

WEST VIRGINIA BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION
Mountain State Beekeepers Working Together
 Spring 2005 Newsletter

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The President's Message

West Virginia Beekeepers Association lost one of its most active members when John Campbell died January 22 in the Veterans Hospital in Clarksburg. He retired this past fall after serving eleven years as state Secretary/Treasurer. For ten of those years he edited and mailed our association's newsletter. He will be greatly missed. Our condolences go to his wife, Dorothy, and his daughter, Arlene.

In 1997 John was instrumental in initiating the Association of the Year award. The program was designed to encourage local associations to become more involved in both community and state activities. Recognizing that the smaller associations had little opportunity to win the Association of the Year Award, a decision was made in 2004 to divide the state associations into two groups based on local membership. Awards will be the same, \$50 for first place and \$25 for second place. As a fitting memorial for John, the new award will be known as the "John Campbell Association of the Year for Small Associations." The original award will be called "Association of the Year Award for Large Associations."

Since 1996 the Fall meeting has been held at the Cedar Lakes Conference Center at Ripley. Except for location, its attributes of excellent accommodations, good food, pleasant surroundings, a fixed yearly meeting date and reasonable cost were difficult to match.

For the past three years a search has been underway to find a more centrally located meeting site. Bea Aikens and Debbie Copenhaver headed the search team and have found a site with comparable facilities and reasonable cost. Our Fall meeting this year will be held October 14th and 15th at Jackson's Mill Conference Center at Weston. Details will be in the Fall newsletter.

This year Ag Day at the Capitol is March 21st. We plan to be there with our display and honey tasting. We need help in visiting the legislators and presenting them with a honey bear along with a fact sheet about the needs of the state apiary program. Activities start at 9:30 A.M. If you can attend, contact me by mail (20 Shady Lane, Winfield, 25213), e-mail (geniebee@juno.com), or by phone (304-562-3339) for details.

Will you need to order queens this year? If you haven't already placed your order you may have difficulties. I understand most queen suppliers are booked up into Spring. Many beekeepers, especially in the west, anticipate winter losses may be upwards of 40% due to Varroa mites becoming resistant to both Apistan and CheckMite+. In addition to that, more almond orchards have been planted, requiring more colonies for pollination.

Again this year, the West Virginia Queen committee is looking for beekeepers' help in screening queens for possible use as breeder queens to produce West Virginia Queens for 2007. If you are interested, contact Chuck Cienowski.

The Queen committee recognizes there are drawbacks when West Virginia Queens are produced in California. Small orders are expensive and packaged bees are not available. We hope to have an East coast supplier in 2006 who can overcome these problems.

Details of our Spring meeting are in this newsletter. Be sure to plan to attend. I hope to see you there.

Gordon Mead, President

JOHN CAMPBELL



The WV Beekeepers sadly note the passing of John Campbell, 79, on January 22, 2005. In 1979, John and three of his friends founded the Tucker County Beekeepers and served as the group's Secretary-Treasurer until his death. In 2001 he and his wife Dorothy were honored as West Virginia

Beekeeper of the Year. After serving in the Paratroopers during World War II, John followed his father in his profession as a surveyor, grafter of fruit trees, and beekeeper in the rural Tucker County region. While never having more than twenty hives, John's favorite times were with his family, in the outdoors gardening, or with his bees. John worked for 40 years with the USDA Watershed Project in Tucker County, retiring two years ago. Much of John's time was spent in leadership roles in the land surveyors, the Tucker County Board of Education, the Odd Fellows, and local and state beekeeping groups. Among his many friends, John was well-known for developing his own quaint sayings, for example, when uncertain of a project's outcome, he would quip, "**Who knows what else might come out of the room when the door rots off.**" John will be missed. On a gray cold January day, surrounded by family and friends, John was laid to rest. Three land surveyors and three beekeepers served as pallbearers.

