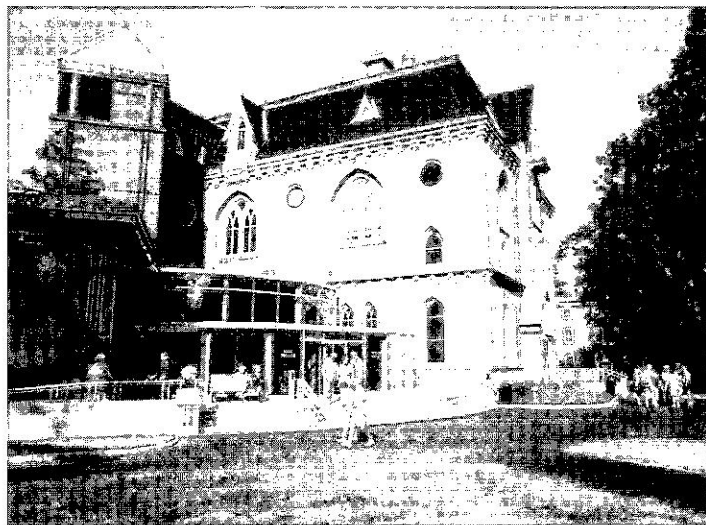




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A glimpse of the beautiful Bowdoin Campus, the site of EAS 2003. This promises to be a great conference as usual. Please see inside for a list of hotels and camp grounds, also directions on getting to Brunswick, Maine and Bowdoin College, and information on the program. Please visit our website at www.easternapiculture.org for more information. Last year we started something new – *remember*, you can register online or by mail by using your credit card! We'll see you in Maine.

Let's Have Fun!

It is our intention that everyone attending EAS 2003 have a good time. The socials this year will feature cash bars and for those of us that enjoy a refreshing drink after a hard day of learning we hope you enjoy. This is to remind everyone attending EAS 2003 that Maine does have very tough drinking and driving laws and it is not beyond the local law enforcement officers to wait just off campus and stop people returning to their motels for a drunk check. A drink or two and a good meal will not land you in jail but please be responsible and ask for a designated driver or a cab if you need one. We want everyone to be safe and to enjoy a great conference.

– Rick Cooper, President EAS 2003

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Spring 2003

Making it Easy

I have tried to make EAS 2003 as easy as possible for all the attendees. I have gotten the program and workshops out there as soon as I could so people would have plenty of time to make their plans for what to see and what to do at the conference. I worked hard to try and bring you the best there are and to cover some aspects of beekeeping for everyone. More than anything I want you to come and enjoy the conference and perhaps if time permits see a bit of the wonderful State of Maine.

Those of you taking the whale watch will get to see a working harbor as well. Boothbay Harbor is a working harbor with fishing and lobster boats and of course the colorful lobster trap bouys everywhere. Just a word of caution given from experience, if you hear a sea gull call out don't look up. Perhaps those of you not taking the whale watch will get a chance to drive down to the coast around Mackerel Cove or Lands End to enjoy the sight and smell of Maine. It is my sincerest hope that all who attend EAS 2003 go home with good memories and are better beekeepers for the experience.

EAS 2003 is going to have plenty of social time. Plan to join us on Tuesday evening for an early arrival social. This will give the early arrivals a chance to chat with those attending the short courses, both instructors and students. If you have wanted to take a short course but don't know if it is worth it this will be your chance to hear first hand the experiences of those attending. The traditional Wednesday evening social will feature a full cash bar and for the first time that I can recall becomes a part of the dinner hour. Come have a drink, visit with your friends and then head in for your evening meal. The Thursday evening lobster bake will be followed by the EAS Foundation for Honey Bee Research auction. I don't have a list of auction items at this time but I am sure you will find something you just can't live without. The Friday night banquet will be your last chance to visit with friends and to recognize some of the best and brightest in beekeeping as we present the annual awards. We will also try our best to send you home on a happy note as the best downeast story teller we could find will entertain you.

One last bit of business needs to be addressed here. If you choose to pay your registration fee by credit card, the EAS 2003 registrar Bill Truesdell has asked me to remind you that he will need the numbers in the signature block on the back of your credit card as well as the card number and expiration date. Past conference problems beg me to ask you to remember your EAS dues and that they must be paid for anyone not a life member of EAS.

Thanks to all of you that come. If I can do anything to make your conference better just ask and I'll see what can be done. – Rick Cooper, President EAS 2003

A Word From Our Chairman . . .

Do you know how the American Beekeeping Federation runs their annual meeting? They have an administrative staff and an Executive Secretary in charge. Meeting with their Board of Directors, they select the location of their next meeting, then find a hotel or conference center that can accommodate a meeting of their scope. After the Board, or some members of the Board visit the site and give it their O.K., the Exec Secretary, staff and usually some members from a local beekeeping group begin putting the event together.

The ABF people generally arrange the speakers and workshops, usually the vendors, the program booklet and advertisers, all the hotel arrangements (breaks, room rates, fund raisers, banquet and the like), plus, AV arrangements, travel, budget and more. Plus they handle all the promotion for the meeting in-house.

Meanwhile, again with some exceptions, the local group deals with their evening of entertainment (imagine four or more busses heading out to the Grand Ole' Opry some evening). Sometimes the local group or association plays a larger, or smaller role. It depends on the location, the group and the budget.

Essentially, the ABF Board, working with their staff, budget, design, plan and carry out their annual convention. This is because the ABF Board isn't composed of Directors from individual state or association members, but rather, they are selected from the group at large. They are from everywhere, generally; and no where, specifically.

The EAS Board, as you know, is composed of a Director from each member state and province and the Master beekeepers. Each year's conference and short course, historically, has been organized by a host state or province who invited the Society to meet within their realm. They then did everything – the program and short course, workshops, facility management (dorms, meeting rooms, food, bees), entertainment and all the rest. The Board ultimately had oversight, but was mostly hands off when it came to planning and carrying out the meeting. Mostly, but

not quite.

Years ago, when this arrangement was adopted by EAS, state and provincial associations were larger and stronger, and finding individuals within a host group with the necessary skills and experience for running a conference was usually relatively easy. It's getting harder to find those people though, almost every year.

