American Beekeeping Federation NEWSLETTER

January/February 2010 • Vol. 68, No. 1

Beekeeping Industry Gathers in Orlando to "Keep the Hive Alive"

Orlando Played Host to Successful Annual ABF Conference

The American Beekeeping Federation (ABF) hosted a huge turnout of over 800 people at the North American Beekeeping Conference & Tradeshow, Jan. 12-16, 2010, at the Wyndham Orlando Resort. The conference was billed as the meetings of the ABF and the Canadian Honey Council, but several other industry groups also held meetings during the conference, including the National Honey Packers and Dealers Association, Apiary Inspectors of America, Canadian Association of Professional Apiculturists and American Association of Professional Apiculturists (which held the American Bee Research Conference for scientific presentations).

David Mendes of North Fort Myers, Fla., was elected ABF president and George Hansen of Colton, Ore., was elected vice president. Mendes was previously vice president; Hansen was a long-time member of the Board of Directors. New Directors joining the Board in Orlando are Becky Jones, of Farmington, Conn., and Davey Hackenberg, of Milton, Penn. (See page 2 for a full list of the 2010 ABF Board of Directors).

The theme of the conference was "Keeping the Hive Alive," and many of the presentations focused on what is needed to accomplish that, beginning with the keynote address by Dr. Yves

Le Conte, a world-renowned beekeeping scientist from France. He focused on the European beekeepers' battle to keep their bees alive despite an onslaught of insecticides.

Statistics cited by Dr. Le Conte included: 150-pound honey crops off sunflowers before farmers began using the insecticide Imidacloprid and 60-pound crops and empty (dead) hives afterwards; beekeepers in France were able to have the insecticide Fipronil banned in 2004 and reported improved crops and fewer losses. He also reported that European beekeeping scientists have formed a network to share research information.

A secondary focus of the conference was "keeping honey pure." Jill Clark of Dutch Gold Honey and Customs Investigator Mary Buduris teamed up for an hour-long presentation on the shadowy world of customs fraud and unscrupulous honey dealing. Clark reported that while the U.S. honey market remains strong and U.S. honey production has been declining, recorded imports of pure honey are also declining – facts that she found "a little strange."

Clark estimated that 800 container loads of honey mislabeled as some other product entered the United States in 2009. The products were labeled as honey syrup, blended syrup, malt

(continued on page 8)

2010 ABF Board of Directors

PRESIDENT
David Mendes
11253 Rabun Gap Dr. • N. Fort Myers, FL 33917
Cell: 239.340.0625
E-mail: davidmendesn@aol.com

VICE PRESIDENT
George Hansen
30576 Oswalt Road • Colton, OR 97017
Ph: 503.824.2265 • Fax: 503.824.2260
E-mail: hansengeo@gmail.com

PAST PRESIDENT
Zac Browning
9019 North 5th East • Idaho Falls, ID 83401
Ph. 208.523.3692 • Fax: 208.523.3713
E-mail: z_browning@msn.com

Directors Representing State Delegates Assembly:

Bob Miller (2011 – 2nd term)
221 Sundance Ln. • Watsonville, CA 95076-9726
Ph. 831.722.4977 • Fax: 831.722.4977 (SAME)
E-mail: royger1@aol.com

Virginia Webb (2012 – 1st term)
349 Gastley Road • Clarkesville, GA 30523
Ph: 706.754.7062
E-mail: mtnhoney@windstream.net

Joan Gunter (2011 – 1st term)
5737 Hwy. 14 • Towner, ND 58788
Ph. 701.537.5214 • Fax: 701.537.5375
E-mail: jmgunter@hotmail.com

John Talbert (2012 – 2nd term)
P.O. Box 6 • Josephine, TX 75164
Ph. 972.843.8084 • Fax: 972.843.8084 (SAME)
E-mail: jjtalbert@att.net

Directors Representing Commercial Beekeepers Shared Interest Group (SIG):

Troy Bunch (2011 – 2nd term)
8242 Alderson Rd. • Hughson, CA 95326
Ph. 209.632.6501 • Fax: 209.632.6501 (SAME)
E-mail: tsbunch@cv-access.com

Lance Sundberg (2012 – 2nd term)
Box 1126 • Columbus, MT 59019
Ph. 406.322.5780 • Fax: 406.322.5780 (SAME)
E-mail: psundberg@hotmail.com

Directors Representing Package Bee & Queen Breeders SIG:

Gus Rouse (2011 – 1st term)
P.O. Box 768 • Captain Cook, HI 96704
Ph. 808.328.9016 • Fax: 808.328.9460
E-mail: gusto@hawaii.rr.com

Dan Whitney (2012 – 2nd term)
P.O. Box 41 • Ottertail, MN 56571
Ph. 218.367.3339
E-mail: dwapiary@yahoo.com

Directors Representing Honey Producer-Packer SIG:

Chris Gibbons (2011 – 2nd term)
500 E. Starla Rd. • Columbia, MO 65202-6723
Ph. 573.256.8687 • Fax: 573.256.4369
E-mail: cgibbons000@centurytel.net

Joe Carson (2012 – 1st term)
P.O. Box 11028 • Anchorage, AK 99511
Ph: 907.727.8200
E-mail: Dr.JoeCarson@gmail.com

Directors Representing the Hobbyists/Sideliners SIG:

Charles Lorence (2011 – 1st term)
1634 Garfi eld Ave., Aurora, IL 60506
Ph. 630.801.0979
E-mail: charleslorence@earthlink.net

Becky Jones (2012 – 1st term)
55 Wolf Pit Road • Farmington, CT 06032
Ph: 860.677.9391
E-mail: t.c.jones@snet.net

Directors Appointed by the President:

Doug Ruby (2011 – 2nd term)
711 5th Ave. • Milnor, ND 58060-4113
Ph. 701.427.5200 • Fax: 701.427.5202
E-mail: beeman@drtel.net

Davey Hackenberg (2012 – 1st term)
799 Grange Hall Road • Milton, PA 17847
Ph: 570.850.7492
E-mail: daveybuffybee@gmail.com

Number in parentheses next to Director's name indicates the year the Director's current term ends – and whether in their 1st or 2nd term.
Directors Miller, Rouse, Ruby and Talbert, along with the officers, comprise the ABF Executive Committee.

American Beekeeping Federation
NEWSLETTER
January/February 2010 • Vol. 68, No. 1

Issued bi-monthly by **American Beekeeping Federation, Inc.**
Copy deadline is the first day of January, March, May, July, September and November for publications mailed at the end of the same month.

Interested in advertising? Contact Robin E. Dahlen, CAE, ABF executive director, at robindahlen@abfnet.org or 404.760.2875.

CONTACT ABF

Robin E. Dahlen, CAE
ABF Executive Director
robindahlen@abfnet.org
Kari Freeland
ABF Membership Coordinator
karifreeland@abfnet.org

3525 Piedmont Road
Building 5, Ste. 300, Atlanta, GA 30305
404.760.2875 (p) 404.240.0998 (f)
info@abfnet.org www.abfnet.org

Troy Fore
ABF Director of
Government Relations
troyfore@abfnet.org

P.O. Box 1445
Jesup, GA 31598-1445
912.427.4018 (p)
912.294.5465 (c)
912.427.8447 (f)

From the President

By Dave Mendes, ABF President

Dave Mendes, ABF President

Since this is my first chance writing to ABF members as your president, I wish to take this opportunity to introduce myself to those of you who don't know me.

I have been keeping bees since the mid 1970s and have seen many changes over the years. I grew up in Southeastern Massachusetts and I became a hobbyist beekeeper when I was in the 7th grade. My dad had a garden and wanted bees. He convinced me and my brother to help out. When we only had a few hives, we started working with a commercial beekeeper that was supplying hundreds of hives for cranberry pollination in Massachusetts and migrating to Central Florida in the winter.

Once we "learned" the basics from this commercial beekeeper, we decided to form our own bee business. To get started, we traded our labor for bees. My first experience in Florida beekeeping was in the spring of 1977 when I helped my dad get hives ready to ship north. The three of us had managed to grow our young business to 200 hives by then. That summer, my dad found out he had a bad valve in his heart. Open heart surgery was not successful and he died in November when he was only 48.

