the night at their home. We had so much fun visiting and I really appreciate them opening their home to us.

June 11 was the TBA Summer Clinic. What a great turn out! This year's program was very good. I was stationed at the Honey Judging/Tasting table with Texas Honey Princess Kellie and Hayden Wolf (ETBA Princess). We explained the honey judging process and allowed people to sample the different honeys on the table. We also demonstrated how to test the water content by using a refractometer. A big THANK YOU to the East Texas Beekeepers for coordinating the summer clinic and to the Lenamond Family for hosting the event at their home.



*TBA Summer Clinic, Wills Point*

*(cont'd on page 10)*



# 2011 Texas Honey Princess Report

Hello, Texas Beekeepers!

These past two months have been some of the busiest ones I have ever experienced, and I am glad to say I've spent some of them with you. I have traveled to Kentucky and back once already within the past week to work for the new freshman orientation at University of the Cumberlands. Although I am looking forward to starting my sophomore year of college there in Williamsburg, Kentucky, and taking some more medically-inclined classes this semester, I am sad that I will be leaving you all in August.

For everyone who came to my house for the 2011 Texas Beekeepers Summer Clinic, thank you for making it a huge success. My family and I had such a wonderful time hosting and serving all of you that day. There were so many wonderful booths, stations, people, and of course, barbecue. It was so good to see



*Browsing scrapbooks at the summer clinic  
Tabitha Mansker, Hayden Wolf, Rebekah Lenamond,  
Kellie Lenamond and Kaylynn Mansker*

all of those friendly faces that I have come to know and love in the time I've spent as 2011 Texas Honey Princess and 2009, 2010 East Texas Honey Queen. And to all of you who couldn't make it, we all missed you.

I have had such a wonderful time representing you in any way I could this year. Being a spokesperson has helped me step forward into so many opportunities at school and wherever I go, and it has helped me meet lots of other, non-Texan beekeepers as well. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at both the State Fair of Texas and at the 2011 Texas Beekeepers Convention in Corpus Christi, November 3-5.

See you soon and God bless,

Kellie Lenamond, 2011 Honey Princess



*Kellie Lenamond addressing the group at the TBA  
Clinic. Background: Shelby Kilpatrick, Rebekah  
Lenamond, Hayden Wolf and Allison Adams*

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## Winning of State 4-H Public Speaking Award

Hello Everybody,

It was so good to see the many people from our club at the TBA clinic at my house. I enjoyed getting to visit with you and work with some of you at the different booths. ETBA was well represented at the clinic and I want to thank everyone who helped set up before and tear down afterwards. Also, thanks to everyone who brought desserts, they were delicious.

June has been a busy month for me with the TBA clinic going on, numerous other events this past month and even more coming up. Also this month was my 4-H State Roundup. Many of you know that I am very involved in my local 4-H club here in Van Zandt County. I am involved in several different projects with 4-H and one of them that I enjoy is Public Speaking. In this project you may choose any subject you like and then you have to research your subject and prepare a presentation telling about it. You then give your presentation to an audience and to a panel of judges. This year I decided to give my presentation on honey bees. I hadn't done one of these presentations since I was 8 but what did I have to lose? I thought I might as well give a presentation I like to do and see how far I got with it. Well, it did go far.

After winning first place at the District competition, I then advanced to the State competition. Taking the advice of the judges at the district level, I wore my beesuit during the presentation. Afterwards, I thought it was the worst presentation I'd ever given. I was nervous and I had rushed through the presentation, forgetting to add in bits and pieces. We only have 12 minutes to give our presentations and I was very afraid I would go over time, which would result in disqualification. Thinking that there was no way I had placed in the top 3 and therefore would not be receiving an award, I went back to my hotel and changed into a pair of shorts and a T-shirt. Later that day I met up with some friends of mine and we all went to the awards ceremony together just to watch. The judges started the ceremony with recognition certificates for everyone who participated, and then whoever placed 10th through 4th would stand and we would clap for them. They started calling the names out and I sat there thinking I might have placed 6th or 7th. They passed 7th and 6th place without having called my name. When they got all the way to 4th place I was feeling very disappointed in myself. The judges then told the audience that the top three winners would come to the front of the stage and receive an award as well as a scholarship.

