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Perspectives in Beekeeping:  
75th Anniversary ABF Conference & Tradeshow

by: Gene Brandi  
ABF President

Some fortunate individuals, indeed some of our ABF members, have had the good fortune to live for 75 years or more. A very small number of folks have been blessed to be married for 75 years and celebrate their diamond anniversary. 75 years is a long time for an organization to survive, but that is how old the American Beekeeping Federation (ABF) will be in 2018. Since its humble beginnings in 1943, there were times when the organization struggled to survive financially but the dedicated members and officers dug deep and kept the organization afloat. The 75th Anniversary ABF Conference & Tradeshow at the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno, Nevada, January 9-13, 2018, will be a celebration of the fact that the ABF has survived for a quarter of a century. It continues serving the interests of the nation’s beekeeping industry. The ABF is the oldest and largest national bee industry organization and our membership continues to grow. I would also like to recognize our premium sponsors, who have supported ABF throughout the years and continued to do so. Platinum: Barkman Honey; Dadant and Sons; Healthy Bees and Mann Lake. Gold: Beekeeping Insurance Services. Silver: Brushy Mountain Bee Farm. Bronze: A & O Forklift; ApiHoldings, LLC; Bayer Bee Care and Strong Microbials. Thank you!

In concert with the 75th Diamond Anniversary theme, our first keynote speaker on Wednesday morning January 10 will be Mr. Morris Weaver of Montgomery, Texas. Morris will present a history of the American Beekeeping Federation. Morris has the distinction of being the longest tenured member of the ABF, having first joined in 1945. He is also the earliest serving living past President of the ABF, having served for two years in 1975-76. Morris is a storehouse of information and has a wealth of historical knowledge about the ABF from his own personal experiences. This will be a very special and unique keynote address that you will not want to miss.

Dr. Jamie Ellis, the Gahan Associate Professor of Entomology at the University of Florida, will deliver the second keynote presentation: “Addressing the Sustainability of Beekeeping in the 21st Century” on Friday, January 12. Jamie is recognized as a world-renowned honey bee scientist and extension apiculturist who has grown the University of Florida honey bee research program to the point that a new, larger bee lab in being constructed to accommodate the needs of his program. Jamie’s keynote address will surely be one of the conference highlights.

The conference speakers will cover a variety of topics during general sessions including reports on research projects, new varroa control information, honey market and other honey information, pesticide issues, as well as a host of other topics including beekeeper panels and even a honey buyer/packer panel.

First thing Thursday morning there will be four concurrent SIG (Shared Interest Groups) sessions of Small Scale/Sideliner, Packaged Bee/Queen Breeders, Honey Producer/Packer, and Commercial Beekeepers. In mid-morning, there will be three concurrent track sessions of Small Scale, Serious Sideliner, and Commercial beekeepers. A Thursday evening social event at the Grand Sierra Resort will be spirited bowling. It will be fun for all ages!

The complimentary breakfast for commercial beekeepers has become a very popular event that will take place on Saturday morning. A beekeeper panel where current issues are discussed will again highlight this morning gathering. Commercial beekeepers can bring up to two people for this event. Please remember to add it to your registration. We would like to thank Barkman Honey, Cook & Beals and Strong Microbials for their sponsorship of this event.

Don’t forget to enter your best honey and/or beeswax in the American Honey Show. Check out the ABF Conference website http://abfconference.com for honey show entry information. Everyone will have the opportunity to purchase honey and beeswax entries at the honey show auction on Friday afternoon, proceeds from which benefit the honey queen program.

The annual ABF Business Meeting will convene on Friday afternoon and all members are urged to attend. New officers will be elected, 2018 resolutions will be presented and discussed, as well as other business. Resolutions, which are approved at the business meeting, will help set ABF priorities and policies for the officers and Board of Directors in 2018 and beyond. Please send any proposed resolutions to ABF Vice President, Tim May at tim@sunnyhillhoney.com so they can be considered at the conference.

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Saturday will feature a variety of workshops which attendees can choose to attend. How to breed for mite resistance, mead making, how to taste and evaluate honey, bee handling techniques, how to “Bee Political,” and a Jerry Hayes “Classroom” are just a few of the many topics which will be covered during the three separate workshop time slots on Saturday morning and early afternoon.

2017 American Honey Queen, Maia Jaycox, and 2017 American Honey Princess, Hope Pettibon, and the 2018 Honey Queen candidates will be actively participating in various events throughout the convention. The ABF Annual Banquet on Saturday evening will be highlighted by the crowning of the 2018 American Honey Queen and Princess and the live auction.

Early bird registration is only open until the end of October. Registration rates will increase November 1st. Register now and save!

The 75th Anniversary ABF Conference & Tradeshow will be an opportunity to spend time at a beautiful hotel and resort complex. You can reminisce with old friends and make some new ones, discover new ideas that can help to improve your beekeeping, and generally have a good time. I cordially invite you to join us at this once in a lifetime Grand Diamond Event! Hope to see you in Reno!
The honey season is winding down here in northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin. There has been a tremendous amount of rain in this area throughout the summer which has negatively impacted many beekeeper’s crops. After a short yellow sweet clover bloom, the white sweet clover bloom was extensive around here. Even with the difficult weather conditions, our bees did surprisingly well. Most of our supers are off and mite treatments are in. The bees continue to work the goldenrod which is blooming now.

Checking and treating for the varroa mite early and often has become so important for beekeepers. It is one of the negative variables on bee health that we can monitor and combat. The other negative variables such as pesticides and improper forage are more difficult to monitor and prevent. Our mite levels have been relatively low this summer with most hives registering 0-2 mites per 100 bees. Even with this low mite count we have experienced about a 12% colony loss already this year.

