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State Fair Time!



Honey ready for delivery to the State Fair from Ellis County

This issue of *Cappings* is being printed and edited while the 2014 Kansas State Fair is underway. Fair judging results follow on pages 9 & 10.

On behalf of the Ks Honey Producers Assn., a huge Thank You to all who were able to exhibit items at the fair. Congratulations to Kristi Sanderson for the over all holy grail—Best of Show!

Another huge Thank You to all members, youth scholarship recipients and other volunteers who helped prepare and operate the booth for this year's fair!



Past year's KS Fair entries



[Did you know?]

KHPA memberships can now be renewed on line!!!

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President's Corner

By: Steve Tipton

Isn't it amazing what a little rain will do for honey production? I've had a good crop this year, not a bumper crop, but certainly better than the last couple of years. I'm looking forward to hearing this kind of news from across the state at our meeting next month.

Becky and I were invited to speak to a new beekeeping group, the Konza Beekeepers, meeting in Manhattan, Ks. We spoke about wintering bees (feed, protect, treat for mites). This group has partnered with the Sunset Zoo and has a wonderful meeting location and many new beekeepers. The Konza Beeks are very well organized and are definitely headed in the right direction. Check their meeting schedule on Facebook and attend a meeting if you can—you'll enjoy it!

We were also invited to participate in a round table discussion with US Senate candidate, Chad Taylor, focusing on agriculture issues. We represented both the KHPA and the Downtown Topeka Farmers' Market. Other representatives included a small organic farmer from the Lawrence area, the Kansas Rural Center, community banker, independent cattlemen association, the Farmers' Union and a few others.

Each participant talked about the challenges that would need to be overcome in the future. The environment, water, financing costs to new farmers (how we are losing farmers at a very rapid rate), and the part the federal government

will have to play to coordinate some of these problems between states. The group agreed that perhaps our most pressing problem is the secure source of water and generating a truly long term plan that will ensure water for all, forever.

The importance of election reform was discussed and getting big money agriculture out of the pockets of politicians. Becky and I talked about the plight of the honey bee and how important it is to agriculture and the environment. Hopefully we said something to get these other representatives and the decision makers to realize our need for pasture diversity and pollinator friendly habitat.

Candidate Taylor asked insightful questions and listened carefully. If elected, he will be only one trying to make Kansas a better place. But, he feels like someone interested in helping Kansas feed Kansans.

As I write this, Kristi Sanderson's fair team has been hard at work putting the details together to make the Kansas Honey Producers booth at the Kansas State Fair run like a well-oiled machine. She's going to have a fantastic educational area! If you get this before the fair, she still needs booth help. If you can't help, hopefully you'll take a trip to Hutchinson to check out all the great fair exhibits. And, if you couldn't work it into your schedule for this year, NOW is the time to put it into your calendar

Did you ever wonder where the honey sold at KHPA state fair booth comes from? See pages. 6 & 7.

2014 Fall Meeting of the Kansas Honey Producers

October 17th and 18th 2014 Clarion Inn and Suites 5805 W Kellogg, Wichita KS 67209 316-942-7911

Guest speakers: Gary Reuter & Ginger Reuter

I've really been thinking about a few topics to help out the folks who are starting new bee clubs around the state. We will have an extra room so we can have some break-out sessions so I plan to have two things going on most of the time.

Room rates are \$69.99 plus tax per night for single or double for up to 4 people per room. Rooms include a complimentary hot breakfast buffet. Reservations must be made by September 16th. Please mention that you are a member of the Kansas Honey Producers to get that fantastic room rate. Make your reservations as soon as possible by calling 316-942-7911.

I am so excited to have Gary and Ginger Reuter at our meeting. Gary Reuter is a research technician at the Bee Lab at the University of Minnesota. He maintains the research colonies, helps train and work with students in the field, designs and builds specialty equipment and speaks to beekeeping, student and civic groups. He is a past president of both Minnesota Hobby Beekeepers Association and Wisconsin Honey Producers Association, director of the American Beekeeping Federation, and remains active in these groups. He still finds time to manage his colonies, while learning to blacksmith, maintaining an orchard, and helping his wife raise sheep.

