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President’s Report

Sylvia and I started out in early June for the Texas Beekeepers Summer Clinic. We traveled up IH35 to New Braunfels and decided to stop for a rest room break and refuel. I turned in to the new Buc-ee’s. Wow did I pick the right place? The parking lot was full. Gas lanes seemed to stretch into the horizon, and the building was as big as the Wal-mart down the street. Everything you need to refuel the vehicle and the body is inside. Finally on the road again we enjoyed the scenery to our destination.

The setting for our annual Summer Clinic was beautiful. The grounds were manicured, to perfection. After registering we began to mingle with many friends from all across Texas.

Our first speaker talked about the hottest topic in Texas this year, AG exemptions for property owners housing honey bees on their land. So much good information was given. The bottom line is all counties are going to set up and regulate differently. Now is the time for you to gather your friends and make an appointment with your county Extension Agent and ask to be involved with the decision making process. Your input could help tremendously with the outcome for your area.

After this informative information was given we took a lunch break. Outdoors, shade, iced tea, Texas BBQ, nothing better.

Later we divided into groups and rotated to different learning stations. Good beginning and advanced information was shared with all attendees. The afternoon seemed to fly by, and was soon over. Everyone left to go home full of beekeeping knowledge and of course Texas BBQ.

Texas Beekeepers Association
2012 Convention Site
November 8th - 11th

Shilo Inn Suites Hotel - Killeen, TX
3701 South W.S. Young Dr., Killeen, TX 76542
(next to Killeen Civic & Conference Center)
Room Rate $89.00 King or Double Suite
1-800-222-2244

Cutoff date for reservations is October 24th.

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Vice President’s Report  
from Blake Shook

You are one of few people on the face of planet earth who is brave enough to actually work (bare handed at times) with thousands of stinging “garden fairies”, and, as such, I have no doubt you are always being asked dozens of questions. These questions, always asked with an eager smile of anticipation, as you, the guardian of those angelic beings, (who dance on the flowers to give us food, float gently back to their blissful utopia and store all of the honey in glass jars with gold metal lids) begin to answer the question you could have answered before it was asked. “Yes,” you reply, “I do get stung on occasion.” “No, my arm doesn’t swell up, turn green and go numb for weeks.” “Yes, (CCD) Colony Collapse Disorder is a real phenomenon.” “Sigh…no, it is NOT caused by cell phones.” “Nope…no one cause has been indentified.” “No, we are actually not all multi-millionaires.” “No, you don’t have to stockpile bug spray, the Africanizing bees aren’t going to invade your home and take over the world.” “We have to put the honey in a jar…the bees don’t do it for us.” “Actually, the bees don’t use pollen to make honey.” “No, I can’t smoke the bees out of your house, charm them out or catch the queen and let all the bees follow her out.” “Sorry, but you need to do more than read a beginning beekeeping book before becoming a commercial beekeeper.” “What’s that? Yes, commercial beekeeping actually does take work, the bees don’t do all of it for us.”

As bizarre (yet familiar) as the above conversation may sound, it is in fact reality to many people in our country right now. Granted, some know slightly more than that, but many are clueless when it comes to what beekeeping is truly like. However, the general public is currently solidly united on one fact of beekeeping: that bees are dying at alarming rates and something must be done. Five years ago, virtually no one had heard the quote that “Without bees, humankind would cease to exist in 4 years.” Now, thanks to CCD, almost everyone has heard that and many more things about bees and beekeeping. While CCD has been difficult, and a major problem in our industry, it has given us publicity that no amount of money could buy.

So, what is the latest on CCD? The latest is basically what the latest was last year and the year before. My standard response to people when they ask is that there does not appear to be any one cause of CCD. It seems to be brought about by a combination of several factors which include (but are not limited to): stress, poor management, poor nutrition, varroa mites, viral and bacterial diseases, new pesticides, old pesticides, new beekeepers, old beekeepers and the guy next door, who uses more gallons of chemicals on his lawn than gallons of oil BP spilled into the gulf.

When you combine these factors, one beehive cannot face them all and survive. You can’t prevent the guy next door, but you can take care of your hive’s nutritional needs, which essentially means feeding them properly. Many of us, whether commercial beekeepers, or small scale beekeepers can easily overlook the importance of feeding this time of year. Frank Eischen, from Weslaco Bee Lab, has given several excellent presentations at past conventions detailing the importance of feeding both pollen substitute and syrup during the summer and fall months. His reports indicated that properly fed hives were able to better resist Nosema c. and varroa mites, and the earlier in the year you begin feeding the stronger the hive will be throughout the winter.

Hot summer months can be the most dangerous time of the year for bees. Make sure you are feeding both pollen substitutes and syrups heavily to ensure they survive the summer and are ready for the winter. Remember, winter management starts now, not in November.
Greetings from TBA Area Five.
Hope your bees are doing well. I have started to write this at least once a week for the past month and each time the message would have been different.
Right now (July 16, 2012) I would say my bees are doing very well. This was not the case back in May when our honey harvest was about 20% of normal for that time of year. My, what a difference rain can make. Its almost like old times. I generally do not move my bees so am at the mercy of what mother nature throws at Hearne, Texas.
Already looking forward to next year.
Flight and Foraging Dynamics.
How bees fly; their foraging habits, along with the nectar and pollen loads of the worker bees.

Pollinators and Pollination.
The basic flower types and the interactions of bees with flowers in the transfer of pollen; flower colors and attraction of bees for pollination.

Growing Pains.
Where and how decisions must be made as a beekeeping operation moves from one hive to dozens to hundreds.

Dr. Roger Hoopingarner got his start in beekeeping as a boy scout 65 years ago. With that interest he went on to receive his B.S. degree from Michigan State University in Entomology and his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. His doctoral research was on the genetics and environmental factors in queen rearing.

After a post-doctoral fellowship at the University of Wisconsin, he joined the faculty at Michigan State University’s Entomology Department where he remained doing research, teaching and extension in insect physiology and apiculture for 38 years. His research interests involved fruit pollination, disease transmission, population dynamics and insecticide interactions with insects and animals.

An Overview of the American Beekeeping Industry, and how and why Monsanto is Interested

The Latest on CCD and the World of Pests and Diseases

Jerry Hayes has served two terms as President of the Apiary Inspectors of America group and is a founding member of the Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD) Working Group. He is currently a science advisor for Project Apis Mellifera and is the contributor of the American Bee Journal’s Q&A column “The Classroom” as well as a book of the same title. He has authored or co-authored dozens of published research papers. He previously served as Chief of the Apiary Inspection Section for Florida’s Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. He has a long history with Beeologics, having previously served on Beeologics’ technology advisory board working with colleagues in government and university researchers on Beeologics’ efforts to help the global apiculture industry. Jerry is currently employed by Monsanto, who acquired Beeologics last year.
TBA Convention 2012 Beekeeping 102 Master Class
Beekeeping for Second Year and Small-Scale Beekeepers

Dr. Lawrence John Connor, Instructor

Beekeeping for fun AND profit

Beekeeping biology as it impacts bee management

Mite sampling and integrated pest management

Two and a half (or more) hives - Why and How?

