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REMINDER

**OUR GENERAL MEETING DAY IS
NOW ON THURSDAY!**

APRIL 16, 2015 AT 7PM

THE BEE LINE

April 2015



Wisps of Smoke By Cathy Misko

YES! Spring IS here! Signs of life are everywhere! I have seen swarm cells loaded in a healthy hive that has not been stimulated artificially with syrup...just inspired from Mother Nature! Get ready beekeepers, this can continue or the carpet can get yanked out by a Midwest cold snap. I hope to make nucs but not until the nighttime temps hug 50 degrees otherwise I will need to baby them by placing them in a warmer area *when* we do get a cold snap. I have learned to be patient for I have chilled the brood after making a nuc and the too few bees could not properly cover the brood when the temps fell. All this patience will be challenged if swarm cells and drones are being pumped out of my survival stock! Midwestern's 20th *Beginning Beekeeping Workshop* ran as a finely tuned machine with immense information and over the top excitement. The *beekeeping revolution* continues; watch out....you too will be teaching a class someday investing in others! All in all we had 150 there. The success is fully on the backs of our volunteers, teachers, workers, smiles, muscles, and suppliers! Much appreciation and respect to our "hive of folks"! Big thanks to Doug and Dawn's *Equipment Presentation* and Laura Fish's *Apiary Location* - Great questions, discussions and communication. Some are experienced on this beekeeping adventure while still learning daily

for the rest, "prepare for a fantastic time"!

Sponsored by the University of Mo Extension for the purpose of networking and educating more beekeepers, our workshop continued up north to Maryville, MO March 21 where Midwestern presented another excellent and a ditto program to 64 in attendance representing four states. The 2015 Mo State Honey Queen Erin Mullins presented an excellent Educational Resource power-point of her favorites that I hope to get my hands on. More thanks to our northern volunteer beekeeping experts! With on-the-job computer technology training, I have now been initiated to the legislative process. I traveled to the state capital along with four other Missouri State Beekeepers to represent Midwestern in support of the HB1093. I spoke before the House in support of the new bill to remove the unnecessary word "processing" from our honey harvesting and bottling management. This bill also removes a mandate to harvest / bottle raw local Missouri honey *in* a certified inspected kitchen and the application of a warning label if not "certified". It was my privilege to be the "good cop" and promote the sweet rewards of local honey to a community's economy, especially when at the order of a physician for *seasonal allergies* and for the *metabolic balance* of a diabetic diet. Since my husband is a *raw local honey prescribing physician*, I could speak to this issue with experience. I clarified the importance of not feeding *any* raw food product including honey to infants less than 1 year old and the reasons why.

Upon completing one day of testimony I returned to the capital the following day to present to the Senate for SB500.

Both experiences were very positive and our representatives were gracious, educated, and respectful. They appeared earnestly interested in promoting the best of the state and expressed their knowledge of the benefits of raw local honey. I did submit evidence for the record: A honey bear of "Flower Festival" Honey was turned over to the House and a jar of "Apple Blossom" Honey was turned over to the Senate. The buzz in the room sounded like "yum, ahhh, cute, and *that is a small bear to share between all of us!*"

I was summoned to visit with one representative that said our group was very enjoyable and informative. He and his wife proceed to ask about becoming beekeepers themselves!

Here is an excerpt of my submitted testimony:

"**Local** honey is **unique** and **valuable** having its own **fragrance, flavor** and **vibe**; as **descriptive** as each neighborhood, street, or garden one would **stroll** through. Local honey is a **commodity, one** of a kind, **easy** to market, and **demands** pride. The **best way** to **assure** that honey is **local and** is a **raw product** is to **know who** harvested it and **where** it came from. **True story!** Midwestern Beekeepers were asked and **donated cases** of *local* Missouri honey from numerous **districts** to the 2014 Governor's Banquet. Within 30 minutes the tables were void of honey jars. I accused the servers of hoarding the honey but far from truth. Local honey was **swirled** in coffee, **crowned** Missouri ice-cream and the **aroma** of Missouri honey **drizzled** down Missouri sweet **potatoes** and Missouri **cornbread**. The craving for MO honey could not be met as we celebrated the best of Missouri. HB 1093/ SB 500 will **guarantee** the **access** and **availability** of locally harvested Missouri honey. The possibilities are sweet."

April's Program should help get all of us off to a great start with installing packages, splitting hives, making nucs, and just getting ready for the honey flow! Some may be installing new genetics via a new queen. We will be having another queen raffle this May- \$1 a ticket and I hope that you win.