My brother and I, at ages 18 and 16, were on our own in the bee business. Over the next few years we purchased the hives and pollination contracts from the commercial beekeeper we worked with, plus continued to increase our hive count. Throughout the 1980s we operated two to five thousand hives. My brother was a full-time beekeeper while I tried to balance out a schedule as a beekeeper and full-time college student, which was certainly a challenge. I can remember moving bees all night and taking finals in the morning.

Looking back I never could have predicted that I would spend most of my life as a commercial beekeeper. There have been so many problems with bees over the last 20+ years. In 1984, tracheal mites showed up in Florida, and Georgia closed its borders to transport bees across the state. In 1987, Varroa mites came to Florida and ever since beekeeping has not been the same. Many of our hives died, and we kept making more splits to keep up.

Over the past few years, new beekeeping problems have developed (CCD, Nosema Ceranae, etc.). We have seen honey prices go sky high and rock bottom within a few years time. In 1995, my brother decided that there are easier ways to make a living than with honey bees, so he left the business. Recently, he has come back to help after a 15-year "vacation."

I currently operate about 8,000 hives, with a base in Fort Myers, Fla., from August to February. We send most of our hives to California to pollinate almonds in February and March. The hives then return to the Florida Panhandle to make honey and splits for about six weeks. In the middle of May, most of our hives are shipped to Maine to pollinate wild blueberries. In mid June, we bring all of these hives to Massachusetts to pollinate cranberries. The next stop is back to South Florida in late July, where we make honey and splits through the fall. Most of our migrations involve a tremendous amount of coordination to transport thousands of hives in a very short time.

As your president, I ask for your comments and suggestions on ways to make the ABF more effective. If you have good ideas, please send them to me or one of the members of the Board of Directors. I ask that you keep your comments constructive and be sure to suggest solutions rather than just problems. I believe that beekeepers working cooperatively can accomplish more than they can individually. I look forward to your support!

Strength in Numbers!

Tell your friends about the ABF and encourage them to join with us. The ABF has an aggressive agenda in 2010 and a strong membership base is critical. This is our role as a national beekeeping organization – to accomplish as a group what cannot be done by an individual. There is strength in numbers!

From the Vice President

by George Hansen, ABF Vice President

George Hansen, ABF Vice President

I didn't exactly become a commercial beekeeper in a regular way. When people ask me how it happened, I usually say, "By mistake." All I know is people had great expectations as I headed off to college, but when I graduated with a degree in German language and literature, I still had no idea of what I wanted to do when and if I grew up.

I had been raised in the city and by age 21 had not yet had the first thought about honey bees. My dad was an editor of Forest Service technical publications, and my grandfather was one of the original forestry graduates from Yale's School of Forestry along with Gifford Pinchot, yet I did not want to become a forester.

My first encounter with honey bees came as I settled in to my first job. I was a bilingual teacher in a federally funded program. A wave of grade-school-age Russian speaking immigrant children was engulfing a small public school district in Oregon. My job was to teach these kids English so they could eventually be successful in regular classrooms, but to simultaneously teach them content in Russian so they didn't fall behind in core skills, like math.

My wife and I moved to the community and bought a house on the edge of town. On the property was an old chicken shed with a swarm of honey bees in an apple box nailed to the inside wall above the entrance. An aged Russian peasant woman helped to transfer the colony into a regular hive body, tying the combs into old frames. We left the hive on the ground because honey would be hard to harvest from a hive nailed to a wall eight feet above the floor. On the first sunny day, the bees flew back to the hole in the wall, and then to the windows of the shed where they perished. The hive died that fall and, stricken with guilt, I ordered two packages. The next spring, with swarm calls and abandoned hives salvaged from bramble thickets, I was the proud owner of the sorriest collection of hives imaginable. I would teach in winter and keep bees in summer, but I had no idea whatsoever what I was doing.

The funding for the bilingual program was exhausted after five years. I had not signed up to be a regular classroom teacher, but I hated the idea of asking anyone for a job, so I became a beekeeper and started Foothills Honey Company. We started with literally nothing. That was over 30 years ago. Oregon beekeepers derived the bulk of their income from honey at that time, and I was advised by wise and experienced people to relocate if I wanted to be successful. Oregon honey crops were tasty and varied, but too small to make a living.

The next 30 years have been a journey for the company to what it has now become, primarily a pollination service for varied spring and summer crops. Matching the management of the bees to pollination business logistics has defined beekeeping in the United States in the last 25 years every bit as much as mite control. Ironically, these changes may very well put the bees and our industry at serious risk. In the meantime, our family does what we can with our 4,500 hives to keep really good bees, to serve the agriculture industry, and to produce some varied and really tasty honey.

As unlikely as my path to this point, my association with the ABF, the National Honey Board and the Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees has made me a better person and a better beekeeper. The whole challenge before us is to become better beekeepers, to manage what we can and understand what we can't. There are truly great people in this industry. I am proud to serve you and hope to have the wisdom to help us through the next set of challenges.

FEED BEE®
The Pollen Substitute for Honey Bee Production.
Available from:
David Ellingson of Ellingson's Inc.
P.O. Box 68
Odessa, MN 56276
Phone: 888-273-2300
Fax: 320-273-2310
dddwax@wat.midco.net
1947-2008
Celebrating 61 years!
Patties Available!

Government Relations Update

by Troy Fore, ABF Director of Government Relations

Troy Fore, ABF Director of Government Relations

The ABF membership established a number of legislative goals during its annual business meeting, which was held on January 16, 2010, during the North American Beekeeping Conference and Tradeshow in Orlando.

A goal the ABF had been working on for several years was achieved immediately following the conference when USDA announced the funding of a national survey to determine what pests and pathogens already exist among the honey bee population. This knowledge will help us make rational decisions on exports and imports of honey bees and treatment programs. Our other top priorities will likely take more time and work to achieve:

Funding for CCD Research. Reports continue to reach us that many of our members and other beekeepers are again having large losses due to Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD). The Farm Bill authorized additional funds for CCD research, but only a portion of that was actually appropriated. We are going to work with other industry organizations, honey bee researchers, and honey bee-dependent industries to procure funding for research and solutions and to encourage the Congress to appropriate the authorized funds.

Protecting our Honey Market. We had a lot of discussion in Orlando on the state of our honey market. The discussions came down to two priorities: 1) establishing a national standard of identity for honey – and establishing state standards, while we get cooperation from the FDA on the national standard; and 2) stopping illegal imports, particularly transshipment of Chinese honey through intermediary countries. We are being told that our honey market is in precarious shape. We need to take strong steps to shore it up.

FDA has promised Congress that it will get to work on the honey standard of identity the industry, led by ABF, submitted nearly four years ago. We need to prod the proper Congressional offices to prod FDA. Meanwhile, Florida and California have established state honey standards and other states are following suit. We are encouraging those state actions. The standard of identity will give state and federal enforcement officials a better tool to use to stop those who are adding cheaper sweeteners to our honey.

On honey transshipment, the ABF Directors and 84 of our members signed letters in Orlando asking for the maximum sentence for a Chinese national who has plead guilty to transshipping honey from his company in China via other countries on to the United States to escape the antidumping duties. In Orlando, we were told that transshipped Chinese honey is being sold for as little as 80 cents per lb., compared $1.20 for legally imported honey. If this is not stopped, it will drag down the U.S. prices.

Disaster Programs and Crop Insurance. We are continuing to work for USDA disaster programs to be more "user friendly" to beekeepers. We have submitted recommendations on the ELAP disaster program and revisions are in progress. USDA is considering expanding the beekeeper crop insurance program to include more than honey. We are consulting on this.

Our other legislative priorities include:

- Opposing all live honey bee imports into the United States, including both queens and honey bees, until further research can demonstrate that these imports hold no harm for U.S. honey bees.
- Seeking easier methods to identify Africanized bees.

Be sure to keep an eye out for updates on these initiatives in upcoming issues of the *ABF Newsletter*.

Editor's Note: If you believe that the ABF is heading in the right direction, please show your support with a donation. At the annual ABF business meeting in Orlando, those present pledged $28,000 for legislative efforts. If you were not in Orlando, or not at the business meeting, we still need your support. We must energize beekeepers to come together to work collaboratively on the many challenges that we face. In order to move forward, we must ask for your financial support. The legislative donation form is located on page 6 of this newsletter.

