



Eastern Apicultural Society EAS JOURNAL

Beeing Social In 2002

The Empire State Honey Producers, New York State beekeepers and the Cornell Master Beekeeping Program welcome you to visit Cornell University for the Eastern Apicultural Society conference to be held August 5 - 9, 2002. Planning is well under way with an impressive lineup of speakers along with the usual first rate program for which EAS is known. My host team listed at our web site, <http://www.eas2002.cornell.edu>, is a dynamic group expending a Herculean effort to bring a great conference to New York for our pleasure.

"I would found an Institution where any person can find instruction in any study" stated Ezra Cornell. As a young man he was deeply interested in the implementation of scientific principles for agriculture and used his fortune for various philanthropies, culminating in the founding and endowment of Cornell University in 1865 with Andrew Dickenson White. Morrill Hall was the first building constructed on the main Ithaca campus, which today includes more than 2600 major buildings on 745 acres.

Today Cornell University, <http://www.cornell.edu>, is the land grant institution of New York responsible for extension services throughout the state. Nick Calderone, assistant professor of apiculture and director of Dyce Laboratory for honey bee research, which is located on the fringe of campus, just up the road from Tom Seeley's Lab. The Cornell Master Beekeeping Program which is hosting EAS on campus, allowing us to utilize services at a cost normally reserved for campus organizations, is directed by Dennis van Engelsdorp who is helping Nick put together the conference program. Perhaps you heard Dennis speak at Massachusetts!

The short course is being put together by Aaron Morris, president of Southern Adirondack Beekeepers, and promises to maintain the high standards required of an

EAS program. Our Workshop coordinator, Ray Lackey, president of the Long Island beekeepers brings the experience of the first EAS Master Beekeepers to bear on his planning. Lloyd Spear, Exhibitor chair is carefully exploring several options for the exhibitor show. New York is a large state and we hope to include many NY beekeeping organizations to help host this event. We will also be inviting some special beekeeping personalities who have not been at an EAS conference for a long time.

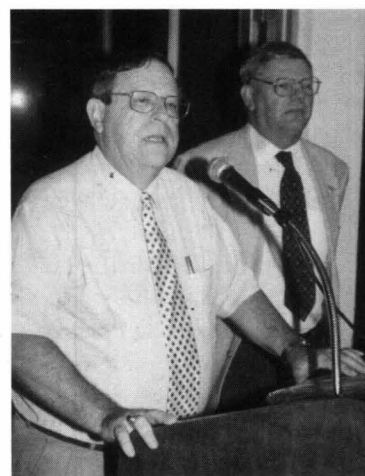
Ithaca is a small town located in central NY, we joke that we are really centrally isolated, but that is another story. While Cornell is in session it almost doubles the population of downtown Ithaca. This university has become very big so we have worked closely with conference services to keep our conference confined to a small segment of campus. This has advantages but also disadvantages. By staying on a small part of campus we limit our need for travel, but we miss out on some of the beautiful green space and architecture located around the campus.

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EAS HONORS DEWEY CARON

Dewey Caron was the recipient of the Roger A. Morse Teaching/Extension/Regulatory Award presented at the annual Eastern Apicultural Society (EAS) meeting banquet Friday August 10. Dewey teaches Beekeeping and Introductory courses in Entomology and Wildlife Conservation as well as a Capstone course for Wildlife/Natural Resource majors at the University of Delaware. He obtained his BA degree from University of Vermont (Zoology) and an MS degree from University of Tennessee (Ecology). He learned apiculture as a PhD student under Roger Morse at Cornell where he studied queen initiation behaviors of swarming. He currently studies insect pollination and pest/predators of honey bee issues and conservation of bees/natural resources. He uses bees and observation hives frequently in his beekeeping extension program and is a frequent visitor to schools, fairs, and other events.

The EAS award was initiated last year with Jim Tew, a PhD student of Dewey, receiving the honor. It was named in honor of Roger Morse this year. Dewey has also received Excellence awards for both his teaching (Entomological Society and University of Delaware Faculty Awards) and his Outreach (EAS Charles & Evelyn Divelbiss Beekeeping Educator of the Year Award). He lives in Newark, DE with Bolivian-native Economist wife Nieves. Both are frequently in Latin America during school breaks where they work on International Development projects for USAID, Kellogg Fellow Projects and Partners of the Americas.



Clarence Collison presents award to Dewey Caron.



Fall 2001

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A Word From Our Chairman . . .

It's been over a dozen years since the EAS Constitution and Bylaws have been updated. And, although we've made a couple of changes in the last couple of years, some inconsistencies still exist and other items are in need of clarification.

Then, too, the board has chosen to make interpretations of existing doctrine that has changed the way we operate, regardless of the intent of the original drafters. This because decisions had to be made to move the Board forward and what we have isn't clear or had heretofore not been challenged.

Overall, these two documents have served us well for the last decade plus, but EAS, and the world we operate in has changed. Let's face it, there are fewer beekeepers, fewer Extension Specialists and fewer scientists. And, there are fewer university departments that specialize in, that even recognize beekeeping as a pursuit.

The first few meetings EAS held were pretty informal, organized mostly by university people at the land grant colleges in the Northeast. Professors and Extension Specialists – with the help of what were generally the largest and best organized beekeeping organizations at the time in the state – yes, the 'State' Beekeepers Associations.

County, multi-county or regional groups were pretty much not in this picture, as far as being large, organized and strong. So, the 'State' Association was the natural choice to represent a state on the EAS Board of Directors, once that group came to be.

As the Land Grant University/beekeepers' association relationship developed, generally, if the association's president was in a position to run a meeting, that person was chosen to organize the meeting, with the extensive assistance of the University contact where the meetings were always held.

Over time the University contacts went away, the meetings were held at places other than Land Grant Universities and presidents were less and less often the president of the 'State' association.

Like I said, the world we operate

in has changed. So, do we continue to operate under a set of rules that were developed over a decade ago? Do they 'fit' today? Do they allow EAS to grow, to change, to adapt? Do we continue to chip away at our existing documents fighting fires, but never addressing the whole problem?

I hope by now you can see what I think should happen, and why it is a necessary and forward decision. Our Constitution and Bylaws need serious updating. We need to not only address what is, but what will be for EAS, for beekeeping, and for the members of this fine organization.

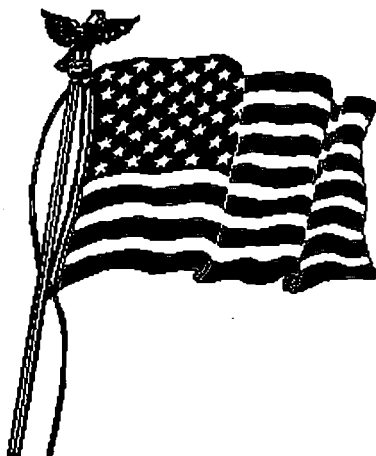
I will start this process at the Fall Board meeting, selecting a committee to analyze the current documents, meld them into a single, all-inclusive bylaws (forsaking the Constitution) document and presenting a first draft to the rest of the Board this coming Spring.

I imagine this entire process to take a year. Then, once presented to the EAS membership, another two years to be adopted.

Practically speaking, this is a pretty unglamorous job, fraught with petty politics, frustration, and a certain amount of unknowns. I hope, and trust that Directors and members will take a step back and see the bigger picture here, looking to the future rather than holding on to the past.

This will be an interesting and provocative process. I hope you take the trip with us. We will be better when we are done.

Kim Flottum
Chairman



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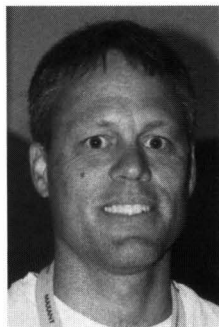
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This area of Central NY, at the southern tip of Cayuga Lake has become a popular summer tourist location. The wine trail passes through Ithaca, Watkins Glen is 40 minutes away and the Corning Glass museum is about an hour away, not to mention Cayuga Lake itself. Perhaps not surprising, the Finger Lakes region has a long farming history. In 1904 Tompkins county was the record honey producing county in the state. W. L. Coggshall, a local beekeeper, was the world's largest honey producer, with 20 apiaries. E. F Phillips may have realized this value as he strove to amass all the beekeeping literature available which today is held in the E.F. Phillips are beekeeping book collection. Dr. Phillips was the first of many apicultural professors at Cornell. Mann Library has promised a display and presentation of its holdings for the conference. They have L.L. Langstroth's letters and Moses Quimby's diary among the archives.

