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More about Anaheim & the Disneyland Hotel:
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The Disneyland Hotel, a AAA Four-Diamond property, is the host of the 2015 conference. Attendees may take advantage of a special group rate of $109.00 (plus applicable taxes). This rate is available until December 15, 2014 or until the group block is sold out (whichever comes first). We encourage you to make your reservations early to ensure availability. Additionally, the group rate will be honored three days before and after the conference dates, based on availability. So, make a little vacation out of it and bring the whole family. Reserve your room through www.nabeekeepingconference.com.

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Perspectives in Beekeeping – Communication is the Key

by Tim Tucker, ABF President

Tim Tucker
ABF President

One of the things we have been working on very hard at the American Beekeeping Federation is increasing our lines of outreach and communication to our industry and to the stakeholder groups that affect our industry. In the past four years, we have added several levels of communication to increase awareness of what benefits we offer to our members and how they can access that valuable information.

Our website has grown dramatically and is now the host to a warehouse of information on the services that we offer the industry each and every year and how members can participate in those events and services. Two years ago, we introduced the "Conversation with a Beekeeper" webinar series that now have over thirty (30) one hour sessions covering a wide variety of topics. Blake Shook, our Membership/Marketing Committee Chairman, just conducted a six-part "Beginning Beekeeping" series which will expand our information base available for new beekeepers just getting started in the business. A special thanks to Chappie McChesney for all his work with this series. This information base continues expanding with two new webinar programs each month except for December and January. This "Conversation with a Beekeeper" webinar series has made the value of the membership increase significantly. We have created a webinar brochure which details a snapshot of the individual titles and how to access them on the ABF website. If you need some of these brochures for your state meetings, please contact our ABF office at 404.760.2875 or info@abfnet.org. The brochures are at no cost to you and are a great way of communicating the value of ABF membership to your membership.

Four years ago, we began publishing *ABF E-Buzz*, our monthly electronic edition of our ABF Newsletter. The November issue will be our 49th issue and all of these are archived on the ABF website; you can find them under the News & Publications tab then you click on *ABF E-Buzz*. This electronic newsletter has given us a broad scale of communication to membership and the potential members. Anyone can access it and it can be shared with people all over the world. I do get questions from literally everywhere on the planet. This tool has seemly been underutilized by the membership. There has been very little input from state and local organizations or just members who would like to share information on beekeeping with our membership base. I invite everyone reading this letter to send us your articles or information so we can add them to *ABF E-Buzz*. It is totally free and we are going to work hard to increase the readership and use of this great communications tool.

Just a couple of years ago, we started our ABF Facebook page which is now over 5,000 likes. This is expanding our outreach exponentially with dozens of new posts each and every month giving the world an insight into what we are doing at ABF. I recently posted a story about the biological control of Varroa that is coming from Germany and in just a few days it had reached over 16,000 readers. Digital media is amazing and we are just now beginning to reach levels where I think it will make a difference in our level of exposure to the beekeeping world. We also have Facebook pages for the Kids and Bees program, The American Honey Queen Program, Friends of the Bee, The National Honey Bee Advisory Board and Apimondia USA bid for 2019. I would invite everyone who uses digital media and Facebook to like our pages and contribute to them during the upcoming year. This is a means of increasing our ABF exposure to the world, so share them with your friends as well.

I have to also take a moment here to thank Sarah Red-Laird, "Bee Girl" for her great work as the ABF Kids and Bees director. She has been very busy this year traveling to England for an IBRA meeting to introduce the world to Kids and Bees, and has been to EAS, WAS and state meetings everywhere this year. If you would like to keep up on her travels and events just monitor the Kids and Bees Facebook page. Our Honey Queen and Princess have been busy and you can follow them on their Facebook page that has tons of great pictures of their travels and experiences this past year.

We also have had a fruitful year making our voice heard in our trips to various parts of the country staying involved with programs by North American Pollinator Protection Council, EPA, USDA and Keystone Initiative which is the

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2015 is Just Around the Corner!

by Gene Brandi, ABF Vice President

Gene Brandi
ABF Vice President

It hardly seems possible that 2014 is nearly over but that indeed is the case. The 2015 North American Beekeeping Conference & Tradeshow will soon be here and we certainly hope that many of you will take the opportunity to visit southern California to enjoy the convention and take in some of the many great sightseeing opportunities as well, including Disneyland and the tour of Sioux Honey!

Excitement is building around the possibility that the United States could host Apimondia in 2019. The Apimondia USA 2019 Bid Committee is working hard on the details of this endeavor which would be held in Minneapolis during late August 2019 if we are awarded the bid. Our bid will be presented at Apimondia 2015 in South Korea this coming September and there is much to do between now and then.

One of the primary issues with which the bid committee is dealing at this time is raising sufficient funds to make a successful bid. An “Apimondia USA” booth needs to be designed and set up for use at the South Korean Apimondia 2015 Congress in order to showcase the Minneapolis area and American beekeeping. Funds are needed to bring Apimondia representatives to Minneapolis so they can see the proposed conference center, hotels, and other amenities and attractions in the Minneapolis area for themselves. The Apimondia delegates will be invited to an “Apimondia USA” reception in South Korea prior to their vote which will decide where Apimondia 2019 will be held, and funds are needed for this as well.

The United States has not hosted Apimondia since 1967 so we are long overdue. For the latest information, including how you or your organizations can donate to this very worthy cause, check out Apimondia USA 2019 Bid and catch the excitement!

If you were one of those whose bees were able to produce a substantial honey crop this year, count your blessings! While a few fortunate beekeepers are very thankful to have made some honey here in California this year, the crop was far below average and some beekeepers did not extract any surplus whatsoever as a result of our ongoing drought that has persisted for the past three years. As we enter our traditional “wet season” this fall, we are praying for adequate rainfall and snowpack in the mountains that can replenish our reservoirs and underground aquifers.

Many of the almond growers in California, especially those who farm on the west side of the San Joaquin Valley, are still facing uncertain irrigation water supplies for 2015. It is still too early in our “rainy season” to know what amount of irrigation water they might receive from the various water districts next year. The growers who are able to utilize water from wells are in a little better shape as long as the aquifers hold up. However, many wells in California have become unusable due to the lowering water table.

As for the 2015 almond pollination season, the growers I know in the areas with the most questionable water supply are still planning to rent the number of bee hives they would use if they had a normal irrigation water season. They are operating under the assumption that irrigation water will be available and hoping that will be the case.

As a result of the problems from bloom sprays in almonds encountered by a number of beekeepers who experienced damaged or dead brood and bees in recent years, the Almond Board of California has recently published a set of Honey Bee Best Management Practices for California Almonds (BMPs). The BMPs recommend that if it is necessary to spray an orchard, for instance with fungicides, do so in late afternoon or evening. Until more is known, avoid tank mixing products during bloom. Avoid applying insecticides during bloom until more is known about the effects on honey bees, particularly to young, developing bees in the hive. In addition to a formal press conference and publication of this information in Almond Board communications to growers, there has been additional outreach to the California Association of Pest Control Advisers and the Pesticide Applicators Professional Association.

The Almond Board, under the guidance of Bob Curtis, Associate Director of Agricultural Affairs, has gone the extra mile and should be applauded for this effort. Bob came with us to the very first meeting with the California Department of Pesticide Regulation in Sacramento last

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Government Relations Update

by Gene Brandi, ABF Vice President

Since the elections in early November, the "lame duck" session of Congress has been dealing primarily with the immigration issue and the President's executive order which would grant deportation relief to nearly five million illegal residents of the United States. Other legislative issues will likely take a back seat to this one until the new Congress convenes in January.

The Presidential memorandum, of last June, called for the creation of a Federal Task Force, the purpose of which was to develop a federal strategy to promote the health of honey bees and other pollinators. Administration officials said that this was an "all hands on deck" effort that would involve many US government agencies.