Thursday night October 16th 2014 8:00 p.m.

Board Meeting Clarion Hotel, Wichita

Friday, October 17th 2014

- 8:00-9:00 Registration & Silent Auction Set-Up
- 9:00-9:10 President Steve Tipton
- 9:10-10:30 **Queen Rearing, Selection & Breeding** Gary Reuter
- 10:30-10:45 **Break**
- 10:45-11:30 **Making Nucs**, Norbert Neal
- 11:45-12:00 **Time Lapsed Bee Hive Videography**, Greg Swob
- 12:00-1:15 **Lunch**
- 1:15-2:00 **General Business Meeting**

Concurrent Sessions in the afternoon:

- 2:00-2:45 **Candles on a Large-Scale**, Ginger Reuter
- 2:00-2:45 **Experiences with the bird that carries the sky on its back**-Norbert Neal
- 2:50-3:35 **Propolis –Collecting and Using it** Gary Reuter
- 2:50-3:35 **Lavender 101** Jim & Wanda Morford
- 3:35-4:20 **Licensing for the extracting/processing shop**, Greg & Bruce Swob
- 3:35-4:20 **Ukrainian Eggs**- Ginger Reuter
- 4:20 **Honey Cooking Contest**—anything Pecans & Honey –bring enough to share for 100 people and 50 copies of your recipes –Plates and silverware will be provided—winners will get prizes! Silent Auction Ends at 4:30
- 6:00 **Dinner & Program on Impending Trip to the Eden Children's Village -Zimbabwe** (9 Feb 15) Their plan is to teach Modern Beekeeping to the School and orphanage. Presented by Bob & Marion Brandenburg

Fall 2014 Kansas Honey Producers Assn. meeting—Day 2

Saturday, October 18th

- 8:00-8:30 Registration & Silent Auction Set-Up
8:30-8:40 President Steve Tipton
8:40-9:30 **Getting Your Bees Ready for Winter**, Gary Reuter
9:30-10:15 **Getting a Beekeeping Club Started – How We Did It** Presented by Bob Brandenburg & Larry LaGrange founding members of the Konza Beekeeping Association—topics to include finding a meeting place, programming, adopting by laws, mentorship program, classes etc.
10:15-10:30 **Break**
10:30-10:45 **Pollinator Plants and Medicinals-** We will talk about how to create pollinator habitat as well as how you can grow medicinals that the bees like as well.
10:45-11:15 **Beekeeping training program for soldiers with PTSD and Mild Traumatic Brain Injury University of Montana Master Beekeeping Course.** Larry LaGrange
11:15-11:30 **Apimondia In the US**, Ginger Reuter
11:30-12:00 **Youth Scholarship Presentations**
12:00-1:30 **Lunch & End of Silent Auction at 1:30**
1:30-2:00 **TBA**

Concurrent Sessions in the afternoon:

- 2:00-2:45 **Gary Reuter** (topic to be announced)
2:00-2:45 **Encaustic Painting-** Ginger Reuter

2:50-3:35 **Becky Tipton** (topic to be announced)
2:50-3:35 **Making Medicine with Bee Friendly Plants--**We will use plants that will provide medicine for you as well as food for your bees. We will be making Tinctures, Salves, Teas, and infused Honey!

3:35-4:20 **Group meetings with area directors with beekeepers from their areas**

Program subject to change

If you have news tips, articles, photos, advertisements, etc. you would like to see in your association newsletter-

Send them to the Editor:

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Or email to: gswob@mwenergy.com

Remember you can pay your membership and meeting fees by going to our website at Kansashoneyproducers.org. Check out the website for the program when it is completed. Call Joli Winer at 913-586-8356 if you have any questions or email joli@heartlandhoney.com.