We are planning to provide local tours as is customary to an EAS conference. We will target interesting places of the Finger Lakes, a program for families with children who need activities and provide directions for some self guided tours to unique locations on campus for the adventurous. We hope to include a morning birding walk of Sapsucker Woods, the lands &

trails surrounding the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, which is not far from N. campus.

As plans firm up, we will report on more specific aspects of this conference but I am confident that my host team are putting forth their best effort to provide a conference of the par we saw this past summer. Mark your calendar this is another one you will not want to miss!



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Foundation News

The EAS Foundation for Honey Bee Research is a competitive grant program developed from donations received from beekeepers and others interested in funding research on topical issues in honey bees. Proposals are solicited annually with award amounts determined by the Board of Directors of EAS. Requests for support for student projects (undergraduate summer employees/graduate student) or for equipment/supplies for research projects with other support are given highest priority. Requests for "seed money" to provide investigators the opportunity to collect preliminary data or as "add on" funds to combine with other funding sources to continue present research will also be considered. We welcome separate discreet project proposals and requests that identify pieces of ongoing research programs where additional funds can accomplish an objective of a larger program. Grant funds may be used for supplies, equipment, salaries, travel or other appropriate uses by the recipient.

This year the Foundation awarded a \$5000 research grant to Dr. Keith Delaplane of the Department of Entomology, University of Georgia. His grant proposal project "Putting it all together: Using published IPM strategies to keep Varroa mites below economic threshold" is currently underway. The EAS grant helped Keith begin work on his project this season while he is awaiting USDA funds (in cooperation with Clemson and Univ of Tennessee) for the project that will be extended for a 2-year period.

Keith's research project has installed 20 package bee colonies at isolated sites and another 20 package colonies in existing apiaries with known varroa infestations. He is using the IPM tactics of genetically resistant queens and screen bottom boards. Colonies will be monitored regularly to compare the speed of onset of economic thresholds. Hopefully he will be able to demonstrate that IPM practices extend the time interval between necessary chemical treatments. Keith will present a preliminary report of this research at the early September Bee Research Conference at the Univ of Mary-

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What Is The Job Of . . .

An EAS Director?

Each state/province is entitled to elect one Director on the governing board of the Society. Directors meet before and after each general meeting and set policy and guidelines for the operation of the business of the Society. Throughout the year, they serve as the liaison between the Society officers and the members in their respective states. They are responsible for recruiting new members, keeping track of state concerns and advising the membership of their activities through the EAS Journal which is published four times a year.

An EAS Delegate?

Each member association in good standing shall be entitled to send one official delegate to each annual conference. A delegate acts on behalf of their local and/or state association by voicing the concerns and recommendations of their respective association. Recommendations that require action by the Board of Directors must be placed in written form to be voted on by the assembled delegates. The President will then report approved motions to the Board of Directors at the next scheduled board meeting. Action taken by the board will be reported to the delegates at the next regularly scheduled delegate's meeting.

Master Beekeepers Meet at MMA

The Master Beekeepers of the Eastern Apiculture Society of North America, Incorporated held their annual meeting at 4:00 PM on August 8, 2001 at the annual convention held at the Massachusetts Marine Academy, Buzzard's Bay, Massachusetts. Interim Chair Nancy Troup presided over the sparsely attended meeting. Twelve Master Beekeepers were present.

The first order of business was to read and approve the minutes from the 2000 annual meeting held at Salisbury State University, Maryland. The Chair's report followed.

The most significant project since the group last met was the effort to track down all of the EAS Master Beekeepers. To accomplish this task, a mailing was prepared and sent to all master beekeepers at their last known address. Included was a survey and information on EAS life membership. Approximately 85% of the Master Beekeepers responded. Survey results were tabulated and a summary report was returned in May to all those who responded.

The next item in the Chair's report was the business conducted at the October 2000 EAS Board of Directors' Meeting, where two motions were made and approved. The first motion passed was to reimburse (supplement is a better word) the costs incurred by the person preparing and implementing the Master Beekeeper Exam at the annual meetings in the amount of \$300. The second item passed was to raise the

exam fee to \$50.

The next order of business addressed an effort to further define the group. A revised mission statement was proposed. After much discussion and editing, the mission statement was approved and adopted.

The Eastern Apiculture Society of North America Master Beekeepers educate the general public and assist beekeepers in mastering the craft, art, and science of apiculture.



Aaron Morris

I was disappointed that the reference to being Honey Bee Ambassadors was removed from the newly adopted mission statement. In these litigious times, honey bees are continually scapegoated for the sins of wasps, yellow jackets and hornets. They also suffer from sensational media coverage intended to sell newspapers, regardless of content or facts. I had hoped that the mission statement would

include a call for Master Beekeepers to speak up and defend our beloved honey bees. However, the semantics of Honey Bee Ambassadors is covered in educating the general public and I am satisfied with the new mission statement, which is short, concise and to the point. It covers the bases of the

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land Donaldson Center along the Susquehanna River in northeast Maryland. Hopefully we will hear about his project at an upcoming EAS meeting.

This past EAS in Cape Cod, Dr. Medhat Nasr gave a report of the project for which he was funded by EAS this past year. He used the EAS grant to match Ontario and New York Beekeeper Associations and Canadian bee research funds to investigate Russian queen adaptability to northern climate and for their mite resistance. The good news is that mite resistance queens are an integral part of an IPM approach to bee mite control and can indeed help reduce overall mite pressure in a bee colony.

The EAS Foundation has made significant strides toward our goal of having a fund of \$50,000 at our 50th year anniversary with the fund now at \$37,000. We received a number of generous individual donations this past year including one from the Barnstable Bee Club on Cape Cod which sent a check for \$150 as part of the proceeds of a "pollinator-plant" auction sale held in the spring. I hope you might consider a donation - it is tax deductible as we are a 501(c)(3) organization. And a special THANK YOU to those who have recently donated to the Foundation - it is much appreciated.

Dawey Caw

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Looking Ahead

**2002 - August 5 - 9
New York**

Cornell University, Ithaca

**2003 - August 4 - 8
Maine**

Bowdoin College Campus, Brunswick

**2004 - Dates to be determined
Connecticut or North Carolina**
What about your state?

**2005 - Dates to be determined
Ohio**
Wooster, Ohio

Has EAS been to your state in the last 10 years? Has EAS ever been to your state?

We have locations up to 2005, but beyond that we're still looking. If you have a strong state group or even several local groups, it can be done in your state. It's a lot of work, but it's a lot of fun too.

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.

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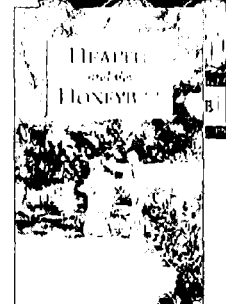
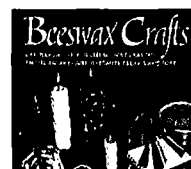
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original, arguably verbose mission statement, which read:

The purpose of the Master Beekeeper certification is to identify and certify people who have a detailed knowledge of honey bee biology, expertise in the proper practices of beekeeping, and can present this information to the beekeeping and non-beekeeping public in a detailed, accurate, clear and authoritative manner. The goal of the program is to certify that those who are awarded the Master Beekeeper Certificate are competent at a college level in three areas where they are tested.

The **Master Beekeeper Application Form** was discussed. Clarence Collison accepted the responsibility of revising the application form. Aaron Morris will incorporate some changes previously discussed by the Executive Committee and send it on to Clarence. The goal is to have the revisions complete and reviewed by the Executive Committee for presentation to the EAS BOD at their October 2001 meeting.

It was proposed to add an oral portion to the Master Beekeeper test to verify a candidate's ability to field and answer questions in a comfortable and competent manner. The members present felt an oral component to the examination process would be a good addition, provided it was kept as a simple summary to the field exam. The oral examination will be given by a small group of examiners. The motion passed.

Letters from two absent members (George Imirie and David Morris) were summarized for information.

