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President's Report

from Blake Shook



Welcome, and New Projects

Hello Friends!

First of all, I want to say "Thank-you" to all of you for electing me as your President at our past Convention! I, and the entire board are extremely excited about the many things we have planned for TBA in the coming year. I would also like to welcome Chris Moore, our new VP, and thank him for taking on the role. I look forward to working with him, and know he will do a fantastic job planning our convention in 2013. I also want to welcome Jim Rowe and Eddie Collins, two of our new Directors.

Our 2012 Convention was, in my opinion, a huge success. We had a very large turnout, and a tremendous amount of positive feedback from our speakers.

There are certainly exciting things happening in the industry! Weslaco Bee Lab has conducted a 14 month study on Nosema C. and found that treating for nosema, according to their study, increased honey production by close to 65% in treated hives. Jerry Hayes spoke about some very exciting research on RNAi for bees that he is leading. If their study proves to be all they hope it to be, they will essentially be able to develop a vaccine for bees, which could help eliminate mites and diseases without the use of pesticides! Here's hoping they are successful! There were far too many presentations to summarize, but next year will be even bigger and better, with more sessions, more speakers and a greater variety of topics.

We are working hard in the coming year to make TBA as beneficial as possible for YOU, the Texas Beekeeper. We will be completely revamping our website, make it more attractive, user

friendly, and include advertising for you and your company. We will have pages where the public can find you if you sell honey in bulk, or retail, pollinate crops, catch swarms, etc. We will let you know when the changes are put into place and look forward to advertising your company in this way on our website, free of charge.

We will also be working hard to establish some guidelines and standards to encourage the ethical marketing of honey in Texas. Far too many companies on grocery store shelves advertise their honey as local, raw and unfiltered, making it harder for you, the Texas Beekeeper, to sell your product. We hope to put guidelines, certifications and standards into effect that make your wholesome product stand out for what it really is.

We intend to pour more resources and finances into making our 2013 conference better suited to your needs as commercial, sideline and small scale beekeeper.

We will also continue to work with our Honey Bee Lab at A&M University, ensuring the transition to a new research director is smooth and the lab is put to good use.

Last but not least, as your President, I want to know what TBA can do for you, your company, or association. Our goal is to serve you and the more you can let us know how we can help, the better we can achieve that goal. I appreciate all of your service to the TBA and your support at the convention. I look forward to working with all of you in the coming year!

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas.

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Membership Dues

At the Killeen Convention the TBA Board recommended an increase in membership dues to take effect from 1st January 2013. At the Saturday afternoon business meeting the motion passed without opposition. 2013 membership dues and categories will be:

Century Club.....	\$100
Individual Beekeeper.....	\$ 35
Beekeeper Family (parents and children).....	\$ 50
Associate Member.....	\$ 35
Beekeeper Association.....	\$ 25

All memberships renewed, for 2013, before 31st December 2012 will be at existing levels.

The TBA Board hopes that this will allow participation in TBA affairs by more family groups. Please be aware that the old \$20 membership only just covered the printing and mailing of this Journal.



Vice President's Report

from Chris Moore



Well, I guess I should apologize, I don't know what they were thinking... making me VP ??? You should have been there to set them straight; you're too late now.

Thanks to our new Presidente' we had another successful convention. It was both informative and enjoyable, had several good speakers on several topics. Is it ok to use "several" twice in the same sentence ? Or should I just say it was good and you really should have been there ?

TBA has a lot of good things on our list to accomplish this year. This time next year - you are going to be saying "Wow.... TBA has lost their minds" - maybe; but we are working on several networking tools that will make being a member more beneficial.

A hot topic is "Truth in Labeling". It was brought to our attention that several people selling honey are not honest about the product they are selling. Some of them don't even have bees. Our first step is to define honey buzz words like; Raw, Unfiltered, Local, Producer, Producer/Packer, Packer, Marketer, etc. Then quickly go to step II

Put it on your calendar now - Our new programs will be revealed, discussed, or maybe cussed at the next convention on Nov 8 & 9, 2013 in the Dallas area. I may bring some boxing gloves (inside joke).

If you have any other topics, suggestions, comments or

constructive feedback, I would like to hear from you. The 2013 Conference Title is; "This is going to be huge"

While your calendar is out the Winter Delegates meeting is Feb 16th in Saledo, TX and the Summer Clinic will be June 1st at Crazy Clint & Janice' Wild Winery in Rogers, TX.

Seriously though Clint is the smartest bee keeper in the country - no joke. And they have the nicest honey store/winery that you will ever see. (www.WalkerHoneyFarm.com) You know how people have letters after their name - mine are like ADD, ADHD, OCD and I'm sure many others - Clints' letters are PHD. He takes beekeeping to a whole new level. I'm kind of expecting the fire department to make an unannounced visit; there is going to be a smoking contest - will leave that to your imagination. Or if you keep reading the other articles in the Journal, I think someone will explain it better.

I would now like to ask for your vote in the 2016 US Presidential election. I think we need to turn our Government upside down. Just sayin'.

Oh, one more thing - this is my tip of the month: Anyone ordering queens or packages from R. Weaver - there is a pretty good chance Clint will give you a discount in exchange for some fish tacos.

Merry Christmas or New Years depending on when you read this.

Calendar of Events

**North American Beekeeping Conference and Tradeshow
(ABF Annual Conference) in Hershey, PA.....January 8-12, 2013**

**Annual Convention of the American Honey Producers
Association in San Diego, CA.....January 8-13, 2013**

**Texas Beekeepers Association Winter Delegates Meeting
in Salado, TX.....February 16, 2013**

**Texas Beekeepers Association Summer Clinic
in Rogers, TX.....June 1, 2013**

Texas Beekeepers Association at the Texas State Fair.....September/October, 2013

**Texas Beekeepers Association Annual Convention
in Plano, TX.....November, 2013**



Director's Report

from Wendy Riggs



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

I know it's a little early for that, but you'll have had my greetings when the time comes. I have a fun story to share, but before I get to that here's a quick run-down of the clubs in my area.

Back in March I drove down to Corpus Christi & attended the 2nd meeting of the newly reorganized Coastal Bend Beekeepers Association. The reorganization of this club was a direct result of our 2011 Convention which was held in Corpus. It was encouraging to see a good number of people at that meeting! There were a variety of ages, from children up to senior adults, and a mixture of new beekeepers and experienced ones. They were excited to be coming together as a group and were making lots of plans for fundraising, education, and all the things that beekeeping clubs do.

Alamo Area, my home association, continues to grow with lots of new beekeepers. We also have several experienced beekeepers who are getting involved in our organization. It's an exciting time for us! I have not had contact (yet!) with my other clubs. That's enough of the "boring news".

Here's my fun story. Awhile back a family in our church contacted me wanting to know how to go about harvesting honey from a hive in a tree on their property. I tried to discourage them from even trying it for a number of reasons. One, they knew nothing of bees other than that bees make honey that the family loves to eat & with which they cook.

Secondly, the ones who were going to be actively involved in the process were children, around 10-12 years old. Third, in our neck of the woods, you can be fairly certain that any feral colony is at least partially Africanized, if not completely. They were persistent so I very cautiously offered what little advice I could (having never gathered honey from a bee tree!) about working with bees . . . basic things like using smoke, working in the middle of the day so that fewer bees would be "home", etc.

