Our President’s Message

November 12, 2014

Fall honey flows and harvest has come to an end and beekeepers are making sure they have enough stores for the bees for the winter. If we have a cold winter like last year prepare more weight or extra feeding to keep your colonies alive through the winter. Some commercial beekeepers are preparing to send colonies to California for Almond pollination. It would be wise to provide extra feeding and pollen supplements to ensure quality colonies for your contracts. Almond orchards in California have been in a drought this past year but they will still need plenty of honeybees for pollination.

We had good attendance at the Field Day in Baton Rouge - a little over 270 attendees. We all had a great time with plenty of workshops and presentations. We had a good crowd in queen rearing and artificial insemination session. There was an excellent program for the intermediate beekeepers which was a hit again this year. The beginning beekeeper class has always provided useful information for the individuals starting in beekeeping. We had a great time getting back together and sharing ideas. We also are grateful for the board members and the research team in Baton Rouge for their efforts for putting on this successful event.

We are excited for the upcoming convention in Alexandria. Spending time with all types of beekeepers is enjoyable and we all learn something new with each other’s ideas. We have some terrific speakers this year with Keith Delaplane discussing polyandrous queens, Donald Downs on apitherapy and Kelvin Adee and much more. Be sure not to miss this opportunity. We encourage all to join us at The Best Western on 2720 North MacArthur Drive, Alexandria on Friday and Saturday, December 5 & 6. Be sure to preregister on our website, labeekeepers.org prior to the November 15th deadline.

We are still promoting the “member get a member” campaign. If you know anyone who would like to be member of the Louisiana Beekeepers Association, they can join on our website.
Fall with its’ cooler nights and shorter days is upon us and winter is just around the corner. For those further north winter has already come. 2014 is almost over and for this bee keeper, the fall honey harvest wasn’t much better than the late spring harvest. The spring harvest was delayed and was something around 2/3 of normal and the fall, also delayed was ½ of normal. The spring harvest was about 43 gallons from 16 hives. The late freezes, cool wet spring and wet summer were major factors in the available nectar and pollen sources for the bees. Unlike last year, my hives aren’t putting on much honey and as our president indicated in his letter, it behooves us to provide our over-wintering colonies with enough food reserves to cover until the 2015 honey flow is on. In addition, not only I but several of the CENLA beekeepers have lost more than our normal share of colonies to any number of causal agents. I hope the rest of you are doing better. The CENLA Bee Club of the Alexandria and Pineville area are hosting the annual LBA conference this year in Alexandria and will be assisted by the Miss-Lou Bee Club out of the Jonesville and Vidalia area.

2014 LOUISIANA BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONVENTION

The 53rd Louisiana Beekeepers Association’s (LBA) Convention will be held Friday, December 5th and Saturday, December 6th at the Alexandria Best Western Inn and Suites and Convention Center, located at 2720 North MacArthur Drive; Alexandria, LA 71303. All individuals interested in learning more about honey bees and beekeeping are invited to join us for the latest on beekeeping basics, honey bee research, pest management, etc. There will be something for the beginner to the lifetime beekeeper, plus several beekeeping supply companies will display and have a large selection of their products for sale. A $20.00 pre-registration fee for singles and $30.00 for families applies for all who pre-register by the cut-off date of November 15, 2014; $30.00 for singles and $40.00 for families for those registering after the preregistration date or at the door. A convention pre-registration form was provided in our September issue of our newsletter and is posted on our website. Online payments may be made through PayPal or using your credit card.

A block of fifty rooms have been set aside for the conference, Thursday and Friday nights. Mention that you are attending the Louisiana Beekeepers Association Convention for a room rate of $89.00 per night standard room, $99.00 for a double or $129.00 for a suite, plus applicable taxes. Make your hotel reservations by calling the Best Western Inn and Suites and Convention Center, Alexandria, LA at (318) 445-5530.

Hotel Amenities: Complimentary continental breakfast for registered hotel guests; Wi-Fi Internet access, microwave, and refrigerator in room; handicapped-accessible and non-smoking rooms are available; two full size beds in room or king size beds available; fitness center; indoor pool.