Donate to the ABF Legislative Fund

Send your contributions to: ABF Legislative Fund • 3525 Piedmont Rd. | Bldg. 5, Ste. 300 • Atlanta, GA 30305

❑ $100 ❑ $ 500 ❑ $ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Gift may be made by:

❑ Visa ❑ Mastercard ❑ Check *(made payable to the ABF Legislative Fund)*

Account# _____

Exp. Date: _____

Cardholder Name: _____

Signature: _____

Your credit card will be billed by the ABF, which will be transferred to the ABF Legislative Fund.

Legislative Fund Contributions

The following ABF members contributed to the ABF Legislative Fund during the months of December 2009 and January 2010. These donations enable us to carry out the legislative initiatives that will benefit ABF members and the American beekeeping industry.

Alaska Heavenly Honey, Alaska
Apico, Inc., Vt.
James and Karen Belli, Ill.
Browning's Honey Company, Inc., Idaho
Ellingson's, Inc., Minn.
Marion and Garnett Evans, La.
Foothills Honey Company, Inc., Ore.
Hackenberg Apiaries, Penn.
Barry Hart, Ga.
Headwaters Farm, Inc., Fla.
E. Randall Johnson, Idaho
Jerome Kern, Minn.
Anna Kettlewell, Wis.
Derald and Mary Kettlewell, Wis.
Kona Queen Hawaii, Inc., Hawaii
Marjorie and Albert Molnar, Texas
Todd and Rose Patterson, Fla.
Ruby's Apiaries, Inc., N.D.
Sabine Creek Honey Farm, Texas
Strachan Apiaries, Inc., Calif.
Philip and Donna Thoma, Wis.
John Vaenoski Honey Farm, Wis.
W. Wilson, Utah
Wind River Honey Co., Wy.

How to Contact Your Congressional Representative

Representatives

Write: The Honorable _____
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20510

Call: 202.225.3121
Ask for your representative's office
and request to speak to the agricultural aide.

Senate

Write: The Honorable _____
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Call: 202.224.3121
Ask for your senator's office and
request to speak to the agricultural aide.

E-mail: To locate and e-mail your representatives and senators, visit www.congress.gov.

SHOW YOUR ABF PRIDE!

You won't want to miss out these great wardrobe essentials:

ABF Ball Cap – $10

A true classic! Made of 100% brushed cotton twill fabric, this ball cap features a low profile and self-closure with side buckle. One size fits all.

ABF T-Shirt – $15

Tagless for the ultimate in comfort, this pocket T-shirt is 100-percent, pre-shrunk cotton and features double-needle stitching throughout. Available in medium, large and extra large.

ABF Denim Shirt – $25

With sturdy construction, a generous cut and soft garment washing, this 100-percent cotton shirt features double-needle stitching throughout, a button-down collar, adjustable cuffs and tuck-in tail. Available in mens' and ladies' medium, large and extra large.

They're what every style-conscious beekeeper is wearing this year! Contact the ABF office at 404.760.2875 or info@abfnet.org to place your order today.

QUALITY SERVICE VALUE

Dadant Quality Products

- Woodenware
- Extractors
- Suits
- Smokers
- Foundation
- Gloves
- Containers
- Medications

Dadant Branch Locations

Chico, CA	1-877-332-3268	Michigan	1-877-932-3268
Fresno, CA	1-877-432-3268	New York	1-877-532-3268
Florida	1-877-832-3268	Texas	1-877-632-3268
Illinois	1-888-922-1293	Virginia	1-800-220-8325
Iowa	1-877-732-3268	Wisconsin	1-877-232-3268
Kentucky	1-888-932-3268		

See us for all your Beekeeping needs!

Dadant

www.dadant.com
email: dadant@dadant.com

51 S. 2nd St.
Hamilton, IL 62341
217-847-3324
Fax: 217-847-3660

Beekeeping Industry Gathers in Orlando to "Keep the Hive Alive"

(continued from cover)

sweetener, molasses and other products, she said. The advantage to the importer is that the product can be imported from China, but evades the antidumping duty assessed on Chinese honey.

Buduris, who works in the Chicago office of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), talked about the "fraud cycle" in which purchase, entry into the United States, payment and delivery all play a role. She quoted statutes and penalties of jail time that could await violators.

ABF Past President David Ellingson (right), standing in for ABF Immediate Past President Danny Weaver, presents outgoing ABF President Zac Browning with a gift of appreciation for his years of service to the ABF.

Buduris was joined at the podium by an ICE colleague from Houston. They said they have been working on customs fraud involving honey for nearly two years and indicated that there are ongoing investigations in several other cities. The agents cautioned honey buyers to do their due diligence in purchasing imported honey and to reject deals that seem "too good to be true." Both Clark and the ICE agents urged the audience to report suspicious offers to ICE at iprcenter@dhs.gov.

At the end of that presentation, the ABF Board of Directors asked the audience to sign letters asking a federal judge in Chicago to impose a strict sentence on Yong Xiang Yan, a Chinese honey exporter who has pled guilty to customs fraud involving honey. (**Editor's Note:** This letter can be found on the ABF Web site at abfnet.org.) If you didn't sign it in Orlando, you can download, sign and mail it. Get some friends to sign it, too. Do this immediately; sentencing is coming up soon.

During the ABF Annual Business Meeting, several resolutions dealing with various aspects of honey import fraud and honey adulteration were adopted. After pointing out that "these illegal activities are threatening the financial stability of U.S. honey producers and packers," one resolution commends the work of the federal agencies involved in enforcing the law and encourages them "to work across agency boundaries with law enforcement colleagues at the local, state, and federal levels to bring an end to illegal honey transshipment." It also called for ABF to "work with other industry organizations to educate lawmakers on the extent of this problem and the negative effect it is having on the U.S. beekeeping and honey industry as well as on the food safety for U.S. consumers."

A second resolution called for ABF to continue to urge FDA to adopt, as the U.S. Standard of Identity for Honey, the Revised Codex Standard as submitted to the FDA and endorsed by the major industry groups. It also supports state efforts to adopt local honey standards based on the Revised Codex Standard. Florida and California have adopted honey standards and several other states are reportedly working toward adoption of their own honey standards.

The ABF members also affirmed previously-adopted resolutions that:

- SUPPORT developing better low cost methods of detecting adulterated honey; improving enforcement of the law and helping to make laws with more punitive damages for adulterated honey; regular government testing for adulteration of honey; and pursuing indictments of offenders of adulteration laws and regulations.
- URGE Congress to appropriate funds to provide laboratory facilities, equipment, personnel, and material and initiate a research program on the chemistry of honey, potential and actual honey adulterants, potential honey contaminants, and blends of honey and honey adulterants toward the end of developing, testing, validating and certifying new methods for the detection of adulterants and contaminants in honey.

- AUTHORIZE ABF to pursue FDA cease and desist orders or other civil remedies to restrain the deceptive and misleading labeling of honey and honey products.

Conference attendees take advantage of the sunny Florida weather and enjoy the beekeeping field trip, which was held at the Orange County Extension Offices.

Other resolutions adopted in Orlando, included:

- CONTINUED cooperation with other industry organizations, honey bee researchers, and honey bee-dependent industries to procure funding for research and solutions and to encourage the Congress to appropriate additional funds which have been authorized for honey bee research.
- ASKING USDA-Risk Management Agency to make its two pilot crop insurance programs for honey available to beekeepers in all states; and to develop a more complete crop insurance program for all segments of the beekeeping industry.
- OPPOSING USDA-APHIS plans granting the petition by Forage Genetics International and Monsanto for Nonregulated Status for genetically engineered Glyphosate-Tolerant Alfalfa; and calling for ABF to monitor the development of additional genetically engineered crops, assess their potential hazards to pollinators and the environment, and cooperate with other groups and organizations in pursuit of the aims of reducing the perils of genetically engineered crops and their attendant management practices for pollinators and the resources upon which pollinators depend.
- ENCOURAGING ABF members to enroll annually in the USDA-FSA's Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP), since participation in NAP is often a requirement to benefit from various disaster programs that become available for beekeepers.
- AUTHORIZING the ABF Executive Committee to continue supporting the coalition that is pressing USDA-APHIS to immediately suspend all live honey bee imports into the United States.
- REQUESTING that the USDA-ARS proceed with the development of methods for the identification of emerging honey bee pathogen and pest species, and that USDA-ARS review and revise current methodologies to meet the need for quick and effective tools to meet both field and laboratory emergency management identification needs.