A few months later I had an email asking about where to get a smoker. The youngster had spent quite a bit of time researching and had also saved his money until he could buy a bee suit. I procured a very old, but functional, smoker for them for \$10 and delivered it as soon as I had it in hand. That was several weeks ago. While attending the TBA Convention in Killeen a couple weeks ago I purchased a hive tool and a copy of "First Lessons in Beekeeping" for this young man. I finally met up with him at church the Sunday after Thanksgiving and gave him the surprise. (Incidentally, I had a note in his bag of hive tool and book encouraging him to look into top bar hives as a possible affordable alternative to the bee tree.) I also have a sweet beekeeping friend who has offered a brand new smoker that he doesn't need toward the "cause" of a budding beekeeper. Anyway, I asked the (somewhat shy) young man how things were going and he smiled with a twinkle in his eye and said, "We have some honeycomb!" I think he's hooked!



Texas Beekeepers Association

2013 Annual Convention

Plano, TX

Early November, 2013



It's going to be Huge!

2012 Texas Honey Queen Report

from Caroline Adams



Dear Beekeeping Friends,
I hope you and your bees are doing very well and you had a blessed Thanksgiving. All has been well in the northern part of the state as we prepare for winter. My bees seem to be doing well and have an incredible amount of food which I am pleased about. As Honey Queen I have been extremely busy the last two months.

Early in October I visited the Dino-Bee Beekeeping

Association. Dino-Bees is a fantastic young beekeeping association in Glen Rose, TX. This was my second time to visit this club and on this particular trip I had the privilege of serving as the evening's guest speaker. I shared my personal beekeeping experience and the benefits/logistics of a youth scholarship and Honey Queen program. I had a wonderful time at the meeting, fellowshiping with other who share my love of honey bees.

I visited the Deaf Action Center in Dallas, TX. The DAC is a community center for deaf adults and deaf senior citizens. While at the center I gave my very first beekeeping presentation in American Sign Language – it was so much fun. I spoke to about forty deaf adults. It was a great experience for me to present to a group of this kind using sign language. I had to think about how to make my presentation the most accessible and enjoyable to the audience, so it was a good learning opportunity for me. After my presentation, I brought out the bees – they were a big hit and the audience asked lots of questions. I had a great time and I hope to give many more beekeeping presentations in sign language in the future.

I returned to Dallas where I visited the Lovers Lane Academy for the deaf. While at the school I presented to about twelve students ranging in age from about nine to eighteen years old. Children have such a natural fascination and interest in honey bees and it was neat to see the wonder of the deaf children as they got to see, hold, smell and taste many of the things I brought. The bees in the observation hive were a big hit. Although my presentation was only 20-30 minutes long, I ended up staying nearly 1 ½ hours, answering questions, looking in the observation hive and explaining various processes within the hive.

Later in October were cooking demonstrations at the great State Fair of Texas. This is an annual event for Queens and Princesses around the state and this year was no exception. Eight young women from local, state and national levels were present to promote honey and the beekeeping industry through "Honey, I Love You" cooking demonstrations. Present were Lesli Tucker, 2012 Williamson County Honey Queen; Hayden Wolf, 2012 East Texas Honey Princess; Bekah Lenamond, 2012 East Texas Honey Queen; Shannon LaGrave, 2012 Collin County Honey Princess; Shelby Kilpatrick, 2012 Collin County Honey Queen; Rebekah Jones, 2012 Texas Honey Princess; me; and Danielle

Dale, 2012 American Honey Princess. The demonstrations took place at the Gazebo Stage in the Food and Fiber Pavilion, just feet away from the TBA booth. We gave two presentations a day. It was great to promote the versatility of honey in the kitchen through our demonstrations and samples. Also, because it was the final weekend of the fair, thousands of people were in attendance, providing outreach to a large number of the general public. While at the fair, I also had the immense pleasure of meeting Cray (Briggs) Pickering. Cray was the 1983 American Honey Princess and is also from Texas. It was wonderful to meet a former representative who had served the industry in a similar capacity.

I flew to Houston, TX for the Harris County Beekeepers Association Honey Judging and Banquet. After arriving in Houston I traveled to my hosts' home where I judged the entries in the honey contest. Shortly afterwards 2012 American Honey Queen, Alyssa Fine, arrived. I had worked with Alyssa in March at the Houston Livestock Show and it was such a pleasure to see her again. At the banquet that evening we both gave short presentations, assisted with honey awards and helped with the evening's auction. The evening was very enjoyable and it was so nice to meet so many beekeepers from the Houston area. Thank you, HCABA, for inviting me to attend your banquet and thank you, Ed and Elaine Michalik for your incredible hospitality.

Then I flew to Austin for the Williamson County Area Beekeepers Association's general meeting. I had visited the club earlier this year and it was good to go back and see so many familiar faces. While at the club, I had an opportunity to introduce myself and meet several new beekeepers.

The next day I visited the Texas School for the Deaf in Austin. The Texas School for the Deaf was established in 1856 and is the state residential school for deaf children. Presenting at the school was one of my top goals for the year. While there, I presented to the kindergarten and first grade classes. The children were precious and their excitement and interest were so neat to see. It was interesting to see how my usual presentation had to be changed to make it most practical to a deaf group – visual stimulation, making sure I and students making comments stood where everyone could see them, etc. It was such a great experience for me and I was so happy to be able to meet this goal.

In November I worked at the "Keep Flower Mound Beautiful" fair. I had a booth set-up with an observation hive, posters, hive products, literature and beekeeping supplies. The fair specifically focused on being environmentally-friendly, so bees fit right in. I was able to share the good word about honey bees with booth visitors of all ages. It was a beautiful day and I had lots of opportunities to promote the industry and our incredible honey bees!

Finally, I attended the TBA Convention in Killeen on November 9-10th. It was such a pleasure to catch up with so many of you – my wonderful beekeeping friends – and to expand my knowledge of the beekeeping industry through the

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Texas Honey Queen Report

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fantastic speakers and presentations at the Convention. I hope you all enjoyed it as much as I did. If you were unable to make it this year, I sincerely encourage you to attend next year. The Convention is always a great weekend of education, fun and fellowship with beekeepers from around the state and nation. I know next year's convention will be just as wonderful - it's going to be huge.

At the Convention the 2013 Texas Honey Queen, Miss Shelby Kilpatrick, was crowned. I have had the pleasure of working with Shelby on several occasions - she is an incredible representative and I know she will do a fabulous job. Congratulations, Shelby. Thank you for serving our industry in this way.

How can I thank you all enough for the incredible love and support that you have shown to me this past year as I have served as 2012 Texas Honey Queen? Your unending trust and encouragement have been such a blessing. Over the course of the year I have traveled over 6,230 miles, speaking to thousands of people as I shared the vital importance of honey bees, pollination and the beekeeping industry in English and American Sign Language with groups of all ages. For me, serving in this capacity has provided an impactful means by which I can give back to the industry that has poured so much into me. In January, I will travel to Hershey, PA, where I will compete for the title of 2013 American Honey Queen at the American Beekeeping Federation convention. It will be an honor to represent all of you, the Texas Beekeepers Association, at the national level. Regardless of the outcome of the competition, however, TBA will always be my home club and though my year as Texas Honey Queen is over, I am by no means finished. I intend to continue to serve alongside all of you, whether as American Honey Queen or not, for the advancement of our industry.

As many of you know, Texas Honey Queen co-chair, Shirley Acevedo, will be stepping down after many years of faithful service to the program. She has been invaluable to the young women who have and are serving as representatives and I am so grateful to her commitment to this program and to TBA - thank you so very, very much, Mrs. Shirley, for your continued efforts to advance our industry in this way. You are an incredible woman and this program is indebted to you for your work. We will miss you so very much but look forward to continuing to work alongside of you through TBA in whatever capacities arise. Thank you for devoting so much of your time and energies to me and to the other young women - we love you!