This can be daunting for an association when they are considering hosting a meeting. It may be intimidating enough that they just pass on the chance. And that's too bad. Why?

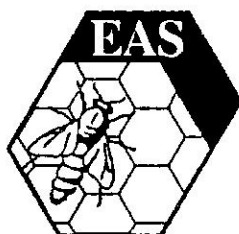
Well, in fact the EAS Board, along with the Exec Committee, can, and will lend a hand. We can do the program or the short course, vendors or registration, or even facilities management if needed. We have many, many conferences under our collective belt(s) and can almost always make the load lighter for a group who wants to host an EAS Conference but is just a bit shy, or has many strong but a couple of weak spots in the lineup.

How much can be done? Like the ABF, we could, I suppose, do it all. And once in awhile that has happened. Or, we could do some part of the conference – vendors for instance – like this year.

But two thoughts come to mind. First, if the EAS Board completely managed each conference, using staff and committee people, both consistency and follow through would improve, and increase. But, and this is important, with the same crew in charge each year, each Conference would be (nearly) the same, just like the ABF each year....cookie cutter conferences. That's not necessarily bad, but it's not EAS, either.

On the other hand, having a brand new crew each year, even with the

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Master Beekeeper Update

In the last Journal, I submitted the following request relative to inputs for request to reestablish the Boy Scout Beekeeping Merit Badge:

Action Required! – I am thus asking each one of you to take a cut at this as if you were the one responsible and send it to me. This can be in formal prose, a list of issues with comments, or even a simple list of considerations. I will work with some others who have indicated an interest in pursuing this task to integrate all of the thinking into a single document. We will then make the draft available for comment with the goal of having a final document ready for approval at the 2003 Maine Meeting of the Master Beekeepers. Lets make a difference!

I want to thank the *two* respondents. I will have something posted on the web site about the time that this issue is distributed. If you don't

like what is written, please provide feedback to me. If possible, please send it to me electronically at lackeyray@tianca.com but don't let lack of electronic skill limit your input. Paper is perfectly acceptable. Send to me at 1260 Walnut Avenue, Bohemia, NY 11716-2176. Watch the web site, as I'll post drafts and updates there.

EAS 2003 – Every year the Master Beekeepers add to the experience of conference and Short Course attendees by providing casual conversation, education, and guidance as well as formal aid at various sessions. If you are planning on attending and can volunteer for some time period **please let Kathy Summers know of your availability and willingness to help out so that the work can be distributed.** Many hands make light work!

Ray Lackey, Master Beekeeper

CHAIRMAN ... Cont. From Pg. 2

Guidelines and timelines and outlines provided, the personality and uniqueness of each group makes it not only educational, but entertaining. And, with new people in charge each year, we do reinvent a little part of the wheel each year. Things get done differently, and on different schedules, and with different emphasis on particular aspects, and sometimes not at all. That's what makes an EAS conference unique, and unlike any other Conference, anywhere, anytime.

So. If your group is considering this undertaking, take my word for it – there is no experience like it in the whole wide world of beekeeping. Absolutely none. It's the hardest, most challenging, most satisfying job you can imagine. Pulling off one of these is no small feat, but there is a whole army of people to help, and nearly 50 years of experience behind that army.

We've got volunteers for 2004, 2005 and now 2006 (Georgia has raised their hand, and we'll finish the details this summer). But 2007 and beyond is open, and waiting for you to raise your hand. But remember, you can always get a little (experienced) help from your friends. – *Kim Flottem, Chairman*

Apimondia 2003

AgriTours Canada Inc., one of North America's largest agricultural tour companies, is pleased to announce a 'honey' of a tour, August 16 to August 31, 2003 as we visit beekeeping operations and cultural sites in Austria, Hungary, Slovakia and attend Apimondia 2003 in Slovenia.

Technical visits include: a visit to 'the' expert for beekeeping in Austria, the outdoor beekeeping museum, Beekeeping Research Institute in Liptovsky, Hradok, family owned bee farms in Liptov and Spis regions, honey processing factories and a honey laboratory and THEN we arrive in Ljubljana, Slovenia for Apimondia! Some of the cultural sites include: city tours of Vienna and Bratislava and Budapest; visits to Spis castle - the largest castle ruin in Europe and Levoca - city tour of medieval town, both UNESCO sights; and a soak in the hot springs at Heviz.

The complete tour itinerary, a registration form, prices and departure points, are on our website at www.agritourscanada.com. For different departure points, please contact us for a price.

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Assistant Professor Position Available

The Department of Environmental Biology at the University of Guelph invites applications for an Assistant Professor, 3 year contractually limited, in the area of Apiculture/Entomology. The successful candidate will develop and teach undergraduate and graduate courses in apiculture and/or entomology, depending on his/her area of expertise.

The candidate will be expected to conduct applied and basic research in apiculture, for example queen rearing, bee pests and diseases and stock selection. In addition the successful candidate will be responsible for technology transfer to the apiculture industry. The position requires a Ph.D. in apiculture or a related field. Preference will be given to applicants with appropriate training and experience in queen rearing, bee pathology, and one or more of the following: physiology, molecular biology, toxicology, pesticide resistance and its management, and commercial beekeeping. Salary will be at the assistant professor level.

Applications, including a curriculum vitae, university transcripts, a statement of philosophy and teaching interest/expertise, reprints or other evidence of academic activities should be forwarded to the Department Chair. In addition the candidate should provide a list of at least three referees that the Department can contact directly. The closing date for this competition is June 15, 2003.

Submit documentation to: Dr. Michael Dixon, Chair Dept. of Environmental Biology, Univ of Guelph, Guelph Ont. N1G 2W1, Fax: 519.837.0442, Email: mdixon@ces.uoguelph.ca.

The position is expected to start on September 1, 2003.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. The University of Guelph is committed to an employment equity program that includes special measures to achieve diversity among its faculty and staff. We therefore particularly encourage applications from qualified Aboriginal Canadians, persons with disabilities, members of visible minorities and women.

Gard Otis, 519.824.4120 x52478, Dept of Environmental Biology Univ. of Guelph gotis@evb.uoguelph.ca, Guelph, Ontario, Canada N1G 2W1

What's Happening In Ontario?