The Campbell family gratefully acknowledges the flowers and expressions of kindness received from the WVBA, so many individuals and beekeeping groups statewide.

2004 ASSOCIATION OF THE YEAR AWARDS:

Applications are currently being accepted. In January a form was sent to each local association. The forms are to be sent back to the Secretary by **3/31/05**, so the announcement and awards can be made at the Spring Meeting. See presidents letter for description of the two classes.

WV BEEKEEPERS LICENSE PLATES AVAILABLE:

A blue and yellow WVBA embossed aluminum plate will be available through your local



association or directly from the state association at the WV State Meeting in Martinsburg April 16th. The plate, used on the front of a vehicle, has a blue background with yellow art work: a large WVBA Logo to the left and 3 line large print WEST VIRGINIA BEEKEEPERS on the right. Cost of the plate is \$5. If your vehicle has no front mounting bracket, this can be gotten from your car dealer. Many states have a front and rear license plate; so a mounting bracket is usually included with the vehicle. A clear plastic protective cover can be purchased at a local auto parts store.

2004 Beekeeper of the Year Award presented to



Chuck Cienawski by Vice President Troy Holbrook during the fall meeting at Cedar Lakes

New Secretary and Treasurer Named:

During the fall **WVBA Board Meeting** amendments to the Constitution and By Laws were made. These changes included the establishment of a Finance Committee and the splitting of the Secretary and Treasurer's positions. Thanks to **Sharon Ball** and **Dave Freese** for accepting nomination and ultimate election to these positions. Also during this meeting Gordon and Jean Mead were voted as the WVBA 2005 Beekeeper of the Year.

NOTE FROM THE SECRETARY:

I am honored to be the new Secretary of our organization and am looking forward to working with everyone. In the three years I have been keeping bees I have come to appreciate the importance of attending both the local association and state meetings. Not only has it provided great

opportunities to learn more about beekeeping, but I have also met some wonderful people (who just happen to be beekeepers). Best of all, it has been fun! So, I encourage everyone to attend and become involved in your local association and attend the state meetings. **Sharon Ball**

WV BEEKEEPERS WEBSITE: Thanks to Dave Freese of the Eastern Panhandle Beekeepers Association for putting us on the web. The address is <http://www.wvbeekeepers.org/> and hopefully soon you will also be able to find a copy of this newsletter posted there. Keep up to date on association happenings and easily locate valuable links.

THE WEST VIRGINIA QUEEN PROGRAM: Some 5 to 6 years ago the West Virginia Beekeepers Association initiated a program to improve our honey bee population through breeding. One of the main objectives was to perfect a breed of bees that would live with (compatible) tracheal mites, while maintaining other desirable traits. Through testing and selection the WV Queen Program came about. The breed that showed much promise was “dubbed” the WV Queen. This breed has shown much success in providing a gene pool that will help WV Beekeepers further their effort to develop a breed that is compatible with tracheal and varroa mites. The breed is showing more promise each year. 2004 was our best year in many respects.

We have come to a cross roads, we believe. For the program to continue and to reach our objectives sooner we need all WV Beekeeper’s local organizations to help us flood the state with WV drones to be a source for breeding stock. Many breeds of bees are out there however, in my opinion NONE can help us as much as the WV breed through breeding. If the entire states bee population were flooded with WV drones, swarms would start to show some compatibility to tracheal and perhaps varroa mites. Some years ago the Commissioner of Agriculture asked the beekeepers to put some bee

HAS 2005 (Heartland Apicultural Society) **July 7,8,9**, will meet at Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, IL (about 30 miles East of St. Louis MO). This will be the fourth conference since its founding in 2002. Other conferences were held in Goshen IN, Midway KY, and Lebanon TN. Since its founding HAS has had a consistent date for meetings

hives in the wild to help pollinate seed, nut and other wildlife food sources. If all beekeeper association members will get behind this program this will happen much sooner through improving the breed. Should the entire states beekeepers NOT support this breed improvement Program it has a much greater possibility of failure. **Submitted by Milford Bragg, WV Queen Committee**

BEEKEEPERS NEEDED TO MONITOR TEST QUEENS FOR WV PROGRAM: Each year beekeepers have been monitoring test queens for our WV Queen Program. Two or more queens have been selected from these test queens for gentleness, honey production, and tracheal mite resistance. The selected queens would then be sent to a queen producer for producing queens the following year.

