



# Utah Beekeepers Association Newsletter

Our aim is to keep beekeepers in the state of Utah informed about what is happening in the industry; to promote beekeeping and honey production for all Commercial, Sideliner and Hobbyist Beekeepers.

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*"The happiness of the bee and the dolphin is to exist. For man it is to know that and to wonder at it." Jacques Yves Cousteau*

## Message from the President

Hello Fellow Beekeepers and Friends:  
I would like to invite you to our annual Utah Beekeepers Association Convention that will be held on the 4th and 5th of December. We have put together a very exciting program with some important topics to discuss. I was very excited when James and Maryann Frazier from Penn State University accepted the invitation to come and speak to us. Darrin Cox said that they are smarter than a tree full of Owls. Hopefully even an old crow like me might learn something.

This is an important time in our beekeeping history as we all know many of our bees are sick. They need our help to keep them healthy and we need their help to produce honey and to pollinate the nations crops that we depend on for survival.

In the hall we will once again have our honey tasting table, so please bring your honey or any honey that you have purchased that you think would be fun to try. This year we will be offering hot buttermilk scones that you can drizzle all that wonderful honey on.

I would hope that most of you would be able to attend the Thursday night banquet. There the atmosphere is very relaxed, the food is wonderful and the door prizes are a lot of fun to receive. We would however, ask Mel Taylor, "Please do not bring any animal by-product door prizes to this years banquet".

Hope to see you in December,  
Stephen E. Stoddard  
President Utah Beekeepers Association

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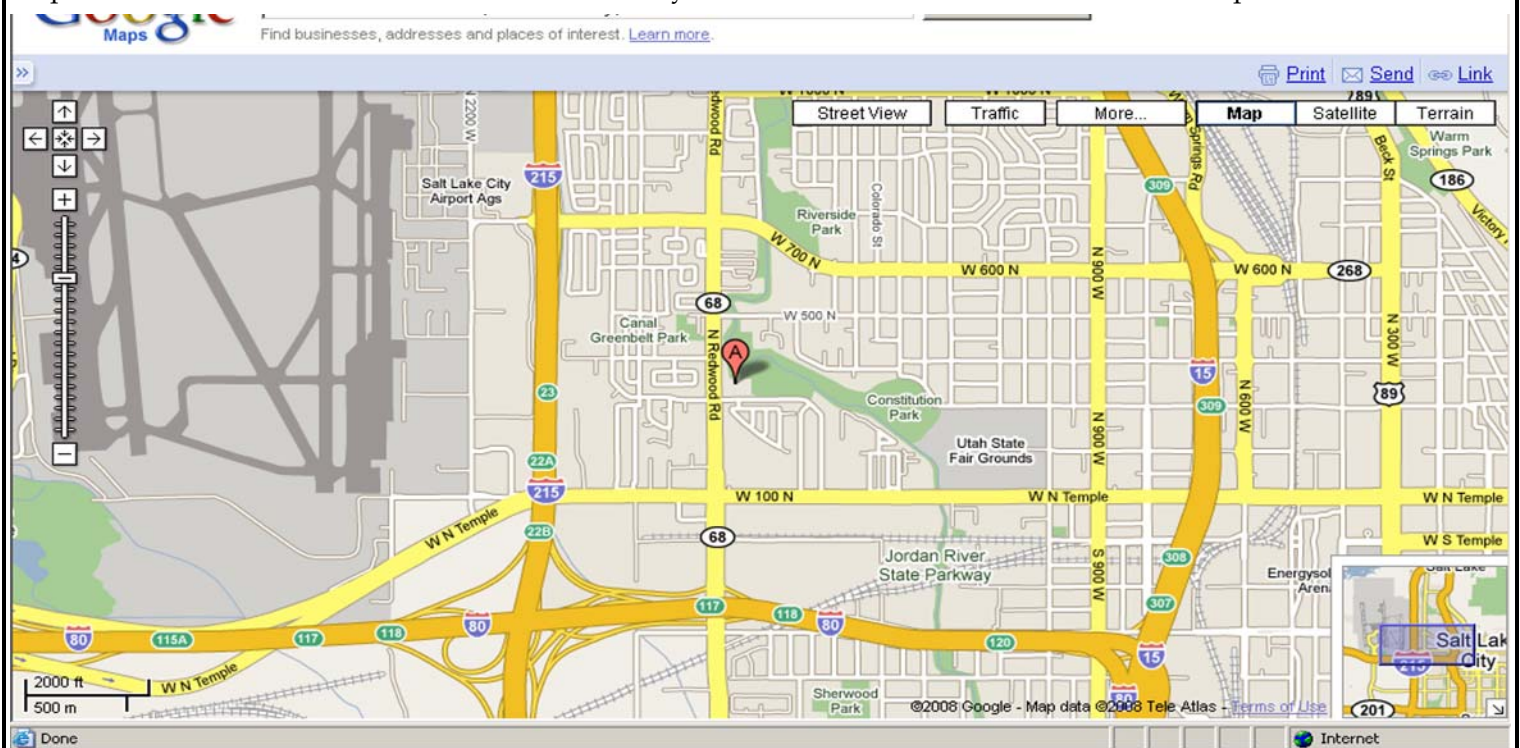
Any submissions that you would like to make for future newsletters or for website content are warmly welcomed.  
Please email inquiries to Neil Shelley  
(neilshelley@gmail.com).