The Ontario Beekeepers' Association held its spring meeting April 10th.

This yearly event is held in different areas of the Province, and includes a visit to a local commercial beekeeper.

Davies Apiaries at Seeley's Bay was visited. Davies Apiaries is owned by Barry and Freda Davies. It has been owned and operated by the Davies Family for more than 70 years. Originally their primary focus was on honey production, but starting in the 1990's a Buckfast bee breeding program was implemented. Open mated Russian bees will also be available.

This year Geoff Wilson and Svenja Belaoussoff will be joining the team at Davies Apiaries. Geoff is completing his M.Sc. under Dr. Nasr. His thesis is the suitability of Russian bees in northern climates. He brings a wealth of experience in commercial beekeeping, research and extension work. Svenja has a Ph.D. in ecology with emphasis on entomology and the scientific process.

A business meeting followed the tour of Davies Apiaries.

On April 11th the Ontario Bee Breeders' Association met in Kingston.

All are welcome to attend any OBA meeting.

This year beekeepers in Ontario are required to attend a one day course in Livestock Medicines Education Programme (LEMP) and successfully complete an exam on the course material. LEMP is a farmer led initiative promoting responsible use and safe handling of livestock medicines. (in the case of beekeeping oxytetracycline HCL and fumagillin) The livestock medicine programme was created in 1996, with several commodity groups involved. The overall goal of LEMP is to improve the safe handling of farm medicines by all farmers (beekeepers), enhance food safety, better animal health and consumer confidence in livestock products.

Keith B. Forsyth,

Ontario representative to EAS

APIMONDIA ... Cont. From Pg. 3

Hurry! Registration deadline is May 15, 2003. "Bee" adventurous, "comb" the agricultural heartland of Europe and join fellow apiculturists for a "honey" of a trip to Apimondia 2003.

About AgriTours Canada Inc.

AgriTours Canada Inc. is one of North America's largest agricultural tour companies specializing in customized agricultural tours coming into and leaving North America. Company president, and former beekeeper, Richard Buck, organized 12 different tours to the 1999 Vancouver Apimondia. In February 2003, in cooperation with the Ontario Beekeepers Association, Richard escorted forty-one beekeepers from British Columbia, Ontario, Quebec and New York on an eight-day beekeeping tour of Costa Rica. For more information about AgriTours Canada Inc. and our wide range of agricultural tours, please visit our website at www.agritourscanada.com or call Richard or Marilyn at 1-877-683-5742.

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Annual Show Takes A Rest

Organizing the Annual Show each year has become increasingly challenging. This for a variety of reasons. Although at first glance, a very rapid first glance the size of each year's show appears to be the same, it really hasn't been. The number of entries overall, and certainly the number of entries within each category have declined dramatically in the past dozen years. Basically, what has happened is that far fewer, and almost always mostly local EAS members take part. And even fewer of these people are taking part.

This doesn't mean that people distant from an annual meeting don't participate, as some routinely do each year. But these, too, are declining.

There's another issue – judges. There are far fewer qualified judges around anymore. Far, far fewer. When honey shows were held at every state meeting in every state, there were always people to judge them. Today, there are many states with no honey show, period. And many have only the state and a few county fairs that host honey shows. In Ohio, there are only three qualified judges that I know of that do the few fairs that still have shows.

Judge compensation stinks, by the way. Well, it does almost everywhere. When there were skads of judges everywhere, there was almost always four or five who lived near enough to an EAS meeting that transporting all their stuff was not a problem.

And once they got there, the four, five or six hour job was the reward itself. It's getting tougher to do that. Much, much tougher. Fewer judges, living further away, with little compensation to cover their expenses wears thin after a time.

Even those judges that aren't directly associated with beekeeping (4-H, FFA, County Extension) are fewer, and farther apart, and they, too, no longer have the strong financial support of their organization. The question is: Is a honey show judge worth (more, the same, or less) to EAS than a speaker, a workshop presenter, the people at the registration table, or the guy who brings the bees?

EAS costs, too, have increased. Although the silver bowls are paid for by corporate sponsors the ribbons and tickets and such still cost the same, whether there are 20 or 200 entries. And giving an expensive bowl to a category winner, when only two entries were judged rings hollow to the winner, and to the sponsor.

The Annual EAS Show isn't the only honey show to demonstrate both the downturn in entries and the stress of finding qualified judges. And, if you remove one criteria from most of these shows – this is, if you want to sell your honey at the booth, you have to enter the concurrent competitive show – there would be even fewer entries. There's no doubt that this requirement has artificially kept many honey shows alive. This isn't true of the EAS show but eliminate these smaller (some though are much bigger) shows and judges and all the rest would be nearly nonexistent.

Bottom Line: fewer people entering fewer categories each year. And there are fewer and more costly qualified judges, and other escalating costs.

After examining all of this the Board, at the fall meeting voted to step back from the competitive show this year to evaluate the future of this event. There won't be an Annual Show at the Maine meeting this year.

The EAS Board strives to cost effectively use its resources to provide the best services possible for our meetings and our members. The Honey Show currently seems to be serving a diminishing minority of our members, and the costs continue to escalate.

If you have a thought on the Annual Show please contact your Director, as this will be on the Board's agenda for the summer meeting. If you do, do it in writing if possible, email is probably better.

There will be a honey exchange this year, though. See the article in this issue. – **Kim Flottum, Chairman**

METRIFICATION: How Soon Before It Arrives?

APPARENTLY NOT VERY SOON! The following article appeared in the EAS Journal 28 years ago (December, 1975)

The latest issue of Bee World (Vol. 56, No. 3, 1975) has an interesting article on beekeeping equipment and the metric system ("The metrification of beekeeping equipment" by G. Walton). The metric system is the measurement system used by 9/10ths of the world with only the U.S. & British Commonwealth countries using the Imperial System. It is a much easier system to use because it uses base 10 and lacks unusual measures like foot, pound, yard, etc. Although the U.S. Congress is still debating metric, most of the British Commonwealth countries are switching.

This is important to beekeepers because of our so-called standard hive measurements. If you use equipment from several manufacturers you realize that there are small differences. The differences are not as drastic as in other countries where two, three, or more hives of different designs are in use. Our familiar Langstroth hive is popular around the world but not as common elsewhere as in the U.S. Recently, too, the major bee manufacturers in the U.S. have been describing problems in obtaining wood of proper size to continue making equipment of current dimensions.