A full copy of the 2010 ABF Resolutions, including the ABF Continuing Objectives and the Continuing Resolutions, is available on request from the ABF Office. They are also posted on the ABF Web site at abfnet.org.

Plans are already in full swing for the 2011 North American Beekeeping Conference & Tradeshow, Jan. 4-11, in Galveston, Texas. The event will be hosted by the ABF and the American Honey Producers Association. Be sure to check the ABF Web site often for the latest conference information.

SPECIAL THANKS

The ABF would like to take the opportunity to recognize the following dedicated members for their role in special activities that took place during the recent ABF annual conference in Orlando.

- ***Joan Gunter and Lance Sundberg*** – 2010 ABF Sweepstakes coordinators
- ***Patty Sundberg*** – 2010 ABF Silent Auction coordinator
- ***Mary Kettlewell and Duane and Alice Rekeweg*** – 2010 American Honey Show coordinators
- ***Tim Tucker*** – ABF Membership Committee chair and ABF membership booth coordinator

Thank you all for helping to make these events a resounding success for the ABF!

Top Honors Given During 2010 American Honey Show

ABF members **Stan Wasitowski, of Fleming, N.J.**, and **Liz Vaenoski, of Clinton, Wisc.**, took top honors at the 2010 American Honey Show. Wasitowski's Extra Light Amber Honey won Best of Show – Honey, and Vaenoski's Artistic Beeswax received Best of Show – Related Items.

The two were among 23 entrants in the show, which was held during the 2010 North American Beekeeping Conference & Tradeshow in Orlando, Fla. The entries were auctioned to benefit the American Honey Queen Program. The winning entries were:

CLASS A – WATER WHITE HONEY
SPONSOR – Sioux Honey Association
1. James & Karen Belli – Wadsworth, IL
2. Liz Vaenoski – Clinton, WI

CLASS B – EXTRA WHITE HONEY
SPONSOR – Dutch Gold Honey, Inc.
1. Tim Tucker – Niotaze, KS
2. David Ellingson – Ortonville, MN
3. Charles Lorence – Aurora, IL

CLASS C – WHITE HONEY
SPONSOR – Golden Heritage Foods LLC
1. Oren Best – Sunfield, MI
2. Judy Schmaltz – Clarkston, MI
3. Virginia Webb – Clarkesville, GA

CLASS D – EXTRA LIGHT AMBER HONEY
SPONSOR – Miller's American Honey
1. Stan Wasitowski – Flemington, NJ
2. Gary Ranker – Palmetto, FL
3. James & Karen Belli – Wadsworth, IL

CLASS E – LIGHT AMBER HONEY
SPONSOR – Ashurst's American Honey & Beekeeping
1. Rick Sutton – Lancaster,KY
2. Lee Del Signore – Homestead, FL
3. Charles Lorence – Aurora, IL

CLASS F – AMBER HONEY
SPONSOR – Burleson's, Inc.
1. James & Karen Belli – Wadsworth, IL
2. Lee Del Signore – Homestead, FL
3. Tim Tucker – Niotaze, KS

CLASS G – DARK HONEY
SPONSOR – GloryBee Foods
1. Gary Ranker – Palmetto, FL
2. Charles Lorence – Aurora, IL
3. Tim Tucker – Niotaze, KS

CLASS H – CHUNK HONEY
SPONSOR – The Speedy Bee
1. Dale Wolf – Baldwin, WI
2. Gene Killion – Paris, IL

CLASS I – ROUND COMB SECTIONS
SPONSOR – Ross Rounds, Inc.
1. Jim Rodenberg – Wolf Point, MT
2. Judy Schmaltz – Clarkston, MI

CLASS J – COMB SECTION HONEY
SPONSOR – W.T. Kelley Co.
1. Jim Rodenberg – Wolf Point, MT
2. Gene Killion – Paris, IL
3. Charles Lorence – Aurora, IL

CLASS K – CUT COMB HONEY
SPONSOR – Tropical Blossom Honey Co.
1. Charles Lorence – Aurora, IL

CLASS L – CREAMED HONEY
SPONSOR – Mann Lake Ltd.
1. Judy Schmaltz – Clarkston, MI
2. Daniel & Fred Smith – Hagerstown, MD
3. John Piechowski – Redgranite, WI

CLASS M – BEESWAX BLOCK
SPONSOR – Dadant & Sons
1. Charles Lorence – Aurora, IL
2. Derald Kettlewell – Greenfield, WI
3. Duane Rekeweg – Decatur, IN

CLASS N – ARTISTIC BEESWAX
SPONSOR – Texas Insurance & Financial Services
1. Liz Vaenoski – Clinton, WI
2. Judy Schmaltz – Clarkston, MI

CLASS O – BEESWAX CANDLES
SPONSOR – Rossman Apiaries
1. Nancy Gentry – Interlochen, FL
2. Dale Wolf – Baldwin, WI
3. Stan Wasitowski – Flemington, NJ

CLASS P – ARTISTIC BEESWAX CANDLES
SPONSOR – Betterbee, Inc.
1. Liz Vaenoski – Clinton, WI
2. Nancy Gentry – Interlochen, FL
3. Judy Schmaltz – Clarkston, MI

CLASS Q – HONEY GIFT BASKET
SPONSOR – Central Life Sciences / Apistan
1. Dale Wolf – Baldwin, WI

AMERICAN BEE JOURNAL

ASSOCIATION MEMBER SUBSCRIPTION

SAVE 25%

Association _____ Secretary's Name _____

Subscriber's Name _____ Address _____

Address _____ City _____

City _____ State, Zip _____

State, Zip _____ Comments _____

☐ NEW ☐ RENEWAL

(PRICES GOOD THROUGH DEC. 31, 2009)

Return to: **American Bee Journal**
51 S. 2nd St., Hamilton, IL 62341

U.S.	☐ 1 Yr. - $19.10	☐ 2 Yrs. - $36.15	☐ 3 Yrs. - $50.95
Canada	☐ 1 Yr. - $24.10	☐ 2 Yrs. - $46.15	☐ 3 Yrs. - $65.95
Foreign	☐ 1 Yr. - $37.10	☐ 2 Yrs. - $72.15	☐ 3 Yrs. - $104.95

The world's largest producer of the New World Carniolans.

NWC®

Strachan Apiaries, Inc.

2522 Tierra Buena Rd., Yuba City, CA
(530) 674-3881 (530) 674-5802
Fax (800) 368-3881 – orders only
orders@strachanbees.com
www.strachanbees.com

WE BUY
Pollen and Propolis

Send us your Scrapings

WE SELL

Pollen Traps – U. S. Bee Pollen
Royal Jelly – Bee Propolis Extract

CC Pollen Co.

5455 N. 51 st. Ave., #17
Glendale, AZ 85301
Ph. 1-800-875-0096
Fax 602-381-3130
CALL FOR PRICES

Heitkam's Honey Bees

Quality Queens • Dependable Service

WE'RE SELECTING FOR HYGIENIC BEHAVIOR

Call or write:
4700 1st Ave.
Orland, CA 95963
Ph. (530) 865-9562
FAX (530) 865-7839

Early Morning or Evening Calls Preferred

"Member of New World Carniolan Project"

FRESH

In Memoriam

Charles Hofmann, 101, of Janesville, Minn., passed away December 15, 2009. Hofmann was a life-long commercial beekeeper and worked with bees in some capacity for over 70 years. He was also active in helping form the ABF and was a dedicated ABF member for over 60 years.

Meet the ABF Board

The ABF Board is comprised of a diverse and experienced group of individuals dedicated to the betterment of the beekeeping industry. Learn more about your leadership team in the "Meet the ABF Board" column, and be sure to keep an eye out for more Board member profiles in upcoming issues of the *ABF Newsletter*.