Two listening sessions were held in mid-November in order to gather testimony from stakeholders and the general public to advise the Task Force about the roles various federal agencies can play in improving the health of bees and other pollinators. Many thanks go to ABF Past President Dave Hackenberg, who was able to personally testify on behalf of ABF at the first listening session. A great many of the others who testified were members of the pesticide industry who immediately tried to minimize the role that pesticides play in bee health issues. Varroa mites and poor management were mentioned as the main bee health issues by those individuals. ABF along with the American Honey Producers Association submitted joint written testimony to the listening session docket which mentioned many serious bee health problems from pesticides, as well as Varroa mites, and forage/nutrition issues that could be further addressed by federal agencies.

The USDA Honey Bee Forage and Nutrition Summit were held October 20-21 in Alexandria, Virginia. The ABF was well represented by President Tim Tucker, Zac Browning, George Hansen, and me during this two day event. Zac presented a keynote address which provided an excellent overview of the health of the beekeeping industry, including habitat losses which have negatively affected pollinators in recent years. Approximately 13 million acres of CRP lands have been converted to agricultural use, primarily corn and soybeans, since 2007 in the upper Midwest. In addition to the reduction in available bee forage, the increased corn and soy acreage has increased the risk of pesticide damage to bees. Zac's comprehensive presentation set the tone for the summit in a very professional manner.

There were a number of excellent speakers at the summit who addressed a variety of topics pertaining to bee nutrition and forage, as well as representatives of several federal agencies who manage millions of acres of land throughout the country. We were hoping that at least some of the agency representatives would announce new "bee friendly" policies as a result of the Presidential memorandum on bee health. However, it is clear that we have a great deal of work to do with these federal agencies regarding their views about allowing honey bees on their lands. 85% of BLM offices have no experience granting apiary permits. Representatives of other Federal agencies stated that appropriate use and compatibility determinations must be approved before allowing honey bees on their lands. In many cases it is up the individual ranger or land manager to determine whether or not bees will be allowed. We would certainly like to see policy changes from the top down to the local level that would allow greater use of federal lands for apiary sites and we plan to pursue that goal in 2015.

Immediately following the Forage and Nutrition Summit, Tim, Zac, and I attended the North American Pollinator Protection Campaign annual conference. Assistant EPA Administrator Jim Jones, in his keynote address, discussed the establishment of state programs for the protection of bees which would allow for "greater space" between bees and toxic pesticides. This statement created some concern among beekeepers in the audience who viewed this to mean that bee hives would need to be moved away from pesticide applications under newly developed state programs for the protection of bees.

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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.

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Tuesday, January 6, 2015		
8:00 AM – 11:00 AM	ABF Board of Directors Meeting	Blue Sky Suite 2920
2:00 PM – 3:30 PM	ABF Membership Committee Meeting	N. Exhibit Hall G
3:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Registration/Information Desk Open	South Lounge
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM	ABF Honey Queen Committee Meeting	N. Exhibit Hall H
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM	ABF Resolution/Executive Committee Meeting	Blue Sky Suite 2920
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	ABF Foundation Board of Trustees Meeting	Castle C

Wednesday, January 7, 2015		
7:00 AM – 6:00 PM	Registration/Information Desk Open	South Lounge
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Honey Show Entry Drop-off	Monorail A
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Auction Item Drop-off	South Lounge
8:00 AM – 8:30 AM	Opening Ceremonies: • Call to Order & Introductions • Presentation of Colors • "Star-Spangled Banner" – led by American Honey Queen & Princess • Welcome by Dion Ashurst, Vice President, California State Beekeepers Association • Invocation by John Talbert	Center Ballroom
8:30 AM – 8:50 AM	President's Address – Tim Tucker, American Beekeeping Federation	Center Ballroom
8:50 AM – 9:50 AM	Keynote Presentation – Dr. Jim Frazier	Center Ballroom
9:50 AM – 10:10 AM	Introduction of 2014 American Honey Queen and 2014 American Honey Princess and the 2015 Honey Queen Contestants – Anna Kettlewell, Chairperson, American Honey Queen Committee, Badger State Apiaries, Greenfield, WI	Center Ballroom
10:10 AM – 10:20 AM	Apimondia USA Bid for 2019 – Debbie Seib, Mooresville, IN	Center Ballroom
10:20 AM – 10:40 AM	Best Management Practices in California Almonds – Bob Curtis, Almond Board of California and Gene Brandi, Vice President of ABF	Center Ballroom
10:40 AM – 11:00 AM	ABF Legislative Update – Fran Boyd	Center Ballroom
11:00 AM – 11:20 AM	How Do We Get There From Here? Using Big Data as a Roadmap to Understand Migratory Beekeeping – Dr. Kirk Anderson, UDSA-ARS Carl Hayden Bee Research Center, Tucson, AZ	Center Ballroom
11:20 AM – 11:35 AM	Platinum Sponsor Presentation – MannLake	Center Ballroom
11:35 AM – 11:55 AM	Pollinator Partnership Honey Bee Update – Laurie Davies Adams, Executive Director, Pollinator Partnership	Center Ballroom
11:55 AM – 1:30 PM	Delegates Assembly Lunch (by invitation only)	Sleeping Beauty

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Wednesday, January 7, 2015 (cont.)		
11:55 AM – 1:30 PM	Lunch – all other on own for lunch.	On Own
12:05 PM – 8:00 PM	Tradeshow is open	South Exhibit Hall
1:30 PM – 3:45 PM	Producer/Packer SIG Meeting (see separate agenda)	Magic Kingdom 1
1:30 PM – 3:45 PM	Small Scale/Sideliner SIG Meeting (see separate agenda)	Center Ballroom
1:30 PM – 3:45 PM	Package Bee and Queen Breeder SIG Meeting (see separate agenda)	South Ballroom AB
1:30 PM – 3:45 PM	Commercial SIG Meeting (see separate agenda)	Magic Kingdom 4
3:45 PM – 4:15 PM	Refreshment Break in the Tradeshow	South Exhibit Hall
4:15 PM – 5:35 PM	Joint Commercial & Package Bee and Queen Breeder SIG Meeting (see separate agenda)	South Ballroom AB
4:15 PM – 5:35 PM	Joint Producer/Packer & Small Scale/Sideliner SIG Meeting (see separate agenda)	Center Ballroom
5:30 PM – 6:00 PM	ABF New Member Orientation	Castle C
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Welcome Reception in the Tradeshow w/Live Auction 7:00 PM Beekeeping Brain Buster Entertainment	South Exhibit Hall

Thursday, January 8, 2015		
7:30 AM – 2:00 PM	Registration/Information Desk Open	South Lounge
8:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Tradeshow Open (Honey Display)	South Exhibit Hall
8:00 AM – 10:30 AM	*Auxiliary Breakfast/Meeting	Sleeping Beauty
8:00 AM	General Session resumes with announcements	Center Ballroom
8:05 AM – 8:25 AM	Bee Informed Partnership: Drivers and Solutions to Poor Bee Health – Dennis vanEngelsdorp, Department of Entomology, University of Maryland	Center Ballroom
8:25 AM – 8:45 AM	National Honey Board Promotions and Research – Catherine Barry, Director of Marketing, National Honey Board	Center Ballroom
8:45 AM – 9:05 AM	Who is PAm Waggle Dancing With? – Project Apis m.'s Partnerships Helping Honey Bees – Christi Heintz, Executive Director, Project Apis m	Center Ballroom
9:05 AM – 9:25 AM	Healthy Bees, Healthy Environment, Healthy People: The Honey Bee Health Coalition – Julie Shapiro, The Keystone Center, Keystone, CO	Center Ballroom
9:25 AM – 9:45 AM	Report from the Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees & Introduction of Foundation Scholars – Joan Gunter, Chairman, Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees	Center Ballroom
9:45 AM – 10:15 AM	2014 American Honey Queen & American Honey Princess Year-in-Review Presentations	Center Ballroom
10:15 AM – 10:55 AM	Beverage Break in Trade Show	South Exhibit Hall