Again this summer, queens will be purchased, marked with numbers, and distributed to monitoring beekeepers, who will pay for their queen (s) and provide a hive(s) apart from the rest of their colonies. This (2005) summer will be used as a preparation for the summer of 2006 when the monitoring begins in earnest. A detailed record sheet is kept for each queen and her colony. Near the end of the 2006 season queens will be selected and then tested for tracheal mite resistance. The best queens will be selected as breeders for the 2007 WV Queen program, and the beekeepers will be reimbursed for the selected queen(s).

Paul Poling, State Bee Specialist, recently stressed the importance of maintaining a good distance between the test colonies and the rest of the hives. If placed too close, bees from surrounding hives can drift into test colonies possibly affecting selection.

If you are interested in participating in this monitoring process contact Chuck Cienawski for more information. The deadline for making arrangements to participate is May 1, 2005. Contact:

Chuck Cienawski
RR 3, Box 14A,
Shinnston WV, 26431 (304-592-5004).

and a consistent program of six daily one-hour workshops, each with a choice of 2 or 3 concurrent topics, with one main presentation in the evening. Meetings are scheduled for the Thursday, Friday and Saturday after the July 4th holiday. Costs of attending have been rock-bottom for cost-conscious beekeepers. **www.heartlandbees.com**

EAS 2005 (Eastern Apicultural Society) **August 1-5**, will meet at Kent University, Kent, Ohio (just NE of Akron). The first 2 ½ days are set aside for the Short Course, usually two levels, with intensive classroom and apiary presentations. The next 2 ½ days are devoted to an actual conference that involves large auditorium presentations in the mornings and a wide choice of 1 ½ hour workshops in the afternoon. The evenings are reserved for social gatherings. Beekeepers can attend the Short course or the Conference or both. For more information: visit www.easternapiculture.org or contact Kathy Summers @ 330-723-2783.

ASSOCIATION NEWS:

The Barbour County Beekeepers Association resumed meetings in January after the winter layoff. The meeting was very informative with a program provided by Paul Poling on becoming "Smart" beekeepers. Two new families attended who wish to learn and get involved with bees so the February meeting will be geared towards providing information for beginner beekeepers. Clarksburg beekeeper Milford Bragg will provide the March meeting with a program on pollen and pollen collection. The chapter meets the 4th Thursday of Jan, Feb, Mar, April, Sept, and Oct at 7 PM at the Barbour Co. Fairgrounds. Submitted by Janet Clayton

The Mid Ohio Valley Beekeepers Association have sponsored for the 3rd year a Honey Bee Expo, an expanded format of a Basic Beekeeping School. With good weather this year our attendance topped 160 with 40 first timers for the beginning courses of beekeeping. Additional classes offered throughout the day included advanced beekeeping, apitherapy, candles, balms and lotions, and activities for the kids to encourage beekeeping as a family endeavor. This April 16th we will sponsor our field day at Art Joy's (weather permitting) with a covered dish dinner at noon and opportunity for hands on beekeeping assistance and bees for sale. Were also at MOVBA.ORG on the web. Submitted by Steve Boone

The Marion County Beekeepers once again started the year with a program of six classes for beginning beekeepers or those wishing a refresher course. The program involves experienced beekeepers as instructors, videos, lectures, hands-on activities as well as a textbook, other printed materials, and membership in the state and local associations - all at a very modest cost. The six classes cover the following topics and involve seven instructors. 1. Beginning Basics, 2. Individual

Bee and Colony Biology, 3. Personal and Hive Equipment, 4. Making Honey: Nectar flows and Supering, 5. Harvesting the Honey Crop, and 6. Hive Treatments and General Review. A two hour Field day class is scheduled for a warm Saturday before the nucs, packages, or hives arrive. Each class involves two or three team-teachers. The seven instructors are: Otis Shaver, Fred McClain, Roger Kritzer, Tim Tennant, Chuck Cienawski, Milford Bragg and Tom Kees.