They called 3rd, and then 2nd place and we all clapped. Then one of the judges, an older man, said "And now, the Queen Bee." I thought that was so rude, I knew I hadn't placed first yet he was making fun of me.....or so I thought. The very next name they called was mine! I was

stunned. My friends were sitting next to me clapping and telling me to go forward to receive my award and scholarship but all I could do was sit there thinking there must have been another Rebekah Lenamond in the competition. One that was a Honey Queen. And had bees. Finally I stood and went to the front. It wasn't until I got all the way there that I realized I was still wearing shorts and a T-shirt. Not exactly what you want to be wearing to receive a State award right?

The judges presented me with a pin (which I now wear on my sash) and a certificate. Then we had our pictures taken. They did let me change into some nicer clothes later that night when I got to walk across the stage at the General Assembly. There were tons of people there!

This year I entered my presentation in the 'Natural Resources' category. I talked a little extra about the natural characteristics of honey and a lot about how we would be cheated out of a third of our food without the honey bees and pollination. The judges were impressed I guess! They said that I was "well versed in this subject." I giggled at that.

Since I placed first in the State I now get to go on and compete at the National competition. Nationals will be held in Denver, Colorado, but I'm not sure of the date yet.

Needless to say, I'm so excited about having this opportunity! It is an awesome privilege to go and represent this club and everyone who stands behind me. I just hope I don't let you down. I will say that at Nationals the competition is very hard. If you would put me in your prayers it would be very much appreciated.

I can't wait to see you all again at our July meeting. Texas Honey Princess Kellie will also be coming to the next meeting. I know she is excited about getting to see you all as well. Maybe I can convince her to bring some of her amazing honey bars.

See you at the meeting.

**Rebekah Lenamond**  
**ETBA Honey Queen**



## Membership Report '11-4

by Jimmie L. Oakley

Date	Last	First	City/Town/State	Amount
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### 2011 New Members

6/2	Atwood	Thomas W.	Terrell, TX	20
6/3	Hall	Stephen B.	Grapevine, TX	20
6/5	Camp	Marla	Austin, TX	20
6/11	Cheatham	Pam	Leonard, TX	20
6/11	Compton	Paulette	Plano, TX	20
6/11	Huston	Karen	Dallas, TX	20
6/11	Robson	Sheri	Athens, TX	20
6/11	Thomas	Clint	Henderson, TX	20
6/11	Witkinson	Kenneth	Frankston	20
6/11	Willingham	Ricky	Canton, TX	20
6/18	Webb	Jesse	Robinson, TX	20

### 2011 Renewing Members

5/28	Winkler	William B.	Moody, TX	20
6/11	Anderson	Karen	Wills Point, TX	20
6/11	Collins	Eddie	Whitehouse, TX	20
6/11	Hatch	Diana	Denton, TX	20
6/11	Hill	Larry	Krum, TX	20
6/11	Kilpatrick	Shelby	Copper Canyon, TX	20
6/13	Burfoot	Charles	Rusk, TX	20
6/13	Glasser	Pete W.	Mansfield, TX	20
6/13	Koons	Alvin D.	Lago Vista, TX	20
6/13	Johnson	Don	Winona, TX	20
6/13	Morgan	Frank S.	Copper Canyon, TX	20
6/13	Smaistrila	Albert	East Bernard	20
6/13	Stephens	Ray	Alvarado, TX	20
6/14	Geyer	Eddie	Moore, TX	20
6/14	Hunt	Frank	Austin, TX	20
6/14	Ramachandran	Hem	Austin, TX	100
6/15	Hastings	Susan	Waxahachie, TX	25
6/15	Henley	Mark O.	Waco, TX	20
6/15	Jenkins	James	Ft. Davis, TX	20
6/15	Sorrells	Donald L.	Shreveport, LA	20
6/15	Wiemer	Alvin J.	Hondo, TX	20
6/15	Wiemer	Alice	Hondo, TX	20
6/17	Bauer	Dale	Fertile, MN	20
6/17	Walker III	Clint	Rogers, TX	20
6/17	Weaver	Danny	Austin, TX	20
6/18	Kiefat	Nancy	West Columbia, TX	40
6/20	Crabtree	Dennis	Dallas, TX	25
6/20	Neveu	Michael	Ft. Worth, TX	20
6/22	Hambleton	Carlos A.	Burleson, TX	20
6/23	Leathers	Cynthia M.	Alvin, TX	20