USDA has released survey results from beekeepers with at least 5 managed colonies. The survey showed an increase in total US colonies from 2,800,000 in 2016 to 2,890,000 in 2017. Beekeepers named the varroa mite as the number one stressor, with 53% of colonies being affected in the 2nd quarter of 2016. During that same period of 2017, this number went down to 42%. Also, the number of colonies lost to Colony Collapse Disorder went down 27% during the first three months of 2017 according to the survey.

While these numbers can be encouraging they do not represent any sort of a trend. Beekeepers are still losing colonies at an unsustainable rate due to many stress factors. These surveys do not consider all the variables that beekeepers are facing and this influences the results. We as beekeepers must contact our legislators and stress the importance of honeybees and the need to continue the Federal Pollinator Health Task Force.

It’s time to get ready for the 2018 American Beekeeping Federation Conference & Trade Show. The conference will be held January 9-13, 2018 at the Grand Sierra Resort (GSR) in Reno, Nevada. This year we will be celebrating ABF’s 75th Diamond Anniversary.

We are currently finalizing the conference program. We will have outstanding speakers, researchers, a 75th Anniversary historical presentations as well as track sessions for all levels of beekeeping and hands-on workshops. The ever-popular commercial breakfast will again take place with speakers and a commercial beekeeper panel discussing the current issues facing the industry. This is open to all commercial beekeepers. Please make sure you include the quantity within your registration. The welcome reception will be held on Wednesday evening in the Tradeshow with appetizers and a cash bar. Thursday evening’s social event will be a fun evening of bowling at the on-site bowling alley.

The Grand Sierra Resort is an outstanding facility with activities for the whole family. The GSR has the Grand Adventure Land Park, Fun Quest Arcade, laser tag, wall climbing and a bouncy house. There are 12 restaurants on-site, a movie theatre with three screens. If you are feeling lucky, the GSR is home to the largest casino in Reno.

Reno is also only a short distance from great skiing. Mt. Rose is home of the highest base resort around Lake Tahoe with skiing for all levels and only about a 30-minute drive from Reno. For those more advanced skiers, Squaw Valley, home of the 1960 Winter Olympics, offers many challenging runs as well as night skiing. Squaw is about a 45-minute drive from Reno. My personal favorite is Heavenly located in South Lake Tahoe and about an hour and 10 minutes from Reno. Heavenly offers 97 runs, 28 chair lifts and a 3500’ vertical, the largest in the west. All have rentals and lodging available.

The 2018 ABF 75th Diamond Anniversary Conference & Tradeshow is sure to be a great learning experience and a fun time for all beekeepers and their families. Please make plans to join us in Reno. Come for the conference and stay for the skiing.

I would also like to wish ABF President Gene Brandi and Christine a very Happy 44th Anniversary. They are a great couple and have been together since 7th grade. Congratulations Gene and Christine.

Hope to see you all in Reno!
Meet Your ABF Board
Directors Appointed by the President

Joan Gunter

Joan Gunter was raised in rural North Dakota on the family farm. She attended college and earned a degree in education and business. After graduating, she taught school on all levels for 10 years while raising 2 boys with her husband Dwight.

Joan and Dwight of Towner, North Dakota have been Commercial Migratory beekeepers for over 30 years traveling to Mississippi, Texas, and California. The family owned company is primarily engaged in honey production, queen rearing, pollination, and sales of bees.

Joan is involved with the American Beekeeping Federation (ABF), The Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, the National Honey Board, and The Honey Bee Health Coalition. She is also active in several states organizations in North Dakota, Mississippi and Texas,

Joan currently serves on the ABF Executive Board, is Chair of The Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees and is involved with several committees with in ABF.

Patty Sundberg

Lance Sundberg took Patty to Bridger, Montana to meet his parent only they drove right past his parents’ house to his bee yard and there she was introduced to honey bees for the first time.

Patty with her husband Lance, founded Sunshine Apiary, Inc. located in Columbus, Montana. The business now has 10 full time employees and 12 seasonal employees. Patty manages Sunshine Apiary, Inc. where they run over 8,000 hives for almond pollination in CA, fruit pollination in WA and honey, wax, and hive products in Montana.

Patty is the past ABF Honey Queen Chairperson, is serving her 6th year on the board and has been actively involved in fundraising activities during the annual conferences. Patty loves sharing the story and life of honey bees with others especially children.

In her spare time, you will find her traveling to spend time with their 3 sons and their family enjoying every moment possible with her grandchildren, taking pictures, sewing, walking, enjoying camping, listening to birds, looking at flowers and just enjoying the simple things in life. She is currently serving her 16th year as an alderman for the city of Columbus, Montana.

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Government Relations Report

by: Fran Boyd, Jr.
ABF’s Washington Team

It is nearing the end of the August recess and the members of Congress are where they need to be – back in their districts meeting with you, learning about the problems and issues facing beekeepers. As we get ready for Congress to return to town after Labor Day, this is a good time to let those in the American Beekeeping Federation (ABF) community know what Meyers & Associates does for ABF as its Washington office. We also want you to know what to expect entering the final months of the 1st Session of the 115th Congress and the first year of the Trump Administration.

Meyers & Associates has served as the ABF’s Washington office since 1982. We are a non-partisan Washington, D.C. based full-service policy consulting/government relations firm. We are located on Capitol Hill, in the same location since the founding of the firm in 1981. We provide ABF with a permanent DC office representing ABF and its membership day-to-day on Capitol Hill and with many agencies of the executive branch of government. We provide a presence in multiple policy coalitions, including agricultural policy, food safety, environmental and natural resources, and tax and trade issues. Our goal is to maintain an effective working relationship with key members of Congress and their staff, as well as the members and staff of congressional committees, the federal agencies and the White House. The principles of Meyers & Associates have served in both the executive and legislative branches of government and actively participated in every farm bill reauthorization since 1973.