It is time the U. S. went metric. It will be costly especially in industry where new tools and equipment must be made. Any conversion should be arranged over a period of years. New Zealand beekeepers with the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries as advisors changed to a single set of standards for the Langstroth hive. Two factors, bee space and equipment interchange were especially considered as well as lumber industry conversion. Proposed dimensions were even tested for an entire season. The article should be a useful guideline for the U.S. beekeeping industry when it goes metric.

submitted by Dick Chapin, EAS Historian

Getting To Bowdoin Is Easy

Bowdoin is located in Brunswick, Maine, a midcoastal town of 21,500 people, 25 miles from Portland and about 120 miles from Boston.

By car

To reach Brunswick from the south, take the Maine Turnpike to Exit 9 (95 to Coastal Route 1). Continue on 95 to Exit 22 (Topsham-Brunswick, Route 1 North). Proceed to business district and turn right on Maine Street, following signs to the College.

To reach Brunswick from the north via the Maine Turnpike, take exit 14, then I-95 to Exit 22 (Topsham-Brunswick, Route 1 North). Proceed as above.

The Bowdoin campus begins at the intersection of Maine Street and Bath St. The Admissions parking area is ac-

cessible from College Street (first left off Maine Street after Bath Street)

Plane service is available from most major cities to Portland International Jetport, with limousine service to Brunswick. Brunswick is also served by Greyhound Bus Lines.

Rental cars are available at the airport (Avis, Budget, Hertz and National), and in Brunswick (Enterprise) and other regional locations.

By Plane

The Portland International Jetport which is served by Business Express (Tel: 207.773.1640) – Continental Express, Delta Airlines, US Air, United Airlines.

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You can expect to pay in the \$90.00 to \$135.00 per night rates for the convention week. These rates reflect the busy tourist season and we suggest you make your reservations now if you are planning to stay in a motel.

American Apitherapy Society Returns to EAS

The American Apitherapy Society is coming to EAS 2003. EAS will not be holding a joint meeting with AAS as we have in the past but the Apitherapy Society will be holding a workshop on apitherapy on Friday.

It is our misfortune that this workshop can only be given once but it promises to be an interesting hour and a half. The workshop will discuss what apitherapy is, where it is today as well as what it treats. The uses of honey, bee venom, royal jelly, pollen and propolis for addressing specific symptoms and diseases will be a big part of the program too. How beekeepers can use apitherapy and Apitherapy and Public Health are subjects that will also be discussed.

The speaker for this workshop will be none other than Dr. Theo Cherbuliez, Master Beekeeper and President of the American Apitherapy Society. Dr. Cherbuliez has been keeping bees for 35 years and has been involved in apitherapy for the last 17 years. Dr Cherbuliez is also President of the Apitherapy Commission for Apimondia and is on the faculty of Cornell Medical School.

The EAS planners are very pleased that the American Apitherapy Society has chosen our venue to bring this information to the beekeepers of the eastern U.S. and Canada.

2003 VENDORS

The vendors are always a big part of our EAS Summer Conference. Below is the current list of vendors for EAS 2003. Please be sure and visit our vendor area this year and let these companies know we appreciate all of their support. There may be some tables still available, so if you are interested in being a vendor please contact Dawn Feagan at 330.725.6677, Ext. 3220 or dawn@beeculture.com

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www.easternapiculture.org

There is lots of information about the summer conference and about the area in Maine. There are maps and directions. Again this year you will be able to register online using your credit card!

EAS 2003

Here is a glance of the Main Conference Program for 2003. Rick Cooper and his team have done an excellent job lining up speakers and topics for this year. Keep watching these pages. You want to be a part of this one.

Wednesday

1:15 Greetings
1:20 Welcoming Address
1:30 Beekeeping, New Millennium
Hachiro Shimanuki
2:15 Break
2:45 Student Award Winner
3:15 Hambleton Award Winner
3:45 Chairman of EAS
Kim Flottum
4:00 Canada - Leading The Way
Medhat Nasr
5:00 EAS Social and Dinner
7:30 Join Wyatt Mangum for
Another Beekeeping Adventure

Thursday

8:30 Revisiting Old Brood
Diseases
Jeff Pettis
9:15 Other Bee Predators
Dewey Caron

9:50 Break
10:20 Bears and Beekeepers
Tony Jadczyk, F&G
11:00 Disease Vectoring by Mites
Dr. DeMiranda
1:00 Workshops (See List)
5:00 Lobster Dinner & Auction

Friday

8:30 IPM Concepts
Keith Delaplane
9:15 Economic Threshold of Mites
Mike Hood
9:50 Break
10:20 Breaking The Chemical Cycle
Carl Wenning
11:00 Looking Forward
Jim Tew
11:30 EAS Business Meeting
1:00 Workshops (See List)
5:00 Banquet with Tim Sample
& Awards Program

SHORT COURSE 2003

You probably have heard about it from someone, or you may have participated yourself. It's the annual EAS Short Course!

This year, as in past, there will be new attractions as well as a thorough study of "the basics" every beekeeper needs. It certainly is a tribute to the enthusiasm and participation of the Short Course students that professors from previous years again welcome their roles in conducting the course.

This year we will have a visitor from Ireland - Michael Young - an extremely talented man. He is a chef at one of the finest Hilton Hotels. He will be consulting with the dining staff of Bowdoin on cooking with honey. His honey cooking articles and recipes appear in international beekeeping journals. But wait - that's not all. He will be showing you how to do encaustic painting, using colored beeswax and two simple tools (an iron and a small soldering iron) to create beautiful pictures. And he is a great mead maker. And he will be making a nice surprise for us at the Wednesday evening social-another "first" at EAS.

Another newcomer is Jennifer Berry from the University of GA. She is an enthusiastic teacher, and excellent researcher. You won't want to miss her.

Shim, Dr. Hachiro Shimanuki, has been a loyal supporter of EAS for many years. Now retired, he will be coming to bring us information on his specialty-honey bee diseases.