Queen production in the back yard

Discussion

Thursday November 8, 2012  9am - 3pm

Fee: $125 per person or $200 per couple

Reduce by $25 ($100 per person, $175 per couple) if paid by check or PayPal three weeks in advance.

The Deadline for this meeting is October 18, 2012. Register online with PayPal or mail a check with this postmark. The class will be canceled if there are not 12 people registered and paid by October 18!

Fee includes one copy (single or couple) of one of the instructor’s books (Essentials series)

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A&M Hires Apiculturist to Provide Leadership for Honey Bee Laboratory

Dr. Juliana Rangel-Posada

Dr. Juliana Rangel has been hired to lead the honey bee research, teaching and link with the Texas beekeeping industry. Dr. Rangel will begin her tenure with the Entomology Department at Texas A&M on January 1, 2013.

Todd Youngblood, TBA Past President, said, “The TBA Industry committee was pleased with Dr. Rangel’s enthusiasm toward our new facility at College Station and her desire to continue her queen breeding research at TAMU. We feel she will have an impact on the many problems facing the beekeeping industry. We are very much looking forward to working with her in 2013.”

Dr. Rangel comes to A&M from North Carolina State University where she is completing an NSF Postdoctoral Research Fellowship under Dr. David R. Tarpy. She has been investigating queen quality and supersEDURE. She has also been involved in organizing and implementing the “Born and Bred in North Carolina” queen-rearing and bee-breeding program with the beekeepers in NC.

Dr. Rangel began her post-secondary education at San Diego Mesa College in San Diego, CA. She received her BS in Ecology, Behavior and Evolution from the University of California – San Diego, CA in March 2004. She received her Ph.D. in Neurobiology and Behavior from Cornell University in Ithaca, NY. At Cornell she was mentored by Drs. Thomas Seeley and Kern Reeve, with her PhD funded by NSF Predoctoral Fellowship. She received her degree in January 2010 prior to joining Dr. Tarpy and his research as a Postdoctoral Research Fellow.

After Dr. Rangel finished her seminars, conferences with faculty, staff & students and visited with the Texas Beekeepers Association’s search committee, she toured the A&M Honey Bee Lab. On returning from the Lab tour she told Dr. Ragsdale, “I am thrilled to have such a research facility to begin my career at Texas A&M. Just to realize the Texas beekeeping industry has placed this much importance in the science, education and service of this profession, certainly gets my attention and commitment!”

2012 Louisiana Beekeepers Association State Convention

The Ramada, Bossier City has been chosen for the annual Louisiana Beekeepers Association Convention. It is located at 4000 Industrial Drive, Bossier City, LA 71112 (Interstate 20 at Exit 23). Room rates are $60 a night (Thursday and Friday nights) with choice of single or double bed. A continental breakfast is included for guests. Older attendees can specify a first floor room as there is no elevator. All meeting rooms are downstairs.

The cut off date for the LBA block of rooms is November 1st.

Look for updates to this information at labeekeepers.org and in future Bayou Bee Bulletins.
Summer is here and it is hot!!!! We had a much better spring than 2011 but the sun has taken charge again and the temperatures are elevated. 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. The dates are September 28 thru October 21 and the Honey Queens will be doing their demonstrations on the last weekend October 19-20-21. Do your best to be there and support them.

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. I even had a film crew from India looking at the bees. 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 sideliner/small scale beekeepers $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. We hope to have the same location as last year but nothing is guaranteed.

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. Our honey sales have increased substantially. It was a good thing that the crop was better this year. 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?

We need you to sign up for a date.

Call or email John Talbert at john@sabinecreekhoney.com
Why a Survey on Acute Pesticide-Related Bee Kills?
This survey on pesticide-related bee kills was developed in service to the US EPA Pesticide Program Dialog Committee (PPDC) Pollinator Workgroup, with the intent of determining if there are particular crops that are more or less problematic for acute pesticide poisonings of bees. Most of the questions focus on acute bee kills caused by high doses of pesticides, including insecticides, fungicides and herbicides. While sub-lethal pesticide effects may also be relevant to the issue of declining bee populations, these are beyond the scope of this survey, as multiple contributing factors may be involved given the time between exposure and the observation of adverse effects. As a result, the focus of this survey was primarily on acute bee kills caused by pesticides, with only a preliminary analysis of the relationship of crops on which bees foraged to long-term effects on bee health.

The survey was designed by Pesticide Research Institute working together with several commercial beekeepers who are members of the PPDC Pollinator Workgroup, including Darren Cox of Cox Honey in Utah, Jeff Anderson of California-Minnesota Honey Farms, Rick Smith of Smith Honey, Bret Adee of Adee Honey, and Steven Coy of Coy’s Honey Farm. Data processing and analysis was done by Josh Pepper, Sandra Bustos, Ted Callon and Susan Kegley of Pesticide Research Institute, with external review provided by the beekeepers listed above, as well as PPDC Pollinator Protection Group members Erik Johansen of the Washington State Department of Agriculture and Iain Kelly of Bayer Crop Science. We hope the results will provide useful data to US EPA.

Survey Respondents
Both commercial and non-commercial beekeepers filled out the survey. There were more non-commercial respondents, but the majority of the hives were owned by commercial beekeepers. Respondents were categorized as either non-commercial or commercial beekeepers based on the number of hives they manage, with 50 hives set to be the breakpoint to distinguish commercial versus non-commercial beekeepers. Out of the 427 individuals who completed the survey, 365 were categorized as non-commercial beekeepers, who altogether accounted for 2,597 unique queen-right colonies, hereafter referred to as hives. Sixty-two respondents were categorized as commercial beekeepers, accounting for 244,171 unique hives.

The total number of hives that spent time in any state was estimated at approximately 900,000. This method counts hives once for every state they spent time in, like the National Agricultural Statistics Service’s (NASS) hive counts and assumes that, on average, only 75% of a beekeeper’s total number of hives foraged in each state. See the Methodology section for more details and caveats on comparing different methods of estimating hive numbers.

General Observations
Commercial beekeepers reported acute pesticide-related bee kills more frequently and observed a higher number of acute bee kills and longer-term abnormal bee mortality not clearly related to acute poisoning events than non-commercial beekeepers. Sixty-eight percent of non-commercial beekeepers reported never having experienced a pesticide-related kill in the last three years, while only 12% of commercial beekeepers reported not having a kill.
When asked what factors they believe contributed to acute pesticide-related bee kills, 76% of commercial beekeepers cited pesticide use on blooming crops not being commercially pollinated by their bees and 74% indicated pesticide use on crops not dependent on pollination (such as corn) as the top two factors. In contrast, the top two factors cited by non-commercial beekeepers were pesticide use on non-agricultural land (e.g. golf courses, landscaped
areas, and roadside weeds), which was chosen by 29% of non-commercial respondents, and pesticide use on crops not dependent on pollination, which was chosen by 24% of non-commercial respondents.

