



WEST VIRGINIA BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

Mountain State Beekeepers Working Together

Fall 2010 Newsletter

Troy Holbrook	Dave Rectenwald	Nancy Postlethwait	Joyce Frey	Sharron Ball
President	Vice President	Secretary	Treasurer	Editor
HC37, Box 167-A	Rt 3 Box 68	492 Kisner Hill Rd.	Rt 1 Box 226	Rt. 7 Box 536-C
Lewisburg, WV 24901	Kenna, WV 25248	Fairmont, WV 26554	Moatsville, WV 26405	Fairmont, WV 26554
tjholbrook1@frontier.net	drectenwald@earthlink.net	lpostlethwait@aol.com	retiredfrey@aol.com	Sball10623@aol.com
304-497-2966	304-372-5116	304-366-9938	304-457-2177	304-534-3196

The President's Message

It is my privilege once again to welcome you to our fall meeting by way of our newsletter. As always there is almost certain to be several items/speakers that will grab your attention and possibly be included in your care of honey bees.

Janet Clayton is the chairperson for this years meeting. As knowledgeable a beekeeper as she is, I feel certain that our meeting will be informative and successful.

Hope your year of beekeeping has been successful and that I will see you at the meeting.

Troy Holbrook, President, WVBA

SPRING MEETING 2011

The Mercer County Beekeepers Association will host the WVBA 2011 Spring Meeting in Princeton. Make sure to check out the 2011 Spring Newsletter for more information.

ASSOCIATION NEWS

Barbour County Beekeepers Association braved this summer's thunderstorms and had a good field day hosted by Dave and Cindy Proudfoot including a picnic and looking into the hives between storms. Many of our members are new beekeepers and have had a pretty good year for learning as nectar flows have been better than the last few years. As with much of the state we have had battles with Nosema this year. Members have provided honeybee education programs at a local church camp (two different camps) and are gearing up for the Barbour County Fair including kids day and senior day.

Kanawha Valley Beekeepers Association Under the leadership of Steve May, President, Kanawha Valley Beekeepers have been very active doing educational programs that promote knowledge of the importance of beekeeping. Programs and displays have been given to eight different organizations. They include Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Kanawha Valley Farm Bureau, Sustainability Fair, 4-H (2 times), and two schools.

KVB members gave information through group presentations to 291 young people plus numerous adults at the Sustainability Fair. Plans are made to have an information booth at the Kanawha Valley Fair.

Members who have volunteered their help with educational activities are: Steve May, Fred and Autumn Hopkins, Frank and Laura Naab, Bill Warner, Hershel Wilson, Dale Harbert, Lorraine Naab, Allen Leadmon, David Russell, Joette Russell, Laura Barno, Ken Swiger, and Bruce Plumley.

President Steve May was interviewed for public radio which aired on Monday, August 2. He discussed the importance of bees and the efforts of the WV Queen Rearing Association. Steve May and Allen Leadmon are actively involved in the queen rearing organization.

Kanawha Valley Beekeepers has increased its membership to 55 members and has held 5 meetings thus far this year.

Imogene Leadmon, Secretary KVBA

Marion County Beekeepers Association MCBA held its 17th annual beekeeping short course on 6 evenings in February and March with 24 in attendance. Each session included two topics - with ten different beekeepers teaching the classes. The 2010 Meeting Programs featured presenters including Dr. Don Trisel of Fairmont State University, Dr. James Amrine of WVU, Paul Poling of WVDA and Lloyd and Nancy Postlethwait. Our June field day was held at Tim and Kathy Eakle's Apiary where Fred McClain and Tom Kees led the group in "A Look into the Hive".

The year will conclude with a picnic in August, a program on building and caring for beekeeping equipment by Gene Goff in September and the annual Harvest Dinner in October.

The current membership stands at 92. Marion County local members Lloyd and Nancy Postlethwait will be presented 2010 WVBA Beekeeper of the Year Award at the Honey Festival.

