

EAS-84 PLANNING GEARS UP

Planning for the 30th Annual Eastern Apicultural Society's meeting to be held August 8-11, 1984 at the University of Rhode Island is well underway.

Charles McKeeler and Donald Christside (President and Vice President of EAS) have organized a number of committees covering all aspects of the Conference. The Chairman of each Committee, along with others acting in an advisory role, serve on the Steering Committee. This committee is responsible for reviewing, monitoring and coordinating the activities of all the committees.

The Conference theme is based on guidelines established when EAS was first founded; specifically "to promote the art and science of beekeeping principally amongst the hobbyist and general public."

The program now being developed will feature well-known entomologists, researchers and scholars who will cover such diverse subjects as the parasitic mite, the African bee, apitherapy, preparation of honey for show, honey-tive table, judging, along with an overview of the many aspects of packaging and marketing for the hobbyist.

The popular Workshop Program, under the direction of Bob Berthold, will feature a number of traditional topics but will also include others such as building a solar extractor and observation hive, examination of diseased frames, practical aspects of honey judging, etc.

The well-respected Short Course will again be directed by Dr. Larry Connor.

Due to the overwhelming attendance at the Maine Conference, the EAS-84 Committee is planning to publish both the program and registration form earlier than normal, along with a recommendation that those wishing to attend register early.

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29th ANNUAL EAS CONFERENCE University of Maine at Orono, ME

The 29th Annual EAS Conference was held August 10-13, 1983 at the University of Maine at Orono. It was hosted by the Maine State Beekeepers Association (MSBA) and personnel from the University. The "vacationland" and "Pine Tree" state certainly did live up to its reputation for contributing to the comfort and enjoyment of beekeepers who swarmed to the site. The Conference was a huge success.

Records Broken — Four records were broken. They were 1) Attendance — 714 persons were present from 23 states, 4 countries and 5 provinces of Canada; 2) There were 116 people entering the Honey Show with 406 entries submitted; 3) There were 25 Commercial Exhibitors who utilized 193 running feet of space; and 4) Linda Boucher of Wakefield, MA, who entered the Honey Show for the first time, was the recipient of 7 awards — the most ever by one person.

EAS Short Course — The Conference was preceded by the 3-day EAS Short Course, Aug. 8-10th under the supervision of consultant, Dr. Larry Connor of the Beekeeping Education Service. He was assisted by: Dr. Clarence H. Collison (PA State Univ.); Dr. Alphonse Avitable (Univ. of Connecticut); Dr. Radechffe Roberts (Rutgers Univ., N.J.); Karl Showler of IBRA, England; and Jack Mathemus, State Apiarist of N.J. The course was geared for both beginners and advanced beekeepers and was attended by 39 persons.

Registration Desk — Liz Rodrigues coordinated registration and acted as a trouble shooter. Mrs. Virginia Vaughan supervised volunteers from the MSBA, who served beyond the call of duty, manning the desk for 24 hours, rotating turns and did a superb job. Special thanks is extended to Virginia Vaughan and her Committee: Roger Vaughan, Jean & Janice Tardiff, Harold & Frances Stein, Vesta Rand, Ruth Knippa, Mr. Kim Wisneski and Helen Swan.

Honey Queen Reception — Chairman, Helen Brown (ME) and Inga Littig (NJ) served as hostesses for the fruit punch reception given for the Honey Queens. We were honored to have Gray Briggs, American Honey Princess (a delightful personality), Bonnie Lefebvre, Maine State Honey Queen and Susan Post, N.J. State Honey Queen meet and greet the Conferees.

Wednesday Evening — Following dinner, Dave Ellis, a commercial beekeeper and member of the MSBA, showed slides on "Blueberry Pollination & Beekeeping in Maine." A cocktail hour with open bar, including finger foods was available for those who were not attending the Delegates or Directors meetings.

Thursday — EAS President, Matt Scott opened the morning session and welcomed the Conferees. Rev. Allen Banks of Long Island, VA gave the invocation. The opening welcome and remarks were given by Dr. Kenneth Allen of the University of Maine and Dr. Stewart Smith, Commissioner of Agriculture from the state of Maine.

Dr. Walter Goljowerec — From the University of Wisconsin was the principal morning speaker.

Ladies Luncheon — A delicious fruit luncheon was served in the Hilltop Commons dining rooms. Helen Brown chaired this event and was assisted by Kay Scott and Hilda Swan. A group of delightful ladies provided entertainment by engaging in some beekeeping skits. American Honey Princess, Gray Briggs and Honey Queens, Bonnie Lefebvre of Maine and Susan Post of N.J. addressed the group and were given a huge round of applause.