Alexandria Area Restaurants Include: Eddies BBQ, Po-Boy Express, Cajun Landing, Oriental Wok, Work of Mouth, Porky’s, Outlaws, Outback, Spirits Food and Friends, The Cottage,
Smackin Mack’s, Lil Cajun House, Critics Choice, Copeland’s of New Orleans, Robbie G’s and Outback, just to name a few and all within 5 miles of the hotel.

Additional information will follow as arrangements are finalized. Please check for any LBA Convention updates at labeekeepers.org and in future Bayou Bee Bulletins.

**LBA Honey Baked Contest:** Don’t forget to enter our annual Honey Baked Contest. Honey baked delicacies are enjoyed at our conventions thanks to LBA members. Contest winners receive 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons. Your participation in this annual contest is encouraged.

**LBA Honey Contest:** We will have another LBA Honey Contest for all participants at the 2014 convention. Details for the contest are listed in the September issue of the Bayou Bee Bulletin and will be posted in the November issue and on our LBA website (labeekeepers.org). Save your best honey and enter the contest. Ribbons will be awarded!

**Banquet Friday night, December 5th.** Attendance fee: $26.00 paid at time of registration.

**LBA Convention Auctions:** Our annual after dinner auction has become a major fund raiser at our annual Convention. LBA members have been very generous and creative with their auction donations in the past and are encouraged to donate something for the event. Many hand crafted items have been great auction items and have brought large bids. Past donations have included barbeque pits/grills, mead/honey wine, beekeeping woodenware, bread boards, quilts, etc. In addition, there will be a separate silent auction again this year for some of the smaller donated items. The LBA is grateful for all donations and hopes this will not discourage member donations.

**Host Club:** The CENLA Beekeepers Club has been around since the summer of 2013 and they have agreed to be our host club in 2014. They have gone to a lot of effort to provide a nice place for our members and guests to stay while in Alexandria. They will continue to provide assistance once our Convention begins. Please take the time to thank them by making every effort to attend this year’s Louisiana Beekeepers Association Convention. The Officers and Board of Directors of the Louisiana Beekeepers Association certainly appreciates their assistance.

**Membership Fees for 2015:**
Due the added costs of mailing and printing hard copies of the Bayou Bee Bulletins, membership fees for those requesting hard copies will be $20.00
Membership fees for those receiving electronic copies will remain $10.00

**IF YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS ON FILE WITH THE MEMBERSHIP CHANGES:** PLEASE NOTIFY THE EDITOR, Tim Haley at: tamh212@suddenlink.net

**LBA Convention Information:** If anyone needs assistance, please contact any of the following LBA members for additional information: Joe Sanroma (Bunkie) at 318-308-5000, Tim Haley (Dry Prong) at 318-419-7270 and/or Jennifer Stanford (Ferriday) at 601-493-3447

Vendor Convention Information: **Potential vendors will be sent their own vendor registration information. The registration fee for vendors and their associates is as follows: booth space is $15/table; pre-registration fee is $20.00 per person ($30.00 registration at the door) for each company representative. Other fees are listed on the registration form. Vendors will be allowed one or two tables for their display. Submit your vendor registration information and fees as soon as possible.** Anyone interested in being a vendor at our convention, please contact our Vendor Committee Chairman: Bobby Frierson (Phone: 225-241-6132; bee@frierson53@hotmail.com)
53rd Louisiana Beekeepers Association Convention
2720 North MacArthur Drive; Alexandria, LA  71303
Tentative Convention Agenda