I hope you all have a very merry Christmas and a blessed



2012 Texas Honey Princess Report

from Rebekah Jones



Dear Beekeeping Friends, I can't believe that this will be my last report as Texas Honey Princess. This past year has just flown by. I have been so blessed to serve the Texas Beekeepers Association and have relished all of the new experiences it has brought to me. Before I get to all of those goodbyes though, I would love to tell you what I've been up to.

In October, I as well as the other Honey Queens and Princesses from across the state, were able to go to the State Fair of Texas to perform cooking demonstrations with honey. On the Gazebo Stage in the Food and Fiber Pavilion we were able not only to show delicious recipes using honey, but also share with the fairgoers the importance of honey bees to us and some fun facts about honey. We were also honored to have with us the American Honey Princess, Danielle Dale. If that wasn't enough, we were also able to participate in the Starlight Parade. I was able to ride on the Corvette and had a thrilling time of it!

In November I was able to attend Wesley Fest in Georgetown, TX and help my local beekeepers association sell honey. Besides the honey that was being sold, there was also an observation hive which drew a lot of interest to our booth. All of the proceeds went to support the Ed Wolfe-Robert Bost Youth Scholarship Program at WCABA, helping our club to be able to support the young people in our community in beekeeping. It was a wonderful experience and we sold quite a bit of honey.

My last event of the year was the TBA Convention in Killeen. It was a wonderfully busy and fascinating few days, full of fun and fellowship. It all started on Thursday with Kids Learning About Bees. Many homeschool families came and learned about the amazing insect we are so fond of. That evening there was also the Bee Buzz, a fun social event where the beekeepers were able to meet all the royalty from across the state, as well as try some tasty snacks made by the Queens. Friday morning was full of informative talks which I found extremely fascinating. Other events of the day were the Queens Luncheon, awards for items entered into the judging and the Queens Quiz Bowl. On Saturday I was able to attend some of the morning lectures, give my end of the year report and end the day and Convention with the Queens Banquet and Auction.

The past year has been amazing! Beyond all of the places I went and things I was able to do, I was able to grow closer to and get know all of you amazing beekeepers. Caroline and I have remarked often how beekeepers are some of the nicest, most loving people that we know. Especially Texas beekeepers! I cannot thank you enough for this incredible gift that you have given me. Even though I am not your honey princess anymore, I'll still be around. I have been graciously given the opportunity to lead the Williamson County Honey Queen Program as it's Honey Queen Chair. So this isn't goodbye, just see you soon!



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2013 Texas Honey Queen Report

from Shelby Kilpatrick



Hello, Texas Beekeepers Association Members! It is an honor for me to be writing to you as your 2013 Texas Honey Queen. It is a privilege to be a part of an organization that has a strong sense of responsibility towards education and preservation of honey bees, the beekeeping industry, and its evolution.

My parents, Scott and Susan, and my sisters, Lauren and Kaitlyn, and I live in Copper Canyon, in Denton County. In addition to beekeeping my sisters and I are very active in the Denton County 4-H program, participating in many projects. Entomology has been my focus for the past nine years. Learning about beekeeping through the Collin County Hobby Beekeepers Association Youth Scholarship Program was the perfect way to complement my entomology project. I was accepted as a 2007 Youth Scholarship Student. The learning is continuous; each time I "visit" my bees or attend a presentation, I find that my favorite thing about beekeeping and entomology is that there is always something new to learn. I plan to start college next fall at Texas A & M University in College Station and pursue a degree in entomology.

I attended the Texas Beekeepers Association (TBA) Convention, November 8th through 11th, at the Shilo Inn in Killeen. My mother, Susan, my sisters, Lauren and Kaitlyn, and I traveled to Killeen with American Honey Princess, Danielle Dale, on the 7th. During the Convention, I participated in many different activities, which I will describe below.

My first activity was Kids Learning About Bees (KLAB) on the 8th. Collin County Hobby Beekeepers Association (CCHBA) Member, Mrs. J'Neena Swinney organized KLAB this year. There were 5 stations: beekeeping equipment, three types of bees and pollination, bee suits and honey extracting, observation hive (provided by the Oakley Family, Williamson County Area Beekeepers Association) and beeswax candle making. 249 people from the Killeen area came to the event. I assisted Danielle Dale; Texas Honey Queen, Caroline Adams; Texas Honey Princess, Rebekah Jones; East Texas Honey Queen, Bekah Lenamond; East Texas Honey Princess, Hayden Wolf; Williamson County Area Honey Queen, Lesli Tucker; and Collin County Honey Princess, Shannon LaGrave; in taking turns leading groups of about 25 people to each station. Buzzy Bear also made appearances throughout the day for photo-ops.

The Bee Buzz Social, a time for Convention attendees to visit, was during the evening. Each of the Honey Queens and Princesses served a food made with honey. Mrs. Shirley Acevedo provided the Honey Vanilla Ice Cream (a private recipe) that I served. The ice cream has been a TBA tradition for many years and many people look forward to it each year.

On the morning of the 9th, the Convention officially started during the opening ceremonies. I had the opportunity to introduce myself to those present. Danielle gave a presentation highlighting her accomplishments as American Honey Princess. In the afternoon the Honey Queens and Princesses hosted the Queen's Luncheon. We each shared a special experience from our year representing our beekeeping associations with the attendees. I served as a judge for the TBA Honey Contest with Danielle and Caroline. There were 18 entries in the contest that we evaluated according to cleanliness of the jar, brightness, presence of foreign matter, moisture content, taste, and other standards. The Honey, Photo, and Gift Basket Contest Awards were presented in the evening. Congratulations again to all of the winners!



Texas Honey Queen, Caroline Adams, American Honey Princess, Danielle Dale and Collin County Honey Queen, Shelby Kilpatrick, judging the Honey Contest

Afterwards, I participated in the Queen's Quiz Bowl with the other Queens and Princesses. This event was a fun and entertaining showcase of our knowledge. We were asked questions ranging from beekeeping history and science to present day beekeeping in the USA and around the world. Educational sessions on different aspects of honey bees and beekeeping were presented on the 9th and 10th. I attended many of them and learned several new facts including the definition of Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD). CCD is when the 2-3 adult bees to 1 cell of brood ratio is reversed to 2-3 cells of brood per 1 adult bee. As you can see, this is a very drastic decline in a colony's population! Also, did you know that the average worker bee takes 8 foraging trips a day and those trips last about an hour each?

On the morning of the 10th, I attended the Delegates Breakfast and my interview for the position of 2013 Texas Honey Queen. Caroline and Rebekah gave a year in review presentation showing how they reached their goals as Texas Honey Queen and Princess respectively. I also went to the Business Meeting and listened to reports from the TBA officers and Chairs. There, I learned more about how TBA's many projects and programs are coordinated and funded. The Banquet was the climax event of the Convention. My father, Scott, escorted me into the banquet room and my grandmother, Alice

Beckett, also came for the evening.

Mrs. Shirley Acevedo announced her retirement as chair of the Texas Honey Queen Program. All of the past and present Honey Queens and Princesses in attendance recognized her for her 5 years of service in that position and Rachael Seida for her efforts with the program this past year. Then, Caroline and Rebekah crowned me as the 2013 Texas Honey Queen. I am honored to have been selected for this position! The Banquet concluded with an auction to support the Honey Queen Program fund.