Becky Jones, Farmington, Conn. ABF Director Representing Hobbyist-Sideliner SIG

My husband and I received a beehive as a wedding gift in 1972, and that was the start of my relationship with the honey bee. Over the next two decades or so, we were hobbyist/part-time beekeepers with a few hives in the backyard. In the mid-1990s we decided to step up from part-time beekeeping to a sideline business while still holding down full-time, paying jobs.

For the last four years, both of us have been working full time as beekeepers. We provide pollination to farmers here in Connecticut, honey production to supply local stores, farm stands and farmers, and sell bees and queens. I have been active in the Connecticut Beekeepers Association for about two decades, serving as treasurer for the last 13 years. I'm a past Director for the Eastern Apiculture Society. I have done some speaking to anyone who wants to hear about the honey bees, including school children, garden clubs, civic clubs and other bee clubs. In addition, we offer some of our hives to local researchers, as well as the bee labs when we are ask.

Being in a state that is predominately part-timers (hobbyists), I try to encourage anyone with an interest to have a few hives in their backyard to help the environment, the neighborhood gardens and to educate their neighbors about honeybees.

I try to impress upon our fellow beekeepers that belonging to the national organization is of vital importance. The dues and money raised provide a means to reach out to our legislators to help keep research moving forward, educate them as to the importance of the honey bee, and help keep our industry alive and prosperous. Even the small, part-time beekeeper has something to offer the ABF and the ABF has much to offer the small part-timer. If our industry is to survive, we need to have all beekeepers active. As an ABF Board member, I hope to be able to help with some of the educational aspects of the ABF, encouraging others to step up and participate, and increase the membership from the Northeast United States.

Bob Miller, Watsonville, Calif. ABF Director Representing the State Delegates Assembly

Millers Honeybees came into existence in 1971 when I purchased 150 colonies of bees from the brother of beekeeper friend of mine, Greg Walls. I had met Greg through the local volunteer fire department of which we were both members. We became good friends and I occasionally worked for him that previous summer. His brother wanted to sell his bees, so I bought them with a down payment of a 1957 Chevy (worth about $200) and a promise to pay the balance with future pollination and honey income. That year honey rose to 17 cents per pound from 11 cents, and pollination fees were similarly low.

I was attending San Jose State University at the time, and the income generated from the bees and working for Greg paid my way through college. I graduated from San Jose State University in 1974 with a degree in Mathematics and Business Accounting. At that time, I had increased my colony count to about 350 hives.

I met my future wife and we were married a short time later in April 1974. This is not the best time for a beekeeper to go on a honeymoon, but we kept it short, and I was back at work three days later. We have two sons, Jason, a corrections officer in Washington state, and Kevin, my right-hand man in the business. Kevin also has bees of his own, and his colony count is increasing while mine is slowly decreasing.

We run approximately 1,600 colonies in Central California. We pollinate almonds, cauliflower, broccoli and alfalfa for seed production, and avocados. We

produce a whole host of honeys from many floral sources, as we try our hardest to find something that is producing. Drought-type years are most challenging in California, but somewhere there is a honey flow, and all we have to do is find it!

We do not employ full-time outside labor, but rely on Kevin's friends for part-time help. We believe in efficiency and try to spend as little time in the extracting room as possible. We extract between 20 and 30 barrels per day, depending on the size of the supers (shallows or deeps), and return the supers to the bees ASAP. We do not keep a large inventory of supers, therefore it is important that the system works well.

We pack some of our honey for sale to bakeries, breweries, farmers' markets, resorts and retail stores. We also sell in bulk to larger packers. We pride ourselves in the quality of our products and the pro mptness of service, and are quick to point that fact out to all of our customers. We do command a slightly higher price for our products which our customers are willing to pay.

I am a past president of the California State Beekeepers Association (CSBA), have served as committee chair person for many of CSBA committees and served on the California Honey Advisory Board. In addition, I have served on the ABF Board of Directors for seven years and the ABF Executive Committee, served on the Budget Committee for the ABF, chaired the Research Committee, served on the Audit Committee for the ABF, and am currently the chairperson for that committee.

I believe that if you belong to an organization, such as the ABF, it is incumbent upon you to serve your time for that organization. It is also incumbent upon you to realize that you must also give way to others so that they may also serve their time. The strength of the ABF lies in the rotation of the directors, Executive Committee members and the president. New members to these positions only serve to enhance and strengthen our organization. I am proud to have been selected to serve as a director and hope that my time here can help further the goals of the ABF.

Golden Heritage FOODS™

GOLDEN HERITAGE FOODS, LLC

BUYING HONEY FROM ALL PARTS OF THE U.S.

For a Quote, Call Toll Free: 1-800-530-5827

Send us a sample:
Golden Heritage Foods, LLC
120 Santa Fe Street
Hillsboro, KS 67063

Arlen Penner
VP, Honey Procurement
apenner@ghfllc.com
Phone: (620) 947-3173
Fax: (620) 947-3640

Supplying Quality Honey Nationwide

Bob Loewen
Honey Buyer
bloewen@ghfllc.com
Phone: (620) 947-3173
Fax: (620) 947-3640

Foundation Update

By Troy Fore, Executive Director, Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees

Gunter and Spivak to Lead Foundation in 2010

Joan Gunter of Towner, N.D., is the new chairperson of the Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, and Dr. Marla Spivak of St. Paul, Minn., is the new vice chairperson. They were elected at the annual meeting of the Foundation's Board of Trustees on Jan. 13, 2010, during the North American Beekeeping Conference in Orlando. George Hansen and Dr. Marion Ellis, formerly chairperson and vice chairperson, respectively, asked to be relieved of those positions, but both remain on the Board. Trustee Dr. Greg Hunt also asked not to be reappointed. New Trustees are Dr. Tammy Horn of Lexington, Ky., Bonnie Woodworth of Halliday, N.D., and Dennis VanEnglesdorp of Harrisburg, Pa. The Trustees honored two of their longtime members – Randy Johnson and Binford Weaver – by giving them Trustee Emeritus status.

RIGHT: *Randy Johnson, top, and Danny Weaver, bottom, accept Founder's Award plaques from Foundation past chairperson George Hansen during the Foundation Scholars Recognition Luncheon in Orlando. The Foundation presented the awards to Johnson and Binford Weaver and made them Trustees Emeritus. Danny Weaver accepted the award for his father, who was unable to attend.*

Foundation Establishes Endowment with Overturf Funds

Using funds originally received from the estates of Glenn and Gertrude Overturf, the Trustees of the Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees have established a permanent endowment. The endowment will serve as reserve funds, and the proceeds from it will be used under direction of the Trustees for the Foundation to carry out regular operations. The Overturf Funds had been held for the Foundation by the American Beekeeping Federation (ABF), the beneficiary of the Overturf wills. The ABF transferred about $215,000 in investment instruments to the Foundation. The Trustees solicit additional donations to the endowment.

Foundation to Fund Varroa Research Projects

Varroa mite research projects totaling up to $25,000 are being sought for funding by the Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees. The Foundation has recently received several generous contributions to support research on Varroa mites or pathogens vectored by Varroa. Using these donations, the Foundation plans to fund one or more research proposals related to Varroa mites. Examples of studies might include (but are not limited to) research and extension on novel methods to control varroa mites in honey bee colonies, and/or how these mites transmit or interact with other pathogens or stressors. Proposals should be submitted no later than April 1, 2010. Recipient(s) will be selected and notified by June 1, 2010. Electronic submissions are required. Send research proposals to: Troy Fore, executive director, Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, troyfore@honeybeepreservation.org. For the complete request for proposals, see the Foundation Web site at honeybeepreservation.com.

Foundation Awards Six Graduate Student Scholarships

Six graduate students who are doing research in apiculture received $2,000 scholarships, enabling them to attend the 2010 North American Beekeeping Conference & Tradeshow and present their research to the American Bee Research Conference. This is the Foundation's fifth year to award such scholarships, which are intended to foster professional development for young apicultural scientists. At the conference, they had opportunities to meet other researchers and beekeepers, and to present their research at the meeting. The availability of the 2010 scholarships will be announced in the late summer.

The 2009 scholarship winners and their research activities are:

Gladys Andino is a Ph.D. student at Purdue University studying with Dr. Greg Hunt. She is investigating grooming behavior as a mechanism of resistance to Varroa mites. Her goal is to develop a cage-based assay to select stock for Varroa resistance. She is also investigating resistance to Nosema ceranae and will map QTLs for the genes conferring resistance.