Fall KHPA Meeting Registration

Friday & Saturday, October 17th & 18th, 2014 Registration Form

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP+4 _____

COUNTY _____ PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____ please print email address clearly

Check here if you would like to receive your newsletter by email ()

Registration & payment now accepted with PayPal at kansashoneyproducers.org

Pre-registration (must be received by October 9th)

Friday & Saturday

Per person (includes 2 lunches & dinner) (\$80.00 x _____) = _____

Friday Only

Per person (includes lunch & dinner) (\$65.00 x _____) = _____

Saturday only

Per person (includes lunch) (\$45.00 x _____) = _____

Children-5-18 (under 5 free)

Both Friday & Saturday (includes 2 lunches & dinner) (\$30.00x _____) = _____

Friday only (includes lunch & dinner) (\$20.00x _____) = _____

Saturday only (includes lunch) (\$10.00 x _____) = _____

Non-Members Add \$15.00 \$15.00 _____

Late Registration, after October 9th & at the door \$10 per person:

(\$10.00 x _____) = _____

Our wish is that all attendees who are non-members will join, however we welcome everyone to the meeting!

Membership for Kansas Honey Producers Association: Renewal / New \$15.00 _____

Youth Membership 2014 (18 years of age or under) Renewal / New \$ 7.50 _____

Membership 2014 Northeastern Kansas Beekeepers Assn: Renewal / New \$15.00 _____

Donation for Youth Scholarship Project \$ _____

Note: No receipts will be sent Total \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: Kansas Honey Producers Assn or KHPA and mail to

Robert Burns, 7601 W. 54th Terr., Shawnee Mission KS 66202913-or email rburns@kc.rr.com

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Life Membership

Consider becoming a Life Member in the Ks Honey Producers Association– here’s how

Kansas Honey Producers Association Bee Yard Operation Guidelines and Contract

1. The **Kansas Honey Producers Association** (KHPA) will own and maintain beehives located at various managed bee yards. A State Bee Yard Coordinator shall be appointed by the KHPA Board to assist the 2nd Vice President in overseeing and coordinating those State Bee Yards. Reports shall be submitted to the State Bee Yard Coordinator for final summary submission to the 2nd Vice President. The 2nd V.P. shall then submit a summarized report to the Fall KHPA Board Meeting for review.
2. The goal of the state managed yards is to produce honey or other hive products to be sold at the Kansas State Fair. Any surplus honey may be sold at the discretion of the 2nd Vice President.
3. All hives donated by individuals in exchange for **life membership** in the association will remain the sole property of the KHPA.
4. The 2nd Vice President will transfer funds from the State Fair Fund to the General Fund equal to the annual dues for each **life member**.
5. Additional hives may be added to the state operated bee yards as deemed necessary by the 2nd Vice President and/or State Bee Yard Coordinator with the approval of the KHPA board (vote). Funds for additional hives may come from the State Fair account.
6. Repairs, replacement of bees, new queens or other maintenance expenses should be discussed with the 2nd Vice President and/or State Bee Yard Coordinator prior to undertaking. These expenses shall be funded through the KHPA State Fair Account. Anticipated repairs should be included in the annual bee yard report.
7. All equipment shall meet requirements as specified in the KHPA Life Membership Criteria document
8. Any liability insurance for association-owned hives will be covered through the blanket policy maintained by the KHPA organization.
9. The State Yard operators will serve on a voluntary basis, as approved by the board of directors of the KHPA. Operators shall be current members in good standing of KHPA. Each yard operator’s contract will be reviewed, yard records audited, and contracts reassigned yearly for the following production year.
10. Yard manager’s report should include: inventory of number of hives in production, any empty equipment, quality and condition of hives and wood ware, and quantity of honey provided to the association for sale at the state fair. This report should be submitted as a brief written statement for permanent record. This report shall be submitted to the State Yard Coordinator at least one week prior to the KHPA Fall Meeting to be summarized and presented to the KHPA Board.
11. Compensation to the yard manager for the work provided to maintain the bee yard and produce honey will include: Fifty-fifty division of all honey products produced by KHPA hives All beeswax cappings and surplus bees beyond those needed to keep association equipment filled and in production.
12. Management practices shall be consistent with known “best practice” models, at the wisdom and discretion of the yard operator. Contracts may be withdrawn and bees collected if inappropriate management is evident. If the yard manager is unable to fulfill his/her contract, they shall notify the State Bee Yard Coordinator and all hives will be collected and redistributed to other KHPA yard locations until a new yard can be established.
13. Packaging and/or bottling of produced honey will be handled with direction of the 2nd Vice President. Each container shall have a label attached stating ‘Bottled at (address of bottling member) for the KHPA’ or similar verbiage approved by the KHPA Board of Directors.