TriState Beekeepers Association (tristatebeekeepers.com) continues to grow in numbers and projects. We presented a very successful one day seminar, "Beekeeping For Beginners" on July 17 at the Schrader Environmental Center located in Wheeling's Oglebay Park. Advanced advertisement was accomplished through newspaper stories and a television interview. We had 20 participants who listened to talks from 8 speakers including Steve Conlon of Thistle Dew Farms. All 20 expressed an interest in joining our group, swelling our ranks to well over 50 members. As a club we eagerly look forward to the challenge of maintaining their enthusiasm even during the difficult times experienced by all beekeepers. We are now planning our end of summer picnic and are busy scheduling guest speakers for the fall agenda.

West Central Beekeeping Association

WCBA has experienced another successful year. We gave our second class for beginning beekeepers, which was a free presentation to our members. After completion, those taking the class were offered a package of bees, with a 50/50 cost share.

Funds for the cost share venture were generated through the sale of books and through grant moneys received last year from multiple sources.

We wish to thank all of our contributors, both financial as well as educators.

WCBA currently has other projects in the making, including a tree grafting class, along with plans to introduce new wood ware, fruit and berry tree propagation for the purpose of supplying pollen and nectar for the bees, as well as providing more sustainable sources of locally grown fruit and berries.

May 1, 2010, marked our second full year in operation. We have been able to maintain an average of 50 members, with those coming from basically a five county area of West Central West Virginia, but as far away as northern Ohio.

Our outreach participation has included the Honey Festival in Parkersburg, as well as the Honey Expo at WVUP, and the Spring Meeting at Fairmont. Our Black Walnut Festival at Spencer, afforded us an opportunity to provide information to the general public, wherein, many youngsters and students were introduced to the world of keeping bees and their importance to our ecosystem.

We hope to continue to grow in membership, as well as in knowledge.

Anyone who is interested in learning the “tricks of the trade”, or just in the art and science of beekeeping is encouraged and welcomed to attend our monthly meetings on the 4th Saturday of each month.

Meetings alternate between the West Fork Community Center (August), and the Roane County Library. For more information, contact Dale Cunningham, President, at 304-354-6916, or Sharon Christ, Secretary/Treasurer at 304-927-1775.

HAS (Heartland Apiculture Society) 2011:

Mark your calendars for this annual conference. It will be held in Vincennes, Indiana on July 7-9, 2011. The meeting site will be on the campus of Vincennes University.

Master Beekeeper Testing will be offered Friday morning, September 24, at 9AM prior to the fall meeting in the EEC building at Jackson’s Mill. The Master Beekeeper Program offers three levels of certification, Apprentice, Certified and Master. Checkout the state website for information or contact Janet at info below. If you are interested in participating contact Janet Clayton at honeylady60@yahoo.com or 304-457-5332 or drop a postcard to Rt 2 Box 595, Philippi, WV 26416.

GENERAL MEETING OF THE WVBA MEMBERSHIP:

The general membership meeting will occur at the Fall Meeting at 6 pm on Friday evening, following the program and dinner.

Make plans to attend as the membership elects the Beekeeper of the Year, two members-at-large to the Executive Board and votes on any business that needs brought before the membership (such as changes to the constitution).

This year members at the general meeting need to vote on a possible change regarding Membership in the By-Laws. The WVBA board recognizes that "Family Membership" has never been formally accepted as such in our By-Laws and therefore a vote by the membership is needed to accept this change. Sections 1 and 2 as noted below are the current By-Laws for membership. Section 1a. (underlined) is the suggested change/addition to define a family membership.

Membership

Section 1. There shall be three types of membership: direct membership, life membership and through a local association.

a. A member is defined as an individual or a family. There is one vote per paid membership. A family membership includes those individuals living within a single household. The family must decide who shall vote and the WVBA will provide an implementation for the vote. If additional members of the same household wish to vote, they will be required to pay state membership dues.

Section 2. The dues for direct membership will be \$7.00 per calendar year and through a local organization will be \$6.00 per calendar year. Dues for Life Membership will be equivalent to ten years of dues at the current rate.

WV BEEKEEPER OF THE YEAR (2011)

This honor will be voted at the Fall General meeting on Friday evening, September 24th. Nominations must be in writing and received by the Secretary, Nancy Postlethwait, by Friday, 9/17/10 (See address information on Newsletter top front page). Each local association is encouraged to present a candidate.