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Thursday, January 8, 2015 (cont.)		
10:55 AM	General Session resumes with announcements	Center Ballroom
11:00 AM – 11:20 AM	Queen Failures, Mites Treatments and the Post Office – Connect the Dots – Dr. Jeff Pettis, Research Entomologist, Beltsville, MD	Center Ballroom
11:20 AM – 11:35 AM	Platinum Sponsor Presentation – Dadant	Center Ballroom
11:35 AM – 12:35 AM	Dr. Johnathan Lundgren	Center Ballroom
12:35 AM – 2:00 PM	Lunch (on own)	On Own
2:00 PM	*Buses load to go to Sioux Honey	
2:00 PM	*Optional Sioux Honey Tour and Medieval Times	Off-Site
2:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Labor Law Workshop – Ralph Jones, Idaho State University (repeated on Saturday)	Magic Kingdom 1
3:30 PM – 4:00 PM	PM Refreshment Break	
4:00 PM – 5:30 PM	Decision Making Workshop – Ralph Jones, Idaho State University (repeated on Saturday)	Magic Kingdom 1
5:45 PM	Load buses (from Sioux Honey) for Medieval Times	Off-Site
6:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Medieval Times dinner and entertainment	Medieval Times

Friday, January 9, 2015				
7:30 AM – 5:00 PM	Registration/Information Desk Open			South Lounge
8:00 AM – 7:00 PM	Tradeshow Open (Honey Display)			South Exhibit Hall
8:00 AM	All Silent Auction tables open			
	Beginning (South Ballroom)	Serious Sideliner (North Ballroom)	Commercial (Magic Kingdom 1)	Research (Magic Kingdom 4)
8:00 AM – 8:50 AM	The Truth About Treatment Free for the Small Scale Beekeeper – Greg Hannaford, Tulsa, OK	Beginning a Business for Small Scale Beekeepers – Debbie Seib, Morresville, IN	The Fall and Rise of the Honey Bee – Peter Loring Borst,Spencer, NY	Think Small: The Math, Myth, and Microbes of Stored Pollen – Dr. Vanessa Corby-Harris Effects of Pollen Nutrition on Queen Retention and Coordinated Colony Functions – Mark Carroll Research Entomologists Carl Hayden Bee Research Center USDA-ARS PWA

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Friday, January 9, 2015 (cont.)				
	Beginning (South Ballroom)	Serious Sideliner (North Ballroom)	Commercial (Magic Kingdom 1)	Research (Magic Kingdom 4)
9:00 AM – 9:50 AM	Integrated Pest Management on a Small Scale – Lance Wilson, Austin, TX	Swarm Management – What's Really Happening in Your Hive? – Steve Repasky, Pittsburgh, PA	Efficacy of HiveAlive™ in Increasing Colony PopulationDuring Field Trials – Fani Hatjina, Nea Moudania,Greece	An Update on the Progress of Beltsville Bee Research Laboratory Research – Dr. Jay Evans, USDA-ARS Beltsville Bee Research Lab, MD
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Kids and Bees			Mark Twain Room
9:50 AM – 10:20 AM	Refreshment Break in the Tradeshow			South Exhibit Hall
10:00 AM	Silent Auction – Amber Tables Close			South Exhibit Hall
10:20 AM 11:10 AM	Feeding Bees with Integrity – Understanding the Purpose of Feeding Bees – Chappie McChesney, Alachua, FL	Survivor Stock Breeding: Defining Longevity as the Umbrella Trait for a Whole-Approach to Management – Melanie Kirby, Truchas, NM	Varroa Treatments: Efficacy and Economic Impact – Fabiana Ahumada, AgScience Consulting Supporting Honey Bee Health Through Antiviral Activity of Mushroom Mycelium Based Extracts – Paul Stamets, Founder and Managing Director of Fungi Perfecti.	Research Update from the Baton Rouge USDA Honey Bee Breeding and Genetics Laboratory – Dr. Tom Rinderer, USDA-ARS Baton Rouge Bee Lab, LA
11:20 AM – 12:10 PM	Small Hive Beetle Management – Yong Park, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff Starting a New Bee Club – Chappie McChesney, Alachua FL	Hive Management Programs, Hive Products, Bee Removals, School Presentations & Media – KEYS to Making it as a Sideliner" – Emily Brown, Scottsdale, AZ	Queens, Princesses and Drones! Oh, My! – Elina Niño, UC Davis, Department of Entomology, Davis, CA (Magic Kingdom 1) Cryopreservation of Germplasm for Honey Bee Breeding and Conservation – Dr. Walter S. Sheppard, Washington State University, Pullman, WA (Magic Kingdom 1)	
12:10 PM – 1:30 PM	*Foundation Luncheon: Looking Backward to Move Forward – Mark Winston, Academic Director and Fellow, Simon Fraser University's Centre for Dialogue, Vancouver, B.C., Canada			Sleeping Beauty
12:10 PM – 1:30 PM	Lunch (on own)			On Own
12:10 PM	Silent Auction – White Tables Close			South Exhibit Hall

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Friday, January 9, 2015 (cont.)		
1:30 PM – 1:33 PM	Sponsor Presentation – Bayer CropScience Bee Care Center	Center Ballroom
1:33 PM – 2:15 PM	Bee Time: Lessons From the Hive – Mark Winston, Academic Director and Fellow, Simon Fraser University's Centre for Dialogue, Vancouver, B.C., Canada	Center Ballroom
2:20 PM – 5:00 PM	ABF Business Meeting	Center Ballroom
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Reception in the Tradeshow w/cash bar	South Exhibit Hall
5:00 PM	Silent Auction – Water White Tables close	
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Honey Show Live Auction in the Tradeshow	South Exhibit Hall

Saturday, January 10, 2015		
7:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Registration/Information Desk Open	South Lounge
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Tradeshow Open	South Exhibit Hall
8:00 AM	Dark Silent Auction Opens	South Exhibit Hall
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Writing About Bees – Mark Winston, Academic Director and Fellow, Simon Fraser University's Centre for Dialogue, Vancouver, B.C., Canada	Magic Kingdom 1
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Understanding Bee Biology Over the Course of a Season - Randy Oliver, ScientificBeekeeping.com, Grass Valley, CA	South Ballroom AB
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Labor Law – Ralph Jones, Idaho State University	Magic Kingdom 4
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Beekeeping in Greece – Fani Hatjina, Nea Moudania, Greece	Castle A
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Therapeutic Beekeeping in At Risk Communities: Enhancing Community Through Apiculture - Julia & Sarah Common, Hives for Humanity, Vancouver, BC	Castle B
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Queen Rearing using Jenter System, Spring Management (Making Nuc's, etc) – John Speckman, Shawnee, KS	Magic Kingdom 2
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Bid for Apimondia Review – Debbie Seib, Mooresville, IN	Castle C
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Making the City Pretty: Creating an Urban Oasis for Pollinators – Beth Conrey, Berthoud, CO	Magic Kingdom 3
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Building Membership – Blake Shook & Tim Tucker	North Ballroom AB
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Refreshment Break	South Exhibit Hall
10:30 AM	Dark Silent Auction Closes	South Exhibit Hall
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Applying Bee Biology to Hive and Parasite Management - Randy Oliver, ScientificBeekeeping.com, Grass Valley, CA	South Ballroom AB
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Creating Beneficial Products from Your Hive - An Interactive Workshop – Lindsay Dault, Urban Bee Supplies, Vancouver, Canada	Castle C