Friday, December 5th - 7:30 am, Registration Begins
8:30 am  Call to Order and Welcome – Invocation, Pledge
          Of Allegiance, & Committee Appointments, etc.
8:45 am  President’s Address – Joe Sanroma, President
          Louisiana Beekeepers Association
9:00 am  Current Research at the Baton Rouge Honey Bee Lab –
          USDA/ARS Bee Breeding Staff
10:30 am Break & Yak Time
10:35 am Door prize
11:00 am Apitherapy with honeybee venom – Donald Downs,
          Ohio Beekeeper and past board member Apitherapy
          Association
11:45 am NASS Report – Nathan Crisp,
          National Agriculture Statistics Service
12:00  Door prize
12:05  Noon Lunch (on your own)
1:05  Door prizes
1:10 pm  La. State Apiary Report – Allen Fabre,
          Louisiana Dept. of Agriculture & Forestry
1:30 pm  The Superorganism and Why it Matters – Keith
          Delaplane, Professor and Director University of
          Georgia Honey Bee Program
2:00 pm  The Benefits of Polyandrous Queens – Keith
          Deleplane, Professor and Director University of
          Georgia Honey Bee Program
2:30 pm  Cooperation with Farmers and Beekeepers and
          Update on the Honey Bee Advisory Board –
          Sebe Brown Chairman of the Honey Bee Advisory
          Board and Extension Entomologist LSU
3:00 pm  Door Prizes
3:05 pm  Break & Yak Time
3:30 pm  American Honey Producers Report – Kelvin Adee
          American Honey Producers Association
4:00 pm  Adee Honey Farms– Kelvin Adee
7:00 pm  LBA Banquet and Program:
          • 4-H Essay Contest Winners – Dale Pollet.
          • Live Auction – Gary Price

Saturday, December 6th - 7:30 am, Registration Continues
8:00 am  Queen Rearing Amy Weeks,
          Louisiana Beekeepers Association
8:30 am  Door Prizes
8:35 am  Diseases and pest to honeybees – Dennis Ring,
          Extension Entomologist LSU
9:05 am  Honey Bee Feeding & Nutrition – Stuart Volby,
          Mann Lake LTD.
9:30 am  Door prizes
9:35 am  Splitting Hives in the Apiary – David Ferguson,
          Louisiana Beekeepers Association
10:05 am Break & Yak Time
10:30  Door prizes
10:35 am Hive Maintenance – Tim Haley,
          Louisiana Beekeepers Association
11:05  Door prizes
11:10 am Master Beekeeping Program – Keith Hawkins,
          SW LA Beekeepers Association
11:35  Noon Lunch (on your own)
1:30 pm  State Association Business Meeting
          (1) Secretary’s Report
          (2) Treasurer’s Report
          (3) Committee Reports
          (4) Election of Officers
2:30 pm Adjourn
Presentations, speakers, and times may change slightly from this tentative meeting agenda. A final agenda will be provided at the registration desk on the meeting dates.

The following event will be at the convention and is open to all current LBA members.

**Honey Contest**

**December 5, 2014**

**Requirements:**
One entry is composed of three 1lb queenline glass jars in one color class.
There are typically three color classes: light, amber, and dark.
One family may enter one color class (3 jars), two color classes (6 jars), or three color classes (9 jars).
There should be no labels or markings on the jars.
You must be a current, or new, paid-up member of LBA.
You may bring honey for someone else as long as they are a paid member.
Honey must have been harvested this year.
**Deadline** to bring your honey is Friday, December 5, 2014 by noon.
Winning entries will be announced at the banquet on Friday night.

**Standards and Tips for Judging:**
Entries will be placed into color categories.
Surface of the jar will be inspected for cleanliness.
Honey is inspected for overall clarity, cleanliness, and consistency.
Aroma and flavor of the honey is taken into account.
Inside of jar lid and surface of honey are inspected for cleanliness.
Moisture content will be tested.
1st through 3rd place will be awarded for each color class.
The owner of each entry will be kept anonymous from the judge until judging is completed.
For those of you who read National Geographic Magazine, the following was to be found on page 14, November 2014 issue:

Bee Lawns Gaining Buzz in Landscapes

From the Associated Press, an article by Dan Fosdick, Bee Lawns Gaining Buzz in Landscapes, offers us some quality points in lawn landscaping and management.