Afternoon Speaker — Dr. John T. Ambrose from North Carolina State University at Raleigh gave an interesting talk on "Black Bear Problems & Honeybees." This problem is becoming more widespread in PA, NY, upper NJ and New England States with no compensation provided in most cases.

Tour — Buses transported beekeepers to Brewer, Maine for a tour of Wintering and Controlled Environmental Chamber owned by Harold Swan and operated by Dave Ellis. Quite a group attended this and thanks is extended to those who handled it.

Speaker — Those who did not go on the tour, heard Mr. Edgemon Shebach of Huijot Plastics Industries, Israel showed a film on "Queen Rearing in Small Bee Colonies and Habitat."

Ladies Tour — Several buses transported the ladies on a tour of a clothing store and antique shop. It was a rather bumpy ride, but most enjoyed the scenery and seemed pleased with their purchases.

Pres., Robert Shafter, Pa. Sec., Liz Rodrigues, NJ and Historian, K.G.A. Andersson of MA. The following Directors shall be elected for a 4-year term: Mary Lou Tenney, CT; Gifford Miller, NY; Ellis Schweitzer, NJ and Bob Wellemeyer of VA.

There are being no nominations from the floor. Ed Liffing made a motion which was duly seconded and carried that nominations be closed. Bob Shafter made a motion which was duly seconded and carried that the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for the election of the nominees.

Financial Report — Liz Rodrigues reported the total of EAS assets which did not include any of the receipts of this Conference.

New Business — Change in By-Laws — Jack Mathenius made a motion which was duly seconded and carried in the form of a resolution:

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Rhode Island Conference — Newly elected EAS President, Charles McKellar introduced his publicity Chairman, Ron Blais who said the Rhode Island site is scheduled for Aug. 8-11, 1984 at the University of Rhode Island at Kingston, Mr. Blais presented an interesting slide/talk program about the Ocean State, the site of the next EAS Conference. He was given a round of applause.

President McKellar invited the group to come to Rhode Island which is under 6 1/2 hours south of Orono, ME: approximately 1 hour south of Boston, ma and 3 1/2 hours from the George Washington Bridge in N.J. A cruise aboard the Bay Queen on Narragansett Bay will be a highlight.

He mentioned that survey forms will be available at the main desk in each of the Dorms and requested they be filled out and left at the desk when people turn in their keys.

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Adjournment — There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Liz Rodrigues, Secretary

Invitation from Virginia — A letter of invitation was read at the August 10, 1983 EAS Board of Directors Meeting in which Dr. Richard Fell invited EAS to come to the Virginia Polytechnic Institute & SU August 5-8, 1987. J.C. Mathenius made a motion, which was duly seconded and carried that we accept this informal invitation pending an inspection by the Sites Committee which is usually done two years before the date of the Conference.

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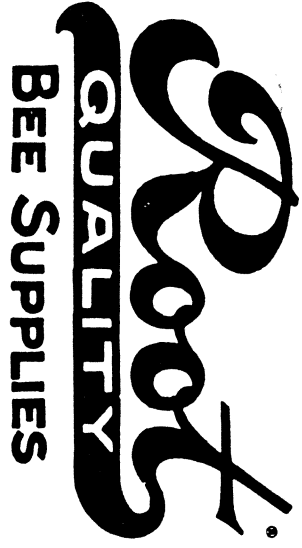
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Life Members — Matt Scott reported that prior to tonight, there were 49 Life Members, 44 living and 5 deceased. Three new Life Members were recognized tonight, he says: Rebecca Steed 7 and her Dad, James Steed of KY and outgoing Pres., Matt Scott for a total of 42.

Master Beekeepers Certification Program — Dr. Lawrence Colison, Chairman thanked his Committee for their assistance. The written exam was prepared by a Committee of EAS Master Beekeepers and 1 member from the EAS Board. It was reviewed by 3 College professors and changes were made by minor. The Committee grades the tests. Robert Chongalla of Franklin, NH was the only applicant (of the 7 he and 10 relatives) who was certified in 1983 and became the 13th Master Beekeeper certified by EAS. Certificates and 3rd Pins were distributed to the 12 Master Beekeepers previously certified by EAS and the 28 Master Beekeepers certified by Cornell in 1976. Badges were distributed to the aster Beekeepers attending the Conference.