## Honey Queen Report

(cont'd from page 7)

June 13 at the Collin County Beekeeper's monthly meeting, my home club, I was invited to share my beekeeping experience and a little bit about what we do with the products from our hives – as part of the program. I enjoyed doing this very much, simply because I know how interesting it is to hear someone else's story. A.P. Warne and Russell Sweeney also spoke about their beekeeping practices. It was a very informative and fun meeting.

We come to the end of my doings so far, but there is more to come! I will be visiting the Walker County Beekeepers in Huntsville, as well as the new Dino-Bees club in Glen Rose. I'll let you know how these go in a future article. Thank you again for all your support of Kellie and me as we share with others around the state how amazing the honey bee is.

Stay cool!

**Kaylynn Mansker**  
2011 TX Honey Queen





# Membership Report '11-4 (cont'd)

Date	Last	First	City/Town/State	Amount
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## 2011 Renewing Members (continued)

6/23	Atkins	John S.	Victoria, TX	20
6/24	Bender M.D.	Robert M.	Celina, TX	20
6/24	Buckner	Robert L.	McKinney, TX	20
6/24	Fischer	Tony L.	Winnie, TX	20
6/25	Sherrin	Brian	Rockwall, TX	20
6/27	Foose	Stephen	Duncanville, TX	20
6/27	Rubkle	Daniel B.	Ft. Worth, TX	20
6/27	Thomas	Charles N.	Mabank, TX	20
6/27	Wright	Billy G.	Donna, TX	20
7/1	Kauffman	Kurt	Colleyville, TX	20
7/2	Gillespie	Douglas W.	Anna, TX	20
7/6	Allen	Robert D. 'Bob'	San Antonio, TX	20
7/6	Anderson	Clyde	Kingsland, TX	40
7/7	Cone	Michael	Garland, TX	25
7/8	Fucik	A. J.	El Campo, TX	100
7/8	McClaugherty	Ralph	Raymondville, TX	20
7/8	Welch	Roxanne	Joshua, TX	20
7/8	Gandara	Salvador	Joshua, TX	20
7/18	Coker	Cheryl L.	San Antonio, TX	20
7/18	McCall	John A.	Hawkins, TX	20
7/21	Hahn	Russell A.	Ganado, TX	25
7/27	Trevino	Richard A.	San Antonio, TX	40



**Mail All Renewals/Inquiries to:**

**Jimmie L. Oakley**

1799 Goodson Ct.

Round Rock, TX 78664-3706

## Associations Renewing 2011 Membership

6/22	Harris Counry Beekeepers Association	Houston, TX	25
7/27	Alamo Area Beekeepers Association	San Antonio, TX	50

**Phone:** 512/388-3630

**e-mail:** [jimmie.oakley.att.net](mailto:jimmie.oakley.att.net)

## **Explanation of Membership Status as shown on label:**

\*\*\*11.....2011 Membership dues paid  
 \*\*\*10.....2010 Membership dues paid, but not 2011

## **If label reads:**

Mr. and Mrs. (Name) = Both are members  
 Mr. (Name) = Only Mr. is member  
 Mrs. (Name) = Only Mrs. is member

NC.....Non-Commercial

CEN.....Century Club

COML.....Complimentary Copy

COM.....Commercial

LFM.....Life Member

**Membership Renewal is due January 1 of each year. If the renewal date on your label is not \*\*\*11, please renew today.**

**Please Send All Membership Inquiries to:**

**Texas Beekeepers Association**

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## **Beekeeping Classification:**

Commercial.....(301 plus colonies)

Sideline.....(26 to 300 colonies)

Hobby.....(0 to 25 colonies)

## **Membership Category:**

Century Member.....\$100.00

Individual Member.....20.00 ( a person)

Beekeeper Association.....25.00 (an organization)

Associate Member.....20.00 (nonbeekeeper person)

# Texas Honey Supper at Springdale Farm to Benefit Honey Bee Research at Texas A&M

*from Jimmie Oakley*

Edible Austin Magazine and Chef Will Packwood presented a honey tasting and honey-themed five-course, sit-down supper at Springdale Farm on Sunday, June 5 to help raise awareness for the plight of honey bees and to celebrate Texas honeys.