- Turf grass has no appeal for pollinators
- Add some broadleaf plants with flowers to the mix and it’s a different story
- People use grass; bees use flowers (which if walked on, most will die)
- Clover will tolerate some foot traffic and its roots have nitrogen-fixing bacteria
• Dutch white clover is considered the best companion to cool-season lawn grassing and it is good across most of the United States

• Prior to the 1960’s clover seed was added to the lawn mixes

• Then came lawn purity - (like golf course greens), but not attractive to pollinators.

• The decline in “clean lawn ethics” giving way to herb and vegetable gardens, there is a desire for minimal yard maintenance and concerns about steep declines in pollinating insects.

• The trend is urban meadows, where homeowners take out their lawns and replace them with diverse wildflowers that can get tall and rangy at the end of the season.
  1. A nicely mown border around the outside keeps them looking tidy.
  2. Add a sign and people know you’re doing it on purpose.
  3. Mow in the fall and the whole lawn is cleaned up nicely.

• Broadleaf plants to try: dandelions (bloom early), clover, lamium (shade-tolerant), thyme, yarrow (beautiful but don’t attract a lot of bees but do attract other pollinators).

• Many of these forbs are draught and resistant and require less care and fertilizing.

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**The Buzz Continues**

For those interested in the field of pest control, you might be interested in knowing that pest control operators across the U.S. are becoming more informed (or should be) about the health and maintenance of the honeybee. From Pest Control Technology magazine, June 2014, pages 34-40, a section on Bee Health – The Buzz Continues, discusses recent news surrounding pollinators and insecticides – by Anne Nagro (anagro@giemedia.com). I’ve presented the gist of the five areas she discussed. More can be found at PCT website: [http://www.pctonline.com](http://www.pctonline.com)

1) **Bill Stall: Expect Legislative Push to Continue**

Numerous anti-neonicotinoid and bee health bills have been introduced in state legislatures, but in general “the bee bills aren’t making it through the process,” said Gene Harrington, government affairs director, Nation Pest Management Association. Bills in Maryland, Oregon, Vermont, Maine, New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico, Minnesota, California, Alaska, North Dakota have either been overhauled, rewritten, died, been submitted, awaiting the Governor’s signature, pending, under review or on the dockets for review in 2015. On the federal front, the Saving America’s Pollinators Act is pending and has 55 co-sponsors. Passage is questionable in 2014 but the profile of the issue is being raised and has a strong support base. It tends to single out pesticides as a main reason for the decline of bee health. It is likely to be reintroduced in 2015. A balance to the issue is needed and the decline cannot be totally blamed solely on pesticides.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is drafting a pesticide registration notice that would add pollinator protection language, similar to that required on neonicotinoid products, to all pesticide labels.

In April 2014, members of Responsible Industry for a Sound Environment (RISE) and Crop Life America met with White House staff to discuss stewardship and outreach programs in support of pollinator health, and followed up with a summary of member’s pollinator health initiatives.
The Editor’s (Tim’s) Two Cents Worth of Input:
With the flip to the republicans side within the U.S. Congress, many of the state legislatures and the governorships, the “bee health” debates are sure to be addressed and some may be resolved in the “once divided but now consolidated” forums.

2) Pest Management Professional Prefer to Save the Bees
Most pest control technicians (PCT) are in the business to resolve a client’s pest problem through elimination or at best maintenance of pests on client’s premises. Through periodic site management they keep pests at bay or off site and make their living. Honeybees infestations pose a problem that most often entails the hive removal, especially if it has been there any period of time. This article discusses two companies that chose to try and save the honeybees whenever possible. There is value in not having to turn a customer away.

The Editor’s (Tim’s) Two Cents Worth of Input:
Some PCT do not want to spend the time it takes to adequately remove, clean up and properly seal the building/structure to prevent future infestations. They make their profit margin by completing the inspection/pest management activity in under 20 minutes and moving on to the next job. With honeybee infestations this generally means applying a pesticide. If the hive dies and there is much honeycomb with honey and brood then the decomposition of the hive can create its own problems (See: Removing Bees From Walls publication by Dr. Dale Pollet, LSU Agriculture website: http://www.lsuagcenter.com/ - select Publications at the top; in the search box type: Removing Bees From Walls). Call backs to clean up the mess are not money-makers for the PCT and make them look bad in the eyes of their clients. It behooves the PCT to understand the bee problem and make a knowledgeable decision on how best to address the problem and serve the client.