Rasoul Bahreini is a Ph.D. student at the University of Manitoba studying with Dr. Rob Currie. He is investigating the costs and benefits of honey bee defenses against Varroa mites with an emphasis on grooming behavior in overwintering clusters.

Ricarda Kather is a Ph.D. student studying with Dr. Steven Martin at the University of Sheffield in England. She is investigating the effects of Varroa mites and associated viruses on honey bee nest mate recognition.

Matthew Smart is a M.S. student at Washington State University studying with Dr. Steve Sheppard. He is investigating the spatial, seasonal and age distributions of Nosema spp. and interactions between Nosema ceranae, Varroa destructor and Acarapis woodi in the northwestern U.S.

Kirsten Traynor is a Ph.D. student at Arizona State University studying with Dr. Rob Page. She is studying the effects of honey bee brood pheromones on honey bee foraging behavior. Her goal is to better understand the development of eusociality, and to apply her findings to enhance pollen foraging and the pollination efficiency of colonies.

Judy Wu is a M.S. student studying with Dr. Steve Sheppard at Washington State University. She is investigating the sublethal effects of pesticide residues in brood combs on worker honey bees.

Foundation Donations

The following ABF members made general contributions to the ABF Foundation during the month of January 2010.

Tom Congdon, Canada
David Ellingson, Minn.
Foothills Honey Company, Inc., Ore.
Suzanne Goss, England
Joan Gunter, N.D.
Beth Hackenberg, Penn.
Jack Hamilton, Canada
Honeyland, Inc., Mont.
E. Randall Johnson, Idaho
Todd and Rose Patterson, Fla.
Nancy Putnam, Fla.
William Sklaroff, Fla.
A.M. Stedina, Idaho
Strachan Apiaries, Inc., Calif.
Philip Thoma, Wis.
Tim Wendell, Canada
Laurence Winter, N.Y.
Dale Wolf, Wis.

Queen Committee Report

By Anna Kettlewell, Honey Queen Program Chair

On behalf of the American Honey Queen Committee, I welcome our 2010 American Honey Queen Lisa Schluttenhofer of Indiana and our 2010 American Honey Princess Amy Roden of Wisconsin to the ABF family. These two young women will have a busy year representing us at promotional and educational events.

The ABF conference in Orlando gave members an opportunity to see the field of highly qualified state queens from which our new Queen and Princess were chosen. I thank all the candidates for their hard work throughout the week and for their dedication to the Honey Queen Program. I also thank everyone who purchased a Queen Fund raffle ticket this year. Thanks to your generosity (and the tenacious sales skills of our queens), we sold out of raffle tickets for the first time!

ABF Vice President George Hansen, 2010 American Honey Princess Amy Roden, 2010 American Honey Queen Lisa Schluttenhofer and ABF President David Mendes are all smiles during the ABF annual banquet in Orlando.

I also extend the committee's gratitude to those who donated high-quality auction items to our Quiz Bowl auction and to the members who participated in the 2010 American Honey Show. The proceeds from the auction of these amazing entries benefitted the Queen Program. Of course, many thanks to all our bidders, who make these events entertaining and profitable! Thank you also to my faithful volunteers at the conference, most notably Gary Reuter, Rick Sutton and Joe Carson, who lent their auctioneering and hosting abilities to various Queen functions throughout the week.

As Queen chair, I have the opportunity to work with an amazing committee comprised of several members, former Queens and Princesses, and state honey queen program chairs. Without their support and the support of many other volunteers, this program would not be as successful as it is. I want to thank each of them for their unique talents and gifts that they bring to our committee. There is a lot of work that goes into making such a program successful. Recognizing this, the committee has officially published a guidebook for honey queen programs, which will be made available to all states. Over the next month, a copy will be distributed to each state and is also available on the ABF Web site at abfnet.org. If your state has been thinking of starting or restarting a Queen program, please visit this guidebook for valuable information to make your program successful.

In 2009, American Honey Queen Diane Jurchen and Princess Allison Hull visited 24 states and garnered over $110,000 in media publicity for the beekeeping industry. The committee has set a goal of reaching 30 states this year with our new queen and princess.

Many ABF members approached me at the convention to set up visits to their states. It is now time to follow through with these requests and get plans in motion for 2010 promotions. Please contact me as soon as possible to arrange a visit from Lisa or Amy. We especially encourage visits to the New England region and the Southeast region, where Queens and Princesses have not been in several years. You may contact me at honeyqueen99@hotmail.com or 414.545.5514 to discuss promotion opportunities and trip requests. Lisa, Amy and I look forward to making our 30-state goal a reality in 2010.

From the Honey Queen

By Lisa Schluttenhofer, 2010 American Honey Queen

My name is Lisa Schluttenhofer and I am honored to serve as your 2010 American Honey Queen. I met many of you at the ABF conference in Orlando, and American Honey Princess Amy Roden and I are looking forward to working with you throughout the year.

I am the 19-year-old daughter of Mike and Roberta Schluttenhofer of Thorntown, Ind. Currently, I am a sophomore at Purdue University where I study Natural Resources and Environmental Science with a minor in Spanish.

Growing up in a rural community, I was active in 4-H and FFA and, at 12 years old, discovered my passion – beekeeping! After taking a few beginning beekeeping classes, I picked up a package of bees, which rode home in the car on my lap, and so began my love for honey bees. Over the past eight years, I have increased my number of hives to eight, and I have developed recipes for value-added products like lip balms, candles and creamed honey.

Serving as the 2009 Indiana Honey Queen, I had the opportunity to promote the beekeeping industry at schools, fairs, festivals and other venues. Educating the public about honey and honey bees was an unforgettable experience that I am thrilled to be continuing this year!

I am excited to represent the amazing members of the American Beekeeping Federation. I hope to meet you during my travels this year while I promote our sweet industry. I'll start my travels with Honey Queen training in Iowa and the Florida State Fair, and I know this and other promotions will be full of exciting and educational moments. If you are interested in having Princess Amy or me at an event, please contact Anna Kettlewell at 414.545.5514 or via email at honeyqueen99@hotmail.com. I'll "bee" seeing you!

From the Honey Princess

By Amy Roden, 2010 American Honey Princess

I am very excited to be serving as your 2010 American Honey Princess. Thank you for giving me such a great opportunity. I am looking forward to the year ahead filled with the endless opportunities and experiences to promote the honey and beekeeping industry.

I started beekeeping about two years ago when a friend sparked my interest in the Honey Queen program. I was given an opportunity to serve as the 2008 Ozaukee-Washington County Honey Queen and, shortly thereafter, I became the 2009 Wisconsin Honey Queen. As a beginner beekeeper, I was instantaneously fascinated. Thanks to my sponsors and other wonderful Wisconsin beekeepers, I have two hives of my very own to learn and expand my knowledge on our world's most essential industry: beekeeping.

I am currently a senior at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay where I am pursuing a bachelor's degree in Communications, with an organizational emphasis. Growing up on my family's dairy farm in West Bend, we continue to milk 400 cows and crop over 2,000 acres. With all the work needed to be done, my parents chose to have five kids. As my dad always says, "I have five kids and they are all boys…except four!" If you did not catch that, as most people give a confused look, I have one brother and three sisters who are very supportive. I cannot forget to mention my two greatest supporters and encouragers, my parents Bob and Cindy Roden.

I would like to give a huge thank you to everyone who has helped me get this far. I extend a huge thank you the Wisconsin Honey Producers Association for giving me such a wonderful experience as the 2009 Wisconsin Honey Queen. Everything I know about beekeeping is in great part due to their knowledge, experiences and encouragement they so graciously shared with me.

I am full of anticipation for an adventurous year ahead promoting the beekeeping industry. To schedule an appearance from me, please contact Anna Kettlewell at 414.545.5514 or honeyqueen99@hotmail.com.