## Utah Beekeepers Association 2009 Convention Information

Greetings! The Utah Beekeepers Association Annual Convention is just around the corner. This year the convention will be held on December 3rd and December 4th. We will be utilizing the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food's building located at 350 North Redwood Road, Salt Lake City (map below or use this link:  
<http://maps.google.com/maps?f=q&hl=en&geocode=&q=350+North+Redwood+Road,+Salt+Lake+City,+UT+84116&ll=37.0625,-95.677068&sspn=27.089481,36.5625&ie=UTF8&ll=40.779177,-111.926823&spn=0.025218,0.052614&z=14>).  
The location provides easy access from I-15 or I-215 and is close to the SLC International Airport and several choice hotels for those who wish to spend the night Thursday night.

## Utah Beekeepers Association 2008 Convention Information Cont'd

Map of the location of the convention. Notice the easy access from I-15 and I-215 and SLC Int'l Airport.



### Convention Schedule

Day	Time	Event
December 3rd, 2009		
	9:00am	Check in and Registration
	9:30am	UBA Business - Stephen Stoddard Financial Report - Kathy Jones Nominations Committee -
	10:00am	Utah County Beekeepers Association Report - Neil Shelley
	10:05am	Wasatch Beekeepers Association Report - Byron Anderson
	10:10am	Cache Valley Beekeepers Report - Martin James?
	10:15am	Ed Bianco - State Entomologist, Utah Department of Agriculture - Utah Bee Program, items of concern
	11:00am	Danielle Downey - Africanized Honey Bees in Utah update
	11:30am	Honoring Honey Users in Utah
	12:00pm	Honey Tasting with scones/lunch break
	1:00pm	Maryann Frazier - African Bees: Threat or Opportunity?
	2:30pm	Danielle Downey - Compliance Specialist, Utah Department of Agriculture - Nosema Workshop
	3:15pm	Darren Cox - National Honey Bee Advisory Board
	4:00pm	Director's meeting
	4:45pm	Adjourn until Banquet

December 4th, 2009

9:00am	Check in and Registration
9:30am	Martin James - Feeding Pollen Substitutes
10:00am	Jim Frazier - The Evolving Story of Pesticides Impacting Pollinator Health
11:45am	Lunch Break to 12:45pm
12:45pm	Stephen Stoddard - South Dakota Beekeeping
1:30pm	Neil Shelley - What is Honey and How do we Defend it?
2:00pm	Panel Discussions - Utah Bee Law, Standard of Identity for Honey in Utah
3:30pm	Evaluations and Ideas for 2010
4:00pm	Final Remarks - Stephen Stoddard, general meeting adjourns

\* schedule may change slightly from this publication

## Convention Banquet Dinner Information

We will be holding our annual banquet dinner on December 3rd at 7:00PM. Please see the information below for more details.