Knowledgeable PCT companies, aware of these problems and/or who are aware of the need for preserving honeybees, often 1) seek out registered beekeepers who can better address their client’s bee problem and who may be able to save the honeybees while doing so or 2) initiate programs of their own to handle such issues – i.e., train their technicians on how best to manage the honeybee infestation. Money, time and knowledge are the big issues here, not only for the PCT but also the clientele. Sometimes the bees win and sometimes they lose. Saving a swarm or an infestation is definitely in the best interest of the bees, but may not be so for the PCT or the client (example: clients with bee sting allergies; PCT employees with or without liability insurance for the results from stinging insects).
3) **Activists Stage Protests, File Lawsuits**

Environmental groups “swarmed” Home Depot and Lowe’s stores in February to protest the sale of neonicotinoid products and nursery plants treated with the pesticide. The “Show Bees Some Love” campaign presented a half a million petition signatures to the big box stores. Protests took place in Chicago, Minneapolis, San Francisco, Boston, Washington, D.C., and Eugene, Oregon.

Groups urged the California Department of Pesticide regulation to conclude its review of neonicotinoid pesticides as a class. Activists said the agency has continued to approve bee-harming products in this chemical class despite an ongoing review that began in 2009.

In March, groups delivered more than 500,000 signatures to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Gina McCarthy, urging the leader to protect bees and other pollinators. Groups filed two lawsuits against EPA for approving the pesticides sulfoxaflor and cyantraniliprole, which they claim are “highly toxic” to bees and insect pollinators. Sulfoxaflor, manufactured by Dow AgroSciences, belongs to a newly assigned sub-class of neonicotinoid pesticides. Cyantraniliprole is a DuPont active ingredient approved as a foliar and soil treatment to control sucking and chewing pests.

**The Editor’s (Tim’s) Two Cents Worth of Input:**

All neonicotinoid pesticides have been banned in Europe for several years.

4) **Studies: Fewer Colony Losses, More Neonic Finger-Pointing**

This past winter, fewer managed honey bee colonies were lost in the United States than in recent years, according to an annual survey of beekeepers released by the U.S. Department of Agriculture in May.

According to the survey, total losses of managed honey bee colonies from all causes were 23.2 percent nationwide. That number is above the 18.9 percent level of loss that beekeepers say is acceptable for their economic sustainability, but is a significant improvement over the 30.5 percent loss reported for the winter of 2012-13, and over the eight-year average loss of 29.6 percent.

Survey leaders from USDA and the University of Maryland’s Bee Informed Partnership said there is no way to tell why the bees did better this year. They said yearly fluctuations in the rate of losses demonstrate the complicated issue of honey bee health, which is impacted by the combination of viruses and other pathogens, parasites like varroa mites, nutrition problems from lack of diversity in pollen sources and sub-lethal effects of pesticides.

Related to pesticides, a study released by the Harvard School of Public Health (HSPH) in May found two neonicotinoids – Imidacloprid and clothianidin – significantly harm honey bee colonies over the winter, particularly during cold winters.

Hives exhibiting Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD) had almost identical levels of pathogen infestation as the control hives, most of which survived the winter. This suggests the neonicotinoids are causing some other kind of biological mechanism in bees that in turn leads to CCD, reported researchers.

“We demonstrated again in this study that neonicotinoids are highly likely to be responsible for triggering CCD in honey bee hives that were healthy prior to the arrival of winter,” said lead author Chensheng (Alex) Lu, associate professor of environmental exposure biology as HSPH.
According to the National Pest Management Association, industry leaders, entomologists and scientists have reviewed the study and agree the conclusions are misleading based on faulty science and the design of the experiment.

The study used a neonicotinoid concentration more than 10 times the highest level bees normally encounter, failed to screen what was in free-foraging bee’s systems prior to starting the experiment, and did not confirm the type of infection that caused the loss of one control hive, among other issues, reported NPMA.