Requirements state that the candidate must:

- Own and / or currently manage or maintain honeybee colonies.
- Have an adequate working knowledge of honeybee diseases and their diagnoses and control.
- Have an adequate working knowledge of honeybee management with respect to swarm control, honey production, division, queen rearing, etc.
- Be a member and play an active role in State and local beekeeping association functions.
- Be active in local beekeeping education and honey promotion.
- The nominee’s spouse is encouraged to be included.

WV BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETINGS The final meeting date for 2010 is Saturday 11/06/09. The 2011 meeting dates will be decided then. The meetings are held from 10 am to 3 pm at The Steer Family Steak House, Market Place, Weston, WV (304-269-7666). Watch for the meeting announcements from the WVBA Secretary.

ASSOCIATION OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Watch for the application form, which will be sent out by the WVBA secretary the beginning of January 2011 (for the 2010 Year) to all Associations representatives.

Winners are announced at the Spring Meeting by the President, who also presents the prizes to the winning associations.

West Virginia Queen Producers

The West Virginia Queen Producers Co-op was founded in late 2008 as an agricultural Co-op for group support, learning sessions and equipment-sharing. Group President and organizer of the group, Dan O'Hanlon, saw the value of a state queen industry to the economy and state beekeepers. The gene pool could be enriched and bees would be acclimated to our region. In addition these bees would act as a buffer to very defensive bees with Africanized genes.

There are about 20 producers who work independently. Because of our climate the target date is for late summer/early fall queen production. Late summer requeening is becoming more popular nationwide because it permits the requeened colony to go into winter with a young, vigorous queen, increasing the chance of winter survival. The biggest disadvantage to late summer requeening is the large hive population that hampers the finding of the queen to be replaced. However, the use of marked queens and queen excluders to locate queens and queen activity (eggs and brood) are significant helps. Local beekeeping groups could help greatly with summer requeening instruction of their members.

Shipping of queens within the state is done by a few of the producers, but many prefer to have customers pick up their queens.

The Queens Cost approximately \$25. Here is a list of a few Producers:

Frank/Zelma Boggess, Ripley, 304-372-3106 **Varroa Sensitive Hygiene- Italian/ Yugo**

Don/Angie Heishman, Wardensville, 304-874-3883 **VSH Italian**

Joe Kovaleski, (N. Panhandle) 740-632-7500 (cell) **Carniolan**

David Rectenwald, Kenna, 304- 532-7062 or 372-5116 **Russian and WV Italian Survivor**

Janet Clayton, Barbour Co. 304-457-5332, honeylady60@yahoo.com **VP, Buckfast, Survivor**

A side benefit of the group's work is the significant support given in bringing queen program guest speakers to our WVBA Spring meetings in Fairmont (2009), Huntington(2010) and Princeton (2011). For more information see the website at: www.mountainstatequeens.com

Tom Kees

USDA-WVDA \$30 "Rebate" Grant

A \$4000 grant gotten for WVBA members has been distributed to 91 members for a total of 134 rebate payments of \$30 each.

The grant application period ran from December 1, 2009 thru January 31, 2010 with 121 applicants. Each applicant was to make his own arrangements for ordering and pick up of WV packages or nucs. Several approved applicants chose to withdraw from the grant at various times for various reasons. This left over money was redistributed equally to those still participating.

The grant's purpose was to help WVBA members with a \$30 rebate per approved package or nuc and help with the development of a WV package and nuc industry within the state.

Donations for stationery, postage, phone, and printing made it possible to use the entire \$4000 grant for actual payment to participants. WVBA's help with stationery and postage was particularly helpful.

Evaluation forms were sent with each check mailed. 63% of the evaluation forms were returned so far with a termination date of August 31st. The evaluations indicated general satisfaction with the grant, administration of the grant and the packages and nucs. Several useful suggestions for future grants were submitted with the returned evaluations.

Tom Kees

Heartland (HAS) Conference 2010

HAS held *its* ninth annual conference on the campus of Tennessee Tech University at Cookeville, Tennessee, July 8-10, with ten WVBA members attending (see following photo by Aretha Kees).