*2012 Texas Honey Queen, Caroline Adams, with
2013 Texas Honey Queen, Shelby Kilpatrick*

Finally, on the morning of the 11th, I was present for the beginning of the Executive Committee Meeting. I introduced myself and visited with the Committee about things that the Honey Queen Program could incorporate into the coming year's activities.

I had a wonderful time working, learning, and visiting with everyone at the Convention. Thank you to those who attended, presented sessions, hosted a booth in the Trade Show, supported the auction, or did anything to make it all possible! If you were unable to attend the Convention this year, I highly encourage you to come next November. It's going to be huge!

Later in November I attended the Collin County Hobby Beekeepers Association General Meeting. I will continue to represent them as their 2012 Collin County Honey Queen until the end of the year in addition to beginning my responsibilities as 2013 Texas Honey Queen. I gave a brief report highlighting my activities since their October meeting. I also listened to

several presentations by the 2012 Youth Scholarship Students.

The main program of the evening was a video of Dr. Vaughn Bryant performing a Honey Analysis for Pollen Content. I found this fascinating, as I had always wondered how this process worked. If you would like to learn about it for yourself the video can be found by searching 'Pollen Test' on YouTube.

Also in November, my mother and I met Texas Honey Queen Program Chair, Rachael Seida to have my official Honey Queen pictures taken. We began making plans for me to attend the 2013 American Beekeeping Federation (ABF) Convention, January 8th through 12th, in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

Most recently, Rachael, my mother, and I went to CCHBA member, Mrs. Becky Bender's house in Celina for Texas Honey Queen Training. We covered many topics including events, scrapbooking, articles, report forms, brochures, and social media. Rachael had organized activities to help me with key messages and techniques for working with newspaper, radio, and TV media. I also developed my goals for the coming year: visit 10 clubs to promote TBA, create 3 educational videos, create a blog for Texas Honey Queen activities and TBA promotion with a minimum of 2 posts per month, increase the Texas Honey Queen Facebook page's outreach by 50%, complete 5 newspaper and 10 radio and TV interviews, update Texas Honey Queen activity and expense reports, create a Texas Honey Queen time sheet, and explore fundraising options for the Texas Honey Queen Program. I feel very prepared to reach these goals, especially after completing this training. Thank you Rachael for all of the tips and advice you shared. Also, thank you Mrs. Bender for opening your lovely home to us. Your presence made the training very special!

I am looking forward to an exciting year representing you and the Texas beekeeping industry! I have several events coming up including one with the Johnson's in Paris, Texas on December 1st, the Trinity Valley Beekeepers Association Holiday Party on December 5th, CCHBA's Christmas Banquet on December 10th, and of course, the ABF Convention in January. To arrange for me to visit your club or attend a promotional event in your area, please contact Texas Honey Queen Program Chair, Rachael Seida at rachaelseida@hotmail.com or (214) 578-3477.

You can stay updated on my activities until the February/March TBA Journal by liking the Texas Honey Queen page on Facebook!

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1st place Products of the Hive*

Bee Behavior Study

from the Guardian Newspaper in UK

This study is thought to be the first to show that reversible chemical markers on genes might drive different behaviours.

Experiments on the division of labour in honey bee hives have revealed why some bees do the waggle dance while others nurse their queens.

The roles require drastically different behaviours, with nurses feeding the larvae and performing royal grooming duties and foragers navigating great distances and performing complex dance routines to point others in the direction of rich sources of nectar.

According to a report in the journal *Nature Neuroscience*, the job a worker bee does corresponds to distinct patterns of chemicals that latch on to and regulate certain genes in their brains.

Honey bees are born into their place in society. Those fed royal jelly as larvae emerge as queens and do little but lay eggs.

The rest become worker bees and divvy up the jobs that need doing around the hive. While some worker bees remain at home, others take flight in search of nectar, pollen and other hive essentials. The entire honey bee workforce consists of genetically identical sisters.

But analysis of the worker bees' DNA revealed that foragers had one pattern of chemical tags on their genes, while those that stayed home had another. When bees swapped one job for the other, their genetic tags changed accordingly. Scientists call these patterns epigenetic states, because they work on top of the normal genetic code.

The study is thought to be the first to show that reversible chemical markers on genes might drive different behaviours in a living creature.

"If this is true in a bee it has to be partly true in us. Nature is pretty good at finding the simplest way to accomplish things with the least amount of energy," said Dr Andrew Feinberg, a senior author on the study and geneticist at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. "I'm not saying we're like big bees, but similar mechanisms must apply."

Feinberg and Dr Gro Amdam, a bee specialist at Arizona State University, studied a kind of chemical tagging called DNA methylation on honey bee genes switched on in the millimetre-cubed brains of 21 nurses and 22 foragers.

They found 155 regions of DNA where the epigenetic patterns between the two varieties of honey bee differed. Most of these regions are known to regulate the epigenetic patterns of other genes, to switch them on or off, or alter their function in other ways.

Having established differences between the foragers and nurses, the scientists forced a shift in the hive's workforce by removing the nurse bees while the foragers were away. After a few weeks, the hive had stabilized again, with around half of the old foragers now working as nurse bees.

DNA tests on these insects revealed that the chemical tags changed in bees that reverted from foragers to nurse roles. In all, the scientists found 107 gene regions where the chemical tags differed between the two. This suggests the different roles are intimately linked to the chemicals tagged on to the bees' genes.

"What we understand now is that the bee genome is like those images where you can see two things, like an old lady and a young lady. These epigenetic marks seem to outline those two women. Depending on which bee should come to life, the different sets of marks become active," Dr Amdam told the *Guardian*.

"These marks can change from one image to another and even back, and something like that has never been observed before in biology," she said.



Honey Queen Committee Chair Report



To all! Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas!

We are truly excited about the upcoming year and look forward to sharing it with you! We are delighted to introduce our 2013 Texas Honey Queen, Shelby Kilpatrick! She is a wonderful young lady that will do a wonderful job representing our industry this year.

As always we look to you, our members, to help us make this the best year possible. Please keep in mind the possibility of inviting the Honey Queen to your event – whether it is a fair, school, or local farmers market, the Honey Queen Program is there to help you promote honey and the honeybee.

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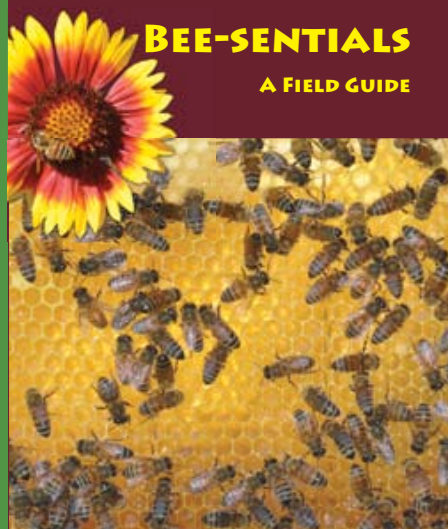
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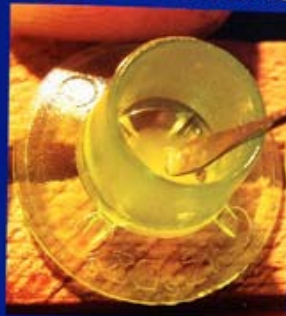


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Killeen Convention Lives up to Expectations

from Jimmie Oakley

The Texas Beekeepers Convention returned this year to the city of Killeen, Texas, after a hiatus of twenty years. The last time that I was in Killeen for a TBA Convention it was at the Park Inn International Hotel, the Tri-County Beekeepers Association was the host club, Dean Futch (now deceased) was their President, and gasoline was \$.95 per gallon. My baby daughter, Christy, was a junior at Texas Tech in Lubbock and somehow we talked her into running for Texas Honey Queen. Running unopposed we knew what the outcome would be, but little did I know it would be the start of a 20+ year relationship with the State Association that continues today as I serve as the chief bean counter, keeper of the books, and holder of the purse string...in other words the Treasurer. Christy did go on to serve as 1993 Texas Honey Queen and, with our trip to the ABF Convention in Orlando, Florida, the following year I was caught up in ten years of service to the ABF Honey Queen Program as well. Now, all that is history, and so is Killeen Convention; but how did it go?