In serving as ABF’s “eyes and ears” in Washington, we work very closely with the ABF officers and leadership daily reporting on federal and legislative policy, as well as federal funding important to the industry. In this capacity, we arrange for ABF officers and leadership to meet with key members of Congress and their staffs, as well as federal policymakers in the Administration on issues of importance to our industry, ensuring that the views and policy of America’s beekeepers are heard. In this regard, we work closely with ABF’s leadership providing advice and background as industry positions are developed.

As your Washington representatives, we participate in conference calls with ABF’s officers, provide input to industry comment on numerous proposed federal regulations and attend industry meetings for ABF here and outside of Washington, including ABF’s annual meeting.

There are, of course, many other things we do for ABF and its members that are not mentioned. Whenever an issue arises, our first response is “let’s get it done.” In other words, we do what you would do if you were in Washington every day instead of producing honey and much-needed pollination services for America’s agriculture.

What’s Ahead

Congress is returning to work after a month-long recess and there are several pieces of “must-pass” legislation on their plate. First and foremost, Congress must deal with the September 30th deadline to fund the federal government, or face a shutdown. They will also have to address raising the federal debt ceiling to prevent a default on the nation’s debt. In addition, passing a budget resolution, an infrastructure package, tax reform, and taking another stab at the repeal and replacement of the Affordable Health Care Act are all items that Congress would like to address.

Will the Government Shut Down?

Funding for the federal government must be provided by September 30th, or the government will face a shutdown on October 1st. In the past, when given few legislative days in September, Congress has had to pass a stop-gap piece of legislation known as a Continuing Resolution (CR) to keep the lights on while they address the details of funding the federal government for the next fiscal year. We anticipate that this will be the case again this year with Congress perhaps passing a CR to fund the government into December. We anticipate that the leadership in the House and Senate will try and avoid major “hot-button” issues in the CR, deferring them to the Omnibus Appropriations bill that will follow. In addition, with the national debt limit needing to be raised by the end of September or the middle of October, Congress must pass legislation raising the limit to avoid a default. The Administration has signaled that they would like a clean debt limit increase, so you may see an attempt to attach it to a short-term CR, but this would be a difficult process.

Tax Reform

The White House has said it would like to see the House of Representatives pass tax reform legislation in October, followed by the Senate approving a tax reform package in November. Republican leadership has said they will pass tax reform legislation using the budget reconciliation process which would allow the legislation to pass the Senate by 51 votes, rather than 60, to avoid a filibuster in the Senate. Members of the House and Senate Republican leadership have been meeting during the summer to try and come to an agreement on the general framework of a tax reform package. At this writing, the specifics of the package have not been public.

Farm Bill Reauthorization

The House and Senate Agriculture Committees have been working diligently to come up with the multi-titled legislation that makes up the farm bill before the current one expires in the fall of 2018. Several hearings have been held by the committees in Washington, in addition to field hearings and a series of listening sessions around the country. We anticipate that more hearings and listening sessions will be held in the Fall. The committee staff-people will soon begin to draft the new reauthorization with the hope that Congress will take up the legislation early in next year’s session. Making sure the ABF voice is heard during this process is a key assignment for us.

These are just the highlights. There will be many other issues Congress will debate in the remaining months of 2017, and we can promise you that you will be represented in all that will influence you and your industry. Since 1982, we have felt “part of the family” and take our responsibilities seriously. Thanks for the opportunity to work with you.

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• Thursday Night Social – Bowling with Dinner
• Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees Luncheon on Friday
• ABF Annual Banquet on Saturday evening with the Coronation of the 2018 American Honey Queen and Princess

Register now and take advantage of the early registration rates, which will be honored through October 31, 2017. After October 31, the regular registration rates will be valid through December 16, 2017. You won’t want to miss this opportunity to experience the one of the largest beekeeping tradeshow, outstanding educational sessions and the chance to network with your fellow beekeepers from all over the world.

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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, 2017. You MUST BRING your honey entries to the conference yourself. NO entries will be accepted at the ABF offices.

Additional information, including official show rules and regulations and entry form, can be found on the 2018 American Beekeeping Federation Conference & Tradeshow website at abfconference.com/american-honey-show or by contacting the ABF office at 404.760.2875. The website also includes a link to some helpful Honey Show hints and tips. Good luck and Shine Bright!
ABF Fundraising at the 2018 American Beekeeping Federation Conference & Tradeshow

As the 75th Anniversary of the American Beekeeping Federation comes into view, the years of ABF auctions have been a highlight of folk’s days and evenings at the conference. Where else can you see a one-pound jar of honey retail for hundreds of dollars? Where else can you acquire the most beautiful piece of bee art to display in your shop or home? The many items for auction at the conference are just part of the fun in fundraising. These events are great opportunities to enjoy your peers, family and friends and to have some laughs and a great time.

With the 2018 American Beekeeping Federation (ABF) Conference & Tradeshow (Many Facets One ABF) just around the corner, in Reno, Nevada at the Grand Sierra Resort on January 9-13, we are beaming with excitement to share the news about our lively fundraising events at the annual conference. While ABF membership dues are vital to sustaining our organization’s presence in the agricultural industry, fundraising at the annual conference is also so critical to the many programs the ABF implements throughout the year. At our conferences, we strive to put the FUN in fundraising!

Members will again have many opportunities to support the American Honey Queen Program, the ABF Legislative Fund and the ABF General Fund. Each fund is important and provides our members with value for their membership. Through your donations and assistance, we can better lobby Congress to protect beekeepers’ interests. We can also generate hundreds of thousands of dollars in free media publicity for the honey and beekeeping industries through the American Honey Queen Program, provide educational webinars for our members, and financially support invaluable research efforts of talented scientists throughout the country.