KHPA Life Membership Agreement

Kansas Honey Producers Association State Bee Yard Operation Guidelines and Contract

_____ (name) agrees to manage _____ (number) colonies for the purpose of honey production for the Kansas Honey Producers for the _____ (year)

honey season. Hives are located _____

(Approximate location/ address/ GPS coordinate of hives/ driving directions/ landowner contact info).

He/ She agree to manage hives using best practice models to keep the hives healthy and as productive as possible. Production from managed hives will be divided as described above. He/ She shall permit an inspection of KHPA hives/yard by 2nd Vice President, State Yard Coordinator or other appointed officer as deemed necessary.

_____ (signature) _____ (date)

State Yard Manager

_____ (signature) _____ (date)

2nd Vice President

_____ (signature) _____ (date)

Yard Operator

Bee Yard Report for _____ (year).

Number of hives in production _____

Pounds of honey produced _____

Pounds of honey provided for State Fair or association/KHPA use _____

Comb or other hive products produced _____

Empty equipment (list):

Estimated needs for next season (wood ware, foundation, bees, queens):

Other hive products donated to KHPA (wax, pollen, additional honey):

Youth Scholarship

Becky Tipton

Preliminary work has been done and a draft of the new Honey Bee Grant is in the works. Several have looked at the proposal and are excited about the opportunity as it will apply to youth groups. But, I'm sorry to report that it is unlikely we will be ready to accept grant applications for the fall season.

This year's scholarship team has done a tremendous job. All the reports I've received are now very positive (after a couple of rocky starts) and we are looking forward to presentations from all the scholarship students at the fall meeting. Please contact Joli Winer or me ASAP to let us know whether you'd prefer to present Friday or Saturday. Although we'd love to have all youth scholars for both days of our Wichita meeting, we understand that school takes a priority. If you have questions about your presentation, talk to your mentor about possible options or give me a call, we're glad to help you talk about your year in beekeeping.

Consumer Tips

Energy Scams on the Rise ***Greg Swob***

Winter is approaching and we are aware what that means in Kansas- cold weather with potentially high utility bills. As a certified energy auditor/rater, I feel I owe my fellow bee keepers a little heads' up on potential energy saving scams. These scams are so numerous we couldn't broach them all here, but I wish to touch bases on a couple of common things we encounter.

Foil in the attic – It is quite common in the southwestern and southeastern states to have homes with duct-work and HVAC (Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning) systems installed within attics as they seldom have basements in these regions. Attic-installed duct and equipment situations are the only time the US Department of Energy, Oak Ridge Testing Laboratories, National Renewable Energy Lab and other energy efficiency agencies ever recommend the practice of installing reflective barriers. The proper place for foil to be placed is immediately under the roof slope, with at least a one inch air space. Virtually all firms selling this product choose the easy and ineffective practice of placing the foil upon the attic floor over existing insulation. I have yet to see any home with attic-located reflective barriers installed properly. If you insist on adding foil to your attic, all 'bog box' lumber stores can sell it and around \$250-\$400 should do most attics. You can do it yourself for a tiny fraction of their prices. Marketers will install it for you at a price of around \$5,500 on up! An item they sell as an add-on is a special chemical to make your air conditioner more effective—there is no such thing. All we can figure out is that this may be a leak-stop compound and nothing more. **Just Say No and don't be foiled!**

Amish Fireplaces - There are a few companies who very successfully market electric space heaters in various forms. Some are in the form of a fireplace, some as a console heater. The bottom line on these units is the same – they are nothing more than an electric space heater! The Amish units are made in China (just look on the back), console heaters may use lamps or other means, but they are simply an electric space heater. All space heaters operate at 99% - 100% efficiency, period! They all use electricity and a lot of it. One such heater may actually add \$100 or more to your electric bill.