When: December 3rd, 7:00PM. Doors open at 6:45PM.

Where: The Lion House; 63 East South Temple, Salt Lake City (directions from the Convention below)

Cost: \$29.00 per plate. This can be paid with registration prior to the convention or at registration on the first day.

RSVP By: Dinner is by reservation ONLY - please RSVP to Debbie Amundsen at 801.444.3505 (or damundsen@umnh.utah.edu) **no later than November 30th, 2009**

Dress: Business Casual

Menu: Lion House Roast Beef (a long time favorite), Mashed Potatoes, Caesar salad, Rolls, Raspberry cream pie and a Holiday Beverage.

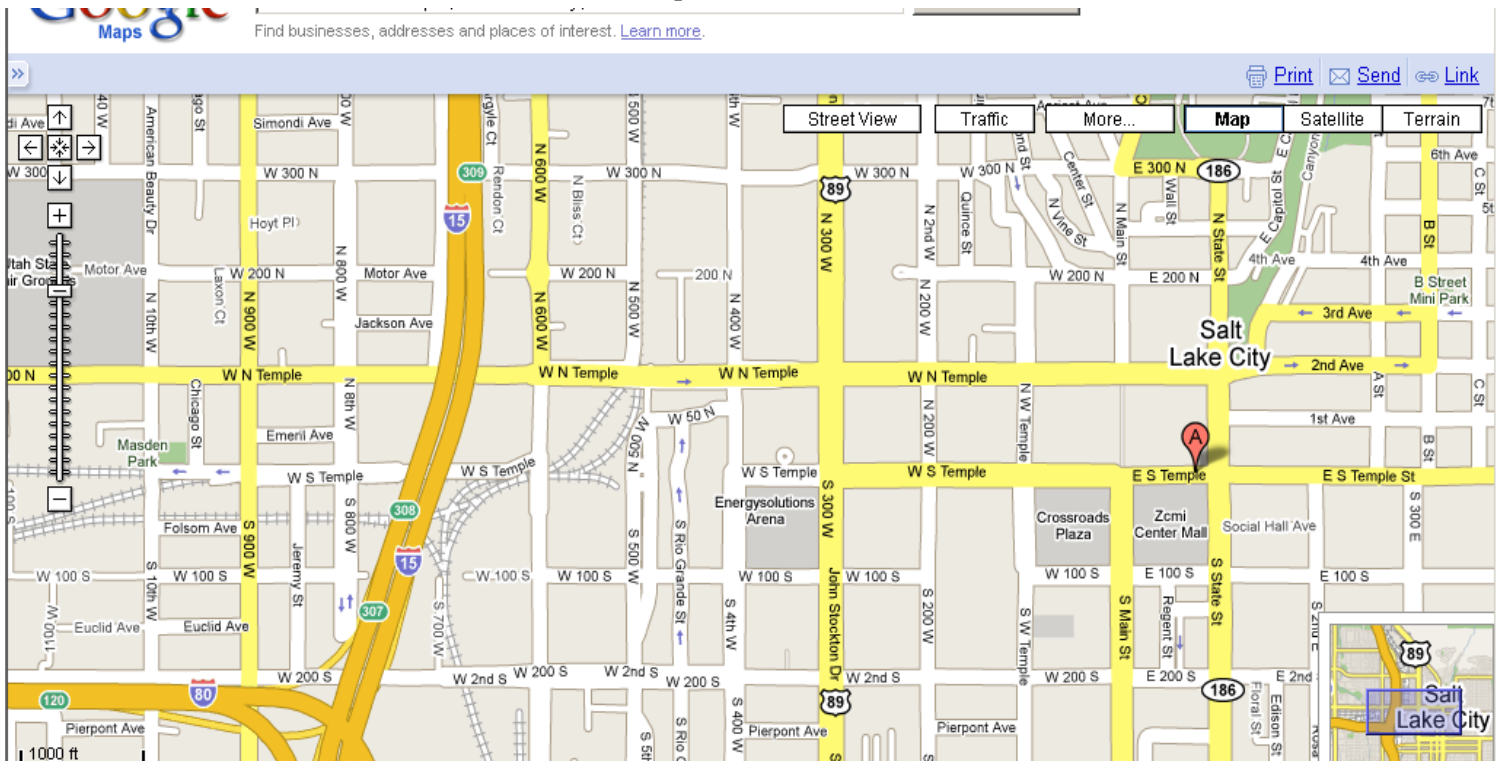
Special Dietary Needs: Vegetarian Entree/Sugar Free Desserts can be accommodated upon request at the time of RSVP.