10 WV beekeepers at HAS 2010:

Left to Right: (Front row) Aretha Kees, Bea Aikens, Gabe Blatt, Dan O’Hanlon, Gerry Fitzgerald (Back row) Tom Kees, Bob Aikens, Mark Baker, Maxine Walter, Charles Walter.

Each morning and afternoon session started with a major presentation followed by two break-out workshops. Bill and Nancy Troup, together with AFB specialist, Klinker (their Black Labrador) were on hand to help in the steamy apiary. Twelve vendors, such as Kelley’s, Brushy Mountain, Reid’s Apiary, and Mann Lake were on hand to demonstrate and show their newest products.

Each presentation offered some unique insight. For example, Dr. Tom Webster on” the Problem of Honey Bees in the Pool” mentioned how the sun’s reflected polarized light is an attractant, as well as salt being an attractant (and a necessary nutrient for honey bees). Dr. Webster spoke of how a small child’s pool placed in the sunlight near hives with a small quantity of sea salt would keep many honey bees home and out of a neighbor’s swimming pool.

Conference participants were impressed when Dan O’Hanlon explained West Virginia’s Beekeepers Civil Immunity Law as our state becomes the first in the Nation to have such a law.

The annual HAS fundraiser quilt auction raised \$3000 (that goes to keep HAS’s registration costs low) with the high bidder being Dan O’Hanlon, of our Cabell-Wayne group, who promptly gave the quilt to this year’s Conference President Jim Garrison and his wife who were celebrating their Fortieth Wedding Anniversary on that day.

Next year’s (July, 2011) Conference at Vincennes University in southern Indiana will mark the 10th Anniversary of HAS.

Heartland Apicultural Society, founded in 2002, is a regional national group, whose charter members include Kentucky, West Virginia, Ohio, Tennessee, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, and Alabama. The group meets for annual conferences in participating states. HAS is proud to be one of the three regional apicultural societies in the country. Since its beginning, it has consistently kept the cost of attending the three day programs extremely low and the quality high. Heartland’s 2008 Conference in Huntington was sponsored by the Cabell-Wayne Beekeepers.

Tom Kees

Learning From EAS 2010

Several presentations summarized important information. For example, *Apis ceranae* has become a big concern to beekeepers. A presentation by Geoff Williams gave some excellent management practices:

- Too many bees in a yard increase stress (competition).
- Importance of a clean water source.
- Drifting bees aid the transmission of disease (placement of hives).
- “Leaky” equipment stresses the colony with extra entrances to guard.
- Crushing bees (e.g., replacing supers) will aid in the transmission of *Apis ceranae*.
- Sanitation in the beeyard and with equipment is important (clean hive tool, gloves, picking up burr comb, etc.)
- Comb should be replaced completely in a 3 to 5 year cycle. (perhaps installing new foundation in 2 or 3 frames a year as beeswax acts as a sponge for pesticides and diseases).
- Good nutrition is essential. (feed pollen patties, sugar syrup when necessary).

Seven West Virginians attended the August 2-6 Eastern Apicultural Society Meeting at Appalachian State University in Boone, NC. They included: Mark Baker, Gerry Fitzgerald, Walter and Cathy Watson, Joe Strickland of Birch River, and Aretha and Tom Kees.

EAS 2011 will be held in Rhode Island the end of next July.

Tom Kees

Bee Friendly Farming

At almost all major beekeeping conferences there is a vendor hall or room dedicated to beekeeping supply companies. Frequently there are groups or causes represented at these same places who try to enlist support from individuals and groups. Such was the case at this year’s EAS Conference in Boone, NC.

There is an organization, “Partners for Sustainable Pollination” (www.pfspbees.org). What caught my eye was their “Bee Friendly Farming Initiative.” A clear, colorful picture-illustrated brochure explained the goals. There is even a “Certification” for Bee Friendly Farming that requires 4 things: Providing nesting habitat for (native) bees, 6 % of acreage vested in pollinator–beneficial plantings, Diversity of bee food plants available throughout all seasons, and Considering pollinator health as a priority with all pesticide applications. The initiative strives to provide agricultural landscapes that provide sufficient and balanced bee nutrition. Dr. Marla Spivak is quoted, “One major factor in the decline of all bees is lack of food plants–nectar and pollen sources that bees require for their nutritional health. Bees’ sole source of protein and carbohydrates comes from flowering plants, and it is essential they feed from a variety of sources to fulfill their dietary amino acid requirements.”