ABF Recognizes Vaenoski for Outstanding Contributions

By Zac Browning, ABF Past President

Each year during the North American Beekeeping Conference & Tradeshow, the ABF takes the time to recognize a member for his or her "outstanding and significant contributions to the leadership of the ABF and the U.S. beekeeping and honey industry" with the presentation of the ABF President's Award. Recent past recipients of this award include the likes of David Hackenberg, Gene Brandi, the late James Powers and others. I am always amazed at these individuals' selflessness and dedication; they all have a profound respect and passion for beekeeping and the honeybee. This year there was an evident choice for this award. Liz Vaenoski of Clinton, Wisc., has been a stabilizing and positive presence for the ABF and the industry for decades.

Outgoing ABF President Zac Browning (left) and ABF Past President Pat Heitkam (right) present Liz Vaenoski with the ABF President's Award.

Liz is most often recognized for her significant artistic talent. Once a working graphic artist, she has since transferred these talents and skills to beeswax. Many of you have seen her amazing beeswax creations, including candles, ornaments and, most notably, hand-crafted beeswax sculptures. She has also used her artistic talents to create countless bee-themed items for auctions and gifts. Most recently, she developed a series of pewter bee-related figures for purposes of benefitting the ABF.

Liz spends countless hours creating pieces for show and auction at the ABF conventions, and her contributions have generated tens of thousands of dollars for the ABF Legislative Fund, Research Fund and Honey Queen Fund. Her generosity is not exclusive to the ABF; it extends to her community, home state(s) and many state organizations throughout the country. Her gifts for these organizations and many people stem from her love of the industry, its people and her focus on promoting quality in our industry.

Liz and her late husband, John, operated John Vaenoski Honey Farm for many years. Their focus was always on producing high-quality products while helping and mentoring others. Liz has been an advising voice for leaders in the ABF and other beekeeping organizations as well. Her passion serves as a great motivator for all those who have sought her opinions, and I personally have been humbled to receive her advice and encouragement the last two years as your ABF president. Her contributions to the ABF have been profound and I thank her for her significant impact on the ABF, individuals and the industry.

Bee Culture

THE MAGAZINE OF AMERICAN BEEKEEPING

SAVE 20%

Take Advantage of This Association Discount!

Don't Miss Even One Exciting Issue of *Bee Culture* Magazine filled with everything you want to know about:

• Bees • Beekeeping • Beekeepers •
• How-To's • Honey Report • Profiles • Recipes •
• Funny Stories • Research • Something For Everybody •

Send check to Bee Culture Magazine
623 W. Liberty, Medina, OH 44256 or call 800-289-7668
Ext. 3220 with credit card

Milestones

Congratulations to the following ABF members that have reached milestone years during the months of January and February 2010:

10 Years
Richard Allen, Calif.
Michael Duffy, Calif.
Jay Evans, Md.
Jeff Pettis, Md.
Tina Tindall, Colo.
Gordon Waller, Wis.
Cathy Zou, Calif.

15 Years
Dan Bauer, Minn.
Joe Kellerby, Wy.
Robert Morton, Kan.
Valeri Severson, Calif.

20 Years
Ilene Miller, Utah
Jim O'Brien, N.Y.
Janice Shenefield, Ind.
I. Barton Smith, Md.
John Thomas, Texas
Shannon Wooten, Calif.

25 Years
Glenn Crimbring, Penn.

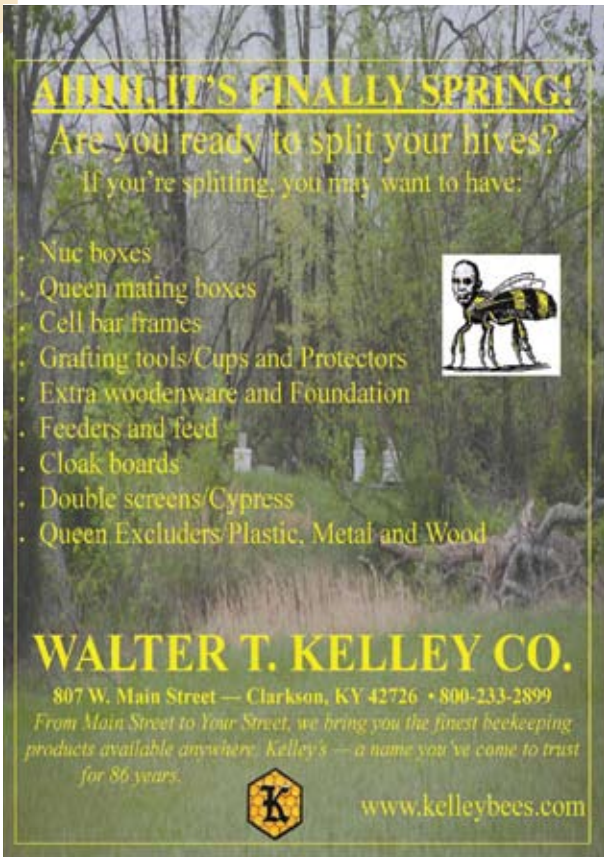
30 Years
Kenneth Sharlow, Mich.

35 Years
Cheryl Burkhart-Kriesel, Neb.

45 Years
Larry Krause, Wy.
Patrick Kuehl, Neb.

50 Years
Richard Gunter, N.D.

65 Years
Joe Graham, Ill.



nozevit

All Natural Honeybee Feeding Supplement

Your Partner In Helping Maintain The Intestinal Integrity And Health Of Your Honeybee Colonies.

P.O. Box 110828
Anchorage, AK 99511

(907) 727-8200
Nozevit.com

apivita
Product of Croatia

Available in 50ml, 250ml, 500m & one liter bottles

Know a new beekeeper?
Introduce them to the American Beekeeping Federation!
www.abfnet.org

ABF 1943
American Beekeeping Federation

C. F. Koehnen & Sons, Inc.

Celebrating 100 Years!
Est. 1907

Queens & Package Bees
Italians & Carniolans
3131 Highway 45 Glenn, CA 95943 (530) 891-5216 FAX (530) 934-2613
www.koehnen.com • bees@koehnen.com

Assembled Frames

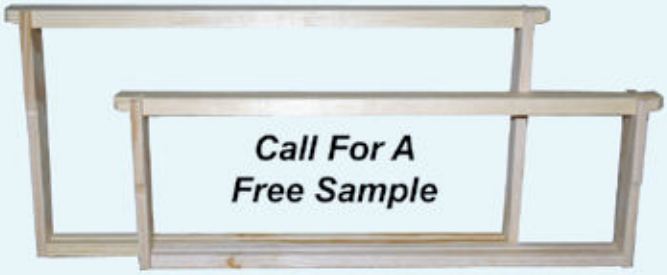
"Setting New Standards For Quality & Durability"

- High Precision Cuts
- Full 1/2" Thick Bottom Bar
- Standard Width Bottom Bar
- Fits All Standard Equipment
- Unparalleled Fit And Best Finish In The Industry
- Standard Outside Dimensions Work With Any Uncapper

Available With Black Waxed Rite-Cell® Foundation

Assembled Commercial Frames With Natural Waxed Rite-Cell®						
Item #	**Size**	**1 - 19**	**20 - 249**	**250 - 499**	**500 - 4999**	**5000+**
WW-900	9 1/8"	$1.99	$1.80	$1.74	$1.68	CALL
WW-915	7 1/4"	$1.99	$1.80	$1.74	$1.68	CALL
WW-920	6 1/4"	$1.89	$1.72	$1.65	$1.58	CALL

Unassembled Frames



Available With:

Wedged *or*
Grooved Top Bar

Grooved *or*
Split Bottom Bar

Unassembled Commercial Grade Frames					
Item #	**Size**	**1 - 499**	**500 - 999**	**1000 - 4999**	**5000+**
WW-625	9 1/8"	$0.74	$0.67	$0.63	CALL
WW-640	7 1/4"	$0.74	$0.67	$0.63	CALL
WW-630	6 1/4"	$0.72	$0.66	$0.62	CALL
WW-635	5 3/8"	$0.72	$0.66	$0.62	CALL

Mann Lake Ltd.

800-880-7694

www.mannlakeltd.com

An Employee Owned Company

BEE BUCKS REWARDS

MADE IN USA

Prices are subject to change without notice and do not include shipping charges.