None of these ventures is inexpensive, nor can we ever provide them enough funding, but every little bit helps. The fundraising activities are well-attended and fun events for our conference attendees. Below are some of the fundraising opportunities at the convention:

- **AMERICAN HONEY SHOW AUCTION:** All entries in the American Honey Show are auctioned to support the American Honey Queen Program. You can help by entering your honey, wax or gift basket in the show or by attending the auction of these items.

- **ANNUAL SWEEPSTAKES TICKETS:** Purchase raffle tickets from ABF Directors and members of the Delegates Assembly for unique prizes (beekeeping and non-beekeeping items). Winners are chosen at the ABF banquet on Saturday evening.

- **AMERICAN HONEY QUEEN QUILT RAFFLE:** Honey Queen Candidates sell raffle tickets to support the American Honey Queen Program. The quilt is awarded to the winner during the ABF banquet. Tickets may also be purchased from the American Honey Queen and Princess throughout the year and prior to the convention.

- **SILENT AND LIVE AUCTIONS:** Silent and Live Auctions: Silent and live auctions benefiting the ABF General Fund and the American Honey Queen Program are held throughout the convention.

- **BANQUET AUCTION:** A live auction with proceeds benefiting the General Fund and Honey Queen Fund. Items are limited at this auction to the Best of Show Honey and non-honey entries and other select items.

The ABF general fundraising and American Honey Queen fundraising teams will collaborate on some of the silent and live auctions. Drop off for ALL auction items must occur by 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 10. Our expert fundraisers need time to inventory all the wonderful donations and prepare for the various events.

The ABF Welcome Reception, along with the Beekeeping Brain Buster Game and a live auction, will be held in the Tradeshow on Wednesday, January 10. Silent auction tables will be open each day of the conference, with different closing times. Keep your eye out for something new each day! The American Honey Show Auction will occur on Friday, January 12, right after the ABF business meeting. Stay for a cocktail and bid on some great honey before heading out to dinner!

Fundraising at the 2018 American Beekeeping Federation Conference & Tradeshow is critical to many of the ABF’s keystone programs. While we eagerly and happily accept your membership dues and donations throughout the year, the bulk of the fundraising for these special funds happens at the ABF conference. We need your support to continue making these programs vibrant and solvent.

All donation items must be shipped or delivered directly to the conference. ABF will not be able to accept items prior to the conference.

If you wish to donate an item to the auctions and cannot attend the convention in January, please contact me, robuck@meetingexpectations.com, to coordinate shipping logistics. If you have larger items or plan to ship your auction items prior to the conference, contact me for assistance. You may make donations to special funds at any time during the year online or through checks to the ABF office.

We look forward to having you join us in the Specular Splendor of ABF’s fundraising activities at the 2018 American Beekeeping Federation Conference & Tradeshow!
2018 American Beekeeping Federation Conference & Tradeshow

Registration Rates*

Members of the following organizations will receive a registration discount:

- American Beekeeping Federation
- Nevada Beekeepers Association

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**Students and Educators will be required to show valid school ID at the conference.

Cancellation Policy

Registration cancellations received in writing on or prior to 12/15/2017 will be refunded minus a $50.00 administrative fee.

Registration cancellations received after 12/15/2017 will not be refunded.

PLEASE NOTE:

All non-member registrants will receive a one-year entry level membership to the American Beekeeping Federation to be processed following the conference in late January/early February 2018. You will be notified once your memberships have been activated.
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* Additional registration fee required
Kids and Bees in Reno

This coming January, the Kids and Bees main event will be at the 2018 American Beekeeping Federation Conference & Tradeshow in Reno, Nevada.

On Friday, January 12th from 9:00 – Noon, local and visiting elementary-aged kids are welcomed to the Nevada room in the Grand Sierra Resort to participate in the “Kids and Bees” program. This no-charge educational program has been a traditional featured event with the American Beekeeping Federation Conference for over 20 years, and is a “don’t miss” opportunity for school groups, home schooled kids, scouts, and clubs. Kids and their teachers or parents can expect a room full of hands on exhibits under the themes of, “The Art of Beekeeping,” “The Science of Beekeeping,” “The World of Beekeeping,” and “The Future of Bees: It’s Up to You!” They will learn about the art and science behind beeswax, honey, pollination, ultraviolet bee vision, and so much more! Students will make their way through each station, engaging with beekeepers and Honey Queens from around the US, and in activities that will harness their senses and imaginations.

We’ll need about thirty volunteers to make this program a success! If you would like to lend a smile and some bee knowledge, please email me at sarah@beegirl.org or for more information and registration visit https://abfkidsbees.eventbrite.com.

Please, also, help us spread the word to anyone you know who is attending with their kids, or anyone in the Reno area.

2018 American Beekeeping Federation Conference & Tradeshow
Call for Auction Donations!

During the 2018 American Beekeeping Federation Conference & Tradeshow, attendees will have the opportunity to experience outstanding live and silent auctions. The American Beekeeping Federation is never at a loss for must-have auction items, including:

- Beekeeping-related artwork, including paintings, stained glass and hand-carved pewter items
- Honey and honey-related products
- Unique clothing items
- Beekeeping supplies and instructional books
- Antique beekeeping items, such as smokers and hive tools
- Household items in a bee motif, including coffee mugs, glasses, cheese trays and plates

The ABF is already on the lookout for auction items for the 2018 American Beekeeping Federation Conference & Tradeshow, January 9-13, 2018, in Reno, Nevada. Do you have an item that you would like to donate? Your contribution will be instrumental in helping the ABF bolster its general fund, which enables us to carry out our programs to serve the U.S. beekeeping and honey industry, as well as work to preserve and protect honey bees to ensure a quality food supply and environment. Please make sure you keep a list of items donated.