**Analysis of Bee Kills by Crop**

[http://pesticideresearch.com/site/?page_id=1751](http://pesticideresearch.com/site/?page_id=1751) to go directly to the detailed results by crop.

The crop analysis was also split out by commercial and non-commercial beekeepers, and the analysis was done three different ways: 1) By the number of respondents experiencing kills occasionally or frequently, which provides information on the number of beekeepers with acute poisoning experiences by crop; 2) By the number of hives experiencing kills occasionally or frequently, which provides information on which crops affect the largest number of hives; and 3) By the number of hives affected by a particular crop relative to the acres of crop planted in the U.S., which provides information about the relative per-acre hazard each crop poses to bees.

**By Number of Respondents:**

Top crops cited by commercial beekeepers for acute pesticide-related bee kills were cotton (71%), corn (54%) and melons (40%).

The top crops cited by non-commercial beekeepers for acute pesticide-related bee kills were corn (21%), soybeans (17%) and urban plants (14%).

**By Number of Hives:**

The analysis by number of hives was only done for commercial beekeepers. The top crops cited by commercial beekeepers for acute pesticide-related bee kills analyzed by number of hives were cranberries (94%), alfalfa hay (91%) and soybeans (87%).

**By Number of Respondents and Number of Hives per Acre of Crop Planted:**

We defined a respondent Bee-Kill Index (rBKI) and a hive Bee-Kill Index (hBKI) to express the relationship between hives experiencing kills and the crop acreage planted in the U.S., with higher values of the BKI indicating a higher frequency of acute kills per acre of crop planted than for lower values of the BKI.

**Respondents**

The analysis by number of respondents per acre of crop planted was only done for commercial beekeepers and was broken out into two categories: 1) Commercially pollinated crops, and 2) Crops not utilizing commercial pollination. The commercially pollinated crops with the highest rBKI were winter squash (rBKI = 6.9), summer squash (rBKI = 6.7) and melons (rBKI = 4.6). All of these crops bloom throughout the season, increasing the potential for pesticide exposure.

For crops not utilizing commercial pollination, cotton (rBKI = 0.048) was the crop of greatest concern, followed by alfalfa (rBKI = 0.016), corn (rBKI = 0.006), and soybeans (rBKI = 0.005).

Although cotton has the smallest number of acres planted in this category of crops at 14.7 million acres, it was the most problematic for bee kills, indicating that pesticide applications to this crop are responsible for a large number of observed bee kills per acre of crop planted. In spite of the relatively low rBKI for soybeans and corn, the large number of acres of the crop planted results in high exposure potential for bees in the areas where these crops are grown, with 54% and 37% of commercial respondents reporting kills occasionally or frequently on corn and soybeans, respectively.

**Hives**

The analysis by number of hives per acre of crop planted was only done for commercial beekeepers and was separated into commercially pollinated crops and crops not utilizing commercial pollination. The data are shown in terms of the hive bee-kill index, hBKI. The top commercially pollinated crops cited by commercial beekeepers for acute pesticide-related bee kills per acre planted were cranberries (hBKI = 24), winter squash (hBKI = 13) and melons (hBKI = 8.0).

For crops not utilizing commercial pollination, alfalfa hay (hBKI = 0.043) and cotton (hBKI = 0.039) were the crops of greatest concern. The hBKI for soybeans and corn was approximately one quarter of the values for alfalfa and cotton. This result may be due to the low numbers of commercial respondents from corn and soybean-growing areas and the generally low number of commercial beekeepers that keep their bees in these areas. While corn and soybeans had low numbers of hives affected per million acres, the absolute number of hives with kills attributed to corn and soy was still high, with 74% (corn) and 82% (soybeans) of the hives reported as experiencing kills on these crops occasionally or frequently.

The great disparity between commercially pollinated crops and those not requiring commercial
2013
TEXAS 4-H BEEKEEPING ESSAY CONTEST
RULES AND GUIDELINES

DEADLINE FOR ESSAY
JANUARY 10, 2013

AWARDS:
National Cash Prizes to 3 Top Winners:
  1st Place: $750.00
  2nd Place: $500.00
  3rd Place: $250.00

National Contest Sponsored by: The Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, Inc.

Each State Winner, including the national winners, receives an appropriate book about honey bees, beekeeping, or honey.

Texas Cash Prizes to 3 Top Winners
  1st Place: $300.00
  2nd Place: $200.00
  3rd Place: $100.00


TOPIC:  For the 2013 essay contest, the essay topic is:

“Reducing the Usage of Bee-Killing Pesticides in my Community”

Pesticides are a fact of modern life, but misuse or overuse of pesticides, or making poor choices when selecting and applying pesticides can be devastating to honey bees and other pollinators. The 4-H’ers are encouraged to learn about bee-killing pesticides being used in their communities – by homeowners, businesses, or farmers. Then, they should investigate how the impact of those pesticides on honey bees can be lessened.

The scope of the research is an essential judging criterion, accounting for 40% of your score. The number of sources consulted, the authority of the sources, and the variety of the sources are all evaluated.

Personal interviews with beekeepers, farmers and others familiar with the subject are valued sources of information and should be documented. Sources which are not cited in the endnotes, should be listed in a “Resources” or “Bibliography” list.

Note that “honey bee” is properly spelled as two words, even though many otherwise authoritative references spell it as one word.

NOTE: FOR 2013 ONLY ESSAYS SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY WILL BE ACCEPTED.

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RULES:

1. Contest is open to active 4-H Club members only. 4-H'ers who have previously placed first, second, or third at the national level are not eligible; but other state winners are eligible to re-enter.

2. Requirements (failure to meet any one requirement disqualifies the essay) –
   - Write on the designated subject only.
   - All factual statements must be referenced with bibliographical-style endnotes.
   - A brief biographical sketch of the essayist, including date of birth, gender, complete mailing address, and telephone number, must accompany the essay.
   - Length – the essay proper: 750 to 1000 words.
   - The word count does not include the endnotes, the bibliography or references, nor the essayist's biographical sketch – which should be on a separate page.
   - Preparation for National Judging: ELECTRONIC SUBMISSIONS ONLY. Prepare your essays double-spaced, 12-pt. Times or similar type style, following standard manuscript format. Submit as a Microsoft Word compatible document.

3. Essays will be judged on (a) scope of research - 40%; (b) accuracy - 30%; (c) creativity - 10%; (d) conciseness - 10%; and (e) logical development of the topic - 10%.

4. Individual must send all essays electronically to the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program by January 10, 2013. E-mails should be sent to Kyle Merten at kjmerten@ag.tamu.edu.

5. Each state may submit only one entry.

6. Final judging and selection of the National Winner will be made by the Foundation's Essay Committee, whose decision is final.