Bring your questions, your answers, and join us early at 6:00 for networking and setting up our room!

Happy Easter! Cathy Misko

Welcome New Members

| | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Lorrie Bartmess | Kansas City, MO |
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Silent Auction in MAY



Bass Pro
Bees @ The Pro
"Swarms"

Presented by
Bob Brammer
Thursday May 7th
@ 7:00 p.m.

These meetings are beekeeping value
added programs at the Bass Pro,
Independence, MO.

Check our website frequently for updates!



Photo courtesy of Wes & Wanda Johnston

CONGRATULATIONS!

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**2015 MBA SCHOLARSHIP
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**April General Meeting
Thursday, April 16, 2015
7:00 PM**

**Graceway Church Fellowship
Hall
(Downstairs)
5460 Blue Ridge Cutoff
Kansas City MO**

**Stuart Dietz will be presenting
"Let's make a Split"
He will be demonstrating
the whys and hows to make two
hives from one!**

**That will lead us into
"Nuc's- What is that? Do I want one?
Do I need one?"**

**Stuart is our leader for the Nuc
Initiative program and he will be
covering the reasons to have a nuc
or two and how to manage them.**

**This will be a full program!
After his presentations, we will
have Stuart and Terry O'Bryan up
front to answer your questions!!**

**So, grab your donations for REAP
and come early to mingle!
See you all
Thursday the 16th at 7pm!!**

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Send a little note of thanks
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It feels so goood!

Congratulations!!!!

Michael Holmes, Independence

Beginning Beekeeping Workshop GRAND Prize

A complete hive with a package of bees!

THANKS to our beekeeping suppliers

Crooked Hill Beekeepers

Fisher's Beekeeping Supplies!

Silent Auction in MAY

Dig out your extra new and gently used beekeeping supplies to donate for the **May Silent Auction**. Baked goods, wax products, plants and seeds all welcome.

Auction proceeds fund the *Youth Scholarship Program* while the equipment will benefit beekeepers!

EZ Nucs \$9 each

We gladly announce that *Customs* have just released our EZ Nucs and they are on their way from GA. Keep your eyes open for website postings or otherwise we hope to have them at our April General Meeting.

Have them on hand for frame storage, new nucs, and swarm boxes.

Name Tags (\$8) available to purchase at general meeting

Conferences & Events



**April 22, 2015
10-11am**

***Kansas City Live
KSHB-TV 41***

**Catch your President airing
Live to share some Bee
Buzz promoting "Get Your
Green On at The City
Market"**

**April 25, 2015
9am-1pm**

***Get Your Green On
at The City Market***

**Midwestern Beekeeper's
Assn. will host a
Beekeeping Educational
Booth for approximately
20,000 passersby for this
event. Join in the fun at the
Market Square 3rd & Walnut
near the 3rd street exit @
Kansas City River Market.
www.thecitymarket.org**

**May 2, 2015
8am-4pm**

***Queen Rearing Class*
Midwestern Beekeepers
Association
Jerry L. Litton Visitor
Center
16311 State Route DD,
Smithville, MO 64089**

**May 10, 2015
2pm**

***To Bee or Not to Bee*
StoneLion Puppet Theater
Earth Day Festival at The
Nelson Atkins Museum of Art.
www.stonelionpuppets.org**

June 6, 2015

**NEKBA Funday
Keynote Speakers:
Dr. Marla Spivak &
Dr. Chip Taylor
www.nekba.org**

June 20, 2015

**10am-3pm
*Buzz! A Celebration of
Pollinators in the Garden*
Midwestern beekeepers and
youth will celebrate National
Pollinator Week at Powell
Gardens to spread the buzz
about bees!
www.powellgardens.org/pollinators**

June 15-21, 2015

**National Pollinator Week
Plant for a pollinator!**

July 11, 2015

**9am-3pm
Artisan Day
Midwestern will be providing a
Beekeeping Class and
Products from the Hive at
Alexander Majors Barn 8201
State Line for a celebration of
handmade goods!
www.wornallmajors.org/artisan-day/**

May Flowers bring May Queens!

For those of you needing queens bring \$1.00 to enter the **2015 Queen Raffle** at our meeting. Who knows, you may win a Russian, Italian, Carniolan, or a home grown survivor!!!