If you are interested in donating an item to either the silent or live auction, please contact Sherrell Bailey at sbailey@abfnet.org or 404.760.2875 for additional information and to let us know the item(s) you will be donating.

We will NOT be accepting items in the office this year. You can ship directly (email sbailey@abfnet.org for details) or drop them off at the Grand Sierra Resort ABF Auction Room the day of the conference. If you plan to donate something it would be helpful to hear from you by Friday, December 15, 2017.

Thank you in advance for your support of the ABF. We look forward to hearing from you soon and to seeing you in Nevada in January. And, if you haven’t already done so, be sure to register now for the conference. Additional information, including all registration rates, guest room accommodations, the conference schedule, invited speakers, session topics and much more, can be found on the conference website at http://abfconference.com. Be sure to check the website often, as additional conference details will be posted as soon as they are made available.
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How can MP3 Plans More Effectively Protect Honey Bees from Pesticide Exposure?

“Five gallon buckets full of dead bees.” That’s what my grandfather said he had after his neighbor sprayed pesticides on a soybean field. [1] Because so many bees are dying, due to pesticide use, President Obama wrote a memorandum in 2014 that called for the protection of honey bees (Apis mellifera). [2] This document asked the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to lead a task force made of representatives from 15 federal departments and agencies to set up a strategy that would promote the health of honey bees. [3] The strategy that they wrote included a series of actions. One of these actions included developing the state Managed Pollinator Protection Plans (MP3) that would be approved by the EPA. [4] Currently, there are nine states that have completed a pollinator protection plan. [5]

North Carolina’s MP3 is currently a work in progress. Some of the chapters in this plan should be available in the spring. In an email to me, Environmental Toxicologist for the NCDA, John Allran stated, “The state plans are voluntary measures intended to complement the mandatory regulations governing pesticide use...” [6] He also stated, “Because of the evolving science and regulation, we intend for this to be a ‘living document’, so it will most likely be published online...” Lastly, Allran talked about the success of a program called Driftwatch. Driftwatch is a program that allows farmers to locate nearby registered apiaries on a map so they can notify apiaries of upcoming pesticide applications. [7] He said, “We have already had some very successful efforts with registry of apiaries through Driftwatch to enhance communication among pesticide applicators, growers, and beekeepers to protect bees from potential adverse effects of pesticides.”

After researching the North Carolina MP3, I have four suggestions about apiaries and pesticide use by farmers. The four topics that I am going to discuss are: apiary state registrations, one mile notification area, Driftwatch, and confirmation of notifications. I also have ideas about foraging land and youth education.

First, there are state regulations that pesticide users and beekeepers have to follow. Farmers applying pesticides are only required to inform apiaries registered with the state. This registration costs $10 and is not required by the state. So, not every apiary is registered. That means that some bees could come into contact with pesticides without the beekeeper realizing it. My suggestion is that all apiaries be required to register with the state.

A second thing that NC’s plan could do is address one of the state regulations on notifying registered apiaries about aerial pesticide applications. This regulation tells farmers that they are required to inform registered apiaries within one mile of the pesticide target area. [8] One mile sounds like it could work, however, honey bees can travel two or more miles to get food. [9] This means that the regulation does not help bees traveling over one mile and that they could still come in contact with the poison. To fix this the MP3 could require a notification radius of two or three miles.

Thirdly, North Carolina uses the program Driftwatch, however, it is not required to be used by apiaries or farmers, because Driftwatch is a voluntary program. I know of two beekeepers near where I live who are not marked on the Driftwatch map, so there are probably more. This program could be made more effective if all apiaries were required to mark their bee hives in the mapping program. If all the apiaries were mapped out in one website and the website calculated the notification area, then all the farmers would have to do is locate their fields and they could see all the apiaries they would need to notify.

Finally, the previously mentioned regulation says, “the farmer shall notify registered apiaries within one mile of the target area.” When I asked my grandfather if he thought that farmers would notify beekeepers about spraying pesticides he said, “They don’t do that. That’s an ideal thing to do.” He said that when his neighbor sprayed Sevin by aircraft on their soybeans he didn’t complain. He said, “my neighbor was a friend...was I going to start a bee war?” Also this entire rule only applies to farmers applying pesticides by aircraft (aerial application). If the farmer uses other methods to apply pesticides, they are not required to inform the apiaries at all. The MP3 could require some kind of confirmation of the notification before a farmer could spray pesticide.

President Obama’s memorandum called for seven million acres to be added to the honey bee’s foraging land throughout the United States. [10] Seven million acres is about the size of the state of Maryland. One solution to getting foraging land for bees, is to plant native flowers on closed landfills. The state of Maine has already set up bee foraging land on their Pine Tree Landfill. [11] If no pesticides are sprayed on or near this land, then this would be a good way to protect the bees from pesticide exposure.

The federal strategy states, “...USDA will distribute pollinator education materials and facilitate pollinator education programs through their specific education programs, such as 4-H...”. [12] During my time in 4-H, I have taught summer camps and I think they would be a good way to teach youth about honey bees. The NC Dept. of Agriculture working with Cooperative Extension Service could provide educational materials to the county 4-H programs for the summer camps.

The points that I have made about North Carolina’s future MP3 will hopefully help better protect honey bees from the harmful pesticides sprayed on crops. My grandfather had been keeping bees for 45 years until pesticides killed off his bees. North Carolina is working on its MP3 but until it is finished, “the bees pay with their lives,” just like my grandfather said.