I brought back some literature to look through. A group with such goals deserves my consideration as a beekeeper and perhaps the consideration of our state and local associations as well.

Tom Kees

WEST VIRGINIA BEEKEEPER IMMUNITY LAW and REGULATIONS

In April of this year, West Virginia became the first state in the nation to pass a law giving beekeepers immunity from civil liability for ordinary negligence. This law came about as a result of strong support by the leadership of both the House and Senate. We are fortunate to have a State Senate President, Earl Ray Tomblin, whose father is a beekeeper. Additionally, House Speaker Richard Thompson was raised by a grandfather who was a beekeeper. The bill passed the House 94-2 and the Senate 34-0. Finally, it helped that the honeybee is our state insect!

The law requires that beekeepers register their hives. It also mandated the WV Department of Agriculture to promulgate Best Management Practices [BMP] for beekeepers. After extensive review of the BMPs of many other states, the Department promulgated 14 rules that beekeepers must agree to comply with to receive

immunity from civil suits. All beekeepers who abide by these provisions will have absolute civil immunity from ordinary negligence.

The rules themselves relate mainly to urban beekeeping and being a good neighbor. They require beekeepers to post a warning sign in every apiary and to limit the number of hives in any one location based on the size of the lot. This varies from no more than 4 hives on a half-acre lot, to no more than 8 hives on a lot of more than an acre. If all the hives are at least 200 feet from all property lines, there is no limit on the number of hives at the apiary site.

Hive entrances must face away from neighboring property and the beekeeper must have a 6 foot barrier if the hives are within 50 feet of the property line.

An interesting rule requires the beekeeper to maintain a water source near the colonies at a distance less than the nearest unnatural water supply. This should help keep the bees out of the neighbor's bird baths and swimming pools. The rules also prohibit locating a hive within 50 feet of where any animal is tethered or kenneled so they could not escape from stings. The last of the 'good neighbor rules' prohibits opening a hive when neighbors are present in the immediate vicinity.

WV beekeepers are strongly encouraged to avoid purchasing queens and bees from areas known to have Africanized honeybees [AHB]. They are also required to replace all queens which head colonies which exhibit such defensive behavior as may be injurious to the general public or domesticated animals.

Finally, beekeepers are urged to manage all their hives to prevent swarming.

The remaining rules all deal with special conditions such as requiring that bees used for public demonstrations, entertainment or educational purposes be enclosed so as to prevent release in public. Similarly, bees being transported need to be screened to prevent escape, and a caution sign posted at sights where bees are collected prior to shipping.

All bees being transported must be secured and netted.

The last requirement is that all pesticides and control agents must be discarded properly following label directions.

The Department reserved the right to promulgate additional rules in the future if AHB became established in West Virginia, but these rules are something beekeepers can live with for now. Because the legislation allowed the Department to issue emergency rules, they will remain in effect until the end of the next legislative session. During that session, the legislators can add or amend these rules. As you might expect, every beekeepers sees

something in the rules that they would have written differently so the danger is that beekeepers will descend on the state capitol demanding their representatives to change this rule or that one to suit their operation.

Fortunately, wiser heads are urging all beekeepers not to open Pandora's Box and allow non-beekeeping delegates and senators to begin adding rules that they feel would better regulate bees in West Virginia. After all, the rules are completely voluntary so you can simply run your operation as you see fit, the same as you did before the law was passed. You will still be subject to civil suits, but the choice is yours.

The beneficial effects of the law have already been felt by some beekeepers. At our last club meeting, several beekeepers told me they contacted their insurance companies and received significant reductions in the insurance premiums on their beekeeping policies. Beekeepers have written to several other insurance companies as well as to our Insurance Commissioner asking them to give us rate reductions similar to what doctors received on malpractice policies when tort reform lowered their civil liability.

West Virginia beekeepers are pleased and proud to be in the first state in the nation to help shield beekeepers from lawsuits. They hope that many other states will follow our lead and protect their beekeepers.

