



2014 MBA Annual Convention

Executive Board Meeting - Thursday, October 30 - Dancing Rabbit Inn

Friday, October 31

- 8:00 a.m. Registration & Visit Vendors
- 9:00 a.m. Derwin Trash --- MBA President's Welcome
- 9:15 a.m. Blake Shook --- Small Scale to Sideline and Beyond
- 10:00 a.m. Jennifer Tsuruda --- Grooming Behavior and Varroa Mites
- 10:45 a.m. **BREAK --- VISIT VENDORS --- DOOR PRIZES**
- 11:15 a.m. Charie Stribling --- Liability Insurance and Honey Bees
- 11:45 a.m. **LUNCH --- BRISKET SANDWICH** (ticket required)
- 1:00 p.m. Phil Craft --- Beekeeping in Bangladesh
- 1:45 p.m. Joey Daniels --- Aerial Crop Sprayers and Bees
- 2:30 p.m. **BREAK --- VISIT VENDORS --- DOOR PRIZES**
- 3:00 p.m. Steven Coy --- Pollinator Protection
- 3:45 p.m. Audrey Sheridan --- Foraging Behavior
- 4:30 p.m. Richard Adee --- Legislative Update
- 5:30 p.m. **HONEY TASTING SOCIAL**
- 6:30 p.m. **DINNER --- FRIED CATFISH & FIXIN's** (ticket required)

Saturday, November 1

- 8:00 a.m. Registration & Visit Vendors
- 9:00 a.m. Jeff Harris --- Instrumental Insemination
- 9:45 a.m. Audrey Sheridan --- Caste Differentiation
- 10:30 a.m. **BREAK --- VISIT VENDORS --- DOOR PRIZES**
- 11:00 a.m. Questions and Answers (wrap up)
- 11:45 a.m. Annual Business Meeting

Beginner's Workshop

Friday, October 31

- 1:00 p.m. Blake Shook --- Beekeeping 201**
- 1:45 p.m. Jennifer Tsuruda --- Honey Bee Nutrition**
- 2:30 p.m. BREAK --- VISIT VENDORS --- DOOR PRIZES**
- 3:00 p.m. Jeff Harris --- Getting Started in Beekeeping**
- 3:45 p.m. Phil Craft --- First Year Hive Management**
- 4:30 p.m. Jeff Harris --- Basic Bee Biology**
- 5:30 p.m. HONEY TASTING SOCIAL**
- 6:30 p.m. DINNER --- FRIED CATFISH & FIXIN's (ticket required)**

Saturday, November 1

- 8:00 a.m. Registration & Visit Vendors**
- 9:00 a.m. Johnny Thompson --- Honey Houses & MS Department of Health**
- 9:45 a.m. Jeff Harris --- Medicating Bees**
- 10:30 a.m. BREAK --- VISIT VENDORS --- DOOR PRIZES**
- 11:00 a.m. Questions and Answers (rejoin the General Session)**
- 11:45 a.m. Annual Business Meeting**



About Our Guest Speakers



Blake Shook says he can't imagine doing anything else and he probably never will. He is the current President for the Texas Beekeeper's Association and a member of the executive board for the American Beekeeping Federation. Blake lives and operates his beekeeping business just outside of Dallas, Texas, in McKinney and he has been at it since he was just 12 years old. Doing the math, that was 10 years ago when Shook says he got involved in the trade after taking part in a local youth program that offered one beehive to kids between the ages of 12 and 17. By the time he graduated high school, he says he already had a pretty large beekeeping business. These days he has around 2,000 beehives and each hive has about 80,000 bees.



Phil Craft served as the Kentucky State Apiarist from 1999 through 2011. He is a graduate of Oberlin College in Ohio (BA in biology), and of the University of Kentucky. Phil continues to communicate with beekeepers through his "Ask Phil" question/answer column which appears monthly in Bee Culture magazine, and through his webpage, Philcraftthivecraft.com. He is also the U.S. technical adviser for Veto-pharma, the maker of Apivar. A native of the mountains of Eastern Kentucky, he now lives out in the sticks in the Bluegrass region of Kentucky near Lexington with his family, a very old dog, and some bee hives. You may send questions to Phil at phil@philcraftthivecraft.com.



Dr. Jennifer Tsuruda is the new extension apiculturist at Clemson University. Prior to the new job, she was a postdoctoral researcher in the laboratory of Greg Hunt at Purdue University. There she studied the molecular genetic aspects of several varroa-resistant behaviors that included grooming behavior and Varroa Sensitive Hygiene. She continues using molecular genetics to breed bees for improved resistance to varroa mites and the Small Hive Beetle in South Carolina.



Joey Daniels serves as President of the Mississippi Agricultural Aviation Association. He has owned and operated Daniels Aviation Inc. in Hollandale, MS for 9 years and has been in the Ag Aviation Business for 21 years. He has served as the MAAA board member for 6 years. He has logged over 17000 hours of crop spraying and forestry work. Joey attended Valdosta State University and Flight Training in Ag Flight in Bainbridge, GA. Joey is originally from Cordele, GA and has lived in Inverness, MS for 17 years where he is married with three kids.