For reference and bibliography, visit preservationofhoneybees.org.
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Queen Committee Report

by: Anna Kettlewell
Honey Queen Program Chair

Annually, I give the ABF membership an update on our representatives’ goals and results to date, and it’s that time once again. Maia and Hope have had a busy year filled with several new promotional events and many educational experiences. I write this article in late August, and, by August 31, our representatives will have visited 20 states from coast to coast, 10 of those multiple times!

Below is a progress report on Maia’s and Hope’s performances to date based on the goals that they established during training in January.

Maia’s Goals & Results to Date

1. Reach over 5,000 students through school presentations. As of August 18, Maia has presented to students in grades K through 12 in five states. To date, she’s reached nearly 2,000 students. While focusing on her studies at Iowa State University this spring, she maintained a full plate including these many presentations. As fall moves in, Maia will have the opportunity to reach this goal with trips to California, Florida, Montana, and Wisconsin.

2. Speak to 20 agriculturally related groups nationwide. As of August 18, Maia has spoken to eight of these groups. She greatly enjoys connecting beekeeping to different agricultural industries and these groups, particularly 4-H, FFA, and Farm Bureau, are great ones to tap into when Maia visits your state. Consider coordinating a presentation to such a group during one of her stops to your area!

3. Have 25 media interviews. As of August 18, Maia is 50% to reaching this goal. She has had media exposure in all major outlets (newspaper, radio, television, and internet). With many fairs and busy promotional opportunities ahead, Maia will certainly meet this goal before the end of the year.

Hope’s Goals & Results to Date

1. Speak to 10 different beekeeping organizations nationwide. As of August 18, Hope has been a guest presenter at seven meetings. She’s made stops in states from Florida to Washington, and has upcoming opportunities in several states. When visiting county or state beekeeping organizations, Hope speaks about American Honey Queen program and the benefits of becoming an ABF member.

2. Speak to 20 civic or professional groups. As of August 18, Hope has begun this work with hopes of having additional presentation opportunities as she visits your area this fall. To date, she is 10% to her goal. Hope has been a guest presenter to Boy Scout troops and to local governmental bodies. If she is in your area, consider contacting your local Kiwanis club or Rotary chapter. These groups meet sometimes on a weekly basis and are always looking for interesting and different speakers. The Honey Queen or Princess is a great addition to these regular meetings.

3. Reach 20 states for promotions. As of August 31, Hope will have reached 12 states for promotions and is looking forward to many exciting trips throughout the fall and early winter. Of her 12 states, she has visited three on multiple occasions!

As Maia and Hope visit your states, please be sure to ask them about the status of their goals!

Preparations for the selection of the 2018 American Honey Queen and Princess have begun. 2018 will mark the American Honey Queen program’s 60th anniversary, and the Queen Committee is excited to introduce conference attendees to the finalists. Application packets for the 2018 positions were sent to State Honey Queen program chairpersons on August 1, and the application deadline quickly approaches in November. We are also taking requests for 2018 Honey Queen and Princess promotions, so please contact me to place your event on our master calendar. You may reach me by email at honeyqueen99@hotmail.com or by phone at 414.545.5514. Best wishes in all your promotions!

Member Milestones

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American Honey Queen Report

by: Maia Jaycox
American Honey Queen

I can’t believe it is already August! This year has flown by so fast, and I am so excited about my past and future promotions. I can’t wait to see what every event has in store for me when I arrive, but here is a look back at what I have been up to these past few months.

Before starting off on my big trip full many opportunities to promote the wonderful honeybee industry, Princess Hope and I met with the American Honey Queen Chair Anna Kettlewell and 1996 American Honey Princess Louann Hausner for a weekend refresher in Kansas July 7-9. We had an intense media review, so we would be very prepared heading into the busy season. We practiced live cooking demos and quick interview situations that we could possibly have during our promotions. I cannot thank Louann and Anna for the awesome help, Princess Hope and I sharpened up our media skills and became more prepared for our upcoming trips.

I had the opportunity to attend the Iowa Honey Producers Association (IHPA) annual field day on July 15. I spoke with the members about my many promotions so far this year. I also informed the newer members of what the American Honey Queen Program does to promote beekeeping and how they can support the Program. I thank the IHPA for their continued support of me and the Queen program!

From the IHPA Summer Field Day, I headed to the Iowa/Illinois Quad Cities July 17-18 for several unique events. I had two television interviews on July 17. The first was with WQAD in Moline, Illinois, where I discussed honey and demonstrated two recipes from our honey recipe brochure, hot honey snack crackers and raspberry lime soda. The interview segment lasted for three minutes, and I spoke about how it is easy to cook with honey and the importance of honeybees. I also had the honor to appear on the locally popular “Paula Sands Live” program on KWQC TV in Davenport, IA. This five-minute segment highlighted my role as the American Honey Queen, how honey can be used in beauty products, and family beekeeping operations. Between these two interviews, I also met with a reporter from the Quad Cities’ main newspaper, The Dispatch, and the article about my visit was published right after my visit. Not only did I have amazing media opportunities in the Quad Cities, but I also gave a presentation to a summer camp at the Family Museum in Bettendorf, Iowa. The children who participated were fascinated learning about bees. Summer day camps are a great promotion in any community. Consider contacting a local children’s camp and offer a presentation about honeybees in your area; the kids will love it! The very special part of my trip was a visit to John Deere’s corporate headquarters. I gave a presentation to 40 employees of John Deere about beekeeping. The presentation was not limited to just the individuals in the room; the organizers made my visit open to employees throughout the world, and several conferenced into my presentation! It was very amazing to share our industry’s information with them. I also demonstrated to them how easy it was to incorporate honey into their cooking. The in-person attendees also tried one of the recipes from honey recipe brochure that you can find on the ABF website.