EAS Student Apiculture Award — Dr. Bob Berthold, chairman of the J. I. Hambleton Award Committee announced that Mrs. Gloria deGrand-Hoffman was the recipient of this award for 1983 and demonstrated excellence in Apiculture. He was presented with a certificate suitable for framing and \$100 check. She was given a round of applause.

J. I. Hambleton Award — Dr. Bob Berthold, Chairman reported that Dr. Thomas A. Gochbauer was selected by the committee to receive the Award for 1983. He was presented a inscribed plaque for his outstanding research which has a direct relation to Apiculture. Dr. Gochbauer will present an honorary lecture on Saturday morning. He was given a round of applause.

Presentation of Gavel — Matt Scott, outgoing President presented the gavel to Charles McKellar the newly elected AS President of Rhode Island. Charles extended an invitation for all to come to the Rhode Island Conference at the Univ. of Rhode Island at Kingston, Aug. 8-11, 1984.

He said that previous EAS Conferences were held in Rhode Island in 1956 and 1970 when J. Gaston Lettre served as EAS president both times. He is still a member of the RIBA.

Vice President — Matt Scott thanked Bob Hoch, his Vice President for a job well done and asked that he stand up and take a bow.

Banquet Speaker — Mr. Tim Sample, a Maine humorist, who has appeared on the NBC Today Show, who has written a book and has two albums, entertained the group for nearly an

hour with Maine humor. He was very well received, kept the majority in constant laughter and he was given a huge round of applause.

Saturday Morning's Program — Charles McKellar, newly elected EAS President called the session to order. Gloria deGrand-Hoffman, the 1983 EAS Student Apiculture Award recipient was the first speaker. Brian J. Sheriff of Falmouth, England spoke about "Beekeeping in England."

J. I. Hambleton Award — Dr. Thomas A. Gochbauer, 1983 recipient of this prestigious Award gave a lecture of his work in scientific research in Apiculture.

Children's Program — The Program was conducted by Marley Williams for children in the 4-12 age bracket. A total of 37 children from the age of 8 months to 16 attended the Conference.

Troy H. Forst, Jr. — Editor/Publisher of The Speedy Bee newspaper gave a talk on Marketing Order for Honey and the 1983 Conference wrap up.

The EAS Meeting Schedule is: 1984 Meeting, Univ. of Rhode Island at Kingston, Aug. 8-11, 1984; 1985, Aug. Franklin & Marshall College, Lancaster, PA; 1986, Univ. of Delaware at Newark, DE; 1987, Aug. Virginia Polytechnic Institute & SU at Blacksburg and 1988, Univ. of Massachusetts at Amherst.

Respectfully submitted,
Liz Rodrigues, EAS Secretary

29th ANNUAL EAS BUSINESS MEETING

University of Maine, Orono
August 12, 1983

Call to Order — President Matt Scott called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. A quorum was present. K.G.A. Andersson was named the Parliamentarian.

Minutes — Secretary Liz Rodrigues read the minutes of the Aug. 6, 1983 Annual Business meeting. Jack Mathemium made a motion which was duly seconded that the minutes be approved as read.

Conference Attendance — The Secretary gave the following report: MA 141; PA 85; NY 81; NJ 66; ME 58; CT 35; MD 34; RI 31; VA 25; OH 22; WV 19; NH 14; VT 11; FL 9; GA 8; NC 6; MI 6; DE 5; CA 5; WI 3; TN 2; TX 1; DC 1; Canada (39) Ont. 20; New Brun. 12; Que. 5; Nova Scotia 1; Alberta 1;

Brazil 1; Haiti, BVI 1; England 3 and Israel 1 for a total of 714 from 22 states, 5 provinces and 4 countries. There also had been 30 cancellations.

President's Report — President Matt Scott welcomed everyone and hoped they were having a good time. He had only 7 complaints out of the total attendance. All feedbacks are good. Bruce Stinson and Liz Rodrigues did an excellent job of registering the Conferees.

The Conference has broken the following records: Attendance, most amount of Commercial Exhibitors and most amount of people entering 406 entries in the honey show. There were 14 children participating in the Children's program.

The Short Course was one of the smallest but was very successful. The group was divided into the advanced and beginners, with more being qualified in the advanced group.