From the Auxiliary

by Carol Shaw, ABF Auxiliary President

The ABF conference in Orlando was a great success for the ABF Auxiliary. It was nice to see old friends and meet new ones. During the event we were able to give our members an enhanced membership packet, which included some interesting goodies (thanks to several vendors), as well as our membership brochure.

Our new Auxiliary banner was hung with great pride behind our booth in the trade show area. The Auxiliary table was well stocked with donated bee motif items for sale, and the new 2011 calendars made from prize winning photos from the photography contest sold well. More calendars are being printed and are available for you to sell at your local and state meetings. To place an order, contact Lillian Robey-Kelley, ABF Auxiliary Secretary/Treasurer, 309 Ridge Creek Lane, Troutville, VA 24175 or e-mail lilianrobey@comcast.net. The cost is $12.00 each plus postage.

The Auxiliary Breakfast was well attended. During the breakfast, the 2009 Honey Queen and Princess gave their year-end reports, and the six 2010 Queen contestants entertained us with their honey promotion skits. A special thank you all to all of you who joined us at this event.

It was great to have so many entrees in the photo and baking contests this year. The photo and baking contests now have a chairperson and committee to help them at the convention. The chairperson for the photo contest is Ellen Sundberg and the chairperson for the baking contest is Linda Hackenberg. New guidelines for these contests have been developed and will soon appear on the ABF Web site and in coming newsletters.

We are already looking forward to another outstanding year of ABF Auxiliary activities and an even more successful conference in 2011 in Galveston.

2010 Best of Show Honey Recipe

Gourmet Honey Mint Chocolate Fudge

by Carol Shaw

- *2 (10 oz.) bags Hershey's mint chocolate chips*
- *1 (14 oz.) can sweetened condensed milk*
- *1/3 cup HONEY*
- *1 tsp. vanilla*

Line an 8x8- or 9x9-inch pan with foil. Lightly butter foil. Melt chips, sweetened condensed milk and HONEY in a sauce pan over medium heat, stirring constantly. When melted and smooth, remove from heat and stir in vanilla. Spread into foil-lined pan. Cool and cut into squares. Store in a cool place. On hot days, cover pan with waxed paper and cool in refrigerator.

ABF Auxiliary Officers

President	Vice President	Secretary/Treasurer	Historian	Past President
Carol Shaw	Shelley Rodenberg	Lillian Robey	Sarah Kornfield	Joan Gunter
10910 Anderson Road	Box 3047	309 Ridge Creek Lane	1804 Yellowhouse Circle	5735 Hwy. 14
Granger, IN 46530	Wolf Point, MT 59201	Troutville, VA 24175	Apt. R	Towner, ND 58788
twobeeguys@yahoo.com			College Station, TX 77840	jmgunter@hotmail.com

FEDERATION MARKETPLACE

BEE SUPPLIES

Dadant and Sons, Inc 888.922.1293
Fax 217.847.3660, 51 S. 2nd St., Hamilton, IL 62341. Free catalog upon request or order online at www.dadant.com. Your one-stop headquarters for all your bee supply needs. The Dadant difference: Quality, service and value for 145 years!

Draper's Super Bee Apiaries 800.233.4273
or 570.537.2381, 32 Avonlea Lane, Millerton, PA 16936-9131, e-mail sales@draperbee.com, Web site www.draperbee.com. Deluxe Observation Hive, Bee Supplies, Videos and Honey-Related Information.

Mann Lake Ltd 800.880.7694
501 1st Street South, Hackensack, MN 56452-2589. 1250 Harter Ave., Woodland, CA 95776-6106. Your headquarters for all beekeeping supplies including preassembled and treated woodenware, feeds, medications, containers, protective equipment, candle making supplies and more! www.mannlakeltd.com.

MISCELLANEOUS

ABF Auxiliary 701.537.5214
Secretary/Treasurer, Lillian Robey, 309 Ridge Creek Lane, Troutville, VA 24175. The Auxiliary is asking for contributions for the American Honey Queen Fund of 2 cents per day for a year. This will make additional funds available for our American Honey Queen Diane Jurchen and American Honey Princess Allison Hull. Let's help make this the best year in honey promotion.

Beehive Botanicals 800.233.4483
Beehive Botanicals has been buying Bee Propolis for over 35 years. Please send your hive scrappings or washed propolis to: 16297 W. Nursery Rd., Hayward, WI 54843. We pay all shipping charges. Call ahead if sending large quantities by common carrier.

SYRUP

B & B Honey Farms 507.896.3955
Orderline 1.800.342.4811, Fax: 507.896.4134, Rt. 2, Box 245, Houston, MN 55943. High fructose corn syrup.

Dadant and Sons, Inc 888.922.1293
Fax 217.847.3660, 51 S. 2nd St., Hamilton, IL 62341. Contact us now for a competitive quote and quick service on a load of quality Type 55 or 42 high fructose corn syrup for bee feeding. Sugar blends available.

Mann Lake Ltd 800.880.7694
501 1st Street South, Hackensack, MN 56452-2589.
Type 55 and Type 42 HFCS available nationwide.

HONEY PACKERS/DEALERS

Burleson's, Inc 972.937.4810
Fax 972-937-8711, Waxahachie, TX 75165.

Dutch Gold Honey, Inc 717.393.1716
Fax: 717.393.8687, 2220 Dutch Gold Drive, Lancaster, PA 17601-1997, Web site: www.dutchgoldhoney.com. Packer of Quality Honey.

Leighton's Honey, Inc 863.422.1773
1203 Commerce Ave., Haines City, FL 33844. Bonded honey buyer.

MEL-O Honey, Inc. 507.263.8599
Fax: 507.263.8611, 515 Cannon Industrial Blvd., Cannon Falls, MN 55009. Buyer/Packer–All grades of honey.

Honey Tree, Inc 800.968.1889
Fax: 517.467.2056, 8570 Monroe Road, Onsted, MI 49265. Visit our Web site: www.honeytreehoney.com.

Sioux Honey Association 712.258.0638
(home office) Fax: 712.258.1332, Box 388, 301 Lewis Blvd., Sioux City, IA 51102.

Tropical Blossom Honey Co 386.428.9027
Fax: 386.423.8469, P.O. Box 8, 106 N. Ridgewood Ave., Edgewater, FL 32132. Please visit our Web site: www.tropicbeehoney.com. We buy honey and comb honey.

PUBLICATIONS

***American Bee Journal*..... 217.847.3324**
Hamilton, IL 62341. This magazine is full of interesting and informative articles on beekeeping. Association members may receive a 25% discount. Please see your association secretary for details. Send for a free sample copy. Visit our Web site at www.dadant.com.

***Bee Culture* 800.289.7668**
Medina, OH 44256. *Bee Culture*, the magazine of American beekeeping. Everything for any beekeeper. Find out what thousands and thousands of American beekeepers already know. Free sample. Call or write today. Visit the virtual magazine at www.beeculture.com.

The Speedy Bee..... 912.427.4018
Fax: 912.427.8447, P.O. Box 1317, Jesup, GA 31598-1317. Subscribe to The Beekeeper's Newspaper and get the latest news affecting the beekeeping and honey industry. Free sample copy on request.

ORGANIZATIONS

IBRA..... +44 (0) 29-2037-2409
Fax: +44 (0) 5601-135640, 16 North Road, Cardiff, CF1 3DY, UK. IBRA is the information service for beekeepers, extension workers and scientists. Members enjoy the benefits of belonging to IBRA, including Bee World. We need your involvement. Join IBRA - support this important information network, extend your beekeeping horizons.

Interested in advertising in the Federation Marketplace?
Contact Robin E. Dahlen, CAE, ABF executive director, at 404.760.2875 or robindahlen@abfnet.org.

American Beekeeping Federation, Inc.
3525 Piedmont Road, NE
Building Five, Suite 300
Atlanta, GA 30305

ABF Recognizes the 2010 Partner Program Participants

ABF PARTNER PROGRAM Level 4

Mann Lake
Hackensack, MN
www.mannlakeltd.com

ABF PARTNER PROGRAM Level 1

Kona Queen Hawaii
Captain Cook, HI
www.konaqueen.com

Interested in becoming a part of the 2010 ABF Partner Program?
Contact Robin E. Dahlen, CAE, ABF executive director, at 404.760.2875 or via e-mail at robindahlen@abfnet.org.