If you've been keeping track of articles in the bee magazines you are probably aware of the move toward an IPM approach to our problems - the newly arriving Small Hive Beetle and the old, troublesome *Varroa* mite. Come find out what you can do to control pests and what the future holds for beekeepers.

Marketing, selling honey and hive products is always important, especially when a beekeeper has a record crop. The Tuesday Marketing session will be visiting a farmer's market. It's only a short walk from the campus. Marlene Thomas will lead the group.

Queens - an always popular subject. Find out how to raise them, what to do with them, and, very important-how to evaluate their performance.

What about time with the bees themselves? Yes - all groups will have Open Hive Time. The apiary is nice and big with beautiful tall trees for your comfort as well as the bees'. Bring your veil along with your questions.

See you at the Short Course 2003 in Maine! - *Ann Harman, Vice Chairman*

EAS 2003 Workshops

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Beekeepers Toolbag

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Lotions and Potions

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Candles

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National Honey Board

Thursday & Friday, *NHB Staff*

Queen Introduction Methods

Thursday & Friday, *Tony Jadczyk*

Honeys from Around the U.S.

Thursday & Friday, *TBD*

Electric Fence for Critters

Thursday & Friday, *David Kennard*

Finding the Elusive Queen

Thursday & Friday, *Jim Tew*

Encaustic Painting

Friday only, *Michael Young*

Bee Nutrition

Thursday & Friday, *Gordon Wardell*

Making A Good Nuc

Thursday & Friday, *Bob Cole*

Washboarding & Other Bee

Behaviors Revealed

Thursday & Friday, *Bohrer & Pettis*

Questions In The Beeyard

Thursday & Friday, *Caron/Cole/Tew/Jadczyk*

Get Involved

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If this is something you are interested in please see me, the Editor, Kathy Summers either the week of the conference if your not sure yet or call or email me ahead of time and I can tell you what we have.

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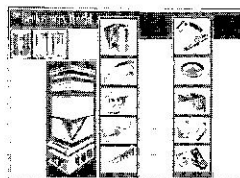
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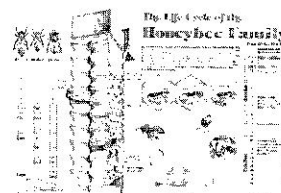
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Delaware Beekeepers Association

Just like the hives gearing up and beginning their run towards a successful season, so too with the DE beekeepers! Key meetings and spring season activities are well underway in Delaware. The DE state meeting was held on March 15, 2003, in Dover, DE. The turnout and participation was strong—over 50 people attending for the day. The agenda included a parallel-track program—regular business meeting/state meeting along-side a “preview” to the beginners short-course for new beekeepers. DE is running a short-course for interested beginners in April and this session served as a great warm-up.

Highlights from the DE state meeting include:

- Dr. Mark Feldlaufer, from the USDA Beltsville Bee Lab in Maryland, updated the group on the top research priorities for the Beltsville lab. The discussion included updates on key research activities related to bee diseases and treatment approaches.
- Bob Mitchell, DE State Apiarist, reported on department activities and the spring season findings-to-date.
- Jerry Fisher, the MD State Apiary Inspector, organized and delivered two educational sessions: “Honey Production” and “Preparing Honey for Show and Sale”. Jerry also reported on some of the spring findings, and much like DE, the majority of winter losses were related to starvation—starvation due to the inability of the cluster to relocate near honey stores.
- Dr. Dewey Caron and Bob Mitchell provided an update on the small hive beetle and the current views on prevalence and treatment approaches in the Delmarva area.

On the business side of the agenda, DE Beekeepers Association elected a new President for the upcoming year. Richard Hearn, Jr. from Sussex County will be the new DE Association President effective immediately. DE beekeepers wish to thank outgoing President, Paul Dill from Kent County, for his effort and contribution in leading the DE Association during 2002.

Finally, County Vice-Presidents provided an update on recent activities as well as a preview of future activities for the different county groups. John Tulloch, the Association Treasurer (as

well as EAS Treasurer) provided the annual report. And as EAS Director, I provided an update on the EAS goals overall as well as information on the summer meeting and other EAS initiatives.

Future key meeting dates and activities include:

- **Saturday, April 12th**—One-day short course to be held outside Dover, DE. The course fee is \$25 for and individual/family and \$10 for youths (18 years of age or less). The one day seminar is aimed at providing the critical knowledge needed by beginners to get up and running with bees. Instructors include DE Master Beekeepers, State Inspectors, and Dr. Dewey Caron.
- **Friday, May 9th**—Day long field trip to the USDA Beltsville Bee Lab in Maryland. The trip was organized from the Sussex County Group and should provide an exciting opportunity to see and hear from some of the top scientists in the field. Dr. Mark Feldlaufer, Director of the lab and a speaker at our state meeting, confirmed that visits are encouraged and participants can visit the labs and talk at length to the actual researchers involved in the studies. The trip will provide an excellent educational experience.

The short course and field trips offer excellent opportunities to share conversation and knowledge among the Delaware beekeepers as well as our neighbors in Maryland, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey.

What are the bees up to while we were meeting and talking? Too early to predict the final spring assessment but state inspectors confirmed bee losses mainly from starvation related to the cluster's inability to relocate near food stores. Critical breaks in temperature were almost non-existent in February and many hives would have depended on having frames of honey moved closer to them in order to make it through some of the record cold for the area. For the surviving hives—we look to a healthy and strong spring start-up as winter has provided healthy water amounts to offset the 2002 drought.

*Ben Bauer
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Then, on Friday afternoon, bring your Honey Exchange Tickets to the Vendor area, and you can pick and choose from all the honey that others have brought. You give a ticket, and take a jar. It's as simple as that. The First Annual EAS Honey Exchange.

Now, you may not get that jar you wanted because somebody got there first. It happens. What can you do? For starters, bring some extra labels or business cards so if somebody didn't get *your* perfect honey, they can take a label or a card and get in touch with you later. Even if they did, they may want more. Or may be able to sell some of your honey at their place...they'll need to know how to get a hold of you. And, if there was something you thought was the best you ever tasted...you can get in touch with them.

So. Bring three jars of your best, and take home three jars of somebody else's best. Be a part of the First Annual EAS Honey Exchange this year.