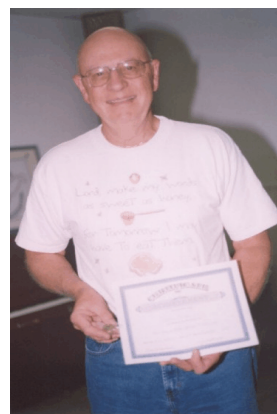
A ten to twenty minute video section from the eight program series by Dr. Keith Delaplane on Beekeeping is used relating to each class topic. The textbook is a just released revision of Beekeeping in Tennessee. Our group is the first to use this revision as it left the printer in mid-January. The book is clearly written, reasonably priced and readily adaptable to conditions in West Virginia.

Some homework assignments include; assembling a medium frame and installing a sheet of wired foundation, planning the best location for a hive, checking store prices for sugar and searching bakeries and delis for food grade plastic containers for a future crop of extracted honey.

Twenty-four new beekeepers are attending this year's class and range in age from 12 to 65+. Sami helped her Dad, Mike Boggs, all last summer and was a big help; this year the books are all hers. Each student is encouraged to visit and work bees with a mentor. In addition the need to keep reading, learning, and visiting other beekeepers' operations is stressed as invaluable. Classes have been offered nine times in the past eleven years. Each year this has boosted membership in the state and local association.

THE WV MASTER BEEKEEPER PROGRAM

has three levels. At the past fall meeting in Ripley four individuals passed written, lab and field tests. **Dave Freese** passed the second



round of testing and became a "Certified" Beekeeper while members Chuck Cienawski, Janet Clayton, and ??? passed the first level becoming "Apprentice" Beekeepers. Now is the time to be thinking about the Master Beekeeping Program. Anyone interested needs to contact James Copenhaver at 304-229-8730 between 7PM and 10PM. A package of information has been gathered to send out.

2004 FINANCIAL REPORT/2005 BUDGET

Receipts	2004	2005
Dues	\$1,956.00	\$1,800.00
Fall Meeting	\$3,658.00	\$3,800.00
Other	\$1,035.85	
Queen Program		\$2,000.00
Honey Auction, etc.		\$ 250.00
Disbursements		
Newsletter	\$ 346.02	\$ 660.00
Postage	\$ 267.30	
Door Prize	\$ 10.00	
WVBA Members	\$ 195.91	
Bee Associations/EAS	\$ 125.00	\$ 30.00
Fall meeting	\$3,416.02	\$3,800.00
Jacksons Mill	\$ 180.00	
Program committee	\$ 459.12	\$ 200.00
Queen program	\$1,601.53	\$ 500.00
Richard D. Till	\$ 142.75	
Website	\$ 45.00	\$ 15.00
Refreshment committee	\$ 60.68	\$ 150.00
Office Exp, Secretary		\$ 50.00
Office Exp, Treasurer		\$ 150.00
Presidents Fund		\$ 200.00
Telephone		\$ 75.00
501-C3 Change		\$ 200.00
Honey Show committee		\$ 200.00
Legislative & Ag comm		\$ 300.00
Honey Festival committee		\$ 100.00
Spring meeting awards		\$ 160.00
Master Beekeeper Program	\$ 100.00	
2004 Expenditures	\$6,849.33	
2004 Ending Balance	\$9,787.43	
Estimated Expenses for 2005	\$6,890.00	

LEGISLATION NOTE: H. B. 2109, §11-5-13b Bee Hive Exemption. The purpose of this proposed bill is to exempt bee hives from personal property assessment and taxation. Also don't forget AG Day at the Legislature March 21.