I headed on my long promotional journey first to the Ohio State Fair July 26-August 2, which was filled with a variety of promotional opportunities! I worked with the Ohio State Beekeepers Association at their Bee Pavilion, where there was a demonstration bee yard. I gave a daily presentation on the different tools and equipment we use in the bee yard in this exhibit. Along with those presentations, I also gave presentations about using honey in facial and hair recipes. I also gave cooking demonstrations at the Taste of Ohio Building, where they have foods from the different agriculture commodity groups, including dairy and poultry. Most excitingly, I had the opportunity to demonstrate my first bee beard. I was able to do a practice beard beforehand, so that I would be comfortable with my bee beard in public! The public was very surprised I wanted to be a part of the bee
beard demonstration, and once the bees were on me, they were truly amazed! In addition to the State Fair, I worked with Lithopolis Honeyfest Queen Tess Conrad at the Clintonville Farmers’ Market. We had an observation hive where visitors learned about honeybees while they were enjoying the farmers market. I thank Barry and Carmen Conrad for the opportunity to work with them, the Ohio State Beekeepers Association and also to Anne Blackwell for hosting me.

I headed next to the Clark County Fair outside Vancouver, Washington, August 3-10. I worked with the Clark County Beekeepers Association in their Bee Barn exhibit at the fair. The exhibit had two observation hives – one was a typical two-frame glassed observation hive, and the second was a full hive outside the barn, where people could see the bees work inside the hive. I had an amazing time in Washington, and a huge part of that was due to John and Mary Ann Morrison, my hosts, who gave me the great opportunity to work with the Clark County Beekeepers. I had a plethora of media opportunities, including television interviews on Fox 12 and KOIN 6 in Portland, accounting for over $12,000 worth of media coverage. I also raised awareness for the industry each evening when I spoke in front of the grandstand audiences before major concerts. On top of working in the bee barn, I was a guest judge for the goat cheese contest and other special events at this fair.

After Washington, it was home sweet home! I worked again with the IHPA at the Iowa State Fair August 11-16. I love travelling and meeting many different beekeepers from all over the United States, but it was great to work with so many familiar faces for a week back home. Iowa Honey Queen Carly Vannoy and I worked in the IHPA booth with six observation hives and sold many products, including honey lemonade, which is three simple ingredients – water, lemon juice, and honey! Carly and I were also presented together on what honeybees do for us. We also had an interview together for the IHeartRadio network, reaching thousands of local residents. I thank Connie Bronnenberg and the IHPA members for their amazing support the past few years and during this event.

I am now in Kentucky (from August 17-21) working at the Kentucky State Fair. I am working in the Bees and Honey area primarily, but also with the Kentucky Department of Agriculture in their educational trailer. This trailer travels throughout the State of Kentucky to teach kids about different agricultural resources in the State. It has iPads inside that have slideshows of different agriculturally related topics, and one of them includes honeybees. As kids come through the trailer, I have helped explain the importance of honeybees to our nation’s agriculture and hand out some bee friendly flowers. I have had the pleasure of working with Kentucky’s State Apiarist Tammy Horn Potter and many different Kentucky beekeepers, and I would like to thank them for allowing me to come share my knowledge with their fairgoers. Speaking with people on the different ways the can back a beekeeper or how they could become a beekeeper themselves by joining a beekeeping club and to find a mentor has been a highlight of this trip!

Queen Maia addressed the grandstand attendees at the Clark County Fair nightly about honeybees and visiting the bee exhibit.

I’m excited for my next stops in New York, Nebraska, and Kentucky. If you are interested in scheduling a promotional visit from me or Princess Hope, contact Anna Kettlewell at honeyqueen99@hotmail.com or 414.545.5514. Until next time, have a bee-utiful day!

Queen Maia’s first bee beard at the Ohio State Fair was a success with the help of Barry Conrad!
American Honey Princess Report

by: Hope Pettibon
American Honey Princess

It has been a pleasure serving as American Honey Princess, and I am excited to tell you about my promotions in Kansas, Arizona, Minnesota, New Jersey, and Indiana these last few months!

In early July, I met up with Queen Maia, Anna Kettlewell, and Louann Hausner for a mid-year media and presentation training session. During the training, we worked on new presentations I will use in several states at fairs and festivals. We also worked on media training for different kinds of interviews, such as television cooking demonstrations, which I look forward to doing. We practiced how to incorporate key messages into interviews of different lengths from five-minute interviews to 30-second interviews. I used the tips and skills that I learned from Anna and Louann the very next week in Arizona. I learned so much at this session, and I thank Anna and Louann for their time and patience as I learned how to better represent ABF. I feel more confident now and I can’t wait to present at upcoming events.

After the training, I went home for one night and then was on a flight to Arizona on July 10! I promoted for a week at several events with Audra Waddle, who recently purchased AZ Queen Bee from Emily Brown (1997 American Honey Queen). I began the week in the Phoenix area with an event at Butterfly Wonderland, which hosts the largest indoor butterfly pavilion in America, but is also home to some honeybees! I handed out honey samples and talked to visitors about honeybees, how they make honey, and how critical it is that bees have a better habitat. Honey samples are a great way to get people to stop by the booth. The main event during my visit was the Maricopa County Home and Landscape Show, featuring everything you could think of to improve your home and garden. AZ Queen Bee had a honey sales booth, where we sold and sampled the four honeys that were available, including mesquite, orange blossom, desert bloom, and cinnamon honey. It was rare for someone to stop by and taste the honey and not buy a jar. I gave a cooking demonstration each day for one hour during the show, and made three different recipes: a pumpkin honey dip, a cinnamon honey dip, and a honey punch. I also had a television interview with CBS Channel 3, where I spoke about and demonstrated how to extract honey. Over 40 people at the show that day told us, they saw me on television that morning! This interview reached an estimated 61,205 people. In addition to all my promotions, I had the great opportunity to help Audra collect Africanized honeybee swarms from a variety of locations, including off a cellular tower! It was an amazing experience that I will never forget. Thank you to Audra Waddle and her family for hosting and for teaching me so much about bees in Arizona. Also, thank you to Emily Brown for helping us with the event and showing us the ropes!