There was a lot of preparation for the 2012 Convention; several site visits by various TBA officials to the Shilo Inn & Suites location and a lot of behind the scene negotiations to secure the needed meeting space, the wonderful accommodations, and the delicious menu that made the event memorable and successful.

The TBA Executive Committee met on Thursday morning to take care of preliminary business of the Association. Chaired by TBA President, Ed Priest, the Committee took up important issues and considered the budget for the coming fiscal year (2012-2013).



Blake Shook, Rodney Holloway, Chris Doggett, Ed Priest, John Talbert, Chris Moore and Russell Swinney in Executive Session

The Kids-Learning About Bees (LAB), coordinated and directed by J'Neena Swinney with the help of Texas Honey Queen Co-Chairs, Shirley Acevedo & Rachael Seida, kicked off at 10AM and ran until 2 PM. Students and experienced beekeepers manned the education stations as Honey Queens and Princesses escorted the various home school groups through the large staging area to learn more about bees.

The vendors set up the Trade Show in the Ft Hood room where six booths were present: Dadant & Sons; Walker Honey Farms/Dancing Bee Winery; Texas Insurance & Financial Services; Beekeeping Insurance Services; Major Scott Dickson, USAF and Les Crowder/Top Bar Hives.



KLAB Kids Looking at an Observation Hive

The annual "Bee Buzz Social and Honey Queen Reception" was hosted on Thursday evening by Texas Honey Queen, Caroline Adams; Texas Honey Princess, Rebekah Jones; Collin County Honey Queen, Shelby Kilpatrick; East Texas Honey Queen, Bekah Lenamond; Williamson County Honey Queen, Lesli Tucker; Collin County Honey Princess, Shannon LaGrave; East Texas Honey Princess, Hayden Wolf, and special guest Danielle Dale, American Honey Princess. There was a great turnout with good food and drink and the renewal of old friendships. Burleson Honey Company of Waxahachie, TX and Beekeepers Insurance Services of Boca Raton, FL generously sponsored the food and drink, and the Honey Queens and Princesses offered (honey) sweet treats to all who visited their display tables.

Friday morning was the official start of the Convention with the Invocation by the Rev. Justin Lopez, Associate Pastor of Taylor Valley Baptist Church and the welcome given by Dan Corbin, Mayor of Killeen, TX. Next the Honey Queens and Princesses were officially introduced by Shirley Acevedo, Texas Honey Queen Co-Chair and the American Honey Princess, Danielle Dale from Sparta, WI, gave a PowerPoint presentation of her year at the national level.



Shannon LaGrave, Hayden Wolf, Shelby Kilpatrick, Danielle Dale, Caroline Adams, Rebekah Jones, Lesli Tucker and Bekah Lenamond along with a Stray Bear

Morning speakers at the General Session included Keynote Speaker Jerry Hayes from Monsanto with an overview of American beekeeping, Raul Rivera from the USDA Lab in Weslaco, Eddie Collins from Whitehouse, TX, and Les Crowder from Dixon, NM on aspects of Top Bar Hives.

The Honey Queen Program hosted the Queen's Luncheon during the noon hour, giving the Queens and Princesses the opportunity to share some personal and charming experiences.

In the afternoon general session Jerry Hayes spoke again followed by Keynote Speaker Roger Hoopingartner from Holt, MI, along with Paul Jackson from the Texas Apiary Inspection Service at Texas A&M University in College Station and Henry Graham from the USDA Lab in Weslaco.

On Friday evening the awards from the TBA Honey, Wax, and Photo Contest were presented. Henry Graham from Weslaco, TX hosted the award presentation this year and was assisted by the Honey Queens and Princesses. As each category was announced and ribbons handed out the Honey Queens posed so that pictures could be taken to record the event. The Honey Queen Program took center stage to close out the evening in good-natured competition as the Queens & Princesses divided into two teams, the 'Clever Court', vs the 'Bees Knees' to exhibit their bee knowledge. It was an enjoyable contest with participation from all. Thank you ladies!

Dick Counts from Arp, TX, Delegates Committee Chair, hosted a Delegate's Breakfast on Saturday morning provided in continental style by the hotel. The site selected for the winter delegates meeting again is the Stagecoach Inn in Salado, TX on February 16th., 2013.

TBA Area Director Russell Swinney opened the final session of the Convention on Saturday morning followed again by Dr. Hoopingartner. TBA V.P. Blake Shook gave a nice marketing presentation based on his experiences. The Texas Honey Princess, Rebekah Jones, and Texas Honey Queen, Caroline Adams, found a place on the afternoon program to give their reports.

With afternoon speakers on the program, the annual business meeting on Saturday did not start till 3PM. The meeting was called to order when a quorum was determined by President Ed Priest. After the reports were received and approved and the passage of all presented resolutions, the membership elected a slate of officers that had Blake Shook from McKinney, TX as the new President and Chris Moore from Kountze, TX as the new V.P. The even numbered positions for Director at Large (2-4-6) were filled and the nominees elected were Russell Sweeny of Plano, Eddie Collins of Whitehouse replacing an outgoing director, Randy Johnson of Paris, TX and Jim Rowe in Area 6 to replace Chris Moore who was chosen V.P. One important item passed under new business was to raise membership dues for individual membership from \$20 to \$35 and the introduction of a new 'family' level of membership for \$50 annually to take effect January 1, 2013.

The meeting adjourned in order.

On the final evening of the Convention in Killeen the Annual Awards Banquet took place in the main Ballroom. It was well attended by over 80 beekeepers and family members. After a delicious formal dinner of Beef Tenderloin and Chicken Marsala the presentation of awards took place. The John G. Thomas Meritorious Service Award for 2012 was presented to Ed Priest, outgoing President, from San Antonio, TX. The Beekeeper of the Year Award was presented by new President Shook and it went

to Todd Youngblood of Pearsall, TX.

The TBA Honey Queen Coronation is always the "crowning" event of the evening. This year Caroline Adams, the 2012 Texas Honey Queen crowned the Collin County Honey Queen, Shelby Kilpatrick, as the 2013 Texas Honey Queen and presented her with flowers.

The evening wrapped up with the Honey Queen Auction that always follows the Banquet and Honey Queen Coronation. The charity auctioneers duties were again handled masterfully by Weldon Riggs of Floresville, TX. With the Honey Queens and Princesses presenting the items, the TBA members hold up their



2013 Texas Honey Queen, Shelby Kilpatrick at her coronation with 2012 Texas Honey Queen, Caroline Adams

hands to raise \$7,583 to fund the Honey Queen program and provide educational scholarships. Coupled with the Silent Auction held earlier, a total of \$8,349.00 was raised in support of the new Texas Honey Queen.



Rebekah Jones and Jimmie Oakley with Best in Show Honey

By the numbers, one hundred sixty-three (163) people were issued badges for the Convention, many of them young people. Forty-eight (48) people attended the Queens' Luncheon and there were 84 at the annual Banquet. There were ninety-one (91) beekeepers that renewed their membership (paid dues) for 2013 at the Convention and there was forty-two (42) new members joining TBA while at the Convention.