PENNSYLVANIA STATE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION and the Lehigh Valley Beekeepers Association will be holding a one-day **seminar on Current Varroa Treatment Options entitled Living With Varroa on Saturday, March 12** at the Lehigh Carbon Community College in Schnecksville, Pennsylvania. The College is located on Route 309 six miles north of Route 22 near Allentown, Pennsylvania. The Varroa mite is the primary pest of the honey bee and most colonies collapse without monitoring and treatment plans. The Living With Varroa seminar will review life cycles of

the Varroa mite, monitoring techniques, chemical and biopesticide treatments, cultural and environmental controls, specialized queen stock and application of treatments. The seminar will cover the status and use of Formic Acid as a treatment. Beekeepers have reported Varroa resistance to Apistan (Fluvalinate) and CheckMite (Coumaphos). Maryann Frazer, Penn State University, will explain the "Pettis Test", a simple test to monitor resistance on Varroa in your apiary. Mike Stanghellini, Rutgers University, will present alternative, biological treatments such as Apilife VAR (Thymol), Sucroside (Sucrose Octanoate Esters), Formic Acid, ApiGuard and Cinnamon oil. Dennis Keeney, Keeney & Ziegler Apiaries, will discuss the status and availability of Hygienic, SMR and Russian stock and Genetic Selection from your own stock. Known breeders and source lists for specialized queens will be available. Registration starts at 8:00 a.m. with the program starting at 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The registration fee for the day is \$25.00 at the door. Lunch is available for an additional \$8.00. For more information contact: Jim Bobb at (610) 548-6778 JimBobb@GCT21.net or Bill Mondjack at home (610) 264-0494, cell (610) 751-4483, or BillzBeez@enter.net. Join us to review your 2005 treatment options to keep your colonies healthy.

Looking for beekeepers in Delaware, New Jersey, Maryland, Pennsylvania and West Virginia who would like to test the varroa threshold. Dewey Caron (U. Delaware), Mike Embrey (U. Maryland), Dennis van Englesdorp (PA Dept of Ag.) and Nancy Ostiguy (Penn State) are looking for beekeepers who would be willing to monitor varroa levels in honey bee colonies. We need to test the mite threshold level in a large number of colonies to determine if the threshold value works. What do you need to do? Be willing to monitor for varroa at least every 3 weeks throughout the summer/fall. Be willing to consider not treating colonies that are below the threshold. Report on winter survivorship. Contact Nancy Ostiguy at Penn State: Department of Entomology, 501 ASI, University Park, PA 16803; nxo3@psu.edu; or 814-863-2872.

ALTERNATIVE MITE TREATMENTS: Varroa mites not felled by fluvalinate or coumaphos might someday be vanquished by natural compounds extracted from the smoke of burning citrus or other plants. As entomologist Frank A. Eischen at Weslaco

has already shown, chemicals in some kinds of smoke can kill the mites—without harming the bees—or at least make the mites fall off the bees. [See "**Smoking Out Bee Mites**," *Agricultural Research*, August 1997, p. 19.]

Now, Dr. Elzen and her husband Gary, an insect toxicologist, have captured smoke samples for analysis by Robert D. Stipanovic and colleagues in the ARS Cotton Pathology Research Unit at Oxford, Mississippi. The scientists will use instruments called mass spectrometers to identify the smoke chemicals. Ideally, some of those extracts could be used in tomorrow's hives to quell the mites. <http://www.nps.ars.usda.gov/programs/appvs.htm>.

Gobeekeeping.com **BEEKEEPING INSTRUCTIONALS FOUND** for both the beginner and intermediate.