7. The National Winner will be announced by May 1, 2013.

8. All National entries become the property of the Foundation and may be published or used as it sees fit. No essay will be returned. National winning essays will be posted at: http://honeybeepreservation.org.

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2013 TEXAS 4-H BEEKEEPING ESSAY CONTEST

CERTIFICATION FORM

Award Program Entered: Beekeeping Essay Contest Year: 2013
Name: ___________________________ Gender: M_____ Y_____
(First) (Middle) (Last)
Home Address: ___________________________
City/State/Zip: ___________________________
District/County: / 4-H Club Name: ___________________________
Email Address: ___________________________

STATEMENT BY 4-H MEMBER
I certify that I am an active 4-H Club member in Texas and that I have not previously placed first, second, or third at the national level.

Date: ______________________ Signed: ______________________ (4-H Member)

APPROVAL OF THIS REPORT:
We have reviewed this report and believe it is correct:

Date: ______________________ Signed: ______________________ (Parent/Guardian)
Date: ______________________ Signed: ______________________ (4-H Club Manager/Leader)
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In this post-varroa, post-Colony Collapse Syndrome era, beekeepers are developing localized, mite-resistant bee stocks. Key to this is their ability to raise queen cells and queens. In this post-varroa, post-Colony Collapse Syndrome era, self-reliant beekeeping is the goal for many beekeepers. Connor is the author of a line hybrid breeding program, he advocates dramatic changes in the way beekeepers collect stock. Larry offers a tested and proven method to teach backyarders how best to improve beekeeping stock for greater return and enjoyment. Connor has distilled extensive information into a simple plan that any beekeeper can follow to not only produce their own queens, but to actively improve their stock. Dr. Anita Collins and Virginia Williams, USDA, Beltsville, MD, wrote a foreword to this book, noting that it will be well read, dog-eared, and well worn from use!

Larry Connor has again struck gold. This is one manual that won’t stay on your bookshelf, but will be well read, dog-eared, and well worn from use!

“Very detailed and practical manual for raising queens on a small scale from locally sourced bees. Queen Rearing Essentials is a must have book for every beekeeper.” — Blake Shook, President, Collin County (Texas) Hobby Beekeepers Association

“Detailed and practical manual” A “must have book for every beekeeper” filled with “astounding photographs.” — Greg Hannaford, Chairman, Northeast Oklahoma Beekeepers Association

“Excellent book!” — Becky Jones, CT

“I wish such a book had been available when I started. It will be a good book for our bee club to work into our mentoring program in the future. — Mike Risk, MI

“Just the book I was looking for.” — Tom Jannette, CA

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Texas Beekeepers Hold Summer Clinic in Belton
from Jimmie Oakley

The Texas Beekeepers Association held the 2012 Summer Clinic at the home of David & Jan Tucker of Belton, parents of Williamson County Honey Queen, Lesli Tucker. The Tuckers live in a beautiful two story on a spacious, gated, acreage with huge live oak trees that provided a perfect setting for the event on a hot Texas Summer day.

The meeting site was well organized and setup by the host association the day before with registration located half way up the long winding driveway. The registration table was directed by the Youngblood family, Sherry Youngblood (WCABA Membership Chair), husband Jack, and children, Kristen, Christopher, Josiah and Jennifer. As many attendees arrived early, they were assisted in filling out forms by WCABA members, Barbara Hunt, Gary Bible and Honey Queen, Lesli Tucker. Taking money and giving directions, the WCABA crew handled almost 180 beekeepers and friends attending the event. As beekeepers began to assemble they took refuge under the trees overlooking the grounds and the talk soon turned to bees, the moist spring and the hope of a honey crop this year.

Before lunch arrived the group gathered under the trees was given a presentation by Dennis Herbert of Salado, Texas, on the new Texas law for tax exemptions for beekeepers. His information and handouts were gladly accepted.

The traditional Texas barbeque dinner with all the trimmings was provided by Pok-e-Jo’s of Round Rock and was served under the big tents by members of WCABA, including Kay, Abigail and Anna Oakley, Ed, Karen, Daniel and Katie Eacrett, Ginny Stubblefield, Josiah and Jenni Youngblood.

After the delicious lunch, TBA President, Ed Priest, gathered the beekeepers again and the Queens present were given an opportunity to address the assembled beekeepers. The Honey Queens who
B-B-Q Dinner with all the trimmings was served under the big tents by WCABA members at noon.

spoke were Texas Honey Queen, Caroline Adams of Plano; East Texas Honey Queen, Bekah Lenamond of Wills Point; Collin County Honey Princess, Shannon LaGrave of Farmersville and Williamson County Honey Queen, Lesli Tucker of Belton, Texas. TBA Delegate Committee Chair, Dick Counts, conducted a brief auction that raised $195.00 benefiting the Honey Queen scholarship program. Michael Kelling from Central Texas Beekeepers made announcements about their clinic next year. Ed Priest was the last of the speakers. The Honey Queens concluded the activities by drawing for some of the many door prizes provided by Texas Insurance and Financial Services that were given away to all those who were registered.

To facilitate the afternoon teaching portion of the clinic, the beekeepers were divided into six groups, each headed by a present or former Honey Queen to rotate through the teaching stations setup for that purpose. Gary Bible of Liberty Hill covered Basic Beekeeping Equipment. Package Bees, Splitting & Requeening was presented by Ed Priest from San Antonio. Hive Inspection - Best Practices was conducted by John Talbert of Josephine, Texas. Hive Manipulation was addressed by Randy Oakley

Delegate Committee Chair, Dick Counts, is assisted by ETBA Honey Queen, Bekah Lenamond as an auction item donated by Stanford Brantley is sold in support of the Texas Honey Queen Scholarship Fund.

The Honey Queens were in charge of drawing and dispensing door prizes at the clinic. Pictured are (r to l) Caroline Adams, Lesli Tucker, Shannon LaGrave, special assistance from Kayla Olson with Jon Aerts of Terrell, Texas looking on.

Texas Honey Queen Caroline Adams addresses the beekeepers at the Summer Clinic while CCHBA Princess, Shannon LaGrave, WCABA Honey Queen, Lesli Tucker and ETBA Honey Queen, Bekah Lenamond await their turn.

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16th Annual Field Day at the USDA Honey Bee Lab in Baton Rouge

The USDA Honey Bee Breeding, Genetics and Physiology Laboratory and the Louisiana State Beekeepers Association will hold the 16th Annual Field Day on Saturday, October 20, 2012. The event will be held at the laboratory, located at 1157 Ben Hur Rd. This is near the intersection of Nicholson Drive (Hwy 30) and Brightside Dr., which is about two miles south of the LSU football stadium.

Gates will open at 9:30 a.m.; activities are scheduled from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. A nonrefundable pre-registration fee of $25.00 is required for attendees 12 years of age and above. This covers the expenses for coffee, pastries and a very good catered lunch (*see menu below)! If you do not pre-register, it will be $30.00 per person at the door.