Thanks to WCABA, the TBA, and all who worked to make the convention so successful.

The Executive Committee held a final meeting on Sunday morning to approve the 2013 TBA Budget.

Convention Registration



Sherry Youngblood and Kay Oakley from WCABA work registration



Randy and Arlene Johnson, Johnson Honey Co., Paris, TX registering with Sherry Youngblood and Kay Oakley

Kids Learning About Bees



Home school children watch the Queen Bee in the Observation Hive



Lauren Kilpatrick, CCHBA, explains swarms to youngsters. ABF Princess Danielle Dale assists



ETBA Princess, Hayden Wolf, demonstrates the use of a bee veil. Rachael Jones in background in full bee suit

Bee Buzz Social and Honey Queen Reception



*2012 American Honey Princess,
Danielle Dale, Sparta, WI*



*2012 Texas Honey Queen,
Caroline Adams, Plano, TX*



*2012 Texas Honey Princess,
Rebekah Jones, Spicewood, TX*



*2012 Collin County Honey Queen,
Shelby Kilpatrick, Copper Canyon, TX*

Bee Buzz Social and Honey Queen Reception



*2012 WCABA Honey Queen,
Lesli Tucker, Belton, TX*



*2012 ETBA Honey Queen,
Bekah Lenamond, Wills Point, TX, and 2012 Honey
Princess, Hayden Wolf, Big Sandy, TX*



*2012 Collin County Honey Princess,
Shannon LaGrave, Farmersville, TX*



*Kathleen Shook enjoys the wonderful spread
laid on at the Bee Buzz*

Friday Morning Convention opening



*Killeen Mayor, Dan Corbin and TBA President,
Ed Priest at Executive Breakfast*



*Introduction of Queens, Danielle Dale, Rebekah Jones, Shelby
Kilpatrick, Bekah Lenamond, Shannon LaGrave, Hayden Wolf
and Lesli Tucker*



Opening Session of the 2012 Convention



*Jerry Hayes, Monsanto, St. Louis, MO
on the Beekeeping Industry*



*Les Crowder, Dixon, NM
on Top Bar Hives*



*Weldon Riggs, Floresville, TX
drawing door prizes*



*Eddie Collins, Whitehouse, TX
on Feeding Your Bees*

Queens' Luncheon



Stanford Brantley, Jefferson, TX,



Clint Weaver of R. Weaver Apiaries, Area 3 Director



Area 6 Director, Chris Moore, visits with Professor Vaughn Bryant, Texas A&M University



*Lesli Tucker,
WCABA Honey
Queen speaks at the
Queen's Luncheon*



*Dr. Roger Hoopingarner, Holt, MI, with John Talbert,
TBA Executive Secretary*

*Shannon Lagrave,
CCHBA Honey Princess,
aware of the camera and
enjoying lunch*



Exhibitors and Coffee Break



*Leigh Ann Johnson and
Cassidy Popp, Texas Insurance &
Financial Services, El Campo, TX*



Kacy Cole, Dadant & Sons, Paris, TX sets up a big display in the Trade Show



*Domingo Montalbo, Walker Honey Farm / Dancing Bee
Winery, in the Exhibit Hall*



*Les Crowder from New Mexico visits with Randy Oakley and
Sons, Daniel and Benjamin, about Top Bar Hives*



*Beekeeping Insurance Services of Boca Raton, FL represented
by Noel Epstein*



*Coffee Breaks in the Trade Show were sponsored by
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Queen's Quiz Bowl



Bekah Lenamond, Hayden Wolf, Shannon LaGrave and Caroline Adams



Rebekah Jones, Lesli Tucker, Danielle Dale and Shelby Kilpatrick



Lesli Tucker uses all her resources to communicate the secret contest word to her team



Master of Ceremonies, Henry Graham, ponders the next question in the Quiz Bowl



Shannon LaGrave puts a punch into her secret contest word



2012 Royalty with Honey Queen Co-chair Rachael Seida in center

Honey, Photo and Gift Basket Contest



Blake and Kathleen Shook look over honey and photo entries with Contest Coordinator, Henry Graham



The Jones family win 1st place and Best of Show with Rebekah's Light Amber Honey



TBA Honey Competition with ribbons ready to be presented

TBA Photo Contest entries with ribbons ready to be presented





Amber Honey: 1st-Dwain Cleveland, 2nd-(Jessica Swinney for) Theresa Fraser, 3rd-Chris Doggett, 4th-Rhonda Tenbrook, 5th-Don Fraser.



Light Amber: 1st-Russell Swinney Family, 2nd-The Jones Family, 3rd-Samuel Heinz, 4th-Ed Priest.



Extra Light Amber: 1st-Rebekah Jones, 2nd-Dwain Cleveland, 3rd-(Kay for) Jimmie Oakley, 4th-Samuel Heinz,

White: 1st-(Russell Swinney for) Johnny Rossen, 2nd-Chris Doggett, 3rd-J'Neena Swinney



The Awards Banquet



Dr. John Thomas presents the 2012 Meritorious Service Award to Past President Ed Priest



Ed Priest presents Beekeeper of the Year award to former TBA President, Todd Youngblood



TBA President Blake Shook presents scholarships to Texas Honey Queen, Caroline Adams and Texas Honey Princess, Rebekah Jones



Rachael Seida presents personalized "tea cup" to retiring Honey Queen Co-chair, Shirley Acevedo



2013 Texas Honey Queen, Shelby Kilpatrick, addresses beekeepers after her coronation



In Honor of Mrs. Shirley: Lesli Tucker, Shannon LaGrave, Hayden Wolf, Kaylynn Mansker, Rachael Seida, Shirley Acevedo, Caroline Adams, Rebekah Jones, Shelby Kilpatrick, Allison Adams, Bekah Lenamond, Danielle Dale, Wendy Riggs and Colleen Henson



Shelby Kilpatrick and Lesli Tucker present the Angel Afghan to Russell Hahn and Evelyn Reed



Lesli Tucker presents the Clay Pot Lighthouse to Skip and Jennie Mann of Forestburg, TX



Hayden Wolf presents Stanford Brantley with a bottle of honey mead from Ace Bee Apiaries



Weldon Riggs and Danielle Dale show an auction item to Kay Oakley



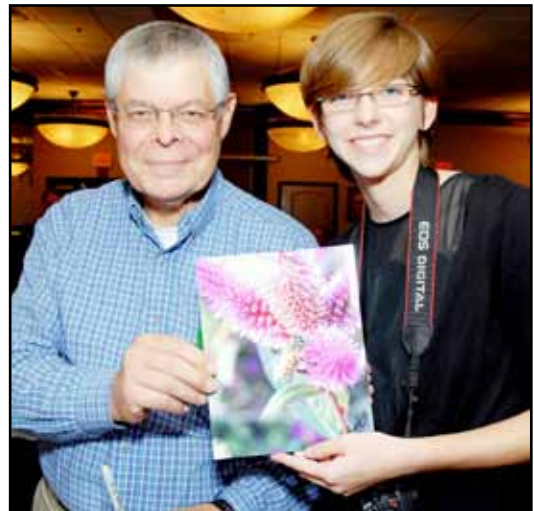
Weldon Riggs is dressed for success as Auctioneer in his Lone Star Tuxedo



Shelby Kilpatrick records the bid on the honey liquor won by Anne Siep



Shirley Acevedo receives the bee embossed bowl from Hayden Wolf



Rodney Holloway receives a prize winning autographed picture taken by Kaitlynn Kilpatrick