Tips on moving a hive of bees:

Night is the best time to move a hive of bees. All the bees are inside then. If the weather is cold, you can completely seal the hive by taping and blocking all escape holes. If the weather is warm, do not seal the hive entrance. Use wire screen in the shape of a "V". Slide the pointed "V" of the screen wire into the hive entrance to keep the bees in but allow air passage. Prepare the new location by putting down blocks for the new hive to sit on. Keep it off the ground to avoid moisture rotting the bottom board. Staple, crate, or tie the hive in advance of moving it. There is no experience like the one you will have if the bottom board drops off during the move to the vehicle and you are forced to walk through thousands of bees that fall to the ground.

Make sure the hive is securely fastened or tied down in the vehicle you are using to move the bees. Avoid quick stops. Drive defensively. Do not leave the bees in or on a vehicle until you get up in the morning to locate them. Do it when you get them to the site. Remove any screen wire or block used to seal the entrance. The bees must have air circulation and they must be able to fly. One final important step::::: Check to make sure the queen survived the move. This should be done four or five days after you have moved the hive (spring, summer, and early fall). If you wait at least four days and you see eggs in cells, you have a queen. It takes eggs three days to hatch into larva. If you see no eggs, then you have a problem. **Additional comments not at website:** When sealing up the hive, don't forget any holes that may be in the inner cover. If the weather is warm a screened inner cover without lid is recommended for

added ventilation. Once the hive has been moved, placing **green** grass in the hive entrance will slow the bees exit so that they can become properly oriented to their new location. As the grass wilts and dries the opening will become wider.

HONEY MOISTURE: Beekeepers destroy so much good honey each year by extracting UNCAPPED nectar, which causes the honey to be higher than 19.6 specific gravity and the honey ferments. Bees do NOT CAP their honey until they have removed most of its water content and have allowed the necessary time for the enzyme, invertase, which they have added to the nectar to convert the nectar sugar, sucrose, into two simpler sugars, glucose and fructose, a process often referred to as "curing" or "ripening". Only when the nectar is totally cured or ripened do the bees CAP the cell which preserves it for its intended purpose - winter stores. The task of curing honey is difficult for bees in our high humidity area over most of Maryland, so we can give the bees some help. Near the end of the nectar flow "shrink" the storage space in the supers by removing all slightly filled or zero filled frames, and move the UNCAPPED (but almost full) frames to the lowest super (the one next to the brood chamber), and leave everything quiet for a week or ten days until EXTRACTION TIME. The frames that you removed can be stored on another colony OVER the inner cover; and the bees of that colony will go through the inner cover hole, remove the nectar or honey and take it below for brood chamber feeding. Near the end of June (in Maryland), and the year's crop of honey for human consumption is over, all your frames are at least 90-95% fully capped, your extraction equipment is clean and you are ready to extract. Now all you have to do is get that honey off your colonies, and get it to the extractor while it is still WARM, because uncapping and extracting is so much easier with WARM honey. **www.beekeeper.org George Imirie - Certified EAS Master Beekeeper**

This past year many of you noticed how long it took for the bees to cap their honey stores. The humidity was so high with all the rain we had that the bees had difficulty reducing the honey moisture content. Even though the honey finally got capped, I noticed that if left unattended for very long, this honey would also ferment. Honey is hygroscopic, in other words it draws moisture which can even happen if the honey is capped. One thing I like to do before extracting is to stand the supers on end in a room with a dehumidifier running. That dehumidifier runs

almost constantly through the summer in my honey house. This step is even more important if there are any uncapped cells. **Janet Clayton**

DRAWN BROOD COMB: I don't know how many times that I have had someone tell me "your crazy" when I mention that I use brood boxes for honey production. Granted this is not the norm due to their weight when full. The reason for doing such a thing is once the honey is extracted I then have drawn combs that can be used for those early season splits. Just think how much more efficient it is to have drawn combs rather than sheets of foundation to replace those frames of bees and brood you remove to make splits. I usually have a really hard time getting my bees to draw foundation out fully once placed into an already productive hive, besides the fact you are forcing the bees to build out comb during that very important early season nectar flow. During this time that nectar is more important for increasing the number of bees in the hive. So this summer when you have a really good nectar flow going on, think about putting on a few brood boxes with foundation to plan for next springs drawn comb needs.