These requests cannot be accommodated without prior notification. After November 30th, no special requests can be accommodated.

Parking: Parking for the banquet is available at the Joseph Smith Memorial Building just west of the Lion House with validations available from the Lion House Hostess. Another alternative is a nearby Trax station. The JSMB provides valet parking and with the validation, you need only tip the valet. Expect the parking building to be busy and plan accordingly. We will have additional parking and public transportation information available at the convention.

Directions from Convention to Lion House from Convention (UDAF building): Turn South (left) onto Redwood Road. Turn left onto North Temple (3rd intersection, approx. 3/10th mile). After 2 miles, turn right onto Triad Ctr/300W/State Road 186. Turn left onto South Temple (1 block). This is approximately 3.2 miles and should take only 10 minutes depending on traffic. See parking information above.

Map of Lion House



*"In our ignorance and carelessness, we have created an environmental time-bomb for ourselves. We have poured forth our deadly wastes upon the tiny creatures of the waters, choking and poisoning them, contaminating their microscopic bodies with murderous substances and somehow assuming that it does not matter. . . . all things are interrelated, and no villain escapes punishment in the ecological scheme of things." Robert Silverberg, The World Within the Ocean Wave, 1972*

## Convention Speaker Profiles

Dr. Jim Frazier



Dr. Frazier is Professor of Entomology at the Pennsylvania State University where he is involved in teaching and research in insect chemical ecology. He conducts research on insect chemical senses and their control of behavior, the effects of pesticides on bees, and teaches graduate level courses in Professional Development for Scientists, and co teaches the Insect Natural History Field course. He served as Head of Entomology at Penn State for 10 years from 1989-99, was a Kellogg Fellow at the National Center for Food and Ag Policy in Washington DC, and is currently a member of the University Faculty Senate. Dr. Frazier is one of a very few scientists whose career has taken them from Land Grant University to the AgChem Industry and then back to Academia. This has given him a broad perspective on the functioning of multiple kinds of organizations, the national level policy making process, and in dealing with broad stakeholder consortia. Dr. Frazier has done consulting on strategic planning for numerous nonprofit organizations, and is listed in Outstanding Scientists of the 21st Century, International Biographical Centre, Cambridge, UK, in 2003.

Maryann Frazier



Maryann received her B. S. in Agriculture Education from Penn State University in 1980. In 1983 she completed a Masters of Agriculture in Entomology, specializing in apiculture. She has worked as the assistant state apiary inspector in Maryland and for two years as a beekeeping specialist in Africa and Central America. For the past 20 years she has held the position of Senior Extension Associate in the Department of Entomology at Penn State and is responsible for honey bee extension throughout the state and cooperatively across the Mid-Atlantic region. She is a member of the CDD working team and is working collaboratively with other members of PSU Department of Entomology on the impacts of pesticides on honey bees and other pollinators. She teaches courses in beekeeping, general entomology and teacher education and is involved in the department's innovative public outreach program. e-mail address: mfrazier@psu.edu, phone: 814-865-4621

Danielle Downey -



Danielle Downey is the current Salt Lake County bee inspector and she also works for the Department of Agriculture and Food. She currently attends the Wasatch Beekeepers Association meetings and helps out the Utah County Beekeepers Association on occasion. Danielle has a B.S. in Biology from the University of Minnesota and an M.S. in Biology from Simon Fraser University, British Columbia. Danielle has been a research scientist in France and education coordinator in British Columbia, where she designed and taught beekeeping classes.