John and Lavada Talbert with Caroline Adams Successful bid for SS Brantley's annual cookie jar



Shelby Kilpatrick and Weldon Riggs share a smile with the last auction item of the night

**Texas Beekeepers Association
2012 Resolutions
Saturday, November 10th, 2012
Killeen, Texas**

1. **Whereas** the Texas Beekeepers Association (TBA) Annual Convention was informative and entertaining; now therefore,

Be it Resolved that TBA expresses appreciation to the following:

- Shilo Inn for hospitality and professionalism
- Dadant & Sons, Burleson's Honey, Beekeepers Insurance Services, Beekeeping ETC, ABF, Swinney Bees, and Walker Honey Farm for door prize donations and support.
- Stanford Brantley for his gift of a TBA Annual Custom Glazed Cookie Jar for auction to raise money for TBA Queen Fund.
- Jimmie and Kay Oakley, Christy Charter, Shirley Doggett, and Sherri Youngblood for their efforts in organizing and running registration.
- John Talbert, Blake Shook, Brandon Pollard, Kaylynn, Matthew, and James Mansker, and the many daily booth volunteers for their efforts in erecting and manning the TBA Honey Booth at the State Fair of Texas.

2. **Whereas**, Shirley Acevedo has dedicated years of outstanding service to TBA as Honey Queen Chair.

Be it Resolved that TBA would like to express immense gratitude for her tireless service and welcomes her future consultation and participation.

3. **Whereas**, TBA enjoys a smooth and seamless convention; and

Whereas, Shirley Acevedo, Rachael Seida, J'neena, Garrett & Jessica Swinney, Ann Siep, Jimmie Oakley, Karen Eackrett, Katie Daniel, Sherry, Josiah & Jennifer Youngblood, Vi Burns, all the Honey Queens, The Mansker Family, Rachel Jones, and the state and local honey queens planned, designed, and coordinated the Honey Queen Events and *Kids Learning about Bees*

Be it Resolved that TBA expresses appreciation to the afore mentioned parties for the success of the convention.

4. **Whereas**, TBA has made it known that they are against the mislabeling and adulteration of non-honey products as honey,

Be it Resolved that TBA continue to pursue the adoption of a Standard of Identity for Honey

5. **Whereas**, there is a lack of communication from FSA regarding honey bee programs.

Be it Resolved that TBA would like to pursue a process to make its members aware of current programs.

6. **Whereas**, the TBA encourages the honesty and ethical marketing and promotion of pure honey in Texas.

Be it Resolved that the TBA will pursue a set of guidelines for the certification for honesty and ethics in the marketing and promotion of honey.

7. **Whereas**, the Texas Beekeepers Association website does not perform to its desired potential,

Be it resolved, the TBA will pursue a more functional and beneficial website.

8. **Whereas**, Dr. John Thomas has dedicated years of outstanding service to TBA.

Be it Resolved that TBA would like to express immense gratitude for his tireless service and welcomes his future consultation and participation.

Resolution Committee:

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4001 - Association Dues				475.00						306.56
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4166 - Queen Fund Contribution				5,812.00						
4167 - State Fair Honey Booth				1,707.00						
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Total 4200 - Newsletter Income				1,853.00						8,901.56
4300 - Fund Raiser Income										6,743.90
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Total 4300 - Fund Raiser Income				2,419.02						0.00
4500 - TBA Convention Income - Corpus Christi, Texas										29,436.17
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4591 - Uncatogrizied Conv. Income			51.00							
Total 4500 - TBA Convention Income				12,292.00						
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Gross Profit				32,967.12						
Expenses										
6125 - Bank Service Charge										19,448.19
6190 - Contract Labor										8,251.15
6192 - Executive Secretary										242.85
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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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21017 County Road 171, Angleton TX 77515

Central Texas Beekeepers Association

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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
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Meetings: First Thursday of each month at 6:30pm;
City of Corpus Garden Senior Center
5325 Greely Dr., Corpus Christi, TX 78412

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Heard Craig Hall, 306 N. Church St,
McKinney @ 6:30 pm

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6427 Goodland Lp - San Angelo, TX 76901
cvbeeassoc.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

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Meetings: 1st Tuesday of month
Chachi's Mexican Restaurant
Highway 67 in Glen Rose @ 7pm

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Meetings: 1st Thursday of each month;
Whitehouse United Methodist Church,
405 West Main (Hwy 346), Whitehouse @ 6:45 pm

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Meetings: 2nd Tuesday of each month (except
December) in the Fort Bend County
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Meetings: 4th Tuesday of each month
Golden Acres Center - 5001 Oak Avenue
Pasadena @ 7 pm

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Heart of Texas Beekeepers Association

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Meetings: 4th Tuesday of each month
(except December) at A1 Buffet,
301 S. Valley Mills Drive, Waco @ 6:30 pm

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Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of each month; Bayland
Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet St.
Houston @ 7:30 pm

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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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Meetings: 3rd Monday of each month at
Montgomery County Extension Office @ 7 pm

Permian Basin Beekeepers Association

J.C. and Dean Brittingham

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2312 N. Adams - Odessa, TX 79761

Meetings: Not meeting regularly.

Pineywoods Beekeepers Association

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clb12@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

Red River Valley Beekeepers Assn.

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

Rio Grande Valley Beekeepers Assn.

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

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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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34 Davis Road - Huntsville, TX 77320

Meetings: Last Thursday of each month at Walker
County Extension Office, #1 Tam Rd.
Huntsville @ 7 pm

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Meetings: 4th Tuesday of each month
(except December) 1st United Methodist Church -
410 E. University Ave
Georgetown, TX 78626 @ 7 pm

Membership Report 12-6 *by Jimmie Oakley*

2012 New Members

9/28	Dickey	Gloria P.	Madisonville, TX	20
10/11	Caldwell	Peter C.	Houston, TX	20

2012 Renewing Members

9/25	Scott	George	Temple, TX	20	
9/28	Smith	Rex V.	Tyler, TX	40	12&13
10/5	Fraser	Donald G.	Boerne, TX	20	
10/23	Kohn	David	Florence, TX	40	12&13
11/19	R-Weaver Apiaries		Navasota, TX	100	Century
11/19	Weaver	Richard	Navasota, TX	20	