For additional tips on energy conservation, feel free to email or call me at: gswob@mwenergy.com or 785-625-1459. I will also be happy to check into any potential scams for you and/or offer advice—there are plenty of them out there!

2014 State Fair Results

Light Extracted Honey	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Norbert Neal Don Schmidt Kristi Sanderson	Elk City Greensburg Olathe
Dark Extracted Honey	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Norbert Neal Bruce Swob Kristi Sanderson	Elk City Great Bend Olathe
Chunk Comb Honey	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Don Schmidt Kristi Sanderson Bruce Swob	Greensburg Olathe Great Bend
Comb Honey	1 st 2 nd	Kristi Sanderson Bruce Swob	Olathe Great Bend
Cut Comb	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Don Schmidt Kristi Sanderson Rose Lee	Greensburg Olathe Atchison
Creamed Honey	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Kristi Sanderson Joli Winer Don Schmidt	Olathe Spring Hill Greensburg
Honey Gift Pack	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Rose Lee Kristi Sanderson Bruce Swob	Atchison Olathe Great Bend
Bulk Beeswax	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Kristi Sanderson Bruce Swob Don Schmidt	Olathe Great Bend Greensburg
Bees Wax Candles	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Kristi Sanderson Bruce Swob Rose Lee	Olathe Great Bend Atchison
Art & Design Bees Wax	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Rose Lee Bruce Swob Kristi Sanderson	Atchison Great Bend Olathe
Frame of Honey	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Kristi Sanderson Don Schmidt Rose Lee	Olathe Greensburg Atchison

BEST OF SHOW - *Kristi Sanderson* **Governor's Basket** - *Rose Lee*

2014 State Fair—Youth Results

Light Extracted Honey	1 st	Jacqueline Abnos	Overland Park
	2 nd	Samantha Clark	Valley Falls
	3 rd	Dallas Clark	Valley Falls
Dark Extracted Honey	1 st	Elliot Abnos	Overland Park
	2 nd	William Graham	White Water
Honey Gift Pack	1 st	Cate Milroy	Spring Hill
	2 nd	Megan Milroy	Spring Hill
Frame of Honey	1 st	Rogan Tokach	Abilene
	2 nd	Jacqueline Abnos	Overland Park
	3 rd	William Graham	White Water