As Interim Chair, Nancy Troup observed that the task of chairing the group could be helped with some "formal assistance". Volunteers were solicited for positions to assist the chair. The assisting positions included EAS Newsletter publicity, volunteer coordi-

nator for next year's EAS conference and short course, and liaison between the Master Beekeepers and the testing academic. These assisting positions were filled respectively by Aaron Morris, Penny McCaig and Nancy Troup.

At this point, having filled her year as Interim Chair, Nancy Troup repeated her intent to step down as Chair and opened the floor for nominations for successors. There was discussion as to whether the position should be filled for another "Interim" term or if the nominations should be for a member to assume the chair for a full four-year term. Consensus was that it was time to elect a chair for a four-year term and the floor was opened for nominations. The sole nominee for Chair was Raymond Lackey from Long Island, New York. Ray was elected as Chairperson to serve for a four year term and sit on the EAS Board of Directors as the Master Beekeeper's representative. Barry Thompson was appointed Recording Secretary. Earl Hoffman, Aaron Morris and Nancy Troup were appointed to the Executive Committee, with other members to be named at a later date by the Chair.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40PM.

I would like to express my gratitude to Nancy Troup for her dedicated service as Interim Chair. The Master Beekeepers' inaugural year on the EAS Board of Directors had significant accomplishments and the group is heading in a positive direction.

Finally, I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge, congratulate and welcome into the ranks the two newest EAS Master Beekeepers - Carol Hoffman and Rick Hough!

Respectfully submitted
Aaron Morris

Thanks From Jay

SUCCESS! Another fantastic EAS Short Course and Conference. This time it was held in Southeastern Massachusetts. Next Summer it will be at Cornell University in upstate New York. I wish to thank EVERYONE involved in EAS 2001 Bees By The Sea; whether as an attendee, Commercial Exhibitor, Instructor, Coordinator,

Volunteer, helper, family member, well-wisher, Sponsor, Advertiser, or dues-paying member of the EAS. YOU ALL helped make it happen. It was, indeed, a BIG, BIG success, in so many ways. Looking forward to seeing you all in NY! With deep gratitude, I am yours truly, *Jay Barthelmous, President. EAS 2001.*

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Mead - Richard Chapin

Cookery - Marybelle Gutenmann

Arts & Crafts - Maggie Harling

Gadgets - David Smith

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**SWEEPSTAKES WINNER
MARYBELLE GUTENMANN
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Winners - 2001 Annual Show

Mass Maritime Academy

There were 39 people who entered a total of 186 items. Winning recipes will be published in the Winter Journal. Following are the 1st place winners in each category:

HONEY SHOW

CLASS H-1 EXTRACTED HONEY

Light

Penny & Jim McCaig
St. Lazare, Quebec, Canada

CLASS H-2 EXTRACTED HONEY

Light

Franklin Wooden
Stockton, New Jersey

CLASS H-3 EXTRACTED HONEY

Light Amber

Jim Gross
Nantucket, Massachusetts

CLASS H-4 EXTRACTED HONEY

Amber

Marlene Thomas
Kingston, Tennessee

CLASS H-5 EXTRACTED HONEY

Dark

Marlene Thomas
Kingston, Tennessee

CLASS H-6 SECTION COMB HONEY

Bill Troup, III
Williamsport, Maryland

CLASS H-7 CUT-COMB HONEY

Penny & Jim McCaig
St. Lazare, Quebec, Canada

CLASS H-8 CIRCULAR ROUND COMB HONEY

Penny & Jim McCaig
St. Lazare, Quebec, Canada

CLASS H-9 CREAMED HONEY

Ryan Shanks
Bridgewater, Ontario, Canada

CLASS H-10 CHUNK HONEY

Mary Helan Turner
Cambridge, Massachusetts

CLASS H-11 FRAME OF HONEY

Aire Desilets
East Sandwich, Massachusetts

MEAD SHOW

CLASS M-1 DRY MEAD

Richard Chapin
Montrose, Pennsylvania

CLASS M-2 SWEET MEAD

Thomas Muncey
Sparks, Nevada

CLASS M-3 MEAD WITH FRUIT JUICE

Martin Reynolds
Newark, Delaware

HONEY COOKERY SHOW

CLASS C-1 COOKIES

Marybelle Gutenmann
Brooktondale, New York

CLASS C-2 BARS OR BROWNIES

Marybelle Gutenmann
Brooktondale, New York

CLASS C-3 CAKES

Oscar & Maria Coindreau
Capdell, Texas

CLASS C-4 YEAST BREAD

Marybelle Gutenmann
Brooktondale, New York

CLASS C-5 YEAST BREAD FANCY

Marybelle Gutenmann
Brooktondale, New York

CLASS C-6 YEAST ROLLS

Marybelle Gutenmann
Brooktondale, New York

CLASS C-7 QUICK BREAD

Marybelle Gutenmann
Brooktondale, New York

CLASS C-8 MUFFINS

Marybelle Gutenmann
Brooktondale, New York

CLASS C-9 CANDY

Tom & Barbara Kershner
Falling Waters, West Virginia

ARTS AND CRAFTS

CLASS A-1 GIFT ARRANGEMENT

Tom & Barbara Kershner
Falling Waters, West Virginia

CLASS A-2 SEWING ITEMS

Diana Sammataro
State College, Pennsylvania

CLASS A-3 NOVELTY BEESWAX

Cathie Skove
Newton, New Jersey

CLASS A-4 MISC. ARTS & CRAFTS

Maggie Harling
Northborough, MA

GADGET SHOW

CLASS G-1 LARGE DEVICE

Tom & Barbara Kershner
Falling Waters, West Virginia

CLASS G-2 SMALL DEVICE

David G. Smith
Church Hill, Maryland

BEESWAX SHOW

CLASS B-1 SINGLE PIECE

Tom & Barbara Kershner
Falling Waters, West Virginia

CLASS B-2 CANDLES, HAND DIPPED TAPER

Herman Erickson
Norwich, New York

CLASS B-3 CANDLES MOLDED TAPER

Tom & Barbara Kershner
Falling Waters, West Virginia

CLASS B-4 CANDLES NOVELTY

Gwen Lutz
Zelienople, Pennsylvania

PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW

CLASS P-1 CLOSE-UP, PRINT

Becky Jones
Farmington, Connecticut

CLASS P-2 SCENIC, PRINT

Becky Jones
Farmington, Connecticut

CLASS P-3 PORTRAIT, PRINT

Becy Jones
Farmington, Connecticut

CLASS P-4 ESSAY, PRINTS, 4 TO 7 PICTURES

Becky Jones
Farmington, Connecticut

Two New Master Beekeepers

A total of nine individuals participated in the 2001 Master Beekeeper Certification program at the Cape Cod Massachusetts conference. Upon completion of the three-part testing program, two new Master Beekeepers were recognized – **Rick Hough** (Massachusetts) and **Carol Jean Hoffman** (Michigan).

Rick Hough has had bees for 11.5 years and is from South Hamilton, Massachusetts. He started out with one colony and has built up to 50 colonies. Rick rents colonies for pollination, packs and sells honey. He has won honey show and Best of Show awards at the Essex County fair and Massachusetts Beekeeper meetings. Rick has mentored several beginning beekeepers and has served as coordinator of the Essex County Beekeepers Association Beginner Beekeeping School. Memberships include Essex County Beekeepers, Massachusetts State Beekeepers, American Beekeeping Federation, New Hampshire State Beekeepers and he is an EAS life member.

Carol Jean Hoffman is a 6+ year beekeeper in Southern Michigan living in Livonia. Her husband was certified as a Master Beekeeper at the 2000 annual EAS Conference. Earl and Carol operate "Busy Bee Farm" and keep about 40 colonies of bees. Her father kept bees when she was a child. They pack and sell honey. She started with one hive of bees in 1994 and took a year long class from the Southeastern Michigan Beekeepers Association. She is very active in both the Southeastern Michigan Beekeepers Association and Michigan Beekeepers Association. In addition she has been active in educating the public about bees at the Michigan State Fair for four years.

Many thanks to the following Master Beekeepers for assisting me with this years testing program: George Imirie, Robert Elwood, Stephen McDaniel, Bill and Nancy Troup, Jerald Ely, Tom Kershner, Earl Hoffman, Rick Cooper, Mel Disselkoen, Penny McCaig, Aaron Morris, Thomas Muncey and Barry Thompson.

