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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Beekeepers,

Fall honey harvest should be completed and the hives treated and your supers back on to be dried. This year's honey crop surprised me considering the condition of the bees last spring. We had an average crop or better in central Illinois, and the honey was quite light. Didn't see a lot of mites this year. They are still here but not in the numbers we had last year. Hope it stays that way. Check out your bottom boards for the dreaded small hive beetle. See you all November 10 at the fall meeting at the Illinois Dept. of Agriculture Building on the State Fair grounds in Springfield.

Richard E. Ramsey, ISBA President

ISBA FALL MEETING INFORMATION

The agenda for the ISBA Fall meeting can be found on page three of this issue of the *ISBA Bulletin*. Please note that the meeting will be held at a new location this year -- the Department of Agriculture Building on the southwest corner of the Illinois State Fair Grounds in Springfield. The Ag Building is located at 801 E. Sangamon Avenue. Sangamon Ave. intersects Interstate 55 on the northeast corner of Springfield. Proceed west from I-55 along Sangamon Avenue for approximately 2 miles to the State Fair Grounds.

Attendees need to enter the State Fairgrounds through Gate 11 located at 8th and Sangamon Avenue. This is the gate immediately west of the Main Gate to the fairgrounds on Sangamon Avenue. The Dept.'s building (red brick) is immediately visible after entering Gate 11. Ample parking is available in the large lot immediately west of the Dept. of Ag. building. Attendees are not to park in the spaces directly in front of the building. Those spaces are designated as handicapped spaces and 1 hour parking spaces.

The meeting will be held in the Department of Agriculture's auditorium. Attendees are to enter the Dept.'s building through the double set of doors on the west side of the building. Upon entering the building, you will see the receptionist's desk. Immediately behind the reception desk is the auditorium. We hope to see you there!

MORE ABOUT STATE FAIR

by Rita Taylor

Superintendent of Bee Culture

The Illinois State Fair Honey Show was once again very successful with four professional exhibits and nineteen Open Class exhibitors. Thanks to all the exhibitors who showed their apicultural products as you are the ones who make the show a success.

The sweepstakes winning two-and-one-half pound jars (3) of chunk honey were auctioned at the Commodity Sale of Champions for \$800, of which the exhibitor, Valerie Wright, receives one half with the other half being donated to 4-H and FFA.

I would like to thank Eugene Killion for his diligent work judging our honey show, Chief Apiary Inspector Steve Chard for presenting the winning trophies, Earl

Lutz for providing his beekeeping knowledge at the observation hive, Fred Gerberding for serving as a stand-in, and Rebecca Wenning, Heart of Illinois Honey Princess, for spending a day giving out honey recipe brochures and promoting beekeeping.

Honey ice cream was served to fair visitors who enjoyed the special treat. The profit from selling the ice cream is used for the insurance that the local associates are covered by. Also, it is used for participation in many agricultural events throughout the year and dues in several beekeeping organizations.

An extra thank you goes out to our volunteers who sold the honey ice cream: Ken Beauchamp, Udell and Norma Meyer, Rich Ramsey, Harry and Pat Patterson, Melvin Kimmerling, Raymond Brown, Carl and Rebecca Wenning, Steve Mayes, Carolyn and Chelsea Gerberding, Bill Murdock, Gloria Morris, and Bernardine Fitzloff. Thank you all!

ISBA DUES REMINDER

Local beekeepers associations affiliated with the ISBA are hereby reminded that ISBA dues for calendar year 2002 have been raised. Dues increase from \$2 per affiliated association member to \$6 per affiliated association member. The dues increase was approved by the ISBA Board of Directors earlier this year in an effort to offset increasing operating costs in relation to the size of the membership. Dues are used to pay for the printing and postage associated with the *ISBA Bulletin* newsletter, to support beekeeping activities around the state, and to provide support for summer and autumn statewide meeting expenses. Local associations affiliated with the ISBA should make adjustments now in dues collected for next calendar year.

MAKE PLANS NOW FOR TRI-STATE MEETING

The ISBA summer meeting is being hosted by the central section this coming year on March 8-9. The meeting will be held in Keokuk, IA, and Hamilton, IL, the home of Dadant and Sons, Inc. The theme for the meeting will be "Sustainable Beekeeping in the Midwest." The keynote speakers will focus on the practical matters of beekeeping. The quality of the agenda, available on the ISBA website at www.isba.ws, speaks for itself. You'll not want to miss this meeting.

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ISBA FALL MEETING

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
State Fair Grounds
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2001

- 8:00 A.M. REGISTRATION (coffee and rolls served)
- 9:00 A.M. OPENING REMARKS, Rich Ramsey, ISBA President
- 9:10 A.M. SECRETARY'S REPORT, Rita Taylor
- 9:20 A.M. TREASURER'S REPORT, Udell Meyer
- 9:30 A.M. **STEVE TABER, Elgin, South Carolina, Contributor, American Bee Journal**
Queen Rearing
- 10:30 A.M. BREAK / DOOR PRIZES
- 10:45 A.M. **STEVE CHARD, Chief Apiary Inspector, State Department of Agriculture**
Apiary Inspection Report
- 11:15 A.M. **STU JACOBSON, University of Illinois at Springfield**
Institutional Research
- 12:15 P.M. LUNCH (On Your Own)
- 1:30 P.M. **AMY TOTH, Graduate Student, University of Illinois U/C**
The Skinny on Bee Fat: Can the Nutritional State of Bees Affect Their Behavior?
- 2:30 P.M. BREAK / DOOR PRIZES
- 2:45 P.M. **STEVE TABER, Elgin, South Carolina, Contributor, American Bee Journal**
A Comparison of French and American Beekeeping
- 3:30 P.M. NOMINATION, ELECTION, AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS
- 4:00 P.M. REPORT FROM LOCAL CHAPTERS
- 4:15 P.M. CLOSING REMARKS AND ADJOURNMENT

Membership in the Illinois State Beekeepers Association is open to all persons interested in bees and beekeeping. Beekeepers are urged to join through their local associations. Beginning 2002, dues are \$6 per year, **good January 1 through December 31 only**, and include subscription to this newsletter. Beekeeping journals are available at about 25% discount to members as listed below; rates are subject to change without prior notice. **Make checks payable to:** Illinois State Beekeepers' Association and mail to: Rita Taylor, Secretary, 4274 Taylor Homestead Road, Pleasant Plains, IL 62677-4024.

Please indicate new or renewal subscription when ordering journals.

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Reduced Journal Rates for 2001 (members only)

	1 Yr.	2 Yr.	3 Yr.
<i>American Bee Journal</i>	\$14.96	\$28.46	\$40.13
<i>Bee Culture</i>	\$16.00	\$31.00	N/A
<i>The Speedy Bee</i>	\$13.25	\$25.25	\$34.00

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