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Saturday, January 10, 2015 (cont.)		
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Decision Making – Ralph Jones, Idaho State University	Magic Kingdom 4
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Beginning Beekeeping the Right Way – Chappie McChesney, Alachua, FL	Castle B
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Going Chemical Free: My Personal Journey – Don Schram, Michigan Beekeepers Association	Magic Kingdom 1
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Pending	Magic Kingdom 3
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Api-Tourism – Tanja Arih Korosec, Slovenija, EU	Castle A
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Commercial Workshop – Jan Lohman, Hermiston, OR	Magic Kingdom 2
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Lunch (on own)	
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Results of Recent Beekeeper-Supported Studies by Randy – Randy Oliver, ScientificBeekeeping.com, Grass Valley, CA	South Ballroom AB
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Strategic Planning and Goal Setting – Ralph Jones, Idaho State University	Magic Kingdom 4
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Beekeeping 201 – Blake Shook, Desert Creek Honey, McKinney, TX	Magic Kingdom 1
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	The Handling of the Africanized Beehive: Case of Mexico – Juan Antonio Pliego Quintos, Miel Pliego Mexico	Castle A
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Growing an Apiary Business – Mark Hedley, Spiral Horn Apiary, Rochelle, TX	Magic Kingdom 2
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Honey Show Judging – Dr. Marion Ellis, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE & Warren Nelson, Valhalla Bee Farm, Lincoln, NE	Castle B
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Honey Bee Biology and Behavior – Lance Wilson, Certified Master Beekeeper, Austin, TX	Magic Kingdom 3
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Pending	Castle C
3:00 PM – 5:30 PM	ABF Board of Directors Meeting	Blue Sky Suite 2920
6:30 PM – 9:30 PM	*ABF Annual Banquet w/Live Auction	Center Ballroom

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Also, the Honey Show Committee has announced that the theme for the Honey Gift Box class this year will be "Wish Upon A Star."

The Honey Show will showcase the best examples of honey and beeswax. It includes 17 classes for honey, four for beeswax and the gift basket class. After the entries are judged, they will be auctioned to benefit the American Honey Queen Program.

The entry form and appropriate fees must arrive at the ABF offices by Friday, December 15, 2014.

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Queen Committee Report

by Anna Kettlewell, Honey Queen Program Chair

The American Honey Queen and Princess's promotional year has flown by! I encourage you to see Queen Susannah and Princess Elena's articles to learn details about their many promotions from the last several months. The American Honey Queen Committee is very proud of their exceptional work for the beekeeping industry this year. There will be ample opportunity at the American Beekeeping Federation Conference in California to learn more about their work.

With 2015 right around the corner, we are excited to welcome three candidates to Anaheim who have applied for the 2015 American Honey Queen and Princess positions. You can find their bios and photos on page 31. The Queen Committee welcomes them and looks forward to learning more about them and their state promotions at our conference.

I encourage all conference attendees to support the Queen program through purchase of raffle tickets for our beautiful handmade quilt. Kay Oakley, of Texas, graciously donated her time in creating this gorgeous quilt, which will be on display throughout the convention. You can also support the program by entering your unique honeys and beeswax items in our American Honey Show. All items will be auctioned off during our convention to benefit the American Honey Queen Fund.

There is an abundance of opportunities to interact with our Queen, Princess, and candidates throughout the convention, but I especially encourage members to stop by the ABF Auxiliary Breakfast/Meeting, where the candidates will give three-minute presentations on Propolis. It's a great opportunity to see the candidates' presentation skills and learn more about one of our industry's products.

Susannah and Elena will continue to be busy with promotions through December. While their schedules are full for the rest of the year, I encourage you to contact me at 414.545.5514 or honeyqueen99@hotmail.com to provide me with dates and details for promotions for our 2015 representatives. We look forward to an excellent Anaheim convention and a successful 2015 promotion season!

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2015 Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees Scholars

Thanks to scholarships awarded by the Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, six budding scientists from all over the country are presenting their research at this year's conference. The $2000 awards will enable the graduate students to meet fellow honey bee researchers and people in the industry they hope to serve.

Rachael E. Bonoan is in her second year as a graduate student in the Ecology, Evolution and Behavior program at Tufts University. As an undergraduate, she studied the evolution of avian cognition at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth and nutritional resource allocation strategies in sulfur butterflies as part of the NSF REU Program at Tufts University. As a graduate student, she worked with a Tufts undergraduate to study heat dissipation within honey bee hives following localized heat stress. She has also conducted pilot studies investigating micronutrient preferences in foraging honey bees, mentoring three more undergraduates during the project. After finishing her Ph.D. at Tufts University, she plans on continuing her research and stay in academia. She is passionate about extending her research outside of academia and making it accessible to young scientists as well as the general public.

Cameron Jack is an Oregon State University graduate student who grew up in a small town near Las Vegas, NV, where he worked with a grandpa who kept honey bees. He completed an undergraduate education at Southern Utah University in 2012 and is now a master's student in the Department of Horticulture at Oregon State University with Dr. Sagili. He is currently conducting research on the honey bee gut pathogen Nosema ceranae. Following completion of his master's degree, he plans to pursue a Ph.D. continuing research on bee health.

Christoph Kurze has been a Ph.D. student in the globally recognized honey bee research group of Prof. Robin F.A. Moritz at the Martin-Luther-University Halle-Wittenberg (Germany) since November 2012. Even though he maintains a broad interest in evolutionary ecology, he is particularly fascinated by the interaction and coevolution between parasites and their hosts. This fascination started with his Bachelor of Science thesis under the supervision of Dr. Jeremy Sternberg and Prof. John R. Speakman at the University of Aberdeen (United Kingdom) in 2010. In this work he studied the consequences of African trypanosome infection, which is the agent of sleeping sickness in humans, and found that the infection caused an extreme loss of appetite (anorexia) resulting in a decrease bodyweight (cachexia) in mice. For his Master of Science degree in Biodiversity, Evolution and Ecology at Freie Universität Berlin (Germany) in 2010-2012, he continued studying host-parasite associations in the group of Dr. Marion L. East and Prof. Heribert Hofer at the Leibniz Institute for Zoo and Wildlife Research in Berlin. There he found that age might be associated with immunity towards tapeworm infections in free-ranging Serengeti spotted hyenas. Moreover, juveniles were more infected when many hyenas visited the dens, but less infected when they were least well fed. Now in his Ph.D. program he studies how the fugal parasite Nosema ceranae might manipulate susceptible honey bee hosts and how resistant mechanisms of the honey bee might have evolved to escape parasitic manipulation. He uses an integrative approach, which includes the fields of genetics, histology, behavior and physiology, to gain insights into the mechanisms underpinning interactions between Nosema and the honey bee host. In the future he will continue working with Nosema for his Ph.D. and hopes to get a research fellowship afterwards that would allow him to continue studying thrilling host-parasite interactions in a more natural setting.

Rong Ma is a Ph.D. student who works with Dr. Ulrich Mueller at the University of Texas at Austin. Rong is the recipient of a Graduate Research Fellowship from the National Science Foundation and recently presented his work at a social insect conference in Australia. He is fascinated by the complex system of chemical communication in honey bees, especially in the ways that pheromones influence behavior. Rong frequently speaks at and attends beekeeping meetings, most recently at the annual Texas Beekeepers' Association summer clinic. In his free time, Rong enjoys rock climbing, archery, and learning to play the violin.