Clarence Collison

Ralph Gamber

W. Ralph Gamber, 89, died Saturday, September 15 after a brief illness.

A leader in the honey industry and the area of food safety and quality Gamber founded Dutch Gold Honey Inc. in 1946 with a \$27 investment in three hives of bees at a farm sale. He built the company with his wife and three children into one of the largest honey companies in the world. He remained active in the company as its chairman emeritus.

In 1957, Dutch Gold Honey was the first to be packaged in plastic honey bear containers.

He was also founder of Gamber Container Co., Inc., a distributor of glass and plastic containers.

In 1992, he was named Pennsylvania Entrepreneur of the Year by *Entrepreneur Magazine*.

Gamber and his wife were founders of The Gamber Foundation, which supports local charities and nonprofit organizations, honey bee research and scholarships for children of Dutch Gold Honey employees.

In 1995, he received an honorary diploma from Manheim Township High School, where he had been a three-letter man in sports. He also attended Lancaster Business College.

Early in his life, Gamber owned Gamber's Grocery Store and worked for Armour & Co. and Miller & Hartman Inc.

A U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, he was a member of American Legion Post 664, Lancaster.

His professional memberships included National Honey Packers & Dealers, where he was past president; American Beekeeping Federation; Lancaster County Beekeepers; Pennsylvania Beekeepers Association; Honey Industry Council.

Gamber was a member of Apostles United Church of Christ, where he was past chairman of the stewardship committee and served on the church council.

He served on the Salvation Army Building Committee, was active in the Republican Party and was a member of the Republican Senatorial Inner Circle.

He is survived by his wife, Luelson, William R., II (Kitty Lou) of Lancaster; two daughters, Mariann (Felix) Cobian and Nancy (Matthew) Olcott, both of Lancaster; eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren and a brother Clyde R. of Lancaster.



Clarence Collison (center) presents our newest Master Beekeepers, Carol Hoffman and Rick Hough. (photo by Aaron Morris)

2001 Divelbiss Award

The 2001 Divelbiss Award was presented to Francis Bowen in recognition of his many years of reaching the non-beekeeping public with information about the beneficial honey bee. His work with many schools, as well as with various associations and

groups throughout his area certainly made an impact. He is a respected beekeeper with a wonderful sense of humor which can only show that honey bees and beekeeping are a worthwhile craft.

from The Editor...

Another conference is history. This past summer in Cape Cod I watched with a different perspective as everything fell into place. I watched as an upcoming President. We are bringing EAS back to Ohio in 2005. I've been involved with EAS for several years now, but this time I was really paying attention. I met some wonderful new people and spent time with some old friends as I watched EAS 2001 come together. There were some key people who made this happen and without them it would not have taken place, at least not as nicely as it did. I hope all of you had a good time and are looking forward to next year at Cornell. Mike and Cathy Riggs and their excellent group already have a handle on their conference. It will be great.

I want to encourage all of you to send me your newsletters. I receive many at this time, but if possible, put EAS on our complimentary list. We belong to all of the state groups in EAS territory, but we'd also like to get info on the local groups. This keeps EAS in touch with you and also gives me a glimpse of what other newsletters are like.

EAS is growing and expanding and as in the rest of our lives that will require some changes. Be sure and read our airman's letter and the Master Beekeeper article. Keep in touch with your state director and encourage them to be a voice for your state. If there are things you'd like to see open let one of us know.

As the year comes to an end I hope for each one of you a pleasant holiday time spent with family and friends. It's been a stressful time for all of us and as we look forward to a new year, let us hope it is more peaceful. I hope we see all of you at Cornell next year. Keep watching these pages for more information on upcoming events.

Right now, take a look at the back page and see if your state has a director. If not think about getting involved. Learning from experience it's a great group of people to work with. Also, consider hosting a conference. Get involved, EAS be a part of your future.

See you in Ithaca!

Kathy Summers, Editor

JONATHAN WHITE

Jonathan Winborn White Jr., Ph.D., 84, of State College, died September 2, at Brookline Village, State College. Dr. White was born in State College, September 29, 1916, a son of the late Jonathan and Helen White. He received a B.S. in agricultural chemistry from the Pennsylvania State University in 1937 and his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from Purdue University in 1942. In 1943, he married Rosalind Christman, who died in 1998.

He worked for the U.S. Bureau of Censorship during WWII. Dr. White joined the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Eastern Regional Research Center in Wyndmoor, and worked there until his retirement in 1978. Dr. White spent most of his research career working on the chemistry of honey. He developed numerous unique methodologies for honey research. In 1986, Dr. White was honored with the Harvey W. Wiley Award, which is awarded annually by the Association of Official Analytical Chemists to recognize outstanding contributions to the development and validation of methods of analysis for foods and other related areas.

Dr. White is widely recognized as the world's foremost authority on the analysis and composition of honey. His huge body of work and honey includes the discovery of four new sugars, new methods of separation and identification, finding gluconic acid to be the principal honey acid, the development and improvement of methods for examining honey adulteration, the characterization of honey's antibiotic principle, the demonstration of the nature of various honey enzymes and much technical work on new processes and products.

Dr. White received many honors from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, including three consecutive Outstanding Performance Awards, the Superior Accomplishment Award and the Superior Service Award. He has been honored by the International Bee Research Association, the American Beekeeping Federation, the Honey Industry Council, and in 1980 received the James I. Hambleton Award for Outstanding Research from the Eastern Apicultural Society.

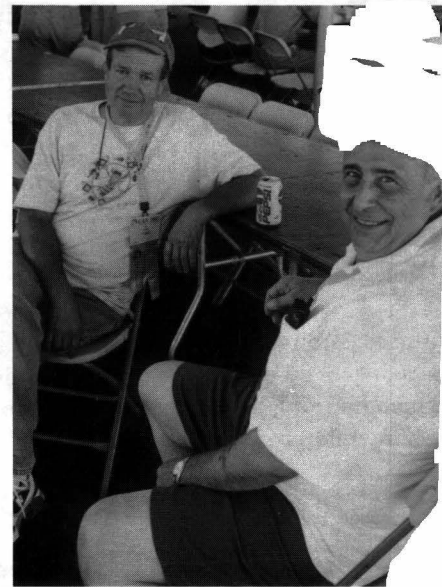
Dr. White was a fellow of the AOAC and 1977 AOAC Associate Referee of the Year.

Following retirement in 1978, Dr. White moved to Navasota, Texas, where he continued to conduct and publish research and collaborate with colleagues worldwide. He has published well over 120 refereed journal articles including 19 in the Journal of the Association of Official Analytical Chemists that describe analytical methods for honey and beeswax. He has contributed chapters to more than 10 books and was active in his profession until his death. He was a member of the American Chemical Society, the American Association for Advancement of Science and the Institute of Food Technologists.

Dr. White is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Stanley Pennypacker of Spring Mills; his son and daughter-in-law, Jonathan III and Elsbeth White of Edmonds, WA and two grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Helen Smith of Beach Haven, NJ and two brothers, Donald White, Ph.D., of Oneonta, NY, and Philip White, Ph.D., of Wheaton, IL.



Our newest group of life members.



Ted Jones and Vinnie Gaglione take a break. They walked many miles during the week.

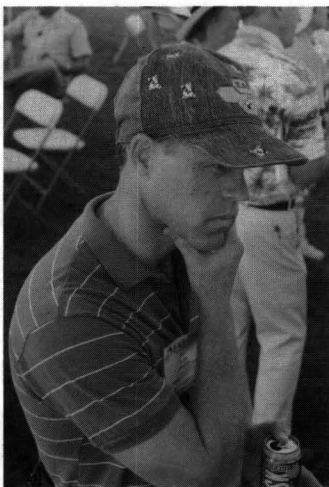


Alas, poor Francis (Bowen), we worked him too hard.

EAS 2001 Cape Cod



Gus Skamarycz and the 2001 Annual Show winners.



Mike Griggs, 2002 President, contemplating what lies ahead for New York.

