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2011 MBA Spring
Conference
March 11-12, 2011
East Lansing, MI

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Michigan Beekeepers Association

Dear Stephen,

Here's the buzz (or... what's going on at the [MBA web site!](#))

The following are just a few of the new posts that are on the MBA web site. Check 'em out!

→ [Time to Renew Your MBA Membership](#)

Membership in the Michigan Beekeepers Association (MBA) runs on a calendar year basis. That means that unless you have recently renewed your membership for 2011, your membership in the MBA has expired. Here's how you can easily renew your MBA membership, get the benefits, and help the bees. ([Read the rest of the story...](#))

→ [2011 MBA Spring Conference](#)

The 2011 MBA Spring Conference is March 11 and 12, 2011 - which is a lot closer than you might think! The program is starting to take shape. The featured speaker will be Dr. Jerry Bromenshenk who has been in the news lately because of his discovery of a new bee virus and his work with bees as "chemical mine detectors". Classes for new and experienced beekeepers alike. You can register on-line and get a discount! What more can we say? ([Read the rest of the story...](#))

→ [MBA Announces "New Logo" Contest](#)

Do you want something to pass those long winter nights? How about a project to stir those creative juices? The MBA Board has announced a "New Logo" contest. The contest is open to any one; you do not have to be a member of MBA to submit an entry. Neat prizes for the winner and the next two runners up. So check this one out! ([Read the rest of the story...](#))

Want to see what has been submitted from some very talented people? [Click here...](#)

→ [MBA Needs Volunteers for the Spring Conference](#)

MBA is, of course, a volunteer organization and putting on the spring conference is a lot of work. But, we take the lesson from our bees that "many hands make light work". So we are asking for you to help your MBA help you and volunteer to help. We need a cadre of folks to help with registration, as well as other light duties involved with the meeting. If you would like to help, please [contact the MBA treasurer](#).

→ [Members with Missing or Bad Email Addresses](#)

The following lists shows MBA members with either no email address on file or email addresses that "bounced" because the address MBA had was either invalid or inactive. If you find your name on this list... ([Read the rest of the story...](#))

→ [Betcha Didn't Know This!](#)

There is a parasitic nematode than infects wax moth worms, but with a twist! ([Read the rest of the story...](#))

→ [Beekeepers May Be Unknowingly Poisoning Their Bees?](#)

In June 2004 Gustafson LLC (Bayer CropScience) petitioned the EPA for legal tolerances for residues of the insecticide imidacloprid in or on soybean seed. The petitioner has since petitioned the EPA to increase these tolerances... ([Read the rest of the story...](#))

[Star Thistle Controversy Heats Up](#)

The state has released several beetles in order to control star thistle, an invasive plant that is the target of biocontrol in many neighboring states and beyond. Yet star thistle (knapweed) is also a very good honey plant and many beekeepers are not happy about this development... ([Read the rest of the story...](#))

[Sugar Dusting Your Varroa Mites](#)

Here is how its done. ([Read the rest of the story...](#))

We hope you take time to visit the [MBA web site](#) and catch up on the articles mentioned above...and more.

Be sure to [register on-line](#) for the 2011 Spring MBA meeting at the Kellogg Center on the Michigan State University campus. See you there!

Sincerely,

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Steve Tilmann, [Treasurer](#)
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