HONEY PRICES (National Honey Board): One of the most difficult but most important aspects of marketing your product effectively is setting the price correctly. You must ensure that you are charging enough to meet expenses and allow your business to grow while not over-charging which will discourage purchases. Potential lending institutions and/or investors will be very concerned with your pricing strategy and profitability status. Other people who don't have a financial interest in your company will also be concerned with the price you charge. Consumers are constantly comparing one product to another based upon price. Retailers, brokers and distributors with which you work will also have an interest – your price must allow them to make money while moving your product. All of these people will have suggestions regarding what your price could be. However, you are the only one with adequate information to determine what the price should be. Pricing your product correctly will accomplish two things; keep your bank and investors (including you!) happy and allow your business to grow profitably. Think twice before setting your price too low or too high.

Know the cost of your product: Product costs include ingredients, packaging, losses and spillage from the line, fixed costs such as building, machinery

and depreciation expense, labor, plus other production costs such as inspections, certifications, warehousing and shipping/receiving/ handling. These costs are generally referred to as "cost of goods sold." If you are the producer of honey, as well as the packer, make sure you have included items such as colony boxes, bees, yard rent, special clothing and related equipment, and so forth.

Set realistic profit expectations: First calculate the "gross margin" of your product. To do this, subtract the cost of your product (cost of goods sold) from the selling price of the product. The result is the dollar gross margin. Take this dollar gross margin result and divide it by the selling price to get the gross margin percent. The ideal margin for products varies by type of product. For example, general guidelines in the specialty food market may suggest a gross margin generally in the 40% to 60% range – any less than 40% indicates you won't be able to support the product, over 60% will encourage competition.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP IN THE WV BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION is \$6 through affiliation with a local association. For members at large (don't belong to a local association) dues are \$7. Payment for at large members can be made directly to Treasurer Dave Freese. There are currently 343 members within the association however several local associations have not yet reported for 2005. These include: Clay County, Corridor G, and Webster County.

NOTICE to all association Memebers: You are entitled to a free advertisement. Deadline for fall newsletter submission is August 15, 2005.

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**West Virginia Beekeepers Association
Spring Meeting - April 16, 2005
Registration Form**

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Local Association _____

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Meal includes Roast Beef and Oven Roast Chicken, Green Beans, Parsley Potatoes, Salad, and Cherry Crisp

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Eastern Panhandle Beekeepers Association (EPBA)

c/o David Freese

196 Monarch Court

Martinsburg, WV 25401

Please mail registration to arrive no later than 1 April 2005 (no fooling!). Thank you.

Inquiries to above address or epbawv@adelphia.net

Area Hotels in Martinsburg: check out the website (www.wvbeekeepers.org) for links and additional information.