Kim Flottum, Chairman

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WHO ARE YOU? Name tag information: This information will appear on your **nametag**. List all attending adults and children. Check all categories that apply for each person. If more than 4 in your party, please use an additional sheet of paper. (Male/female will not be on name tag --Bowdoin needs info for lodging)

First name only	Last Name	City & State	Male (m) Female(F)	Life Member	Master Beekeeper	Director	Delegate	Speaker	Volunteer
a.									
b.									
c.									
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1. **EAS Dues:** Individual \$15.00; Family \$20.00 (Dues must be paid for attending family members who are not Life Members)

Life membership \$200 (must be paid in one installment)

Dues (1): \$ _____

2. **Short Course** - 8:30 AM Monday August 4 through Wednesday noon August 6, 2003

Please list the names of those attending each level.

Level I Beekeeping Fundamentals

Name	Enter fees to the right	
a.	\$100	\$
b.	\$100	\$
May be unavailable to late & walk-in registrants		Level I Sub-Total \$

Level II Advanced topics in Beekeeping

(Circle one session per person for each day -- joint session with level I on Wed.)

Name	Monday			Tuesday			Enter fees to right	
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3. **Main Conference Registration** – 1:15 P.M Wednesday August 6., through Friday evening

____ Individual.....\$100.00 \$ _____

____ Couple or family (at the same address).....\$150.00 \$ _____

____ One day Registration: Circle Day Attending WED THUR FRI ____ # of Attendees X \$50 = \$ _____

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Short Course, Meals, Tours, & On-Campus Housing may be Unavailable to Late or Walk-in Registrants

EAS 2003 REGISTRATION (page 2)

4. On campus lodging and meals. If you live on campus, meals are included in the lodging fee (includes the Bar-B-Q but not the Banquet). The meal program starts with the evening meal through lunch the next day. Please register early since accommodations may not be available to late or walk-in registrants. Smoking is not permitted in or within 50 feet of University Buildings. Each room has one or two single beds and shared bath facilities. Linens are included. You have the use of most all campus facilities (fee also included).

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Banquet (Friday night)								x	\$25	=	\$
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	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	#	x	price	=	total	
First person							x	\$25	=	\$	
Second person							x	\$25	=	\$	
Bar-B-Q (Thursday) Choice of Lobster# _____ steak# _____ total =							x	\$30	=	\$	
Banquet (Friday night)							x	\$25	=	\$	
Please enter the number of lobster or steak dinners for the Bar-B-Q above									Total (5):	=	\$

6. SPECIAL EVENTS: All special events require reservations and an EAS conference ID. Tours do not include lunch.

DAY	EVENT	PRICE per PERSON	NUMBER ATTENDING	COST
Thursday	Whale Watch	\$35		\$
Thursday	Maritime Museum	\$12		\$
Thursday-Friday	Internet for Beekeepers (Computer lab) 128 person limit	No cost		N/C
Thursday-Friday	Advanced Photography (limit of 40)	No cost		N/C
Friday	LL Bean and Freeport Shopping Trip	\$12		\$
Total (6)				

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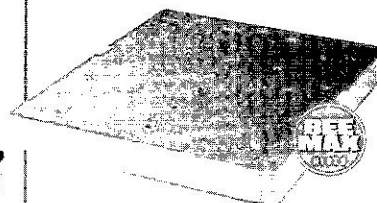
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Consider this opportunity. Talk to your State Association leaders and take the opportunity of letting your state be the host of EAS.

Get in touch with Kim Flottum, Chairman for details.

June 17, 1955, College Park, MD

Below are photos from the first ever EAS (at that time we were called the Eastern States Beekeepers) Conference. It was held in Maryland, it looks like mostly outside. Notice the clothing, very different from how we look today.



Removing bees from a real bee tree.



James Hambleton giving a talk at the first conference.

Installing package bees for beginners.



From The Editor,

I hope you have all made plans to be in Brunswick, Maine this summer. If you are staying in a hotel, call now. There is a list of hotels and camp ground facilities on page 6. Rick Cooper and his team have a done great job preparing for us. It should be a wonderful conference.

Things are starting to take shape here in Ohio for 2005. The Kent State University people are excited about having us on campus and our county and state associations are already getting aboard to help. Remember that 2005 will be our 50th Anniversary. From now until 2005 we will be giving you little glimpses of the past. Dick Chapin, our historian, has been wonderful about getting photos and information to me. On page 5 in this issue is an article that was submitted in 1975. The more things change, the more they stay the same. On this page are some photos from some of our early meetings. Thanks so much to Dick for all his help in this area.

If you have photos or stories or memories of some of the early EAS activities, bring them with you this summer and look me up. We want to make our 50th anniversary year a time that won't be forgotten.

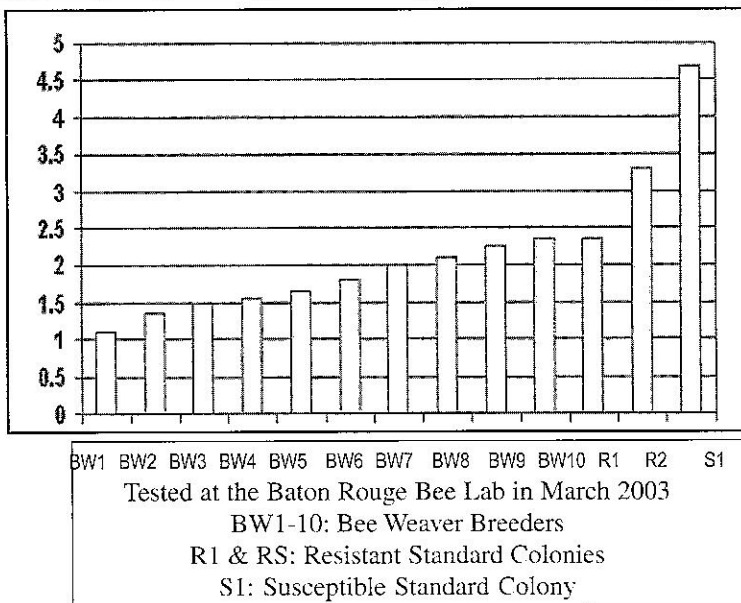
Please take a look at the back page and see who your director is. If that position is currently vacant or will be this year, think about volunteering. If you aren't in a position to do this, please get in touch with your State or Province Association and make sure someone will be on board to represent your state. This gives you and your state a voice in the decisions that are made.