The association provided the industry talking points to address concerns raised by the study, as well as a statement on pollinator health.

5) **Bayer Opens New Research Center, concludes Bee Care Tour**

On April 15, Bayer CropScience opened its North American Bee Care Center in Research Triangle Park, N.C. The 6,000 square-foot, $2.4 million center will support scientific research, product stewardship and sustainable agriculture to protect and improve honey bee health, as well as educate stakeholders and the public about the beneficial insects.

The facility complements Bayer’s Eastern Bee Care Technology Station, a 2,300 square-foot field station that opened in November 2013 in Clayton, N.C. Bayer’s first Bee Care Center opened in 2012 at the company’s global headquarters in Monheim, Germany.
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LBA HONEY CONTEST (see rules on website for details): □ YES □ NO
PLEASE RENEW YOUR LBA MEMBERSHIP!

LBA memberships have almost doubled over the last two years. The LBA is excited about this growth and sincerely appreciates your membership support. If you have not completed and submitted your membership renewal for 2014, please use the membership application at the end of this newsletter and send your renewal to our treasurer as soon as possible. The January issue of our newsletter was your last issue if you allowed your membership to expire. Please don’t delay any longer and renew your LBA membership today.

Please feel free to make additional copies of this Bulletin and provide them to others interested in beekeeping and our organization. Reading the information provided below by our membership chairman will help you join us in our recruiting efforts by participating in our “Member Get A Member Campaign.” Prizes are awarded to the top three recruiters annually! The new campaign begins November 1st, 2013 and ends October 31st, 2014.

There are many challenges facing beekeepers. Our organization provides a voice to Louisiana beekeepers and lets state government know that we are an important part of Louisiana’s agricultural industry. There is strength in numbers, so help us help you through your membership support!

“MEMBER GET A MEMBER CAMPAIGN”

Membership in the Louisiana Beekeepers Association (LBA) is a privilege, but more importantly, an obligation. Louisiana beekeepers can only help themselves and their industry by participating in the dialogue that creates and enforces our state’s beekeeping policies. Anchored in a rich tradition of service, the LBA has always promoted a healthy, productive beekeeping industry. This can only be accomplished through a strong state beekeeping organization. To accomplish this we need the help of more beekeepers. Our current membership is growing but still consists of less than 50% of the state’s beekeepers. We have to continue to mobilize if we are to remain an effective voice for all Louisiana beekeepers.

You can help us and help yourself by joining the LBA today. Equally importantly you can recruit other beekeepers to join the LBA! To help increase our membership we are continuing our “MEMBER GET A MEMBER CAMPAIGN.” Simply talk to fellow beekeepers about their participation in their state beekeeping association through membership. In addition, ask their assistance and support in recruiting other LBA members. There is strength in numbers and if the LBA is to be the beekeepers voice we need a large membership.

Our membership application contains a referral blank to be used to list the member that recruited the new member to join the LBA. An award awaits three individuals (1st, 2nd, and 3rd place) that enlist the most new members in 2014. The award will be presented at our annual convention, which will be held in the Alexandria, LA the first weekend in December 2014. Please feel free to contact any officer or board member if you need more information on promoting membership in the LBA.

Thank you for your support,

David Ferguson
LBA Membership Chairman
Rules for the "Member Get A Member Campaign"

1. Each year the contest start date is November 1st, continuing through the next calendar year to the contest end date of October 31st.

2. 1st place: Plaque and $50.00 check. 2nd place: Ribbon and $25.00 check. 3rd place: Ribbon and $10.00 check. The local club in which the first place winner is a member will win a one year associate membership valued at $25.00.

3. The winners will be contacted before the convention by the "Member Get A Member Campaign" chairman in order to see if they will be attending the convention. If they will not be attending, for whatever reason, their award will be sent home with a person of their choice. It is up to the winners to make these arrangements.

4. LBA officers and board members can participate in the contest, but cannot win the contest.

LOUISIANA BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
2014 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
“MEMBER GET A MEMBER CAMPAIGN”

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