Honey Bee Scholars

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Stephanie Parreira, as a bee researcher, has two main goals: 1) to address the long-term impacts of pesticides on honey bee colony health, and 2) to engage beekeepers and the public alike in scientific research and advocacy. She earned her bachelor's degree in Environmental Studies at Sonoma State University in Sonoma County, California. Because her education there incorporated hard science with the social sciences, she's always considering the scientific and social impacts of her work. Stephanie aims to provide growers, beekeepers and legislators with meaningful data determining the true impacts of pesticides on colonies, as well as educate the general public about bee biology and what individuals can personally do to improve bee health. When she finishes her master's program at Oregon State University, she hopes to earn her Ph.D. and answer more questions pertaining to colony decline. Her ultimate goal is to become a professor so that she will be able to continue doing research and engaging young people in science and entomology. Outside of her academic pursuits, Stephanie enjoys playing music, reading, and creating various works of art. She also plans to have hives of my own when she is finished with her master's program.

Elizabeth Walsh is in her first year as a graduate student in Texas A&M University's Entomology Department where she is examining physiological and behavioral changes in honey bee queens reared in miticide contaminated environments. She is mentored and advised by Dr. Juliana Rangel-Posada. Elizabeth began beekeeping in high school and has been enamored with bees and beekeeping ever since. She earned her undergraduate degree at Ripon College, a small liberal arts college in Wisconsin, and used proceeds from her beekeeping business to pay for part of her tuition. During the summer of 2013, Elizabeth participated in an NSF-REU program in Dr. Rangel's Honey Bee Lab at Texas A&M University where she examined queen retinue response to queens reared in miticide-contaminated environments. At Ripon College, Elizabeth established a program where undergraduate students kept bee hives on the college's prairie and she conducted a citizen's science project examining local bee hives for various parasites. She also has been an active part of several Wisconsin beekeeping organizations, such as the East Central Wisconsin Beekeepers Association and the Wisconsin Honey Producers Association, and enjoys helping teach beekeeping classes for beginning beekeepers. Elizabeth plans to educate others about bees and beekeeping after completing her Ph.D. in Entomology.

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Honey Bee Health Coalition spearheaded by George Hanson. The other ongoing initiative is the Presidential Memorandum which has tasked USDA and EPA with protecting pollinators and restoring population levels to healthy levels across the nation. This initiative has EPA scurrying to review pesticides and their risk benefit levels. A recent ruling by EPA indicated that there is no benefit for using seed coating treatment for soybeans. This could be a first big step in reducing the prophylactic use of pesticides on tens of millions of acres of soybeans. Our main communication with Washington this year has been that we need to use pesticides more wisely and in a manner that would employ Integrated Pest Management in crop protection. We need to find more sustainable methods for long term protection of bees and all pollinators. We need to resolve the corn dust problem. When 90% of a pesticide is not utilized, in the effort to control target pests that is not a Best Management Practice. If these compounds are building up in the soil, that is not a wise use of pesticides. If the dust is affecting other non-target species, that is not protecting the environment. We continue to bring this message to EPA, USDA and all agencies of state and federal government.

We have also clearly communicated the need for more safe pesticide-free forage that will expand acres available for all pollinators and hopefully restore some of the acres lost to expanding corn and soybean acres. We have stressed continually the need for better seed mixes that will be affordable and that will include sweet clover. This message was heard loud and clears at both the USDA forage summit and the NAPPC meeting. Past President Zac Browning has been hard at work on this issue and we should all thank him for his efforts.

So we are reaching out in every direction we can and engaging with any project or initiative that has a goal of improving honey bee health and yes, that involves speaking with pesticide producers and applicators. I have to thank David Hackenberg, Dave Mendes and Clint Walker for their efforts this year in working on efforts in Washington D.C. as well. And of course Vice-President Gene Brandi has been part of almost every aspect of ABF involvement. We've been lucky to have people who stay involved and give their all. Thanks to everyone who helped this year being involved in our committee work and all aspects of our organization.

From the Honey Queen

by Susannah Austin, 2014 American Honey Queen

Susannah Austin
2014 American Honey Queen

August through November have been extremely busy promotional months for me, as I again travelled from coast to coast teaching people young and old about the importance of the honey bee and agriculture!

From August 19-23, I traveled to New Jersey for the second time this year to work with the Northwest New Jersey Beekeepers Association at the Hunterdon County Farmers Fair. Before the fair, I had an interview with WCTC radio to promote the bee booth. I invited people to come to the fair and pick up pollinators plants to help the bees in their area. During the radio program, listeners called in, so I could answer their questions about beekeeping in New Jersey. Once the fair started, I worked in the bee booth selling honey, answering questions, passing out pollinator plants, and giving demonstrations inside the bee cage. I really enjoyed my time in New Jersey and am grateful to Fran and Stan Wasitowski for inviting me to participate.

Queen Susannah promoted the Hunderton County 4-H Fair and took call-in questions on WCTC Radio in New Jersey.

From New Jersey, I traveled to Minnesota to help educate at the Minnesota State Fair August 24-31. The Minnesota State Fair has the largest attendance of any fair in the country, and the bees and honey wing is a very popular stop for fairgoers. The exhibit hosts a variety of activities involving honey bees, including live hive demonstrations, extracting demonstrations, cooking presentations, crafts for the kids, a fantastic honey show, and more! Throughout the fair, I helped with cooking demonstrations and open hive presentations and answered questions at the observation hives. Because the fair is such a huge part of Minnesota culture, many of the radio and television stations in the area have live coverage from the fairgrounds. I gave interviews with several radio and television stations with live audiences during the week, with free media publicity totaling over $6,000. Thank you to Liz Schroeder for arranging my visit, David Shaef for helping set up my presentations, the Olson family for hosting me during my stay, and to all the Minnesota Honey Producers Association members who escorted me to events during the fair.

I went from Minnesota to Palo Cedro, California, to work at the 34th annual Palo Cedro Honey Bee Festival September 1-7. Before the festival, I visited several local schools to give presentations to over 300 students and invite them to attend the festival. I also had interviews on a variety of radio stations to share information about the importance of beekeeping in northern California. The Honey Bee Festival was started more than 30 years ago to celebrate the tradition of queen breeding, one of the first industries in the Palo Cedro area. Today, the festival has grown to attendance of 10,000 people each year and includes arts and crafts and live entertainment, along with the Shasta County Beekeepers Association booth selling local honey and teaching the public about the importance of honey bees. This year, the festival also included a play about bees performed by a local acting

Queen Susannah dons her bee suit and gives an open hive demonstration at the Minnesota State Fair

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troupe, Bedazzled. It was a big hit with all the attendees and even taught them a few more things about honey bees! On the last day of the festival, I wore a bee beard for the first time! I really enjoyed the experience and hope to be able to wear more in future. In addition to these amazing experiences, I also had a television interview on KRCR TV from Redding at the festival. Thank you to Pat and Bonnie Stayer for hosting me for the week and to Glenda and Shannon Wooten for arranging my presentations and my bee beard!

From Palo Cedro, I traveled to southern California to work at the Los Angeles County Fair September 8-15. Before the fair, I visited a Jewish elementary school in Hollywood and gave several presentations on bees and honey production. Honey is important to many Jewish traditions, so it was exciting to teach the students more about our industry! This year was the first time that the American Honey Queen Program has reached the Los Angeles Fair in recent years, and I was very excited to participate in the educational programs with the Los Angeles County Beekeepers Association. The Los Angeles County Fair is one of the largest county fairs in the United States, and thousands of children come through the bee exhibit on school field trips to learn about the important role of pollinators. They can see the bees up close in a large observation hive and are given samples of honey and handouts with more information about the bees in California. I thank Bill Lewis for inviting me to participate in the fair this year and Clyde and Jan Steele for hosting me during my stay.

I traveled to Georgia to attend the Georgia Beekeepers Association (GBA) Fall Meeting in Milledgeville September 18-21. It was my first of several beekeeping conventions this fall, and this meeting had good attendance from beekeepers across the state. I was asked to speak about the outreach of the American Honey Queen Program and my experiences during the past year. Because the conference was held close to the ABF headquarters in Atlanta, I also worked with ABF Executive Director Regina Robuck and ABF President Tim Tucker, sharing information about ABF and the January conference during the weekend. Thank you to Bear Kelley, GBA president, for inviting me to speak at the conference and to Gina Galluci for hosting me.