You'll see on Page 5 information about the Annual Show. There won't be one this year, exactly. We're trying something different - less intense, less work, less money. This doesn't mean the Annual Show is gone, only taking a rest, so we can re-evaluate things. Please try and participate in the Honey Exchange. Bring your honey and take someone else's honey home with you.

Your registration form for the summer meeting is in this issue. You can register by mail with a check or credit card or you, for the second year in a row, you can register with your credit card online. No matter what your choice, do it **EARLY!** See you there. - Kathy Summers

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From Connecticut

Connecticut experienced a long, cold and snowy winter. Reports are coming in with some people having heavy losses. The good news is our drought is over and the water tables are back up to normal. We are hoping for a good spring flow.

The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station is in the process of filling for a Section 18 for the ApiLife Var, as another tool to combat *Varroa*.

The Connecticut Beekeepers Association will have their spring meeting Sunday, April 13, 10 am, at the Agricultural Experiment Station on Huntington Ave, New Haven. Our speaker will be Dr. "Chip" Taylor from the University of Kansas. It promises to be a very exciting meeting.

The Connecticut Honeybee, our newsletter is celebrating 75 years of publication.

Ted & Becky Jones, CT

New IBRA Editor

Dr. Keith Delaplane, Professor of Entomology at the University of Georgia, has been named the newest Senior Editor of the Journal of Apicultural Research, published by the International Bee Research Association, Cardiff, UK. Dr. Delaplane succeeds Dr. Thomas Rindere, USDA, Bee Lab Baton Rouge, LA.

Dr. Delaplane is well known to EAS beekeepers as a popular speaker, researcher and author in both scholarly and popular journals.

The Journal of Apicultural Research has been published for 40 years, and is one of the most highly regarded scientific journals in the field of Apiculture. Dr. Delaplane states that he is proud to continue the tradition of the Journal's previous Editors, and will strive to enhance, and improve the editorial process, production and quality of this prestigious publication.

EAS extends its congratulations to Dr. Delaplane on accepting this position and to IBRA for its dedication to maintaining its unusually high standards in scientific publications. And certainly to Dr. Rinderer for his contributions during his time as Senior Editor. Apicultural Science is well served by all of these people.

New Jersey

New Jersey Beekeepers Association has elected Dan Kurela as its' new president. Dan hails from the far northern tip of the state who brings new and different perspectives.

New Jersey has recently passed a law which requires beekeepers to get a pesticide handlers license to handle chemicals approved for use in beehives in NJ. Further, it requires a significant number of hours of instruction to maintain that license. To that end, NJBA has scheduled numerous speakers at our State meetings that will address these subjects.

*Ray Markley
NJ Director*

Plan Ahead

The Alberta Beekeepers Association 2003 convention will be held at the Fantasyland Hotel in the West Edmonton Mall, November 3-5.

The West Edmonton Mall is the largest mall in the world. The Fantasyland Hotel and Galaxyland are located in the mall, as is the World Waterpark. Galaxyland is an indoor amusement park, and is home to the World's Largest indoor rollercoaster.

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SUMMARY OF THE EAS BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

February 1, 2003

Howard Johnson's, Harrisburg, PA

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. on February 1, 2003 at Howard Johnson's in Harrisburg, PA with 30 people in attendance.

Secretary's Report: The minutes were accepted as printed with the following addition under old business stating that when choosing a room for the board meeting that it be a non-smoking room.

Treasurer's Report: The Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2002 showed total liabilities and equity of \$117,777.12. The audited balance sheet for the fiscal year January 1, 2002 to December 31, 2002 was accepted. The January 31, 03 Balance Sheet showed total liabilities and equity of \$118,854.60.

John Tulloch gave an explanation of the layout of the profit and loss statement and went over the profit and losses for the fiscal year 2002. He said that we are spending more than we are taking in. He challenged the board to think about what we might do to soften the numbers such as setting up an endowment to keep us solvent.

He further pointed out the need to liquidate some funds such as the Dreyfus fund that is giving us a low yield and get them into a better investment. EAS needs to have policy statements in place on how to handle things and for the protection of the Society.

President's Report: EAS 2002 Cornell University, Ithaca, NY: EAS '02 returned \$25,762 to the treasury. Mike Griggs gave his final report by stating that communication was very important with all key people, how important vendors were, how volunteer compensation needs to be held at a reasonable level and that overall costs is driven by site costs and compensation costs. He went over the expenses pointing out notable costs such as breaks, box lunches and administrative fees. EAS donated 20 Tee shirts to Mike Griggs for promotional purposes.

EAS '03 Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine: EAS '03 was ad-

vanced \$5800 as a 10% down payment to secure the conference facility and \$5000 for seed money.

Short Course: The Short Course will offer Level 1 and Level 2. Notebooks and its contents have been donated. A volunteer coordinator (Kathy Summers) will be used to assign task to those wanting to help.

Vendors: An 8-foot table will cost \$185/table that includes 2 chairs, tablecloth and skirting. Vendors will have their own registration form. There will be no sponsorship program this year. It was suggested that EAS show their appreciation by paying for the vendor's dinner on Wednesday evening.

EAS 2004: will be board run and will be held at Seven Springs Mountain Resort in Somerset, PA. Jim Bobb was nominated as 1st Vice President from PA.

Chairman's Report: Points covered:

Summer Meeting Time: Because of a full schedule, the board will hold the director's meeting on Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and then finish the director's meeting after the social at 9 p.m. until 11 p.m. The regular delegates meeting will be held in the early evening after the Social.

By-Laws and Constitution: The committee will revise the Constitution first and then the By-Laws and Policies revisions. It will take two years to pass the Constitution once it has been revised and presented to the membership and one year for the By-Laws.

Committee Assignments: Committees were assigned for a one-year period. All committee chairs were asked to write their job description and policy statement.

Annual Show: The board felt that entries were down and voted not to have the Annual Honey Show this year. According to the By-Laws, EAS does not need to hold a competitive show. Rick Cooper said he was having a workshop with honey from around the world and members will be asked to bring their honey for display.