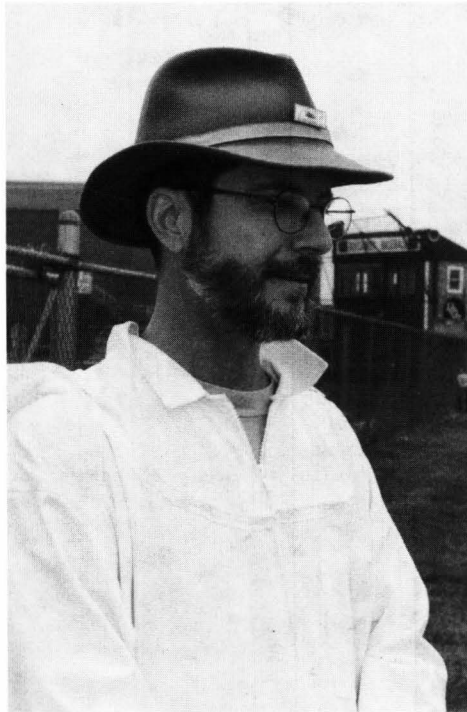


Kathy and Rick Hough take it easy after a long hard week.

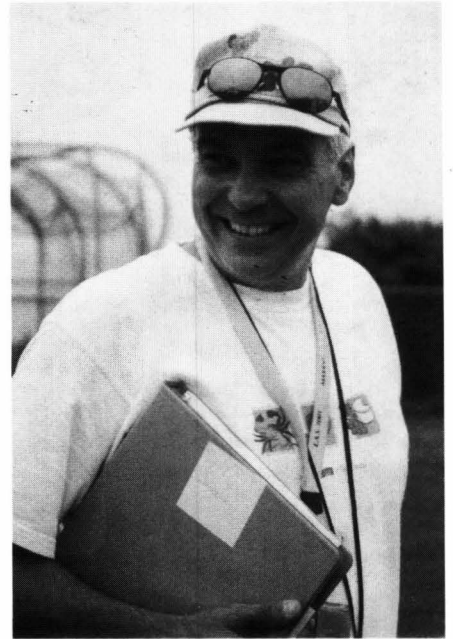


David Mendes enjoys Thursday night Lobster.

Cathy & Mike Griggs, First Lady and President for 2002, Cornell.



John Skinner from Tennessee, one of the Short Course instructors.



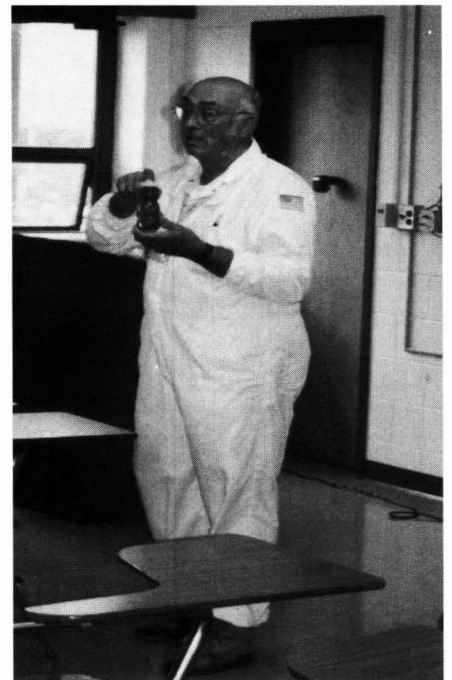
Tony Jadczak from Maine was a big part of the Short Course at Mass Maritime.



Jan Gaglione from Massachusetts was a driving force at EAS 2001. Jan helped along with Kathy Hough, organize the whole registration procedure.



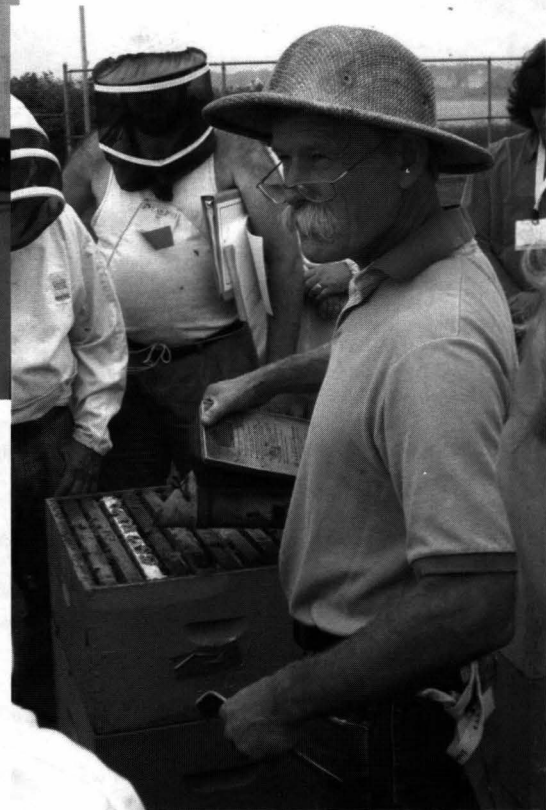
Clarence Collison helped to organize the Master Beekeepers' Exam and was also involved in the Short Course and Conference.



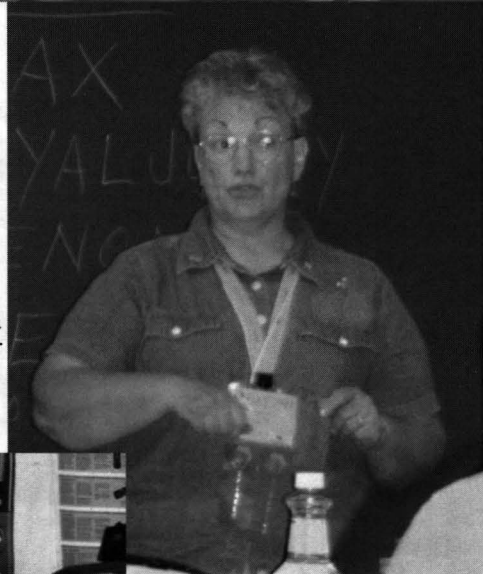
Bob Cole, past Chairman and Master Beekeeper is always a major force at EAS.



Music was a big part of the social activities this year. These bagpipers were part of the opening ceremony. (photo by Aaron Morris)

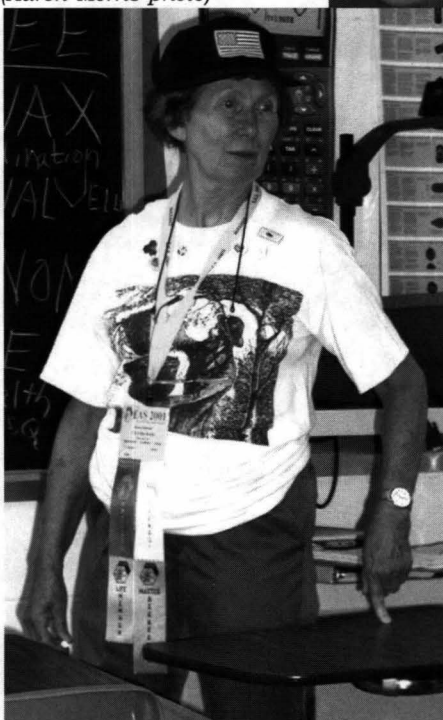


Don Hopkins from NC in the beeyard. (photo by Aaron Morris)



Marlene Thomas and Ann Harman (below) teamed up for a Short Court session.