Invited guests were Jimmie & Kay Oakley of Round Rock, Texas to represent the Texas Beekeepers Association, recipient of the proceeds that will go to the Dr. Nevin Weaver Honey Bee Endowed Excellence Fund for Honey Bee Research at Texas A&M University.

Chef Packwood's menu included the following Texas honeys paired with dishes made with these local, seasonal ingredients:

**Orange Blossom Honey** (Burleson's Pure Honey) with red snapper, peach, arugula, almond, Fresno chili.

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**Yaupon Honey** (Boggy Creek Farm) with pork, kale, sweet potato, fig, bacon.

**Clover Honey** (Goodflow) with honey cake, goat's milk ricotta, sesame, pistachio.



*Texas Honey Supper held at Springdale Farm in Austin*



*Jimmie & Kay Oakley of Round Rock, Texas.*



*Orange Blossom Honey*



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# Texas Beekeepers Hold Summer Clinic in Wills Point

The Texas Beekeepers Association held the 2011 Summer Clinic at the invitation of Mike and Tammy Lenamond at their home in rural Wills Point, Texas on Saturday, June 11th. The Lenamond's live in a spacious two story with huge shade trees that offered some relief from the heat of an unusual hot Texas Spring day.



*Registration with Kay Oakley, Cecelia Eudy and Tammy Lenamond*



*Host and Hostess, Mike and Tammy Lenamond*

As people began to gather early they were greeted by members of the host organization, East Texas Beekeepers Association, at the registration table directed by Tammy Lenamond and Cecelia Eudy and assisted by Kay Oakley. Filling out forms, taking money and giving directions, the ETBA crew handled the one hundred thirty beekeepers and friends attending the event. As beekeepers began to assemble under the tents set up behind the big house, the talk soon turned to bees, and the usually hot spring, and the concern of a honey crop this year. The Honey Queens filled in the time by drawing for some of the door prizes that were given away.

Delegate Committee Chair Dick Counts welcomed everyone to the event and introduced TBA President, Todd Youngblood from Pearsall, Texas, who offered some insight into the situation at the A&M Bee Lab. The barbecue arrived and thoughts turned to lunch. The delicious meal was served buffet style just before the noon hour. As the groups gathered around the tables and chairs, conversation soon returned to the topic of the day - beekeeping.

Following lunch all the Queens present were given opportunity to address the assembled beekeepers. The Honey Queens that spoke were: American Honey Princess, Allison Adams, of Plano, Texas; Texas Honey Queen, Kaylynn Mansker of Nevada, Texas; Texas Honey Princess, Kelli Lenamond, of Wills Point, Texas; Collin County Honey Queen, Caroline Adams, of Plano, Texas; Collin County Honey Princess Shelby Kilpatrick of Copper Canyon, Texas; East Texas Honey Queen, Rebekah Lenamond of Wills Point, Texas; and East Texas Honey Princess, Hayden Wolf of Big Sandy, Texas.



*President, Todd Youngblood and TBA Delegate Chair, Dick Counts, with ABF Princess Allison Adams*



*The Lenamond's beautiful house*

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# STATE FAIR OF TEXAS®

Summer is here and it is hot!!!! If your bees are like mine, you are wondering what happened to the honey crop. Hopefully the weather will moderate and we will have some cool and maybe wet weather by the time for the State Fair of Texas and the Honey Booth.

There continues to be considerable interest in the honey bee by the media. Blake Shook and I have been interviewed several times this year about the honey bee and her impact on the food supply. We have endeavored to present a very positive image about beekeepers and their importance too. If you have any suggestions for telling the story of pollination, please send them to me.