Comfort Inn 1872 Edwin Miller Blvd	Econo Lodge 5595 Hammonds Mill Road	Knights Inn 1977 Edwin Miller Blvd
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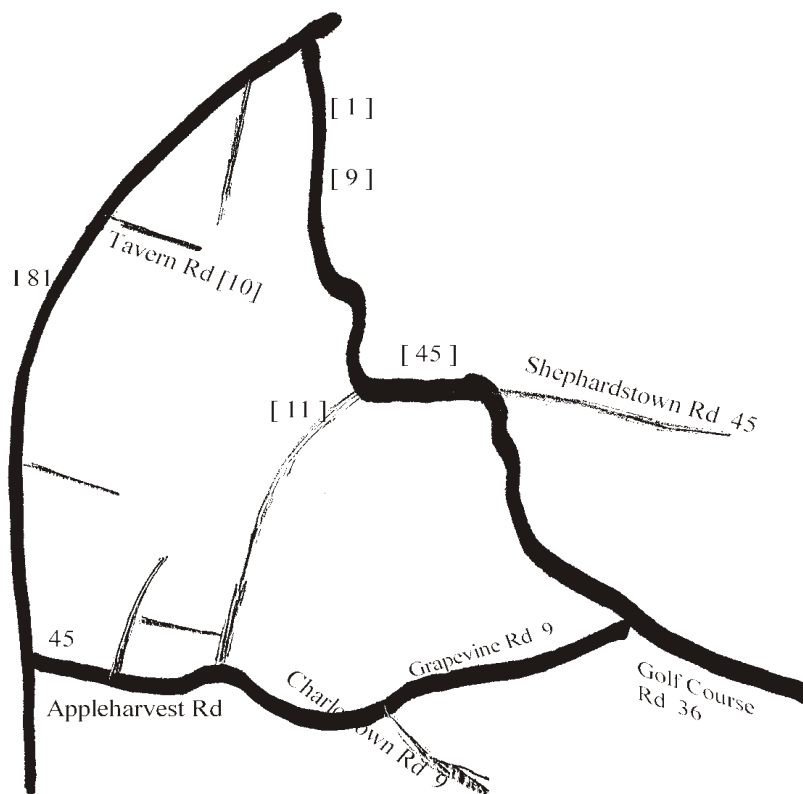
West Virginia Beekeepers Association

Spring Meeting - April 16, 2005

Berkeley County Youth Fair, Martinsburg

Schedule of Events

- 8:30 Registration and Coffee
- 9:00 Welcome
- 9:15 George Clutter - WV State Apiarist
- 9:30 Jean Smith - Director, WV Dept. Of Ag - Marketing & Development Division
- 10:00 Bill Troup - What's Happening in Your Hive?
- 11:00 Dennis van Engelsdorp - Beekeeping in the 21st Century
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Presentation of awards
- 1:15 Jan Steenblik - Beelining and other activities
- 2:00 Maryann Frazier - Beekeeping & Digital Photography
- 3:00 James Copenhaver - Review of WV Flora - Doorprizes



Directions to Berkeley County Youth Fair, Martinsburg

From I-81 Heading North exit onto SR-45 (East) for 120 yds Keep STRAIGHT onto SR-45 [Apple Harvest Dr] for 1.0 mi Keep STRAIGHT onto SR-9 [Apple Harvest Dr] for 0.6 mi Keep STRAIGHT onto SR-9 [Charles Town Rd] for 153 yds Turn LEFT (East) onto CR-9 [Grapevine Rd] for 1.0 mi Turn RIGHT to stay on CR-9 [Grapevine Rd] for 0.3 mi Turn RIGHT to stay on CR-9 [Grapevine Rd] for 0.7 mi Turn RIGHT (East) onto CR-36 [Flaggs Crossing Rd] for 0.2 mi Bear RIGHT (South-East) onto CR-36 [Golf Course Rd] for 0.9 mi Turn LEFT (North) onto Local road(s) for 142 yds Arrive Berkeley County Youth Fair

From I-81 Heading South exit near Bessemer on SR-9 [Edwin Miller Blvd] (South-East) for 1.2 mi Keep STRAIGHT onto US-11 [Edwin Miller Blvd] for 0.7 mi Turn LEFT (East) onto SR-45 [E Moler Ave] for 0.8 mi Turn RIGHT (South) onto CR-45 [Jenny Wren Dr] for 153 yds Turn RIGHT (South-West) onto CR-45

[Cemetery Rd] for 1.1 mi Bear LEFT (South-East) onto CR-36 [Golf Course Rd] for 0.1 mi Keep STRAIGHT onto CR-36 [Flaggs Crossing Rd] for 0.5 mi Bear RIGHT (South-East) onto CR-36 [Golf Course Rd] for 0.9 mi Turn LEFT (North) onto Local road(s) for 142 yds Arrive Berkeley County Youth Fair