(Aaron Morris photo)



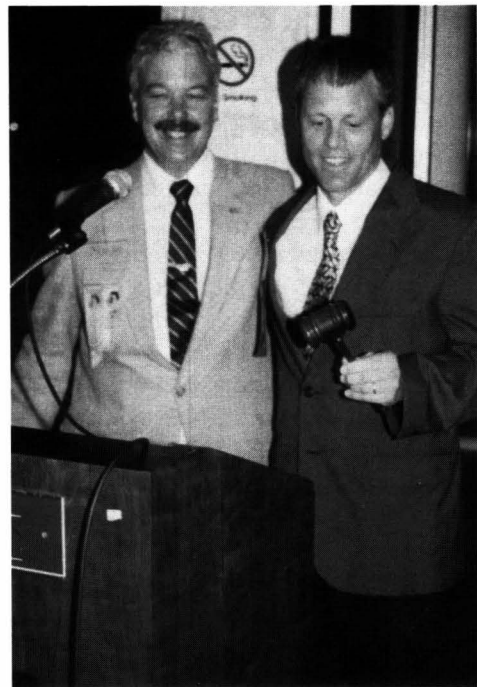
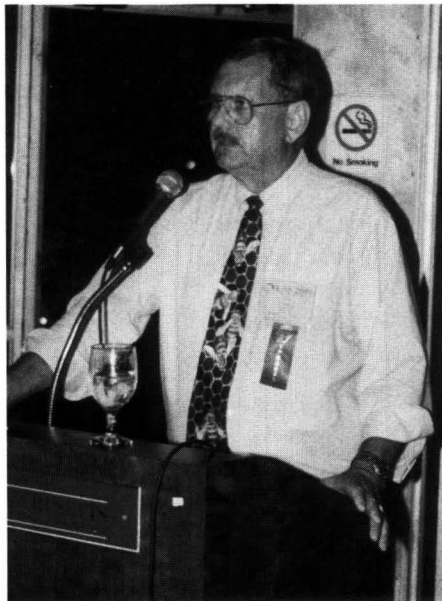
Some of us enjoyed a Sunset Cruise Wednesday night. (photo by Aaron Morris)





Jason Ruffins played Amazing Grace while we gathered for the Banquet. He is 11 years old and has been playing the bagpipes for two years. He plays with the Highland Light. Jason was a delight.

Eric Erickson from the Tucson Bee Lab was the banquet speaker.



Jay Barthelmeus, President 2001 passes off the gavel to Mike Griggs, President 2002 at the Friday night banquet.

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Tom Muncey has been at many EAS conferences. He travels all the way from Nevada.

This chess set was entered in the Annual Show, by Cathie Skove from New Jersey and won 1st prize in the novelty beeswax category. (photo by Aaron Morris)

New Group To Form In 2002

Tom Webster is working with apiculturists and beekeepers to plan a regional beekeeping conference at Goshen College in northern Indiana, July 11-13, 2002. It is the expectation that their efforts will lead to the creation of a regional apiculture society, to be called Heartland Apicultural Society (HAS) and to regular regional conferences. At this time, Kentucky, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and West Virginia are actively involved. Those states sent representatives to an organizational meeting in August. It is the hope that other nearby states (Ohio, Wisconsin and Tennessee) will join.

The conference is being modeled after EAS. Relatively few beekeepers in this region are able to travel to EAS events, so it is the feeling that a conference farther west is needed. HAS will try and avoid competition with EAS for attendees, speakers and vendors by scheduling them at different times and at locations far from EAS conferences.

Watch for future information in this publication.

Please send your state or local newsletters to the Editor. Let us keep up with what's going on in EAS territory.

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SUMMARY OF DIRECTORS, DELEGATES, & BUSINESS MEETINGS

MA MARITIME ACADEMY
BUZZARD BAY
AUGUST 8 & 10, 2001

Roll Call: In order for a state or province to be eligible to vote, their membership to EAS must be paid in advance. States and Provinces in good standing with EAS are: CT, DE, FL, IN, KY, MD, MA, MI, MS, NC, NH, NY; OH, ONT, PA, RI, TN, VT, VA, WVA.

Secretary's Report: A condensed version of the minutes will be printed in the EAS Journal with full minutes given to all directors. The following corrections were made to the minutes:

Under Life Members section on page 4 of the February 23-24, 01 EAS Board Meeting: Changed to read as follows:

At the EAS 2001 Summer Board Meeting, the minutes were revised to expand on Dewey's comments by explaining the change. The following statement was added that the Life Member award for Development projects was to be awarded on a competitive basis within the Foundation framework - funds to be raised by Life member solicitation and matched with money collected over the years from the Life Member restricted funds.

Under the Sites section on page 6 of the February 23-24, 01 EAS Board Meeting:

New Rewording for clarification: The board needs to agree that the site adequately meets the guidelines before acceptance.

Treasurer's Report: Balances as 7/01/01. \$138,462.00 in the unrestricted funds. \$56,100.00 in the restricted funds. All bills and statements current other than the EAS 2001 reference. When all receipts are in and recorded, adjustments will be made to the Life Members and Honeybee research Fund. An audit will be done by year.

Awards Committee: Graduate student award recipient Paula A. Cedo from the University of Nebraska. Dewey Caron was awarded the Roger A. Morse Extension, Teaching and Regulatory Award. Chairman and Vice Award recipient was Clarence

Collison. Divilbiss Award recipient was Francis Bowen. There was no J.I. Hambleton winner.

Foundation for Honey Bee Research: There is approximately \$37,000 in the fund. A \$5000 award was presented to Keith Delaplane, University of Georgia with recipient attaining additional funds for his proposal entitled "Putting it all together - Using Published IPM Strategies to keep varroa mites below economic threshold". The Barnstable Beekeepers once again donated \$150 from their pollination sale to the HBR fund.

Editorial Report: Deadline for the EAS Journal is September 15th.

Chairman's Report: Kim Flottum stated that after 16 years, Don will be retiring at the end of December, 01. There will be a search to fill his position. Kim thanked Don for his service and stated that EAS was in remarkable shape.

Kim stated that there would be two Constitution changes: 1) (Vice-Chairman's position to be presented at this year's Business Meeting and voted on at EAS '02. 2) Master Beekeeper's Director position which was presented at EAS '00 and will be voted on at this year's Business Meeting. Two By-Law changes: 1) vice-chairman's position; 2) Term of Directors. Both to be voted on at this year's meeting.

The Proposed Change to the By-Laws of The Eastern Apicultural Society are:

Section F: #3: Elections, Nominations and Duties

The vice-chairman of the board shall:

a. Be chosen by the chairman of the board at the beginning of the chair's term. The choice shall be ratified by a majority vote of the board. In the event a candidate is not ratified by the board, a second, and if needed additional candidates shall be presented to the board.

b. Fulfill the objectives of the Society as stated in Article III of the Society's constitution (Article 3, Sections 1,2,3,4)

c. In the case of a vacancy resulting from the death, resignation or other reason, of the position of Chairman, the vice-chairman shall assume the responsibilities of the Chair for the completion of the term.

d. The vice-chair shall serve a term

of four years concurrent with the chairman's term, and be eligible to serve succeeding terms if chosen.

e. The vice-chairman shall be eligible to run for the office of chairman in any normal election of Chairman.

Proposed Changes to the Constitution of The Eastern Apicultural Society are:

Article V: Board of Directors

Section 1. There shall be a board of directors consisting of a chairman, a vice-chairman, a president, a first and second vice president, a treasurer, a secretary, the two immediate past presidents, the two immediate past chairmen of the board, master beekeeper director, an historian, and directors to represent each state or province within the boundaries of the Society's operating area.

Article V: Officers

Section 1. The officers of the Society shall be: The chairman of the board of directors, who shall be the chief executive officer; the vice-chairman; the president; the vice presidents; the secretary; and the treasurer.

Kim offered the following by-law change for the terms of officers. The By-Law change will be voted on by the membership at this year's business meeting.

Section I: #5: Terms of Directors new section will read:

New or replacement directors who begin their service after the scheduled start time:

If that director serves at least three full years by the normal expiration date that director shall be considered to have served a full term and shall not be eligible to serve a succeeding term.

If that director serves less than three full years, that director shall be eligible for a succeeding term.

Old Section 5 was:

In order to assure that the terms of the majority of the board of directors will not expire at once, the directors' terms for the following states in the EAS region shall expire as follows:

a. The following states/provinces shall expire in 2001, and every fourth year thereafter - Ontario, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Ohio, Nova Scotia, Quebec, South Carolina, Georgia, Master Beekeeper.

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b. Terms of directors from the following states/provinces shall expire in 2002 and every fourth year thereafter. Connecticut, Maryland, Maine, New York, Vermont, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Indiana, Louisiana.

c. Terms of directors from the following states/provinces shall expire in 2003 and every fourth year thereafter. Delaware, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Alabama, Mississippi, New Foundland, Florida, Illinois.

d. Terms of directors from the following states/provinces shall expire in 2004 and every fourth year thereafter. West Virginia, Massachusetts, North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, Michigan, New Hampshire, Wisconsin.