Committee Reports:

Nominations: It is the director's responsibility to find a replacement. An official letter of nomination needs to be submitted to the EAS board from the

state or province.

Kim Flottum was unanimously approved by the board as Chairman of the Board. Kim's name will be presented at the Summer Meeting at EAS 03. Kim Flottum appointed Ann Harman as Vice Chair. A vote was taken and the board showed unanimous approval of Ann's appointment.

The following nominations will be offered at the Business Meeting at EAS 03.

President: Renee Troutman

1st Vice President: Jim Bobb

2nd Vice President: Kathy Summers

Nominations are needed for the following states:

AL; MS; RI; NJ

Vacant States: LA, SC, WI, IL, FL, IN.

Vacant Provinces: *Newfoundland, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Quebec, PEI.*

Resolution: Aaron Morris will present the resolutions at the Summer Business Meeting.

Honey Bee Foundation: The guidelines and cover letter on the new Life Member Development Award had been written and will be sent out shortly.

Memorial Fund: George Imirie's wife Valeria passed away in December 02. In lieu of flowers, George had a Memorial fund setup in memory of Valeria for the Honey Bee Research Foundation. At the present time, EAS has collected \$320 for that fund. On behalf of EAS, a fruit basket was sent to George and his family. Our deepest sympathy goes out to them.

Awards: All awards for proposals have been sent out.

Editorial Report: The deadline for the EAS Journal is March 31, 03.

Report for 2005: The Kent State site inspection will be scheduled before the Summer meeting. This meeting will be EAS' 50th Anniversary.

Web Page: An usage statistics sheet for the web page was passed out. Usage goes up when the registration form comes out. Site inspection guidelines, Constitution, By-Laws, etc. are on the web page. Emails forwarding has been updated. An issue of credit card privacy was discussed. The SSL is encrypted and it is *safe and secure*.

Life Membership: The solicitation letter for the Life Member Development Award has been written and will be sent out shortly.

Membership: On December 10, 02, 504 mailings were done asking expired members to pay their dues. Response from the mailing brought in \$1705.09. \$1000/year was approved to do solicitation membership mailings as needed.

Master Beekeepers: have been working with the Boy Scouts to get the Merit Award reinstated.

Old Business: Cornell University has set up an account for digitizing the bee volume collections and when the money comes in they will send us a list of the names and amount of the donation. They will also send a thank you to the donor.

New Business: We need to be thinking about writing job descriptions and policy statements.

Adjournment: Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10 p.m.

Submitted by:
Loretta M. Surprenant,
EAS Secretary

A copy of the complete minutes may be obtained by contacting the Secretary.

See You In Maine!

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From The Colonies News • Events • Gossip From The EAS Beeyard

EAS belongs to most of our region's State Associations in order to keep up with what's going on in the Colonies. If we don't yet belong to your Association contact Loretta so we can sign up. And, send us your newsletter so we can keep up. Following, in no particular order, are snippets we've found.

Delaware Valley College will again offer its popular three-day beekeeping short course this summer. The summer 2003 course is designed for the experienced, the beginner and those just interested in knowing more about the honey bee.

Dr. Bob Berthold is heading up the team of beekeeping experts, including Gary Bradshaw, NJ and Jack Matthenius, NJ retired Apiary Inspector.

The dates for the course are June 27-29 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00p.m. For information contact Delaware Valley College, 200 E. Butler Ave., Doylestown, PA, 18901 or call Bob Berthold, 215.489.2285.

The New Jersey Beekeepers Association will hold its **Spring Meeting** at the Tranquility Lake Community Clubhouse, May 17.

NJBA will hold their **Annual Summer Picnic**, August 16 at the home of Bob Hughes, Yardville, NJ. This is a family affair.

October 11, NJBA will hold its Fall Meeting which will be hosted by Essex County and they will be discussing many topics about honey and marketing.

Bucks and Montgomery Beekeeping Associations will hold their annual meeting, June 21 in Room 233 in the Mandell Science Building on the Delaware Valley College campus, Route 202 south of Doylestown, PA.

The meeting will begin with a bring-your-own-lunch picnic with the meeting following at 1:30 p.m. Speakers will be Dr. and Mrs. Berthold speaking about their trip to Ethiopia last fall.

For more information contact Bob Berthold, 700 E. Butler Ave., Doylestown, PA 18901, 215.489.2285.

The Ohio State Beekeepers Association will hold their Summer Meeting in Wooster, Ohio, July 18-19 in conjunction with **BiOhio**. The OSBA meeting will be held at the downtown Wooster Best Western. **BiOhio** is being held on the campus of OARDC.

Please contact Kim Flottum, 330.722.2021 for more information.

The 2nd Annual HAS (Heartland Apicultural Society) Convention will be held July 10-12 at Midway College in Midway, KY.

For information contact Tom Webster, 400 East Main Street, Frankfort, KY 40601, 502.597.6351.

The Ontario Beekeepers' Association will hold their Summer Meeting July 5 in Stirling, Ontario. Contact Pat Westlake, 519.565.2622, Fax 519.565.5452, email: info@ontariobee.com or visit www.ontariobee.com for details. All are welcome.

Vermont Beekeepers Association Beekeeping Seminars For 2003 – May 26, Making Nucleus Colonies, James Gabriel; **June 28**, Supering - Comb and Extracting Supers, Lynn Lang; **August 30**, Taking Off Honey and Extracting, Bill Whitcomb; **October 11**, Winter Packing and Feeding, Kirk Webster.

All meetings will be held at the VBA Beeyard in Addison at Yankee Kingdom Orchard on Lake Street. Time is 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. The Sunday following the above dates will be the backup day in case of inclement weather.

The seminars are free. All participants should bring veils and wear long sleeved shirts and long pants in light colors. Please check the website for contact details, www.vtbeekeepers.org

The Rhode Island Association had a very successful booth at the RI Flower Show in February. Estimated attendance was 20,000 people. The bee school had good attendance, and was under the guidance of Betty Mencucci.

Queen Rearing Course – June 14 & 15 at Keeney-Ziegler Apiaries, Bethel, PA. Sponsored by the PA Department of Agriculture and Penn State University. For more information contact PA Dept. of Ag, 717.772.5225.

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