### Honey Tasting to Be Held on Thursday December 3rd.

Every year at the convention, we have a honey tasting break. This year we are moving the honey tasting to Thursday and will be also using it as our lunch break. We are inviting each of you to bring a sample of your honey that you would like to show off and share. We will have bread and butter to put it on - but as a special treat we will also have fresh buttermilk scones so bring your best honey. We will also be sharing the honey and treats with the employees of the UDAF to thank them for their services and the use of their building and for putting up with all these beekeepers getting in the way.

Don't forget to put your name on your honey so that 1) folks can compliment and question you about your honey and 2) so that leftovers (if any) can be given back to the rightful owner. If you do not want your honey back, please let us know on Thursday and we will make sure it finds a good home.

Also please note, we will need some volunteers to help cook the scones prior to the honey tasting/lunch break. If you can help out, please let us know ASAP so we can count on you.

### Statewide Swarm List

Last year the UBA put together a statewide swarm list in order to facilitate the capture and removal of swarms all over the state. This list is maintained on our website ([www.utahbeekeepers.com](http://www.utahbeekeepers.com)). If any of you would like to have your name on this list, please send an email (or letter or call) to Neil Shelley (see contact info above). It will be important that you include the following:

Name	First and Last
Phone Numbers	as many as you can
Retrieval locations	which counties/cities will you retrieve from? List all that you want.
Will you charge?	indicate if you capture swarms for free or if you charge for the service; indicate your normal charge if you do.

The swarm list is an interactive map, visitors will click on their county and then possibly subsequent cities to find a beekeeper in their area to remove a swarm. Another opportunity is to mail the list to county/city response personnel (police, sheriff's office, dispatchers etc) as a valuable tool for them to use as well. We will need to have a complete list no later than February 15th, 2010 to send out so please respond before then. Addition can be made after that date, but any mailings to government officials will happen by that date.

We welcome all beekeepers to put their names on the list. As of this writing, we still need contacts for the following counties:

Morgan, Summit, Dagget, Duchesne, San Juan, Wayne, Piute, and Kane. Naturally, all contacts for other counties are also welcome.

### Panel Discussion Items

#### Standard of Identity for Honey

Dear Beekeeper: Many in our industry are increasingly concerned about the lack of rule governing honey, what is considered honey and the use of the word "honey" in marketing. We are forming a committee to address these concerns and hopefully pass a Honey Standard within the state of Utah. The first part of the process is having all Utah beekeepers understand the problem and have them support our cause. To date, Florida and California have successfully passed standards of identity for honey in their states. Nancy supports our efforts here in Utah and will help us through the process.

We will keep you up to date with the formation of our Committee for a Honey Standard in Utah. Any feedback, questions or concerns you have would be appreciated. Several articles/letters from Nancy are available for review if you are interested - please email Neil Shelley for copies.

Thank You,  
Stephen Stoddard, President of UT Beekeepers Assoc

#### Utah Bee Law

Once again the UDAF is asking beekeepers for their input on proposed changes to the current bee law in Utah. A copy of the current law is available by request by email or phone to Neil Shelley. If you have suggestions, please mark them clearly for review by the UDAF; a time frame has not yet been decided.

The UBA may decide to form a committee to discuss the proposed changes in conjunction with Ed and Daneille of the UDAF. If you would be interested in participating, please let us know.

### A Note on Door Prizes for the Banquet

If you have any item or items that you would like to donate for the banquet door prizes please bring them Thursday to the meeting. Include your company name/name with contact information so that proper accolades can be given during the banquet.

*"There is no other field of animal husbandry like beekeeping. It has the appeal to the scientist, the nature lover, and even (or especially) the philosopher. It is a chance to work with some of the most fascinating of God's creatures, to spend time and do work in the great outdoors, to challenge my abilities and continue to learn. My hope is that I never become so frail with old age that I cannot spend my days among the bees. It gives credence to the old saw that "the best things in life are free". I thank God daily for the opportunity and privilege to be a beekeeper." Author unknown.*

*"The biography of the bee/is written in honey/and is drawing to a close./Soon the buzzing/plainchant of summer/will be silenced/for good;/the flowers, unkindled,/will blaze/one last time/ and go out." Linda Pastan -  
The Death of the Bee (poem)*