The board accepted the entire Section II as the new by-law change.

Master Beekeeper's Director Constitution change: was presented at EAS '00 and will be voted on at this year's Business Meeting. The constitution change will be added as follows in Article V: Board of Directors. Section 1.

And a director to represent the Master Beekeepers organization to serve a 4 year term with voting privileges which are governed by all the rules and regulations affecting state directors.

Master Beekeepers: Nancy Troup resigned as Chairman. The board reluctantly accepted her resignation. Ray Lackey (Long Island) will be presented as the nomination for the position of Master Beekeeper director on the EAS Board for a 4-year term. This nomination will be pending the constitution change. Nancy informed the group that the Master Beekeepers had adopted a new mission statement. Registration form and sample tests will be revised. Discussion also followed on adding an oral exam to the testing process.

Life Members: We now have 156 members. Thirty-nine have signed up this year and will be acknowledged at the Banquet.

A proposal offered by Dewey Caron suggested that a new Life Member award for Development projects be awarded on a competitive basis within the Foundation framework - funds to be raised by Life Member solicitation and matched (up to \$5000) with money

collected over the years from the Life Member restricted funds. If funds were taken from the Life Member Fund, it would need a By-Law change.

A straw vote was taken to see if the board wished to tap into the Life Membership Fund for a new Development Award. The straw vote indicated a yes vote. A formal proposal will be presented for consideration at the Fall Board meeting on October 12, 01.

Nominations: The following names were offered and accepted:

Officers:

President: Mike Griggs

1st Vice President: Nick Calderon

2nd Vice President: Rick Cooper

Directors:

PA: Robert Jenereski

VA: Glen Clayton

Ontario: Keith Forsyth

MB: Ray Lackey

Vacant: OH; LA; FL; SC; GA; IL; WI; Quebec; New Brunswick; Newfoundland; Nova Scotia; PEI.

Georgia, and South Carolina are considering becoming a member. Louisiana will be asked to join.

Resolution: The following was presented:

Whereas, the considerable talents in woodworking of Ray Markley has provided the Chairman of the Board of the Eastern Apicultural Society of North America, Inc. with a fine and worthy gavel; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved, that the Eastern Apicultural Society of North America, Inc. gratefully acknowledges and expresses its appreciation to Ray Markley.

Historian Report: Richard Chapin presented the historian report that will appear in the next EAS Journal.

Membership: 226 letters were mailed out trying to get more new members. We were able to recoup our money and get new members with a net profit. A delegate solicitation letter will be sent within the near future.

Sites: A Committee report was sent to all Board of Directors members prior to the meeting.

Cornell University, Ithaca, NY site: There will be new dormitories and a new community center. Dorm rooms are in 3 clusters. Everything will be air-conditioned. An ample unloading area will be available at the dorm but there will be no parking area. Buses will be used to get from one place to another.

Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine

Site: The site committee found the site to be entirely satisfactory meeting our guidelines in virtually all instances. Dorms are not air-conditioned and a meeting room is not yet adequately resolved.

President Elect Report: EAS 200 will be held at Cornell University Ithaca, New York the week of August 4-9. Commercial vendor's registration cost, preliminary budget for both the short course, & conference will be presented in more detail at the Fall Board Meeting. Aaron Morris will be in charge of the Short Course.

President's Report: Jay Barthelmeus reported that things were going well with many transitions taking place such as the split program session, vendors under a tent, etc. was a real challenge for both their local organization and the Board. At last count, there were 648 people in attendance. Jay gave thanks to all his committee.

Short Course: Level I of the Short Course had 67 participants; Level II had 106. Quality of instruction was great and special thanks went to all who helped.

New Business: Ellen Zombino from CT indicated an interest in hosting EAS '04. Becky Jones said that there has been no interaction with the State Association in this regard and she was concerned. The question of who is eligible to host a meeting was asked and tabled until the October Board Meeting. Ellen Zombino said her intention was to bring everyone together.

Adjournment: Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted
Loretta M. Surprenant
EAS Secretary

Historian's Report Summer 2001

The Constitution of the Eastern Apicultural Society calls for an Historian's report to be read every two years at the annual meeting and is usually printed in the winter EAS Journal following the conference.

Last summer at this meeting I heard Chairman Kim's appeal for a volunteer for the job of Historian of EAS. Against my better judgment, and because I am a history addict, I later wrote to him and took the step. It has been interesting. I am grateful for the approval of my appointment by the board, the guidance of Kim, the continuous and voluminous help from Loretta Suprenant, materials from Past Chairman Dewey Caron, Past Historian and Parliamentarian Bill Evans and Past Pres., Chairman, Editor (and at times, from 1971-1986, just about everything) Jack Matthenius.

Our objective in the EAS history department is to gather as much information as possible, from our past, to organize that history on computer, and to store it all in at least two different locations. We would appreciate any help you can give, e.g. old journals, conference programs, photographs, etc. We have a rich history, replete with the names of dedicated people whose goal was and is to provide a series of outstanding forums for succeeding generations of interesting people who are brought together by honey bees and their many cousins. In addition to submitting our history to computer format, we plan to duplicate all important documents, reports, journals, etc. and provide at least two separate storage locations.

At the turn of the century, the Eastern Apicultural Society has entered a new chapter in its history. Having succeeded Bob Cole as Chairman in 1990, and serving two terms, covering almost ten years, Dr. Dewey Caron retired in the Summer of 1999, to be succeeded by Kim Flottum. Dewey's association with EAS extends back to 1959, when he gave a lecture at the summer conference, continued throughout the years, including a term as President and Assistant Chairman

in 1986. He wrote an article in the first EAS Journal when it was started by Jack Matthenius in 1973. Dewey has also had, periodically, responsibility for the Short Course and Master Beekeepers, and was the initiator of the EAS Research Fund. Those of us who attended during the '90's will remember the warm (sometimes very warm) and gracious hospitality of Dewey and his lovely wife Nieves. His brilliant career in entomology continues at the University of Delaware, in Extension work, in international outreach, and as "Elder Statesman" for EAS.

Chairman Kim Flottum set to work immediately with an aggressive program to organize the Master Beekeepers, to develop a budget independent of the annual conferences, to energize the participation of all Directors, and to increase our membership. "Change!" In the Spring issue of the Journal, Kim reviewed the rapid and far-reaching changes in modern beekeeping. He then called for our Society to gear up to meet those challenges. He said: "Therefore, the first order of business for EAS is to change itself." An important part of the changed look for EAS is the outstanding work of Kathy Summers as Editor of the Journal. Add that to the long-term service Ann Harman as Vice Chairman, Loretta Suprenant as Secretary and Don Chirnside as Treasurer, and the succeeding Presidents, we have a great working team. An updated Conference Guidelines outline will help state associations prepare for conferences over a two year period. The new four-fold EAS brochure is aimed at enlisting new members and conference attendees. The "Let's Buzz the School" booklet continues to be a valuable resource in our mission to educate the young about honey bees and beekeeping. Our association with the American Apitherapy Society (AAS), and cooperative scheduling in recent years has enriched our total program.

As usual, the quality of our annual conferences continues to meet all expectations. Maryville College, TN in 1999, under the Presidency of Marlene Thomas; Salisbury, MD in 2000, Pres. Dave Bernard; and now 2001 "Bees By the Sea", MA, led by Pres. Jay Barthelmeus. The Salisbury conference was attended at least two founding

members of EAS, Arthur & Martha Strang, who took several places in the honey show competition. New Directors elected were: John Tulloch, DE; Gerald Burchett, KY; Jane Wild, MA; John Wrosch, MI; Robert Jeneresky, filling the unexpired term of Gary DeBerry, PA; Marlene Thomas, TN; Gabe Blatt, WV. Vacant directorships are: NH, Quebec, New Brunswick, New Foundland, and PEI. Florida joined EAS, and efforts will be made to enlist SC & GA. At the subsequent Spring meeting, two new directors were elected: Ben Chadwick, NH; and Aaron Morris, NY, filling the unexpired term of Mike Griggs who will be EAS 2002 President. While looking forward, we also remember the recent past service of Dr. Larry Connor as Editor of the Journal (1986-1998) as well as Coordinator of the Short Course for many successful years (1982 - 1997). When the conference was canceled in 1989, he nevertheless organized a short course for 47 beekeepers, with 7 instructors, and held the Master Beekeeper exam for 7 individuals.