From Georgia, I traveled to Arizona to work with Emily (Anderson) Brown, the 1997 American Honey Queen, at the Arizona Home and Landscape Show, September 22-29. Before the show, we had an interview on ABC 15 to share some information about honey and its many uses. We also visited a local elementary school to give a presentation about the amazing world of bees. The school had just installed an observation hive inside the science lab, so it was timely to talk with the students about what they would be seeing inside the hive. During the Home and Landscape Show, I gave cooking demonstrations each morning to help encourage people to try new honey recipes. I also shared some information about the benefits of beekeeping. Thanks to Emily Brown for arranging my visit and to her whole family for taking such good care of me during my stay.

Queen Susannah worked with 1997 American Honey Queen Emily (Anderson) Brown at the Arizona Home and Landscape Show.

From Arizona I traveled to Maine to work at the Fryeburg

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Fair with the Western Maine Beekeepers Association September 30 - October 6. The Fryeburg Fair is one of the biggest in Maine, and attracts visitors from all over New England. During my week there, I worked at the Association's bee booth in the Garden Center answering questions about bees, showing fairgoers the observation hive, and distributing additional information about beekeeping in New England. Thank you to Carol Cotrill for setting up my visit and hosting me during the fair!

From Maine, I traveled to the Tri-Cities area of Washington State to work with the Mid-Columbia Beekeepers Association for a week of school presentations October 7-12. I visited 14 local schools ranging from preschool to high school during my visit, reaching nearly 1,300 students! I spoke on a variety of different topics ranging from basic bee biology to the many uses of honey to the importance of the beekeeping industry. I also spoke at the monthly meeting of the Mid-Columbia Beekeepers Association and presented about my travels in the past year and demonstrated some honey recipes. Thank you to Ruby Ide for arranging my trip and hosting me for several days and also to Mike and Leslie Monroe and David White for helping to host me throughout the week.

After Washington, I traveled to Montana to help with the honey bee presentations at the Northern International Livestock Exposition (NILE). During the first few days of NILE, local agriculture representatives teach an "Ag in the Classroom" program for fourth graders in the Billings area. I really enjoyed seeing how interested the students were to learn more about bees, and I was amazed that we taught more than 1,500 students in just three days! After NILE, I traveled to Lewistown, MT to attend the Montana State Beekeepers Association Convention. I spoke at the convention about the many promotional opportunities that I had this year through the American Honey Queen Program and different ideas for future promotions. I thoroughly enjoyed my time in Montana and want to thank Patty Sundberg for arranging my visit and Debbie Sundberg for hosting me.

October 23-26, I traveled to southern Oregon to work with Sarah Red-Laird and the Bee Girl organization at their annual Beekeepers Ball fundraiser. Before the ball, I gave a presentation to local elementary school students and had a radio interview on KCMX radio. These experiences gave me the opportunity to talk about the importance of bees in Oregon. The Bee Girl Bee Ball sold out and was a great night celebrating bees and raising money for beekeeping education. I gave a presentation during the evening to share information about the American Honey Queen Program and the amazing world of beekeeping. Thank you to Sarah Red-Laird for inviting me to take part in the event and to Bob and Ellen Wright for hosting me.

I kicked off November with a week of promotions in Wisconsin, with stops in Milwaukee, Green Bay, Madison, and the Wisconsin North Woods November 1-9. In Milwaukee, I worked at a farmers' market helping to promote and sell local honey. I also participated in a store promotion during which I passed out honey and blue cheese appetizers to shoppers. I also visited schools from elementary to high school throughout the state, reaching over 1,500 students in four days. There were multiple media opportunities during my visit, including an appearance on a lifestyle show, "Living with Amy", to talk about cooking with honey and demonstrate some recipes. We demonstrated two recipes live and two more will air at a later time. I had two radio interviews discussing the importance of bees and the challenges facing the beekeeping industry, which aired on radio networks across the state and nation. I also had interviews in local and statewide newspapers that highlighted the challenges facing the beekeeping industry in the United States. I also participated in the Wisconsin Honey Producers Association convention, speaking about my travels throughout the year and outreach made possible through the American Honey Queen Program. I also had the privilege of crowning the 2015 Wisconsin Honey Queen, Kim Kester. I really enjoyed my time in Wisconsin and thank Derald and Mary Kettlewell for hosting me and Anna Kettlewell for arranging my visit.

As I finish up my last trips for the year with stops in Hawaii and Illinois, I cannot believe how quickly the time has gone by and how many people we have been reached over the past year! Thank you to everyone who has supported the American Honey Queen Program as it increases honeybee education. I thank you all for this amazing experience. I hope to see you all in Anaheim to share more details about this wonderful year of promotions! As you continue to support the American Honey Queen Program, consider hosting the 2015 American Honey Queen and Princess at your event. Please contact Anna Kettlewell at 414.545.5514 or honeyqueen99@hotmail.com to make arrangements for your 2015 promotions.

From the Honey Princess

by Elena Hoffman, 2014 American Honey Princess

Elena Hoffman
2014 American Honey Princess

Hello, fellow ABF members! I have had such a fantastic experience this whole year, especially teaching about the bees.

From August 20-24, I promoted at the Kentucky State Fair. I taught fairgoers about multiple different components of beekeeping. The Kentucky State Beekeepers Association had a short video on honey extraction playing every few minutes with seats for viewers. I noticed that many people enjoyed the short, educational video, which was great for children's short attention spans. This could be a draw at your state or local fair exhibit! I also helped in the honey sales booth and the candle rolling table at the fair. I attended the Governor's ham breakfast, where I spoke to many Kentucky lawmakers. In addition, I had an interview on WHAS 11 TV about the growing beekeeping industry. This interview was valued at roughly $2,400 of free media for the beekeeping industry. I thank the Kentucky State Beekeepers for coordinating my visit!

On my birthday, August 24, I left Kentucky and headed on a long day of planes toward Alaska. (Special thanks to Kentucky State Apiarist, Tammy Horn, for her fantastic rendition of happy birthday to me during my 4:30 a.m. drive to the airport!) Alaska was bustling with promotions for me, and I was excited to be the first representative of ABF in over 10 years to visit Alaska. During the first leg of my trip, I was in Fairbanks to speak in multiple schools on the importance of honey bees. I taught 932 students and their teachers during this three-day visit. When I asked how many children had parents who kept honeybees at least half of every class raised their hands! Many of the schools also had gardens that the children cared for, and they were filled with many bee friendly flowers. The second leg of my trip was in Palmer, near Anchorage, for the Alaska State Fair. I spent time at the Alaskan Heavenly Honey Booth, promoting ABF in Alaska, and worked with the Southcentral Alaska Beekeepers Association at their bee booth. It was interesting to see how much they have to deal with keeping moisture out of hives in Alaska. They even had a special observation hive that was heated underneath and had better ventilation to try to control moisture. I also interviewed for six minutes on 89.5 HVRF radio about ABF and honey bees. I thank my sister Porsche Anslinger for hosting me in Fairbanks and Joe and Holly Carson for a wonderful stay in Alaska.

