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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Illinois Beekeepers:

If your honey crop this year was short of last year's crop, don't feel alone. It has happened to many of us throughout Illinois. I have heard a few reports from beekeepers that have harvested about an equal amount as in 2002 but they are the exception, by far. Most of us have fallen short.

Some beekeepers are in the market to buy honey. And, the demand for honey has remained steady or even increased during this year, even with an increase in price. My honey sales have been brisk.

Well, we have finally put together a full program for our Annual Fall Meeting on Saturday, November 8. Just as last year, we will meet in the Agriculture building auditorium on State Fair Grounds. Registration is from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. The meeting will start at 9:00 a.m. and end at 4:00 p.m. You will be able to sign up for a catered lunch when you register or have lunch on your own.

Mr. Robin John Mountain, Apiculture Extension Associate from Kentucky State University, will keynote our meeting. He is currently establishing a queen raising and breeding program for Kentucky and will cover "The importance of raising local queens" and "Beekeeping in South Africa" during his two presentations.

Our second speaker, Mr. Charles Lorence, a past ISBA president, toured New Zealand and part of Australia along with his wife, Karen. "Chuck" will present an informative and entertaining slide show of their adventures, and will likely let us taste some honey from the land "down under."

Steve Chard, our Chief Apiary Inspector, will give us his Apiary Inspection Report for 2003. You can bet

that Steve will cover such topics as "Spread of the Small Hive Beetle", "Increase of AFB" and "Api-Life VAR for varroa and tracheal mites."

Finally, I extend best wishes to our *ISBA Bulletin* editor, Carl Wenning, who has done an outstanding job over the past four years. Carl informed us that he wishes to pursue other interests, so this will be his last *ISBA Bulletin* newsletter. Carl, "thank you for your hard work. The best to you and your family, wherever your pursuits take you."

As a footnote, Carl said he will remain as our web master for awhile. Anyone interested in becoming our new *ISBA Bulletin* editor, please contact me at (708) 579-9506 or beehansen@juno.com.

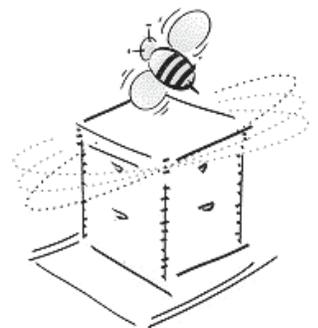
See you in Springfield, November 8.

John Hansen
I.S.B.A. President

ISBA FALL MEETING NOVEMBER 8

The I.S.B.A. Annual Fall Meeting will be held Saturday, November 8, 2003 in the Agriculture Building Auditorium at the Illinois State Fair Grounds, in Springfield. Registration will run from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Meeting begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 4:00 p.m. Featured speakers and their topics will be:

- Mr. Robin John Mountain, Apiculture Extension Associate, Kentucky State University;



“Importance of Raising Local Queens” and “Beekeeping in South Africa”

- Mr. Charles Lorence, 30-year beekeeper and Past I.S.B.A. President; “Exploring Beekeeping in New Zealand”

- Mr. Steve Chard, Illinois Department of Agriculture, Chief Apiary Inspector; “Annual Apiary Inspection Report.”

Mr. Robin John Mountain is currently developing a queen raising and breeding program for Kentucky. For the past four years he was the executive manager of queen breeding for Strachan Apiaries in California. Mr. Mountain is originally from South Africa where he and his father ran one of the largest commercial beekeeping operations on that continent.

Mr. Charles Lorence and his wife, Karen, recently spent several weeks in New Zealand visiting numerous apiaries and interviewing beekeepers. He will present an informative and entertaining slide show of their adventures and will likely let us sample some New Zealand honey.

Mr. Steve Chard will provide a comprehensive report of apiary inspection activity throughout Illinois during 2003. Subjects such as “Spread of Small Hive Beetle”, “Increase of American Foul Brood” and “Api-Life VAR for varoa and tracheal mites” are sure to be described as part of his presentation.

APIARY INSPECTION SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

The Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) is pleased to host the Illinois State Beekeepers Association 2003 Annual Fall Meeting, scheduled for Saturday, November 8. Like last year, the meeting will be held at the IDOA’s headquarters at the Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield. The IDOA’s address is 801 Sangamon Avenue.

To locate the IDOA facility, enter Gate 11, which is directly west of the Fairgrounds’ Main Gate. As soon as you go through Gate 11, you will see the IDOA’s building (large red-brick building) ahead and to your right. Please park in the IDOA’s main parking lot just west of the building. Parking spaces next to the building are limited to handicapped and 1-hour parking. Access to the building is through the main entrance on the west side of the building. Once you enter the building, you will be

guided to the registration table and to the auditorium, where the meeting will take place.

As usual, the ISBA has planned a very interesting meeting for your enjoyment. A number of informative presentations will be provided. In terms of information from the IDOA, I will cover a number of topics of interest to Illinois’ Apiary Industry. Examples include the annual inspection report, the small hive beetle, Api Life VAR, etc.

Please plan to attend this very important meeting. Not only will you gain valuable information that you can practice in your apiary, the camaraderie that you will experience will be fantastic! Look forward to seeing you on Saturday, November 8.

Steve Chard
Chief Apiary Inspector



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ABOUT THE ILLINOIS STATE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

The Illinois State Beekeepers Association was organized in 1891. Over the years the ISBA has developed a strong working relationship with local beekeeping associations throughout the state, and with the Illinois Department of Agriculture. The purpose and function of the Illinois State Beekeepers Association (ISBA) is to promote interest in honey bees and beekeeping by encouraging good beekeeping practices in Illinois, the utilization of honey bees for pollination of agricultural crops, and the dissemination of information about bees and beekeeping.

Through its many activities and programs the ISBA assists in making beekeeping both a pleasurable and profitable enterprise for beekeepers in the state. The ISBA recognizes the importance of a viable honey bee population to the continuing economic success of Illinois agriculture and horticulture.

Membership is open to all persons interested in honey bees and beekeeping. Membership is usually a benefit of membership in one of 15 local affiliates. Individual "at large" memberships are available for \$6 per calendar year. At-large dues should be paid directly to ISBA secretary Rita Taylor.

There are a number of practical benefits associated with ISBA membership but, perhaps, none is more important than the joy of making new friends and meeting with them several times a year.

- * **Networking:** The ISBA has approximately 500 members. If you have a problem or a question, there are many members to call on for help and/or answers.
- * **Meetings:** There are two meetings during the year where experts from all over the U.S. come to speak about their fields of expertise. Local, state, and national news is shared at the meetings.
- * **ISBA Bulletin:** Members receive a bimonthly newsletter featuring original articles, monthly columns, notices about upcoming events and seminars, and minutes of ISBA board meetings.
- * **Association Journal Rates:** Members receive 25% discounts on *American Bee Journal*, *Bee Culture*, and *The Speedy Bee*.

To learn more about the Illinois State Beekeepers Association, visit the association web site at <http://www.isba.ws/>.



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