The Field Day will include activities for beginners, intermediate and more experienced beekeepers. The highlight this year will be a new intermediate beekeeping course with a variety of workshops focused on the beekeeper with a moderate amount of experience who is now ready to take it to the next level!

There will be variety of workshops geared to more experienced beekeepers, i.e., queen rearing, breeding and selection, etc... There also will be workshops showcasing the USDA laboratory's research.

You must pre-register by October 1, 2012. For more information contact Lanie Bourgeois (225-767-9299), Sandra Hineman (225-767-9280) or Joe Sanroma (318-346-2805).

Please register on the Louisiana Beekeepers Association www.labeekeepers.org website or mail this form with a check payable to the Louisiana Beekeepers Association to the address listed at the bottom of the form.

*Menu: Bar B Q Chicken Leg Quarters, Smoked Sausage, Jambalaya (Chicken, Pork, & Sausage), Red Beans and Ham over White Rice, Garden Salad with choice of 4 Dressings, Fresh Baked Honey Wheat Rolls, Mixed Emotions Pudding and Coke Products.

Please mail your 2012 Field Day Registration Form by October 1 (registration money is used to pay for a catered lunch). Please choose which afternoon session you prefer by checking Beginner, Intermediate, or Workshops below. Please use back of form if you are registering more than 5 people.

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Total amount enclosed _____________ ($25 per adult)

Please mail this registration form and a check (payable to the Louisiana State Beekeepers Assn.) to: David Ferguson
P.O. Box 716
Brusly, La 70719
Honey Queen Committee Chair Report

Dear Texas Beekeepers,

The honey harvest looks bountiful in Texas this year!

Do prepare your donation of honey for the Texas Beekeepers booth at the State Fair of Texas and get it to John Talbert. Schedule a day or several days with John to work the booth. Beekeepers love to talk bees and the TBA booth is a great opportunity to do that with the public. Plus, you will get free entrance and parking for the State Fair in return for your volunteer time.

Our American Honey Princess, Danielle Dale from Wisconsin, will join us at the State Fair of Texas on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, October 19, 20, and 21, cooking with honey onstage. We are honored to have Danielle join us. She will be cooking with our Texas Honey Queen, Caroline Adams; our Texas Honey Princess, Rebekah Jones; East Texas Honey Queen, Bekah Lenamond; East Texas Honey Princess, Hayden Wolf; Williamson County Area Honey Queen, Lesli Tucker; Collin County Honey Queen, Shelby Kilpatrick and Collin County Honey Princess, Shannon LaGrave. What a delicious and sweet 3-day event! We look forward to seeing you there.

As you prepare your honey for the booth at the State Fair, prepare your honey also for the honey judging on Friday morning at the TBA Convention. Recall what fun we all have on Friday evening at the TBA Convention as winners are announced and ribbons are awarded. And then we all go out for ice cream.

Honey is not the only item to be prepared for judging at the TBA Convention. Take photos now and submit your favorites on Friday morning at the Convention for Friday evening’s cash prizes. Start collecting treasured bee-related items for putting together a gift basket for that category of judging. Make a stash of unique things for the Convention’s Saturday night auction. (Janet Rowe’s hand-painted UT and A & M supers were quite the hit at the TBA 2010 Convention in Kerrville.)

Caroline and Rebekah continue attending events as Texas Honey Queen and Texas Honey Princess. Do let us know as you would like to have them participate in a monthly meeting or event in your area. We look forward to seeing all of you soon.

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Texas Honey Queen Co-Chairpersons Shirley Acevedo and Rachael Seida at the 2012 TBA Summer Clinic
of Manor, Texas. Basic Honey Extracting using the WCABA club equipment was demonstrated by Jimmie Oakley of Round Rock. Finally, Lance Wilson of Austin gave a program on Integrated Pest Management. Elizabeth Exley and Kay Oakley gave an impromptu session on balms, lotions, salves and tinctures under the food tent.

For a third time in four years the Summer Clinic was held along the Central Texas corridor and TBA was encouraged by the excellent turnout, and from the positive comments they were glad to be able to do it again.

One attendee said, “It is the best $12 I’ve ever spent.”

Our thanks again to our host, David and Jan Tucker and WCABA for great time!!
Beekeeping Tips for August
from Blake Shook

You should finish extracting honey by the first of August. August and fall flowers do not usually make good tasting honey. So, leave fall honey for the bees.

Melt wax cappings from your extracting. You may freeze cappings for melting at a later date. Freezing should destroy any wax moth larvae that may be present. You can leave “wet” cappings exposed for foraging bees to clean before processing the wax. Don’t attract wax moths by leaving cappings exposed for more than three days.

“Wet” frames may be returned to the supers on the hives for the bees to clean.

Store cleaned supers in a cool and dry area. Place a super on a newspaper and stack two (2) more supers on top of it. Cover the top super (the 3rd one) with an 8” square piece of paper (or a paper plate) and pour six (6) tablespoons of paradichlorobenzene (PDB) moth crystals (NOT MOTHBALLS) on it (PDB can be purchased at most hardware stores). You can also pour the moth crystals into a clean nylon (knee-high) stocking, tie it closed, and place on top of every third super. Continue stacking supers and moth crystals in this manner. When finished stacking the supers, cover the very top super with a hive cover over the moth crystals and newspaper. Check the stack monthly to determine if more moth crystals are needed. Once the crystals have evaporated, the protection is gone. Keep the stack air-tight. Allow supers to air-out before returning them to your hives in the spring.

August is the time to treat for varroa. You need strong brood to go through the winter. Examine hives for varroa using either sticky boards, powdered sugar method, or checking for the mites on drone larvae. If varroa are found, treat immediately. DO NOT use chemicals in the honey supers.

Check the strength of each colony, as a weak colony can become a harbor for wax moths or small hive beetles (SHB). Combine colonies if there are weak ones. Keep the beeyard clean. Help prevent SHB by carrying a pail in which to put burr comb.

Provide a good supply of water in this hot dry month. Keep hives well ventilated by adding an empty super above the brood box.

If there are not at least two full frames of honey in the brood box, start feeding sugar water. Bees can starve in August.

Consider re-queening in the fall as the queens are less expensive at that time.
Hello, Beekeeping Friends, 

I hope all is well with you and your bees! For beekeepers across the state, the last few weeks have truly been “the most wonderful time of the year”. Extraction season is always an exciting time to enjoy the fruits of one’s labor. I hope your harvest was bountiful. My family and I extracted just this week. We got three supers off of one hive, which equaled about six gallons of honey. We were pretty pleased considering it was only one hive and last year’s drought proved to be terrible for honey production. Our honey is a light amber color and has a wonderful flavor. I am not sure what the bees gathered their nectar from this time around but I certainly would not mind if they paid those flowers another visit! The colony we extracted from did very well this year. It was strong enough to run a deep and two mediums for the brood chamber and then add three honey supers on top of that. Because our hives are on an elevated stand, this hive was a little tall when it came time for inspection, but it was definitely worth the extra effort! One of our other hives is doing very well, though we were not able to harvest from it this year. Fortunately, it is an extremely gentle colony and it has a stunning brood pattern. We had had some severe temperament issues with this hive before, but re-queening them has greatly helped to solve this problem and has resulted in increased production and activity. Our third colony has a queen, but seems to work pretty slowly. We are currently feeding them and may have to transfer a frame of brood from one of the stronger colonies to support them until they raise enough brood of their own.