BEST OF SHOW - *Cate Milroy*

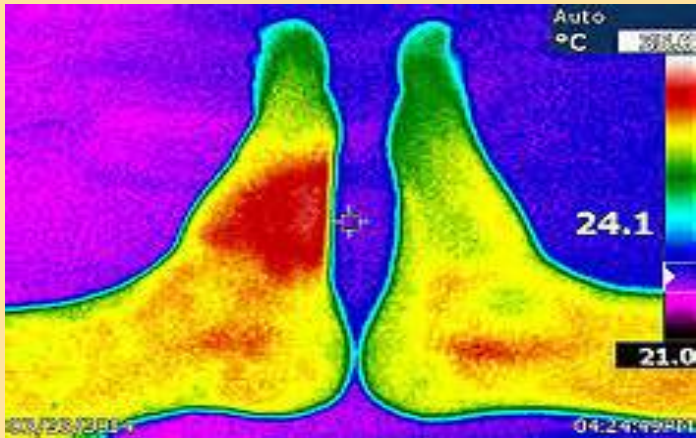
15 Bee Sting cures/treatments

1. Make a paste of meat tenderizer and water or baking soda and water—apply to bite.
2. Sprinkle generously with baking soda then drizzle some drops of vinegar over the baking soda to make it fizz - leave on skin until pain is gone.
3. Cover with a dot of mustard.
4. Slather on a thick paste made of meat tenderizer and vinegar.
5. Cover with honey and reapply as needed for pain.
6. Dab with a generous amount of toothpaste and leave on the wound
7. Use ice or an ice pack
8. Soak in Epsom salt and water or make paste with it.
9. Slather on Aloe Vera
10. Chew a plantain leaf then apply the macerated leaf.
11. Crush fresh parsley and apply.
12. Crush fresh basil leaves and apply.
13. Drizzle apple cider vinegar over it.
14. Cover with a slice of fresh papaya.
15. Dab on a bit of deodorant. (Editor’s note— using deodorant is a good idea any time so you don’t offend family or friends)



What is your favorite cure or treatment for a bee sting? Let us know at the fall KHPA meeting.

Summer tid-bits

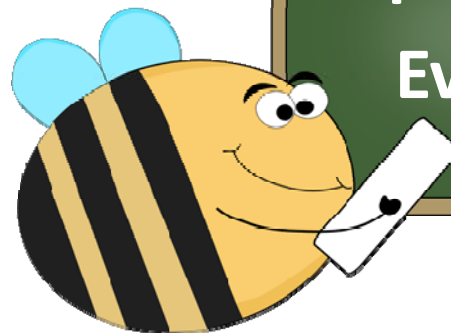


Thermal Camera image of a bee sting on a foot

NW Bee Keepers met on Aug. 16 (National Honey Day) at Swobee Honey Farm facility in Albert, Ks. A four hour gathering ensued with topics including—honey harvest techniques and tips; fall/winter preparation; state fair KHPA booth tips/suggestions; Show-n-Tell— bee swarm vacuum capture box made by one of the members; a tour of the honey harvest and storage equipment rounded out the meeting. Meetings are open to anyone interested in bee keeping, especially those located in central and western Kansas . Normally, the meetings are 3rd Saturday in February, June, Aug., Dec. Other meetings are held in conjunction with the spring and fall KHPA meetings. For information contact **Greg Swob**—gswob@mwenergy.com or call **785-623-3533**



Pollinator display at Barton Co. Fair—July 2014



Upcoming Events

Western Apicultural Society 2014 Annual Conference -

September 17-20, 2014 100 Madison Street,
Missoula, MT. Phone: (406) 728-3100.

Topics such as latest bee research from the U.S. and Canada, New Zealand, Great Britain, and Northern Ireland; bee diseases; and pesticides. Broadening out, there will be presentations on climate change; native and urban plants for honey bees and native pollinators; and encouraging the use of locally grown crops and practicing sustainability in crop production.

2014 Fall KHPA Meeting

October 17-18, 2014, Clarion Inn & Suites
5805 W. Kellogg 316-942-7911—Wichita

Mother Earth News Fair—Kansas

October 24—26, 2014
One Expocentre Dr.
Kansas Expo Center Topeka, Ks.

Spring 2015 KHPA Meeting

March 13 & 14, 2015
Holiday Inn—KSU Campus

2014 Kansas Honey Producer's Association Membership Application



Name _____ Email Newsletter (____) check for Yes

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone# _____ *E-mail Address* _____

Membership Kansas Honey Producer's Association per year (Jan.-Dec.) \$15.00 _____

Additional family members wanting voting rights \$1.00 per person \$1.00 _____

Additional family member's names:



Youth Membership (18 years of age or under) \$7.50 _____

American Bee Journal 1 year subscription \$19.50 _____

Bee Culture Magazine (formerly "Gleanings") 1 year subscription \$25.00 _____

Donation Amount _____

Total Due _____

Make checks payable to: KHPA or Kansas Honey Producer's Association or pay on line at www.kansashoneyproducers.org

Mail to: Robert Burns, 7601 W 54th Terrace, Shawnee Mission, Kansas 66202 Phone# 913-831-6096 or email- rburns@kc.rr.com

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