As always, your help is needed to provide the honey and funding for the booth. We need more honey than ever and we will need your financial support to be able to tell the story. We are asking the commercial beekeepers to lead the way with \$200 donations and the hobbyists \$25 or more if possible. We really need to raise about \$4000 this year. The financial needs are more pressing this year due to the state budget crunch. The Texas Department of Agriculture will not be funding as much this year and will do a major building reshuffle. The Honey Booth will not be in the same location, and we will have to do some modifications.

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TBA HONEY BOOTH VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP CALENDAR					FRIDAY September 30	SATURDAY October 1
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## State Fair of Texas

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The TBA Honey Booth provides the best opportunity to get our story to the public. Over 1 million consumers of the 3 million that attend the Fair pass by the booth each year according to the numbers furnished by the Texas Department of Agriculture. Exposure to each consumer costs less than 4 tenths of a cent. That is very inexpensive. Honey and bees have been the news a lot lately. This has increased the demand for honey. Help us make the Texas consumer realize that they need to purchase TEXAS HONEY.

Our Honey Queens do a great job with the cooking demonstrations that make the public aware of what a wonderful ingredient honey can be in the kitchen. Please help them tell the story. Honey will again be showcased by the Honey Queens. We are fortunate that we have more Queens sponsored by local clubs than in quite a while.

**Can you donate a case of honey with your label, or even a jar?**

**Contact John Talbert at 214-532-9241 if you can.**

**Can you be a volunteer in the booth to help tell the story of bees and honey?**

**Please see the sign up calendar on page 14**

**We need you to sign up for a date.**



## 2011 Almond Crop May Be Biggest Ever

California's 2011 almond production is forecast at a record 1.95 billion meat pounds, up 11% from May's subjective forecast and 19% above last year's crop. The forecast is based on 750,000 bearing acres, which is also a record, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistical Service.

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After a good winter with excellent chilling hours, the 2011 almond crop bloom began in an unusually chilly spring that had growers initially concerned because the bees that are responsible for pollination don't fly as much when cold. But the cold spring also lengthened the bloom, causing more overlap between varieties. The bees then eventually came through, and the flowering trees set an excellent crop.

Freezing temperatures did affect the northern regions more heavily than the south, but frost damage was insignificant. Older plantings suffered some damage from the strong winds that accompanied the spring storms, but overall damage was minimal. Spotty damage from hail was also noted. Low disease and insect pressure have been reported and, with all the precipitation California has seen this winter, lack of water for irrigation is not the problem it was a few years ago. This year's snowpack was impressive, causing many ski resorts in the Sierra Nevada to stay open through the recent Fourth of July holiday weekend.

The average nut set per tree is 7,353, up 23% from 2010. The Nonpareil average nut set of 7,482 is up 34% from last year's set. The average kernel weight for all varieties sampled was 1.49 grams, 13% below last year. The Nonpareil average kernel weight was 1.60, down 15% from last year. As with most fruit crops, generally the more almonds per tree, the lower the average almonds size. A total of 98.7% of all nuts sized were sound.

Though the crop forecast, which is officially known as the "Objective Measurement Survey," is conducted by the USDA-NASS, it is paid for by the Almond Board of California.

Source: The USDA National Agricultural Statistical Service, in conjunction with the Almond Board of California

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## TBA Summer Clinic

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There were a half dozen education stations set up under the big trees on the site manned by either East Texas Beekeeper members or Honey queens that covered everything from assembling bee equipment to bee diseases (beetles & mites & moths, oh my!), to raising bee queens, or judging honey. It was all very interesting and informative.



*Arlene and Randy (Johnson Honey Farm)*



*Tom and Dale Stewart from Corpus Christi  
Coastal Bend Beekeepers*



*Ricky Willingham from Canton, TX  
(East Texas Beekeepers)*



*East Texas Beekeepers Harry Reaves  
and Shirley Knight*

With well over a hundred in attendance, the East Beekeepers enjoyed the majority of attendees at the clinic with sixty seven. Collin County Hobby Beekeepers had a good turnout again with thirty three for those who are counting, and Williamson County had nine. Other associations represented were Coastal Bend and Trinity Valley Beekeepers. Seven new members joined at the Clinic.

Our thanks again to our host the East Texas Beekeepers and to Mike & Tammy Lenamond for allowing us to meet at their beautiful place.

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