Honey Show — George Starkey reported that Dick Corrigan, Chairman had become ill and that he, Joe & Marie Utaro and Anne Pektewich handled most of the details. It was an excellent show with 116 persons contributing 406 entries. The quality of the entries was excellent, also. The Show broke a record and all names of the first prize winners were put in a hat for a free drawing of a full Conference. The names of the entrants receiving 2nd and 6th place will be placed in a hat and four winners receiving \$25 each will be drawn from it.

Life Members — There are 47 Life Members with 3 new names to be added to the roster which will make the total of 50.

Resolutions — 1. Expression of thanks for services and facilities — Whereas, the 29th Annual Conference of the Eastern Apicultural Society has been highly successful and stimulating, and whereas, the facilities have been excellent, thereby contributing to the comfort and enjoyment of the Eastern Apicultural Society members. Be it therefore resolved that the EAS extend its appreciation to Bruce Stinson, Director of Conferences and Institutes, for the efforts and thoughtful consideration of the personnel of the University of Maine at Orono.

2. Expression of thanks to the Beekeepers and other citizens of the State of Maine — Whereas, the members of the Eastern Apicultural Society have enjoyed many kindnesses of the people of the State of Maine and the Maine State Beekeepers Association. Be it therefore resolved that the Eastern Apicultural Society acknowledge this contribution and express its appreciation accordingly.

3. Expression of thanks to the Eastern Apicultural Society president and board chairman — Whereas, Matthew Scott, President of the EAS and John Root, Chairman of the Board of Directors have individually and collectively, and in consultation with each other, worked tirelessly and capably in our interest and whereas, this Conference has been a great success because of their efforts. Be it therefore resolved that this Society express its gratitude to each for their leadership and care of the Society's business.

4. Expression of thanks to the past board chairman — Whereas, Jack Mathemium had faithfully served the EAS in the capacity of Board Chairman for 4 years and whereas, he has fulfilled his responsibilities efficiently, therefore be it resolved that this Conference wishes to thank Jack for his generous donation of time and wish him good health and happiness in the years to come.

5. Expression of gratitude for distinguished service — Whereas, Mrs. Liz Rodrigues, Secretary-Treasurer of the Eastern Apicultural Society has worked tirelessly and capably in the interests of EAS and whereas, the Conference has been enjoyed by all Conferees, be it therefore resolved that this Society express its gratitude to her for her care and diligence in completing Conference arrangements.

6. Expression of gratitude for distinguished service — Whereas, Mrs. Helen Brown has faithfully served the EAS in the capacity of Coordinator of the Ladies Luncheon and the State of Maine's Honey Queen Program, and whereas, she has fulfilled her responsibilities efficiently and with good cheer, therefore be it resolved that this Society express its gratitude of her.

7. In memory of Betty Corrigan — Whereas, the Eastern Apicultural Society owes a great deal to certain devoted people who have contributed considerable time, energy and enthusiasm over many years to the organization and whereas the late Betty Corrigan was an outstanding example of such a person who willfully dedicated her Conference time to the Honey Show, be it therefore resolved that this resolution be made part of the permanent record and a framed copy be given to Richard Corrigan as a personal memento and as an expression of our sincere gratitude.

Chairman George Starkey made a motion, which was duly seconded and carried that these resolutions be adopted by the general body of the EAS membership.

Sites Committee — Dale Bray, Chairman sent a report stating he inspected the 1985 Conference site, Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster, PA and found that it has met the specifications of the Sites Committee and he recommended the Board of Directors to approve the site which they have done. Bob Shaffer made a motion which was duly seconded and carried that the general body of the EAS membership give their approval by adopting this motion.

Nominating Committee — Walt Wilson, Chairman presented the following State of Officers: President, Charles McKellar, RI; 1st Vice Pres., Donald Chirnside, RI; 2nd Vice

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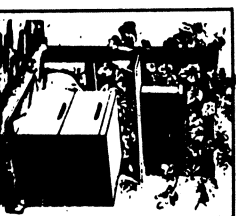
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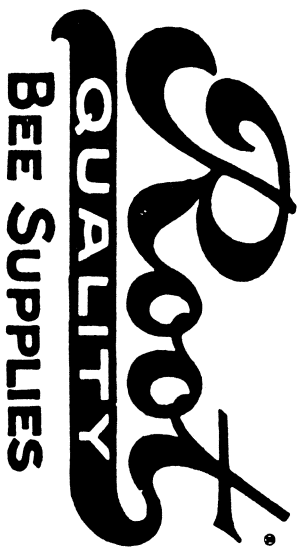
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