My next stop was in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on July 27. I helped with the Pollinator Party, coordinated by the University of Minnesota Bee Lab and Bee Squad. The Bee Lab works with the City of Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, and they set up the park full of educational booths for kids and adults. I worked at the welcoming table handing out a piece of paper to each kid to have stamped at the different booths that they visited. They also had to write down different facts that they learned and tell me which one was their favorite. In doing so, they got a free honey ice cream and a note book with fun pollination facts in it. The kids loved it, and it made them want to visit more booths. I reached 3,000 people and helped many people see that honeybees are critically important pollinators. Thank you to Willie and Marilyn Gorham for hosting me again and to Gary Reuter and the University of Minnesota for inviting me to promote alongside them.

I next went to two different fairs in New Jersey. The first was the Warren County Farmers’ Fair July 28-August 2. I had the opportunity to do live bee demonstrations and sell delicious New Jersey honey. I have found that the more honey jars you have on the table, the more
honey you sell! Also, the best way to sell honey sticks is to put them in the middle of the table among the jars of honey. That way the honey is not lost over on the side of the table. A few days into the fair, I helped judge the honey contest. Thank you to the Northwest New Jersey Beekeepers Association for inviting me and to Fran and Stan Wasitowski for coordinating my visit. I also give a special thanks to Eda and Jim Schmalz for hosting me and making me feel at home.

The second fair was the Sussex County Fair, also known as the New Jersey State Fair. I had many media interviews here, including with the Service Electric Cable TV station, WSUS 102.3 radio, and the New Jersey Herald newspaper. My television interview was 20 minutes long, and I gave detailed bee information for the program. These interviews were worth over $22,000 in free publicity for the ABF. Over 400,000 people attended the fair, and I gave over 30 presentations during that time. In addition to my fair activities, I participated in Mann Lake’s picnic and costumer day in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. After Randy Oliver’s keynote presentation, I spoke about the Honey Queen Program’s promotions and explained the process of arranging school presentations. Beekeepers from Pennsylvania and surrounding states participated in this event. Thank you to the Medina family for hosting and opening your home to me and to the Sussex County Beekeepers for inviting me to work with you!

My last stop on this promotional trip was Indiana August 13-21 for the Indiana State Fair. I worked in two different exhibits at this event. The first was in the Fair’s Pioneer Village, where a whole section of the fair is made into a small town where the public could learn about the pioneer days. There was a beeswax candle booth in the Village that has been there for 40 years! Indiana Honey Queen, Frances Garrett and I dipped candles and sold honey and honey lemonade in this area. I have never worked with wax in that way, and it was an exciting new learning opportunity. In this area, I donned pioneer period costumes and gave 40-minute presentations about honeybees to 50 people at a time about the differences in beekeeping in pioneer times and today. On the other side of the fair was the Beekeepers of Indiana exhibit. Their display had an observation hive and honey ice cream, which sold quickly because of the warm temperatures. The exhibit sold many Indiana beekeepers’ honey, and we supplied fairgoers samples of 20 different honeys. In addition to selling the varieties of Indiana honey, I gave three presentations in the Ag Building. Over 900,000 people went through the fair and almost everyone saw one or the other of the beekeeping booths. I thank the Beekeepers of Indiana and the many different county organizations and beekeepers who treated me with such hospitality and to Kristy and Lacy Dooley for hosting me and giving me an unforgettable experience.

Thank you all for your continued support as I represent the beekeeping and honey industry throughout the United States. You can schedule a promotional event for Queen Maia or me by contacting Anna Kettlewell at honeyqueen99@hotmail.com or 414.545.5514. I would love to spend some time with you teaching about the industry!
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Keep taking those pictures for the Auxiliary Photo Contest. Contest rules are below. Hope everyone has a great honey harvest and everyone is in good health.

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

One entry per category please

Requirements:

- Submit two (2) 5x7 photos for each entry (5x7 before matting). At least one photo must be matted for judging (single mat only). 3x5 card must be attached to back of photo with name, address, and photo category.
- Photos must be submitted by 12:00 pm noon on the Wednesday of conference week.
- Amateur photographers only.
- Photos will not be returned. A waiver for rights to photos will be signed at ABF Conference & Tradeshow. Winner will be asked to submit their picture in high res JPEG to ABF for publication.
- Entries will be accepted via mail to an address listed in the newsletter, prior to the conference, for those entering that cannot be at convention by noon Wednesday.
- Only one entry per person per category will be accepted, to enable more participation in the competition.
- Photo Contest will be advertised online/newsletter throughout the year.

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Honey Recipe

Flu Season Cider

INGREDIENTS:
- 8-10 oz. of water
- 1 tsp Honey
- 1/8 tsp cinnamon
- 1 tbsp apple cider vinegar

DIRECTIONS:
1. Bring water to a boil, while heating, put other ingredients in cup.
2. Pour boiling water into cup and stir well

Honey Nut Squash

INGREDIENTS:
- 2 Acorn Squash
- 2 tbsp Walnuts
- 1/4 cup Honey
- 2 tbsp Raisins
- 2 tbsp Brown sugar
- 2 tbsp Butter or Margarine (Melted)

DIRECTIONS:
1. Cut acorn squash in half, spoon out seeds.
2. Place cut side down on a baking rack.
3. Bake at 400° until soft, about 30-45 minutes.
4. Combine honey, butter, brown sugar, nuts and raisins, spoon into the squash.
5. Bake another 5-10 minutes until lightly glazed.

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