Recent awards have been as follows: J.I. Hambleton Award, 1999 Dr. Gard Otis, Prof. of Apiculture, Dept. of Environmental Biology, U. of Guelph for his international research and publication in the area of the biology and control of parasitic mites of honey bees. Divelbiss Award, 1999 Dr. Dewey Caron, 2000 W. Robert Cole Research Award, 2000 Dr. Medhat Nasr, U. of Guelph, "Evaluation of Russian Honey Bee Stock for Varroa Resistance and Economic Traits in Northern Climates"; 2001 Keith Delaplane, U. of Georgia, "Putting it all Together: Using Published IPM Strategies to Keep Varroa Mites Below Economic Threshold". Graduate Student Award, 2001 Paula A. Macedo, U. of Nebraska Teaching/Extension/Regulatory Award, 2000 James Tew, Ohio State U.; 2001 Dewey M. Caron, U. of Delaware Chairman's Choice Award, 2000 Ann Harman FFA Award, 1999 Adam Brodman & Nathan Hans; 2000 Jeremy Griffus

An important contribution to the world of beekeeping is the very responsible tradition of research, student and other awards; our continued presence on the frontier of beekeeping is important. The re-naming of the Extension

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Fund in memory of Roger A. Morse is a welcome development and enhances opportunities for our generosity.

EAS has successfully weathered many challenges over the years. In 1998, in the absence of a state invitation, the board itself hosted the summer conference with the help of the master beekeepers. This may have been one of the seeds which led to the recent organization of the master beekeepers as a vital arm of EAS. In 1996, the Board of Directors began looking at ways in which the Master Beekeepers might define their mission statement and fulfill their responsibilities. Succeeding Dr. John Ambrose of NC, who in turn had succeeded Dr. Clarence Collison when he moved from PA to MS, Maryann Frazier of PA was made Chairperson of the semi-organized group and ably managed the master beekeeper exams for several years. The new Master Beekeeper Organization of E.A.S., launched in 2000, will function as a separate but complementary and supportive force within E.A.S. Nancy Troup was elected provisional Chair with a committee of active members. At the 2001 conference, Raymond Lackey, NY, was nominated and subsequently approved by the EAS Board of Directors as a voting Director representing the Master Beekeepers for a four year term. Proposals are being considered which would upgrade the certification exams and perhaps add a service component. As this group grows and evolves, our society will have another teaching outreach which we can not now fully envision.

In recent years, participation in the annual honey show has waned, leading to a proposal in 1999 to eliminate the show, using the budgeted money for the Teaching/ Extension/ Regulatory Award. It was decided to conduct a grass-roots survey and to re-consider in AD 2000. The idea was put on the back burner when it was proposed that the EAS and Maryland shows be held in cooperation, "concurrent but separate". The Salisbury experience was a success, leading to a renewed effort to make the annual show work.

Much time was spent in the Salisbury meeting regarding ambigu-

ities in the bylaws about terms of office for Secretary and Treasurer, with a resultant amendment to that "the secretary and treasurer may be nominated by the board of directors, to serve no more than three successive terms with terms starting when they take office."

Also proposed and adopted in 1999 were dues increases, including life membership and excepting state membership. It was noted that it had been many years since the last increase and that EAS averages a \$6,000. short fall each year. Approval was given for the printing of a 4-fold self mailer (membership) brochure.

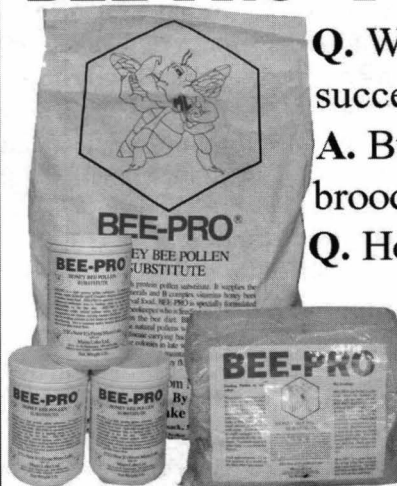
A proposal for a constitutional change was approved, requiring ratification at the 2001 meeting in Massa-

chusetts. The proposal will add to Article V, Section 1, which delineates membership on the Board of Directors the following: "and a director to represent the Master Beekeepers organization to serve a 4 year term with voting privileges which are governed by all the rules and regulations affecting state directors. This historic change was moved by George Imrie and seconded by Dana Stahlman.

In closing, I repeat our request for your help; if you have journals, programs, photographs, etc. which you are willing to donate for our archives, we will be grateful. You can find my address, phone & e-mail on the back page of the Journal. Thank you.

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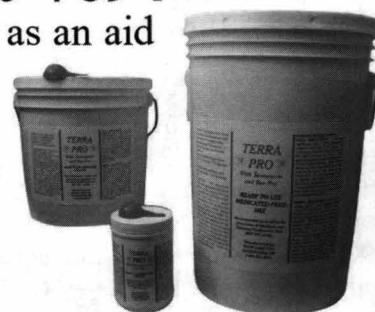
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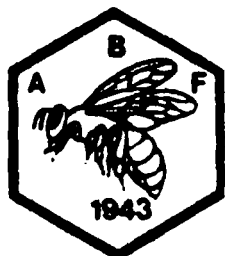
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EAS belongs to most of our region's State Associations in order to keep up with what's going on in the Colonies. If we don't yet belong to your Association contact Loretta so we can sign up. And, send us your newsletter so we can keep up. Following,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

Beekeeping & Agricultural Tour of Panama will be given for 10 days February 8-18, 2002. The cost is approximately \$500 plus airfare. You will visit large and small bee operations and have an opportunity to work Africanized bees. In addition you will visit banana, coffee, and citrus plantations. EAS Master Beekeeper Tom McCormack will meet the group of approximately 10 people in San Jose, Costa Rica and return to San Jose with the group at the end of the tour.

If interested contact Tom McCormack, 724.495.6310, FAX 724.495.6198, tlmccor@ccia.com. Tom has worked for eight years in the western part of Panama with Farmer to Farmer program.

The Pennsylvania State Beekeepers' Association Annual Winter Meeting will be November 9-10. Registration is \$10 and Friday evening Banquet is an additional \$17. There will be workshops Friday afternoon and Saturday will include lectures, business meeting and election of officers.

The meeting will be at the Country Cupboard Inn located on Rt. 15, three miles north of Lewisburg. To make a reservation call 524.5500. Make your reservations early and mention PSBA.

For information about the meeting contact Yvonne Crimbring, 570.673.8201.

Ohio State Beekeepers Association will hold their annual Fall meeting November 3 in Reynoldsburg at the Dept. of Ag building. Speakers include Jim Tew, Joe Latshaw (Ohio Queen Breeders), Bill Allinder (Producer/Packer, Pollinator) and Frederick Burdell (Commercial Beekeeper). The day begins at 8:00 with registration - \$5/single and \$10/family at the door. The meeting begins at 9:00 a.m. There will be a raffle and door prizes and election of officers.

For information contact Kim Flottum, 330.722.2021 (evenings), PeterFlottum@msn.com

Savannah, Georgia will be the site of the 2002 American Beekeeping Federation convention, January 16-19. The meetings will be held at the Savannah Marriott Riverfront, located on the Savannah River adjacent the historic, restored River Street complex of shops and entertainment.

The convention will open on Wednesday morning, January 16, and close with the annual banquet on Saturday evening, January 19. Considerations are being given to having a tour day on Tuesday before the convention opens to allow attendees to take in the many sights of the area without missing any of the meetings. Planners are also considering setting up a post-convention bus tour of North Florida and South Georgia attractions and beekeeping operations. Watch for regular announcements of plans as they unfold - in this publication and on the ABF website, www.ABFnet.org. For further information on the city call 1.877.SAVANNAH.

Indiana Beekeepers Association in conjunction with East Central Indiana Beekeepers Association will hold a meeting November 2-3 at the Clover Blossom Honey Company, LaFontaine and at Anderson University beginning at 10:00 Friday.

For information contact Dave Laney 219.656.8701.

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