Though things have slowed down for the summer, I have had several Honey Queen events since my last article:

On June 9th, I traveled to Belton, TX, for the Texas Beekeepers Association’s Annual Summer Clinic. A huge thank you goes to David, Jan and Lesli Tucker for opening their lovely home for the clinic and to the entire Williamson County Area Beekeepers Association for all of the work they put in to make the day such a success – it certainly paid off! With 7 stations about a variety of beekeeping topics, there was a good deal of learning to be done. The topics included Installing Packaged Bees/Splitting/Re-queening, Hive Manipulation, Hive Inspection, Hive Products for Skin Care and Medicinal Purposes, Beekeeping Equipment, Varroa Research and Control, and Extraction. The presentations were excellent and it was such a pleasure to fellowship with so many beekeepers from across the state. If you have the chance, I encourage you all to attend next year; it is always a wonderful event!

On June 26th, I visited Anna Acres Summer Camp in Anna, TX. This is a small but wonderful camp where children learn and participate in a variety of activities. It is rather like a pioneer-themed camp only not quite so primitive. The children are taught to cook a variety of natural, old-fashioned foods, make their own toys and devices to play with, and spend time outside playing and learning. As I presented there last (continued on page 26)
Dear Beekeeping Friends,

What an interesting summer we have had! From the 100+ temperatures in June, to the rather cooler and wetter July, it just can’t decide what it is. From the recent rain we received, the grass is greener and the flowers certainly are enjoying it. Because of this, my bees have been really busy making honey and filling up the hive.

I have to say that harvesting honey is probably one of my favorite things to do with my bees. There is much pride in knowing this delicious golden liquid came from your hive, and that you now have the ability to share that goodness with others. My family and I harvested honey in the early part of June and got a little over 3 gallons of honey. I know that every beekeeper says this about their honey, but it’s the best I’ve ever eaten! I hope that you all will have bountiful honey harvests and that you will have your own best honey in the world.

I wanted to share with you about the great benefit Honey Queens receive from representing the amazing honey bee. Beyond the obvious knowledge and training you receive about honey bees, being Honey Queen gives you the confidence to share what you are passionate about, as well as teach you how to prepare to orderly and intelligently speak on any topic. I know for myself personally, before becoming a Honey Queen you couldn’t make me get up and say anything in front of lots of people, even if it meant life and death. In a moment of complete craziness, I accepted the WCABA title. At first it was really hard and required a great deal of effort. Over time though, it became easier and I found that I actually enjoyed public speaking! Now I not only love speaking about bees, but I seek out other opportunities to speak and share with people. I thank you all so much for giving me this wonderful opportunity and for supporting me as well as the other Honey Queens. You make us who we are and I cannot thank you enough for sponsoring us.

The events that I am looking forward to include a Baseball game at the Dell Diamond and the State Fair of Texas where the Honey Queens will do cooking demonstrations using honey over three days, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, October 19, 20, and 21.

Again, thank you so much for your support and for the blessing it is to be able to share about the amazing honey bee. God bless you all!
pollination makes some sense, with a primary contributing factor being the number of acres planted. Other considerations include:

- Use of bee-toxic pesticides varies by crop depending on pest pressure and types of pests.

Beekeepers are more likely to be located near commercially pollinated crops than crops not requiring pollination.

Most of the commercially pollinated crops with high rBKI or hBKI values have a relatively long bloom period: Winter squash, melons, cucumbers, alfalfa seed and summer squash, which means there are more opportunities for acute pesticide poisonings. Cranberries are an exception; with only a 1–2 week bloom period, this reasoning cannot explain the result. However, results for cranberries are based on the response of a single beekeeper, and the information for questions 6 and 7 is conflicting for this respondent.

Most of the commercially pollinated crops with low rBKI are crops for which commercial pollination services are not always utilized or to which fewer pesticides are applied (sunflowers, canola) or for which well-defined bloom periods allow for removal of bees prior to pesticide applications (almonds, cherries, citrus, apples and pears).

Beekeepers reported attempting to stay away from certain problematic crops, such as cotton and alfalfa (see question 8). In spite of this fact, both of these crops had relatively high BKI values compared to corn and soybeans, which have many more acres planted.

Bees may be more or less attracted to different crops.

Different regions of the country were not equally represented in the survey, with neither the corn/soybean-growing states nor the cotton-growing states fully represented. As a result, the relative ranking of the non-commercially pollinated crops indicated by the BKI values is suggestive, but not conclusive.

**Longer-Term Hive Dwindling and Loss**

When asked what percentage of their hives exhibited symptoms of abnormal bee mortality over the past three years, 58% of commercial beekeeper respondents said that at least 20% of their hives had exhibited such symptoms. Only 37% of non-commercial beekeepers said that at least 20% of their hives had exhibited such symptoms.

**Economic Impacts and Kill Investigations**

When commercial beekeepers were asked how often they had moved their hives in the past three years to protect their bees from pesticides and if there was any related increase in expenses, 59% said they had moved their hives at least once. Only 12% of non-commercial beekeepers moved their bees to avoid pesticide exposure. Of the commercial beekeepers that moved their hives to avoid pesticide exposure, 97% reported that this has led to “some” or “substantial” additional expense or lost income.

Thirty-seven percent of commercial beekeepers that had bee kills did not report them to enforcement personnel. Based on the comments from commercial beekeepers, many are dissatisfied with bee kill investigations based on their past experience with reporting pesticide-related bee kills. Several commercial beekeepers noted that their failure to report was related to their dissatisfaction with bee kill investigations in the past.

Twenty-four percent of non-commercial beekeepers that had kills did not report them to enforcement personnel. Several of these beekeepers stated that they did not know how to document or report a bee-kill incident.

When asked “If you reported a bee kill to the authorities in your state, what response did you get?” no respondents selected the option: “For most incidents, a violation was issued by the investigator and the pesticide applicator was fined.”

**Summary of Other Comments**

http://pesticideresearch.com/site/?page_id=1757 to go directly to the collection of all other comments.

Many respondents said that pesticide labels need to include more precautions about how to apply pesticides without harming bees. Specifically, that labels should include a simple system with symbols such as color-coded bees that indicate the pesticide bee toxicity of a particular product. Other respondents, especially non-commercial beekeepers, suggested that more education on properly adhering to pesticide labels is needed, especially for homeowners.