-Dan O'Hanlon, President – West Virginia Queen Producers
danohanlon@mountainstatequeens.com

Did you know?

- There are more than 1200 registered beekeepers in WV.
- WVBA was initially incorporated on Sept. 15, 1917 and then reorganized in 1969.
- WV has a state insect – the honeybee

WV Beekeepers Association
Fall Meeting September 24-25, 2010
Jackson's Mill State 4-H Camp

AGENDA

Friday September 24

- 12:00 – 1:00 REGISTRATION, HONEY SHOW ENTRIES, HONEY SWAP ENTRIES....West Virginia Building
- 1:00 – 1:20 PRESIDENT'S WELCOME
- 1:20 – 2:20 Report on SEVEN STATE STATIONARY HIVE STUDY by Nancy Ostiguy
- 2:20 – 2:50 STATE OF THE STATE & LABELING AND MARKETING TIPS by Jeanie Smith
- 2:50 – 3:05 BREAK
- 3:05 – 3:40 WHAT GOES BUMP IN THE NIGHT by Dave Rectanwald
- 3:40 – 4:15 HOW HONEY BEES SENSE THINGS by Tom Kees
Master Beekeeper Presentation
- 4:15 – 5:30 BREAK and FREE TIME, Honey Show Entries, Honey Swap Entries
Vendors Open
- 5:30 – 6:30 SUPPER
- 7:00 – ? Ice Cream SOCIAL, Honey Swap and Honey Tasting, History of WVBA by Aretha Kees,
and Area Vendors (EEC Building)

Saturday September 25

- 7:30 – 8:30 BREAKFAST
- 8:30 – 9:30 SUSTAINABLE BEEKEEPING by Nancy Ostiguy...WV Building
- 9:30 – 10:30 Awards, WVBA Business Meeting...WV Building
- 10:30 – 10:55 BREAK Vendors & Honey Show Viewing...EEC Building
- 10:55 – 11:55 Break Out Session I....**see workshops and locations below**
- 11:55 – 1:15 LUNCH (Serving 12:15 – 1:15)...Dining Hall
- 1:20 – 2:20 Break Out Session II....**see workshops and locations below**
- 2:20 – 2:35 BREAK EEC Building
- 2:35 – 3:35 ORGANIC BEEKEEPING by Nancy Ostiguy...WV Building
- 3:35 – 4:00 AUCTION
- 4:00 CLOSING

Break Out Session I

- ___ How to Prepare for a Honey Show and Judging Criteria by Joe Kovaleski,EEC
- ___ Nosema Testing and 2009 preliminary results on FSU study by Don TriselWV Building
- ___ What Goes Where in a Hive, Beginning Beekeeping by Wade Stiltner and Rebecca Moretto...Apiary
* bring a veil

Break Out Session II

- ___ Checkmite and Apistan in the hive by Nancy Ostiguy...WV Building
- ___ Hive manipulations for the advanced beekeeper by Paul Poling....Apiary * bring a veil
- ___ How to Prepare For a Honey Bakery Show and Judging Criteria by Debbie Copenhaver....EEC

WV Beekeepers Association
Fall Meeting September 24-25, 2010
Jackson's Mill State 4-H Camp

Registration and all activities will be in the **West Virginia Building** unless otherwise identified in the agenda. Additional locations we will be using include the **EEC Building** and an **apiary** set up next to the West Virginia Building. Follow the signs.

Dr. Nancy Ostiguy, Associate Professor of Entomology at Penn State University is our featured speaker. Her main interests include: Honey bee and native pollinator health, Integrated Pest Management; Impact of pesticides on non-target species; and Sampling strategies. Her interests are in the area of sustainable and organic agriculture which she will be talking about at the meeting. The current focus of her research is in the area of environmental consequences of pest control strategies, including non-pesticidal approaches to pest control (IPM), pesticide residues in foods and other products, risk communication, and sublethal effects of pesticides on non-target organisms.

Tom Kees will be completing his master beekeeper certification by conducting a presentation on How Honey Bees Sense Things. It makes sense for beekeepers to know how bees sense things - how they see, hear, smell, taste, and feel things. This presentation will include some Practical Applications for beekeepers.