2013 New Members

9/25	Olson	Tom	Temple, TX	20	
10/23	Zern	Joseph C.	Austin, TX	20	
10/29	Tucker	Cha Wanar	Killeen, TX	20	
10/31	Gisselbeck	R. Peter	Johnson City, TX	20	
11/9	Broach	Janet	Lorena, TX	20	
11/9	Caldwell	Allen	Jourdanton, TX	20	
11/9	Caplinger	Paul	Denton, TX	20	
11/9	Cole	Kacy	Paris, TX	20	
11/9	Dittfurth	Lisa	Anna, TX	20	
11/9	Dittfurth	Russell	Anna, TX	20	
11/9	Fraser	Donald	Boerne, TX	20	
11/9	Gardipee	Stephen	Belton, TX	20	
11/9	Harris	James	Ben Franklin, TX	20	
11/9	Simpson	Jeannie	Ben Franklin, TX	20	
11/9	Holbrook	Chad	Sumner, TX	20	
11/9	Jones	Michelle	Waxahachie, TX	20	
11/9	Jordan	Jerry	Covington, TX	20	
11/9	Jordan	Marie	Covington, TX	20	
11/9	Killam	Randy	Burleson, TX	20	
11/9	Klingensmith	Jacob	Waco, TX	20	
11/9	Buelow	John	Alvin, TX	20	
11/9	Liles	Dennis	Bryan, TX	20	13&14
11/9	Marks	Connie	McGregor, TX	20	
11/9	Matzen	Jack L.	Taylor, TX	20	
11/9	McFall	Terry	Jasper, TX	20	
11/9	Miller	Kenneth	Elgin, TX	20	
11/9	Morgan	Lu	Copperas Cove, TX	20	
11/9	Popp	Cassidy	El Campo, TX	20	
11/9	Rader	Kevin	Boca Raton, FL	20	12&13
11/9	Rogers	Joely	Dallas, TX	20	
11/9	Schroder	Rick	Temple, TX	20	
11/9	Smith	Chris	Round Rock, TX	20	
11/9	Stubblefield	Ginny	Round Rock, TX	20	
11/9	Tucker	Jan	Belton, TX	20	
11/9	Tucker	Lesli	Belton, TX	20	
11/9	Vincent	Britton	Chappel Hill, TX	20	
11/9	Wallace	Belva	Henderson, TX	20	
11/9	Wallace	Tim P.	Midlothian, TX	20	
11/9	Warren	Beverly	Ladonia, TX	20	
11/9	Warren	Shawn	Ladonia, TX	20	
11/9	Welch	Marla	Rockwall, TX	20	



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2013 New Members (cont'd)

11/9	Welch	William	Rockwall, TX	20
11/9	Yates	Katherine	Temple, TX	20
11/9	Young	Robin L-S	Northlake, TX	20
11/9	Zimmer	Bill R.	Allen, TX	20
11/13	Landry	Lionel	San Antonio, TX	20

2013 Renewing Members

10/31	Coplin	Margie	Dickinson, TX	20	
11/8	Barnett	John	Gladewater, TX	20	
11/9	Chesnut	Robert	Summerville, TX	20	
11/9	Acevedo	Shirley	Princeton, TX	20	
11/9	Adams	Caroline	Plano, TX	20	
11/9	Adams	Caryl	Plano, TX	20	
11/9	Ainslie	Phillip	Belton, TX	40	12&13
11/9	Ash	E. T.	College Station, TX	20	
11/9	Packard	Jane	College Station, TX	20	
11/9	Baxter	Bill	Kerens, TX	20	
11/9	Bender	Rebecca	Celina, TX	20	
11/9	Bourns	Violet	Tyler, TX	20	
11/9	Brantley	Stanford S.	Jefferson, TX	20	
11/9	Caldwell	Ernest	Jourdanton, TX	20	
11/9	Cleveland	Dwain	Glen Rose, TX	20	
11/9	Cleveland	Polly	Glen Rose, TX	20	
11/9	Collins	Eddie	Whitehouse, TX	20	
11/9	Coplin	Joan	Alvin, TX	20	
11/9	Coplin	Steve	Alvin, TX	20	
11/9	Counts	Dick	Arp, TX	20	
11/9	Davidson	Jack	Glen Rose, TX	20	
11/9	Davidson	JoAnn	Glen Rose, TX	20	
11/9	Doggett	Chris	Thrall, TX	20	
11/9	Doggett	Shirley	Thrall, TX	20	
11/9	Garner	James L.	San Antonio, TX	20	
11/9	Graham	Henry	Weslaco, TX	20	
11/9	Hahn	Russell	Ganado, TX	20	
11/9	Reed	Evelyn	Ganado, TX	20	
11/9	Hedley	Mark F.	Rochelle, TX	20	
11/9	Heinz	Michele	D'Hanis, TX	20	
11/9	Heinz	Samuel	D'Hanis, TX	20	
11/9	Hindes	Wes	Jourdanton, TX	20	12&13
11/9	Holloway	Becky	Hearne, TX	20	
11/9	Holloway	Rodney	Hearne, TX	20	
11/9	Jackson	Paul	Bryan, TX	20	
11/9	Johnson	Arlene	Paris, TX	20	
11/9	Johnson	Randy	Paris, TX	20	
11/9	Jones	Cynthia	Spicewood, TX	20	
11/9	Jones	Michelle	Waxahachie, TX	20	
11/9	Kilpatrick	Susan	Copper Canyon, TX	20	
11/9	Knight	Shirley	Ft. Worth, TX	20	
11/9	LaGrave	Shannon	Farmersville, TX	20	
11/9	Lane	Travis	San Angelo, TX	20	
11/9	Leathers	Cynthia	Alvin, TX	20	
11/9	Lenamond	Rebekah	Wills Point, TX	20	
11/9	Mann	Jennie	Forestburg, TX	20	
11/9	Mann	Hoyt	Forestburg, TX	20	
11/9	Mansker	Kaylynn	Nevada, TX	20	



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2013 Renewing Members (cont'd)

11/9	Mansker	Gary	Nevada, TX	20	
11/9	Mansker	Wanda	Nevada, TX	20	
11/9	Molnar	Albert A.	Elgin, TX	20	
11/9	Molnar	Albert C.	Webberville, TX	20	
11/9	Montalbo Jr.	Domingo	Little River, TX	20	
11/9	Montgomery	Carolyn	Irving, TX	20	
11/9	Montgomery	William S.	Irving, TX	20	
11/9	Moore	Chris	Kountze, TX	100	Century
11/9	Morgan	Frank	Copperas Cove, TX	20	
11/9	Oakley	Jimmie	Round Rock, TX	20	
11/9	Oakley	Kay	Round Rock, TX	20	
11/9	Oakley	James R.	Robinson, TX	20	
11/9	Opiela	Roger	Jefferson, TX	20	
11/9	Parsley	Sandra	San Antonio, TX	20	
11/9	Paulson	John	Plano, TX	20	
11/9	Priest	Edward	San Antonio, TX	20	
11/9	Priest	Sylvia	San Antonio, TX	20	
11/9	Riggs	Weldon	Floresville, TX	20	
11/9	Riggs	Wendy	Floresville, TX	20	
11/9	Rivera	Raul	McAllen, TX	20	
11/9	Rowe	Janet	Wylie, TX	20	12&13
11/9	Rowe	Jim	Wylie, TX	20	12&13
11/9	Rufer	Darrel	Waverly, MN	20	
11/9	Seida	Rachael	Wylie, TX	20	
11/9	Shook	Blake	McKinney, TX	20	
11/9	Shook	Kathleen	McKinney, TX	20	
11/9	Siep	Anne	Farmersville, TX	20	
11/9	Siep	Thomas	Farmersville, TX	20	
11/9	Sollenberger	T'Lee	Burleson, TX	20	
11/9	Swinney	J'Neena	Plano, TX	20	
11/9	Swinney	Russell	Plano, TX	20	
11/9	Talbert	John	Josephine, TX	20	
11/9	Talbert	Lavada	Josephine, TX	20	
11/9	Tenbrook	Michael	Volente, TX	20	12&13
11/9	Tenbrook	Rhonda	Volente, TX	20	12&13
11/9	Thomas	John G.	Bryan, TX	20	
11/9	Thomas	Janice	Bryan, TX	20	
11/9	Weaver	Clint	Navasota, TX	20	
11/9	Wilson	Lance	Austin, TX	20	
11/9	Wolf	Hayden	Big Sandy, TX	20	
11/9	Youngblood	Jack	Liberty Hill, TX	20	
11/9	Youngblood	Sherry	Liberty Hill, TX	20	
11/9	Youngblood	Tanya	Pearsall, TX	20	
11/9	Youngblood	Todd	Pearsall, TX	20	

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