After Alaska, it was time to start September Honey Month promotions in Ohio September 1-7. Prior to the Lithopolis Honeyfest, I spoke in area schools and to a 4-H group. For the 4-Hers, I gave an open hive demonstration. I loved that, at first, everyone was standing really far away from the beehive. As they started to realize that the bees were gentle they began to come closer. By the end of my demonstration when I pulled out the queen on a brood frame, everyone was right beside me to get the best look at her. It was really rewarding to see the fear slowly seep from their minds and be replaced with a new awe and excitement for honey bees. The Lithopolis Honeyfest was a great two-day event where a few thousand people came out to buy local honey products and learn everything they could about honeybees. I gave multiple presentations on why the public should love honey bees and was the emcee for a quiz bowl for the public. I also gave two bee beard demonstrations at the festival. These are always a great teaching tool, because you can teach a captive audience many things about honey bees, including their communication. To promote the Honeyfest, I had multiple interviews on 90.9 WFCO radio and on Good Day Columbus TV. The overall media value of these interviews totaled $30,000! I send special thanks to both Anne Blackwell for hosting me and to Barry and Carmen Conrad for their support and organization!

Princess Elena interviewed with Good Day Columbus about the honeybee hive and promoted the Lithopolis Honey Festival in Ohio.

After Ohio, I traveled to Tacoma, WA for the Puyallup Fair September 8-16. I helped the Pierce County Beekeepers

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Association at their exhibit and handed out information on both the organization and their scholarship program. Their scholarship program is open to children ages 13-19 and covers the cost of a beehive, equipment, registration to a short course, and setting them up with a mentor. In return, the kids have to attend association meetings and give updates or presentations on what they learn and how their experience is going throughout the year. This is a great option for local bee clubs. It is a great opportunity to entice youth into the beekeeping industry and also offers a great learning experience for the student and even for the mentor.

Princess Elena giving an extraction demonstration at the annual Honey Harvest Festival in Maryland.

From Puyallup, I flew to Montana for the Western Apicultural Society (WAS) conference September 17-21. In addition to listening to fabulous speakers, I spread word about ABF to beekeepers from all over the west coast and gave a presentation on educational outreach with Sarah Red-Laird. Following the WAS conference, I participated in a Honey Harvest Festival in Missoula, which hosted a Kids N' Bees event. Sarah and I taught a few hundred children honey bee anatomy, pollination, and biology. Thank you to Jerry Bromenshenk for arranging my participation at the conference and honey festival!

I returned to Washington September 22-29. This time, I was on the east side of the Cascades in Yakima for the Central Washington State Fair. I worked alongside the Central Washington Beekeepers Association at their fair booth to teach the public more about honey bees and how they could begin keeping bees. During the day, I visited Yakima area schools teaching 774 students of all grades. After I returned to the fair in the afternoon, I narrated extracting demonstrations and explained some of the great health benefits of honey. Thank you to Stephen Stokesberry for arranging my visit.

I closed out National Honey Month with a television interview in WHTM TV in Harrisburg, PA on September 30. My October promotions began in Cockeysville, MD a few days later. The Oregon Ridge Nature Center held its annual, two-day Honey Harvest Festival October 4-5. The event drew 4,000 people and was full of activities to teach about the honey bee. I gave extracting demonstrations and open hive demonstrations. The event also had vendors selling local Maryland honey and a place for attendees to make their own honey ice cream. Thank you to Winny Tan and the Oregon Ridge Nature Center staff for arranging my trip!

Next, I went to Massachusetts October 6-13 for the Topsfield Fair. I worked alongside the Essex County Beekeepers in their beekeeping building. The building had four manned observation hives so that no questions went unanswered. The building also had short educational videos playing, which were the first and second place winners from their new fair contest to create a short educational video on beekeeping. This is a great way to inspire beekeepers or even the public to learn more about honeybees and also try to make some teaching videos that can be used by the organization. I spent many hours at the candle rolling table during fair time, sharing how honey bees and humans use beeswax. During weekdays, schools bussed students to the fair, and I worked at the fair's educational tent teaching these kids about honey bees. By the end of the week, I had presented to roughly 358 students in the education tent. I send a special thank you to Chris and Peter Delaney for being such excellent supporters at the fair and making sure I had everything I needed. I also thank Kathy Sample and Debbie McClelland for taking me to Boston for one day to see more of our nation's history. It was a fantastic week of promotion!

I had the pleasure of attending the Texas State Fair, or as the Texans would say, The Great State Fair of Texas, October 16-21. At the fair, I gave two cooking with honey demonstrations every day along with eight Honey Royalty in attendance. During cooking breaks, we manned the Texas Beekeepers Association exhibit, which had an empty hive set up for teaching purposes and an observation hive. We answered many questions during the fair!

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Florida was the next stop on my list October 22-26. I attended the Ocala Pumpkin Run in Ocala, FL. It was a three-day event filled with many different family oriented booths and the best booth of all, the beekeeping booth! The Marion County Beekeepers Association had local honey for sale and a working observation hive for viewing. There was also a honey bee hive for viewing and an area for bee beard demonstrations. In addition to teaching about honey bee pollination at the booth, I completed two more bee beard demonstrations! I talked about the different bees in the hive and explained about the queen's pheromones. I was interviewed about the event and honey bees on ABC 20 in Gainesville, Florida. I send my thanks to the North Central Florida Beekeepers Association for inviting me to come to help at their event, along with the Marion County Beekeepers Association for their tireless work at the event. Thanks to Chappie McChesney, Shannan Sweeney, and Rubbin Loos for their support along with Bill and Jill Harris for welcoming me into their home.

From October 27-31, I traveled to Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia to complete a school unit for grades 1 through 12. By the end of the week, I had spoken to 802 students! I try to be interactive during school presentations, but it is important to try different presentation styles to keep the students engaged. It is important to educate youth so honey bees will have a brighter future. The students and adults we teach today are the beekeeping industry's future for tomorrow!

I began promotions in Houston, TX for the Texas Beekeepers Association Convention November 6-9. When I wasn't attending a session, I mingled with attendees and sold raffle tickets for the Queen program. I also presented about my year of promotions, the American Honey Queen Program, and ABF's upcoming convention in California. I also had the privilege of witnessing the coronation of 2015 Texas Honey Queen Tabitha Mansker.

I am finishing out November promotions by visiting Pennsylvania schools and teaching about the honey bee and attending the Pennsylvania State Beekeepers Association convention. I also have upcoming promotions in New Jersey and Illinois to round out the year. It has been a busy year, and it is finally starting to wind down! I have thoroughly enjoyed my time representing all of you and my industry as the American Honey Princess. I thank you all for this tremendous opportunity. I encourage you to start reserving your event for next year with the new 2015 Queen or Princess. Contact Anna Kettlewell now via email at honeyqueen99@hotmail.com or by phone at 414.545.5514.

IN MEMORIAM:

Phillip Rossman
1947–2014

Phillip was born January 20, 1947 in Moultrie, Georgia. Phil was the son of the late Joseph Gray Rossman and Angeline Ellise Cowman Rossman. He graduated from Moultrie High School in 1964 and Auburn University in 1969. He was the retired vice-president of Rossman Apiaries.

During his career he served as president of the Georgia Beekeepers Association, the Southern States Beekeepers Association and the American Beekeeping Federation. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church, where he sang in the choir and worked as a youth leader. During his high school years, he was a "DJ" with WMGA Radio in Moultrie. He was a volunteer at the Moultrie Y.M.C.A. and a director of the Georgia Farm Bureau.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Diane Burke Rossman. Survivors include his wife, Krystal Kaye Russell Rossman, one daughter, Amy R. Ducote, one step-son, Russell Taylor and two step-daughters, Tonya Lenee Barbulescu and Michelle Elizabeth Taylor. He has one brother, Fred Rossman who together with his wife Ann of Moultrie now lead Rossman Apiaries; He also has two sisters, Elizabeth Lamble and Nell Hamrick, five grandchildren, his mother-in-law, Lelia "Lee" Russell of Moultrie; two sisters-in-law, and a brother-in-law.