WVBA Vice President, and Master Beekeeper **Dave Rectanwald** will be conducting an interesting presentation on nightly visitors to his apiary.

Marketing and Development Director **Jeanie Smith**, WV Department of Agriculture, will be giving us the basic requirements for labeling our honey, the short version and an update on what is going on in the Ag Department.

Saturday afternoon we will be having some breakout sessions in which you will be able to select the workshop you would like to attend. Hopefully we found something for most of you. Workshop presenters include: Master Beekeeper **Debbie Copenhaver**; Master Beekeeper **Joe Kovaleski**; **Dr Nancy Ostiguy**, Professor Penn State University; **Dr Don Trisel**, Professor Farimont State University; State Department of Ag Apiary Staff, **Rebecca Morreto**, **Paul Poling** and **Wade Stiltner**.

VENDORS Vendors **Reid's Apiary**, **Dadant** and the **WV Honey Producers** will be again attending our meeting. This year you will have plenty of time to check out their wares during the Friday evening social and extended breaks. Both will take prior orders for delivery at the meeting.

Dadant (VA)

Call 1-800-220-8325 to place your order. Orders need to be placed by September 17, 2010.

Reid's Apiary

To place an order, call Bill and Margaret Reid by Tuesday, September 21, 2010 at 740-643-2925.

WV Honey Producers

To contact Bill: 304-269-7943 (store) 304-452-8508 (home) 304-517-8426 (cell).

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Lodging at Jackson's Mill is available in **Cottage** (older style buildings)

- Private rooms with private bath accommodates 1 or 2 persons at a single cost
- Suitable for handicapped or persons with mobility problems (ground floor entry)

Or **Lodge** (modern motel style building)

- Private room with private bath accommodates 1 or 2 persons at a single cost.
- Rooms are ½ floor up or down from ground level

Other Lodging at area hotels available but you must make your own reservations.

Meals: To compute cost for meals: Enter the number of persons for each meal desired and multiply the total number of meals in the category (breakfast, lunch or dinner) by base cost for that meal.

ITEM	FRI.	SAT.	COST
Cottage @ \$47 / night		xxxxxxx xxx	
Lodge @ \$69 / night		xxxxxxx xxx	
Breakfast @ \$6 / meal	xxxxxxx		
Lunch @ \$7 / meal	xxxxxxx		
Dinner @ \$9 / meal		xxxxxxx xxx	

Total for lodging and meals		
Registration -- 2 days, \$30 / person	#	
Registration -- 1 day, \$15 / person	#	
Registration – 12 yrs old & younger FREE		
Registration – 13 to 17 yrs old ½ price		
Surcharge for non member of WVBA \$5 / person	#	
Total		

Name(s) _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Telephone _____ E-mail _____
 Local Association _____

Make check payable to WVBA and send registration* to:
c/o Joyce Frey WVBA Treasurer
Rt. 1 Box 226
Moatsville, WV 26405

*** Registration should be received by the WVBA treasurer no later than September 7.**

Honey and Bake Show

See the state website for show rules. Entries must be submitted to the lower level of the EEC Building by 5:30 PM on Friday. Participants may have their entries submitted by someone else but must attend the meeting at least one day.

Fall Meeting Honey Swap

At the Fall Meeting this year we will be having a night of Tasting the Sweetness of WV. Plan to come and enjoy the fun. Of course you know the primary sweetness we are talking about, Honey. If you harvested a unique natural flavor of honey you would like to share with our members please bring some for sampling (example: Japanese knotweed, Tulip Poplar, Locust, etc). We will also be conducting a honey swap. Bring a pint of honey and get a ticket for a pint of someone else's honey. If you would like to bring an extra pint, we will auction it to help offset meeting costs. Please include your name on the jar.