Commercial beekeepers indicated that it is critical that beekeepers, growers and pesticide applicators communicate in order to effectively coordinate pesticide application times and reduce bee kills.

Many beekeepers expressed their concerns about herbicide use on crops and non-agricultural land along with insecticide use as specifically problematic for bees.

Several beekeepers mentioned that growers and applicators are not consistently adhering to local ordinances that require that beekeepers be notified before pesticides are applied near their hives or that in some cases prohibit commercial applicators from spraying crops within a certain radius of registered hives.

Beekeepers also indicated that acute bee kills are not the only issue related to pesticide use, and expressed their concerns that exposure to pesticides at low doses over time may also be responsible for queen failure and reduced overwintering survival of hives.
The Sweet Truth Behind Honey
The National Honey Board Clarifies Confusion Over Pollen and Ultrafiltration

Firestone, Colo. – August 7, 2012 – Honey has been in the news recently, covering topics from its source to its authenticity. The National Honey Board (NHB), a federal research and promotion board with United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) oversight, wants to clarify any misconceptions. The NHB utilized industry, culinary and educational resources to produce “The Story of Honey,” which captures the many positives of honey, from being a vital component of a healthy ecosystem to whole body benefits, while shining light on how honey is harvested, from honey bee to table.

“Lately, there has been some confusion about honey and honey filtration,” said Bruce Boynton, CEO of the National Honey Board. “The term “ultrafiltration” has been misused in association with traditional filtration methods commonly used by many U.S. honey packers, leading some consumers to believe that any honey without pollen is not real honey.” “The truth is that honey is made by honey bees from the nectar of flowers and plants, not pollen. This is one of several myths that need clarification, according to the NHB. Harvesting honey is an ancient artisanal craft that is both an art and science. The honey bees gather nectar from flowering plants while beekeepers collect honey from the beehives. The journey from harvesting to distributing honey is multifaceted.

“The bees simply collect nectar, add a few enzymes and store it in the honeycomb. But all of the color, the flavor, the aroma, the antioxidants, whatever constituents are in the honey comes from the particular flower from which the nectar was collected,” said 40-year veteran beekeeper Gene Brandi.

There are more than 300 varietals of honey, ranging greatly in flavor and appearance. After the honey is removed from the beehive and extracted by a beekeeper, it is shipped off to a honey packer, who warms the honey and removes any foreign material or residue from the beehive, often including whatever pollens may have been introduced during the extraction process.

“The filtration process that we use is a tried and true method that’s been used in the industry for more than 50 years,” said Jill Clark, Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Dutch Gold Honey, a 66-year-old family owned and operated business based in Lancaster, Pa. “We warm the honey so it flows smoothly through our filters. Our filter press looks like a large accordion with many paper filters along the way. Honey goes through the paper filters, and this removes the foreign material or the pollen and any residue from the beehive, so that by the time it’s through the filter papers, the honey is clear and ready for bottling.”

Honey is a natural product that contains just one ingredient: honey. The benefits of honey make it easily accessible for consumers to use in their daily lives. Honey is a whole food that has naturally occurring nutrients. Honey has other uses outside of the culinary realm. As a carbohydrate, honey is a natural energy booster. With humectant properties, honey draws and retains moisture to nourish the body. It is also recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the World Health Organization as a natural cough suppressant in children after the age of one.

Dr. Ian Paul was the lead researcher of a study funded by the National Honey Board to prove honey is an effective natural cough suppressant. “I was looking to find an alternative that would be just as good as the over-the-counter dextromethorphan. I was surprised when we looked at the study results that the honey did the best in the comparison of the honey, the dextromethorphan and no treatment. So I was really happy to be able to provide an alternative for my patients and children around the country,” said Dr. Ian Paul of Hershey, Pa. To learn more about the study go to http://www.honey.com/nhb/benefits/natural-cough-suppressant/

To view the Story of Honey go to http://www.storyofhoney.com/

The National Honey Board conducts research, advertising and promotion programs to help maintain and expand markets for honey and honey producers. These programs are funded by an assessment of one cent per pound on domestic and imported honey.
year, it was nice to visit again and see some familiar faces! I gave a basic presentation to children ranging in age from about 8-12 years old. The kids were very sweet and asked lots of excellent questions. I always love presenting to children because they have such a wonderful fascination with the bees and it is such a pleasure to see their interest and excitement!

On July 5th, I went to Tyler, TX for the East Texas Beekeepers Association’s monthly meeting. The ETBA is a wonderful association. With nearly 190 members, they are a large and very active club. It was fantastic to see their involvement in our industry, particularly through their wonderful youth scholarship and Honey Queen programs. The association invited me to share about my beekeeping operation, techniques and experiences. It was a pleasure to meet so many new people as well as catch up with old friends. I so enjoy time spent with people who share my love of honey bees and beekeeping; beekeepers truly are some of the very best people in the world! Many thanks to the ETBA for their kind invitation and to Gus and Joanne Wolf and family for hosting my family and me during our stay - I had a wonderful time!

On July 20th, I visited Round Rock, TX for the Round Rock Express baseball game. The Round Rock Express is the area’s minor league baseball team and that evening, the Texas Beekeepers Association had a booth set up at the stadium with an observation hive, brochures and information, honey sticks, and of course, beekeepers! I was able to attend along with 2012 Texas Honey Princess, Rebekah Jones, and 2012 Williamson County Area Beekeepers Association Honey Queen, Lesli Tucker.

The weather was rather warm but spirits were high and the relaxed atmosphere of a summer evening ballgame made the event relaxed and enjoyable! While at the ballgame, I had an opportunity to join Derrick Grubbs on the field for a pre-game interview, following which Lesli threw out the first pitch. After handing out trifolds and greeting people, we had a chance to watch part of the game before heading up to the radio booth for a live interview. The game was aired on a local radio station and I had the opportunity to join the radio announcers on the air for a short interview where I shared a bit about myself, my position as Texas Honey Queen, and the Texas Beekeepers Association. Because the radio announcer was commenting on the game at the time, the conversation shifted back and forth from baseball to beekeeping, but it was quite fun, nonetheless! The gentlemen in the radio booth were very kind and it was so neat to reach people with the good word about honey bees in this way. This event marked my first ever live interviews as Honey Queen and I learned a lot of valuable information through the experience.

A huge thanks goes to Chris and Shirley Doggett and Jimmie and Kay Oakley for all of the time and effort they put into making the event such a success – I had a fantastic time!

Finally, if you are on Facebook I encourage you to like the Texas Honey Queen page where I post photos/updates about my travels, fun facts, interesting articles, and honey recipes. This is the first time ever that the Texas Honey Queen Program has had a page of this sort and it has proved to be a great outlet to share new things. I am trying to get as many “likes” as possible during the course of the year. If you would show your support for this program by liking the page, I would really appreciate it. You can find the page by searching Facebook for “Texas Honey Queen.” I hope you enjoy it!