2015 American Honey Queen Candidates

2014 Iowa Honey Queen
Gabriella Hemesath

Gabrielle Hemesath is the 18-year-old daughter of Mary and Russell Hemesath of Clermont, IA. She has helped manage 2,000 hives during her work at Fassbinder Apiaries for the past six years. Gabrielle is currently a freshman at Iowa State University where she is studying marketing. Additionally, she is involved in Cyclone Martial Arts, Hall Council, and the Hixson Scholar program. During her free time, Gabrielle enjoys reading, biking, baking, and crafting with beeswax.

2014 Pennsylvania Honey Queen
Kaylee Kilgore

Kaylee Kilgore is the 19-year-old daughter of Cindy and Bruce Kilgore, residing in Hershey, PA. She is a sophomore at Lehigh University in Bethlehem PA, where she is pursuing a degree in Global Studies. Kaylee is an active member of her school's philosophy club and volunteers with local Girl Scouts. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, swimming, playing board games, and baking.

2014 Texas Honey Queen
Hayden Wolf

Hayden Wolf, 19, is the daughter of Gus and Joanne Wolf from Tyler, TX. She began her beekeeping adventures in 2009 through the East Texas Beekeepers Association Youth Beekeeping Scholarship program and now cares for more than a dozen hives with her father and brother. In addition to beekeeping, she also cares for her family's large organic vegetable garden, chickens, guinea hens, and dog. In her free time, she enjoys cooking, art, music, singing in the family quartet, photography, and being outdoors. Hayden graduated from the Deo Juvante High School in 2014 and plans on attending college to become a registered dietitian.

Government Relations Update

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ABF President Tim Tucker, AHPA President Randy Verhoek, and ABF Past President David Mendes have recently been involved with the American Association of Pest Control Officials (AAPCO) in an effort to help develop state plans for the protection of bees. Communication between beekeepers, pesticide applicators, pest control advisers, and growers is often mentioned as an important component of these state plans. It has been stressed repeatedly that beekeeper notification of pesticide applications does not always result in bee hive movement, as is clearly shown by the California example. A voluntary beekeeper notification program has been in place throughout California for decades, and beekeeper notification rarely results in the movement of bee hives. We have continually stated that moving bee hives to avoid pesticide damage is not a sustainable means of avoiding bee/pesticide problems.

Another issue still on the table at EPA is that of bee hazard warnings on pesticide labels. The ABF and others have communicated to EPA over the past year that the label language introduced in late 2013 was insufficiently protective of bees and other pollinators. We understand that revised label language is scheduled to be unveiled some time before the end of 2014, and we certainly hope it is an improvement over the previous version.

Thanks to the aforementioned beekeeping industry leaders for dealing with these issues as they continue to move forward in what we hope is a positive direction for the beekeeping industry.

Viewpoint from a Commercial Beekeeper

by Jan Lohman

Did you ever have a curiosity about how someone started beekeeping? Why they live where they do; whether they are pollinators, honey producers, or both; or how many employees it takes to successfully operate their honey bee business? That is exactly what I want to know when I meet someone new in beekeeping. When you attend a conference, the most memorable talk you hear is the one about how someone got into beekeeping or the many pitfalls that they have encountered while managing their bees.

I suggested to our ABF Membership/Marketing Committee that we should address that very issue in the ABF Newsletter. Sure the ABF Newsletter has very useful information, but I think we can add some human interest to it as well. Beginning this month, we are presenting an article on the "Commercial Beekeepers". In the future we will introduce you, up front and personal, to many of the outstanding beekeepers in the industry. For this month, because I opened my mouth once too often, you get me! So let me introduce myself, I am Jan Lohman from Hermiston, Oregon and here is my story.

Vazza Farms is managed by Vincent Vazza and I in Hermiston, Oregon – located on the dry side of Oregon, 180 miles directly east of Portland. We run 2200 +/- honey bee colonies, with the help of 4 full time employees and occasional drop-in help during our heavier workloads. Vince began managing leaf cutter bees in Idaho to support his skiing habit, but soon after purchased 40 honey bee colonies from a neighbor. He says it was the best thing he ever did, because there was immediately foul brood to deal with, which forced him to learn how to be a "beekeeper, not a bee-haver!" He was located near Tony Noyes, and learned many of his beekeeping skills from him as well as others. His first trip to California and the Almond Bloom for pollination was on the "shirt-tail" of Tony. He later moved from Idaho by way of Madras, Oregon (where he experienced the most unsuccessful winter in his beekeeping career) to finally settle in Hermiston, Oregon. In 1991, I joined the beekeeping operation, when we were running 1100 colonies and had one full time person, when we could keep one interested!

We do pollination on almonds, cherries, pears, blueberries, melons, vegetable seed crops, sunflowers, and radish seed, and generally move the bees about 12 times a year. In the fall, our bees go into buckwheat in our region, which not only helps our honey production, but also helps the bees to build up for winter. We pride ourselves in having had the same customer base for many years. We think that loyalty is important to the businesses that we support, and hope that the same comes back to us. We know that customer service, having equipment in top shape, and collaboration with other beekeepers are all necessary in order to maintain our bees and our customers.

As fall is knocking on our door in eastern Oregon, we are working hard to create "fat bees" for overwintering. And, as all commercial beekeepers know, this is the time of year we work on all of the projects that were delayed during the busy summer months and we "gnaw at our nails" in worry for what the bees will look like in California in 2015, because even when you do everything right, things can go wrong!

Vincent Vazza tying down the truck.

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spring and then hosted three subsequent meetings at the Almond Board offices throughout the summer. Thanks also to my brother, Bob Brandi, Jackie Park-Burris, and Orin Johnson who attended some or all of the meetings with me and provided valuable input for this educational endeavor.

Wishing everyone a successful and prosperous 2015!

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The following individuals contributed to the Research Fund during the months of September and October 2014. These donations will help ABF continue to support research efforts and grants within the beekeeping industry and community.

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From the Auxiliary

by Lillian Kelley, ABF Auxiliary President

With winter approaching, many beekeepers are busy checking their bees and preparing them for a long winter and also transporting them to pollination states. It is a busy time for everyone but don't forget to make your plans for the 2015 North American Beekeeping Conference & Tradeshow in Anaheim, California, January 6-10.

Plan to attend the Auxiliary Breakfast/Meeting on Thursday morning, January 8, from 8:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. It is a great time to make new friends and renew old friendships. The current American Honey Queen and Princess will be there too. We will also be entertained by state Honey Queens as they present their sales presentations.

Tickets are still available and can be purchased during your registration. If you have already registered and would like to purchase a ticket or additional tickets, you can contact Regina Robuck at reginarobuck@abfnet.org or 404.760.2887.

Plan to join our gift exchange by bringing a $10.00 bee related gift to breakfast. If you bring a gift you get a gift. At the close of the meeting all gifts will be exchanged.

Visit our Auxiliary table located on the tradeshow floor at the conference and become a member of the Auxiliary. The dues are $10.00. Bee motif items are being sold at the Auxiliary table to raise money for the Auxiliary. Any donated items will be greatly appreciated.

While you are getting ready for the conference, keep taking those photographs and plan to enter the contest. Below are the rules for the photo contest.

Photo contest information and rules:

Categories:

- Adults and Beekeeping
- Kids and Beekeeping
- Honey
- Bees and Nature (bees on flowers, bees on frames)
- Pollination and Beekeeping

Requirements:

- Submit two 5x7 photos for each entry (5x7 before matting)
- At least one photo must be for judging (single mat only)
- 3X5 index card attached to back of photo with name, address and category

Important Information:

- Photos must be submitted by noon on Wednesday, January 7, 2015 during the conference.
- Photos can be submitted by proxy or mailed to a committee member if you are unable bring in person.
- Amateur photographers only.

If requirements are not met, photos will be disqualified. Photos will not be returned. Waiver for rights to photos will be signed at conference.

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