Jackson's Mill—Meeting Location and Directions

Jackson's Mill is a special-mission campus of West Virginia University – owned and operated by the WVU Extension Service – Jackson's Mill represents the historic home of 4-H camping in the United States as site of the first statewide 4-H camp in the nation; today, Jackson's Mill continues to serve thousands of 4-H'ers each summer and throughout the year. For more information on our meeting location visit:

<http://jacksonsmill.ext.wvu.edu/>

Traveling South on I-79: Taking Exit 105, turn right toward Jane Lew, and travel approximately 1/2 mile to the intersection of Route 19. Turn left and follow Route 19 South for approximately 7 miles to Jackson's Mill Road. (The Hickory House Restaurant is a landmark.) Turn right onto Jackson's Mill Road and go approximately 2.5 miles. After you cross the bridge, the WVU Jackson's Mill grounds are on your right.

Traveling North on I-79: Using Exit 99, turn left toward Weston onto Route 33 West and travel approximately 2 miles. At the fourth traffic light, turn right onto Route 19 North. Follow Route 19 North for approximately 4 miles to Jackson's Mill Road. (The Hickory House Restaurant is a landmark.) Turn left onto Jackson's Mill Road and travel approximately 2.5 miles. After you cross the bridge, the WVU Jackson's Mill grounds are on your right.

Traveling West on Route 33: Continue straight on Route 33 through the Interstate 79 interchange. At the fourth traffic light (approximately 2 miles), turn right onto Route 19 North. Follow Route 19 North for approximately 4 miles to Jackson's Mill Road. (The Hickory House Restaurant is a landmark.) Turn left onto Jackson's Mill Road and travel approximately 2.5 miles. After you cross the bridge, the WVU Jackson's Mill grounds are on your right.

Traveling East on Route 33: Take Route 33 into Weston, then follow signs for Route 19 North. After approximately 4 miles, (the Hickory House Restaurant is a landmark), turn left onto Jackson's Mill Road and travel approximately 2.5 miles. After you cross the bridge, the WVU Jackson's Mill grounds are on your right.

Additional Accommodations:

A block of six rooms has been reserved at the **Super 8 Weston** since lodging is limited at the Jackson's Mill facility. Reservations must be made by September 10 or the rooms will be released. The Super 8 is located at the Market Place Mall just off exit 99 on Interstate 79 near Weston. Contact information is 100 Market Place Mall, Weston, WV 26452 US (304) 269-1086.

Other area hotels and contact info include:

Budget Inn
1214 US Hwy 19 S, Weston, WV 26452 US (304) 269-1975

Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites Weston
215 Staunton Drive, Weston, WV 26452 US (877) 410-6681

Comfort Inn
2906 US Highway 33 East, Weston, WV 26452 US (304) 269-700

FUTURE FALL MEETING SURVEY

In an attempt to make a better fall meeting and cater to your needs and wishes we would like to hear from you. Please respond to the questions provided below by mail or email to Janet Clayton, Rt 2 Box 595, Philippi, WV 26416 or honeylady60@yahoo.com

1. Have you ever attended a fall meeting and if not why?
2. What would it take for you to go to a fall meeting?
3. Do you have suggested speakers or topics you would like to hear?
4. Is location an issue? Suggestions?
5. Are the dates an issue? Suggestions?
6. What kind of social activity would you like to have at the meeting?
7. Do you have suggestions for future workshops or breakout sessions?

Your thoughts and answers to these questions are greatly appreciated.

NOTICE to all association Members: You are entitled to a free advertisement.

Advertisement cost per issue for businesses:

- Half page (7 1/2" x 4 5/8" wide) \$40
- Third page (3 5/8" high x 4 5/8" wide) \$22
- Quarter page-tall (3 5/8" x 2 1/4") \$16
- Quarter page-wide (1 3/4" by 4 5/8" wide) \$16
- Sixth page (2 7/16" high x 2 1/4" wide) \$12

Free Ad:

24 SCREEN BOTTOM BOARDS painted with slides, \$12.75 each
20 SCREEN INNER COVERS, \$7.00 each;
Will deliver at the fall meeting. Any questions call Bob Aikens at 304 267-2298 or
BEABOB61@COMCAST.NET

Free Ad:

100 assembled and painted top feeders \$19.50 each. Will deliver to fall meeting
MARK BAKER 304-671-3562 or e-mail markbusyb@aol.com

WV Beekeepers Association Newsletter –Fall 2010
Sharron Ball, Editor
Rt. 7 Box 536-C
Fairmont, WV 26554