Thank you so much! Have a wonderful rest of the summer! I hope to see you all soon!
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Listing of Local Beekeepers’ Associations in Texas with
TBA Delegate and Regular Meeting Information Shown for Each
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Edward Priest - (210) 722-7380
edward_p@sbcglobal.net
9570 Maidenstone - San Antonio, TX 78250
Meetings: 3rd Tuesday on odd # months; at Helotes Ind. Baptist Church
15335 Bandera Rd; Helotes @ 7 pm

Brazoria County Beekeepers Association
Larry Hoehne - (979) 848-8780 or (979) 236-1385
233 Crestwood, Clute TX 77531
bcbassociation@gmail.com
www.brazoria-county-beekeepers-association.com
Meetings: 2nd Monday of each month at 7pm;
Brazoria County Extension Office
21017 County Road 171, Angleton TX 77515

Central Texas Beekeepers Association
Michael Kelling - (979) 277-0411
CentralTexasBeekeepers@gmail.com
www.centraltexasbeekeepers.org
1997 Tonckawa Hills Ln - Brenham, TX 77833
Meetings: Monthly on the 4th Thursday
(except November and December) at the Washington County Fairgrounds
Brenham @ 7 pm

Coastal Bend Beekeepers Association
Deborah Houlihan - (361) 877-2428
crazybutterflychick@hotmail.com
445 Parade Dr., Corpus Christi, TX 78412
Meetings: First Thursday of each month at 6:30pm;
City of Corpus Garden Senior Center
5325 Greely Dr., Corpus Christi, TX 78412

Collin County Hobby Beekeepers Assn.
John J. Talbert - (972) 843-8084
john@sabinecreekhoney.com
P O Box 6 - Josephine, TX 75164
www.northtexasbeekeepers.org
Meetings: 2nd Monday of each month;
Heard Craig Hall, 306 N. Church St,
McKinney @ 6:30 pm

Concho Valley Beekeepers Association
Travis Lane - (325) 653-7226
6427 Goodland Lp - San Angelo, TX 76901
cvbeassoc.com
Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of each month Jan-Nov
Texas A&M Research and Extension Center
7887 US Hwy 87 N, San Angelo @ 7:30 pm

Dino-Beekeepers Association
Dwain Cleveland - (254) 396-0655
dtaincleveland@windstream.net
www.dino-bee.com
Meetings: 1st Tuesday of month
Chachi’s Mexican Restaurant
Highway 67 in Glen Rose @7pm

East Texas Beekeepers Association
Richard Counts - (903) 566-6789
dickcounts@bigplanet.com
16239 Audrey Lane - Arp, TX 75750
www.etba.info
Meetings: 1st Thursday of each month;
Room 104, RTDC Building; 1530 NE Lp 323
Tyler @ 6:45 pm

Fort Bend Beekeepers Association
1402 Band Road, Rosenberg, TX 77471
(281) 633-7029 (during office hours)
Jeff McMullan - Secretary - Treasurer
(281) 980-2363 (home): (281) 615-5346 (cell)
jeffmcmullan@comcast.net
Meetings: 2nd Tuesday of each month (except December) in the Fort Bend County
Bud O’Shielles Community Center
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bluemarble@furstenwerth.net
614 Vista Road - Pasadena, TX 77504
www.harriscountybeepkeeprs.org
Meetings: 4th Tuesday of each month
Golden Acres Center - 5001 Oak Avenue
Pasadena @ 7 pm

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Heart of Texas Beekeepers Association
Gary Bowles - (254) 214-4514
gbowles@peoplepc.com
Meetings: 4th Tuesday of each month
(except December) at A1 Buffet,
301 S. Valley Mills Drive, Waco @ 6:30 pm

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7611 Fondren Rd - Houston, TX 77074
www.houstonbeekeepers.org
Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of each month; Bayland Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet St.
Houston @ 7:30 pm

Metro Beekeepers Association
Stan Key, President
stankey.texas@gmail.com
www.metrobeekeepers.net
8413 Castle Creek Rd., North Richland Hills, TX 76182
Meetings: 2nd Monday of each month; United Co-op Services Community Room, Bethesda Rd at I 35 W., Burleson @ 6:30 pm

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John Hicks - (936) 756-9708
johnhicks12003@yahoo.com
www.mocobees.com
Meetings: 3rd Monday of each month at Montgomery County Extension Office @ 7 pm

Permian Basin Beekeepers Association
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2312 N. Adams - Odessa, TX 79761
Meetings: Not meeting regularly.

Pineywoods Beekeepers Association
Cecil Hunt - (936) 632-5357
clh12@consolidated.net
301 Carriage Dr. - Lufkin, TX 75904
Meetings: 2nd Thursday of each month
Chamber of Commerce Building, Highway 287 and Highway 58 Intersection
Lufkin @ 7:30 pm

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Bennie J. Watson - (940) 767-0207
1952 - A Hines Blvd.
Wichita Falls, TX 76301-7961
Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of each month (except December)
Bolin Science Hall, Room 209
Midwestern St. University
Wichita Falls @ 7 pm

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Billy Wright - (956) 464-5042
Route 5, Box 74 - Donna, TX 78537
Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of each month; TAMU Res. and Ext. Center, 2401 E. Highway 83
Weslaco @ 7:30 pm

Trinity Valley Beekeepers Association
Alan Eynon - (972) 231-5702, Ext. 104
abees@swbell.net
9702 Vinewood Drive - Dallas, TX 75228
www.tvbees.org
Meetings: 1st Wednesday of each month (except August), Continuing Education Center, C.C. Young Facility, 4847 West Lawther Dr., Dallas, TX 75214 @ 7 - 9 pm

Walker County Area Beekeepers Assn.
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mshort5150@yahoo.com
34 Davis Road - Huntsville, TX 77320
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Huntsville @ 7 pm

Williamson County Beekeepers Assn.
Jimmie Oakley - (512) 388-3630
jimmie.oakley@att.net - www.wcaba.org
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(Number of Colonies)

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- ***12.........2012 Membership dues paid
- ***11.........2011 Membership dues paid, but not 2012
- NC............Non-Commercial
- CEN.........Century Club
- COM..........Commercial
- COML........Complimentary Copy
- LFM..........Life Member
- 12,13&14......Membership Renewal is due January 1 of each year. If the renewal date on your label is not ***12, please renew today.

Please Send All Membership Inquiries to:

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Mr. Jimmie Oakley  
1799 Goodson Court  
Round Rock, TX 78664-3706  
Phone: 512/388-3630  
jimmie.oakley@att.net

### Beekeeping Classification:

- **Commercial**.........(301 plus colonies)
- **Sideliner**............(26 to 300 colonies)
- **Hobby**...............(0 to 25 colonies)
- **Associate Member**....20.00 (nonbeekeeper person)
- **Beekeeper Association**....25.00 (an organization)
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