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Basic Beekeeping *by Roger Wood*

I'm going to talk a little about environmental biology this month and how it relates to our honeybees and our attempts to "keep" them. I'm going to define the interior environment of the beehives as one environment and the exterior environment of the beehive a second environment. Together, they are the honeybee's total environment. These broad divisions could be broken down into intentional smaller segments but for now we will paint with a bigger brush. Everything outside the hive such as weather (cold, hot, windy, rainy, drought, monsoon, etc.), plants, animals (which include you), all affect the hive and the honeybee from the outside, mostly in the form of energy. Some of that energy potential is stopped at the walls of the hive. But much of it enters the hive in varying forms of positive and negative energy. Warmth from the sun, pollen, nectar, (and hopefully you), are some examples of positive energy into the interior hive environment. Cold, parasites, drought, no nectar/pollen, and you, are all possible negative energy that impact the interior environment. In fact, without these inputs, positive and negative, the internal environment could not function long because no new energy can be created within the hive. The honeybee, after millions of years dealing with this external and internal environment has developed behaviors that take advantage or mitigate these energy forces and the multitude of combinations. If you are an engineer, another way you might look at the external environment as the source for energy, lubrication, and friction for the internal environment of the hive (our engine). In nature, survival is a statistical risk. Throw all the variables at your bees and the behavior that best meets those challenges in the most combinations will remain in the inevitable offspring. This is the behavior you will witness every day that you observe your bees. Being able to recognize when your bees are happy and when they are upset brings you closer to being a beekeeper. Understanding what the bee instinctually wants to do will complete your education. Where you fit in to the bee environment is to recognize those times when the variables are stacked against bee behavior. Seventy to eighty percent of the time the current bee behavior and the millions of years of survival to hone that behavior will be all the bees need to survive. You are there to step in and keep the variables in the sweet spot for your bee's survival. Beekeeping can seem overwhelming to a new beekeeper. There is so much to learn. A concept I try to emphasize to those I mentor and keep central in my own beekeeping decisions is simplify what you do and concentrate on determining what the bees are doing and learn why. Before you can change or manipulate a behavior, you really need to see and recognize that behavior for what it is. So April 1 begins your sophomore or junior year. About half of you that started last year lucked out and you still have at least one hive of bees alive and the others are teetering on giving up or waiting impatiently for new packages to begin again.

I'm here to encourage you to try again. It gets easier. This year we will try to simplify and begin to connect some dots. If you are a freshmen keeper waiting for that first package or nuc I want you to key on learning bee behavior and trying to connect all the things you learned in the beginning classes to that behavior. If you can relate your lessons with what we know about how a wild hive would behave, you can give more meaning to those lessons and they become simpler to remember. That said, April is the beginning of the nectar flow in Missouri. It starts as a trickle, and grows to a flood. That also means we are a month or so away from the swarm season. Remember you are always doing things in the present month to influence what will be in the following month. If you are not, you are playing catch-up and it is hard to help your bees playing catch-up. Proactive rather than reactive. This is why the first year is so difficult. You don't know what is coming because you have never witnessed it.

You wind up relying on the bees natural behavior. This is actually ok in the first year but to help you, get a mentor. You will benefit from their knowledge to relate what you are seeing with what is coming. Actions now in April can control swarming in May. And the key word for April is space. For many hives coming out of winter, April will be the month your bee numbers will begin to grow exponentially. This means the bees will want the brood nest to expand. You have to stay ahead of this need. Starting April 1 you would like your bees to have the equivalent of 3 full frames of brood or better. Russians may be less, and this is just a number to gauge your situation. It does not mean all is lost if you don't have that much brood. It does mean additionally you would need to see at least 2 more frames of pollen and nectar (open liquid). You also want space for the nest to expand. By May 1, hives coming out of winter ideally need to be greater than 4 frames of brood. This equates to a flying force large enough to begin to collect surplus nectar (i.e. more than the hive needs to feed all the current members). Those folks with new packages on foundation in April, need to feed syrup (1:1) to build comb and establish a nest. Your hive will not begin to grow in numbers for 3 more weeks and your flying force will not start to grow for 5 weeks (mid to late May if you get the package around the 15th of April). Nucs will already be growing when you receive them, just give them room and feed syrup like the packages but growth will begin almost immediately so make sure you provide space early.

The major dynamic within the hive is the brood nest and the hives interaction with it. Where it is, how big it is, open space adjacent to it, expanding or contracting, these are all traits that you should learn to recognize. If you can learn to read the brood nest, all of the advice you hear from everyone is actually attempts to manipulate the brood nest and its relationship to the rest of the hive. I am still working on this myself so don't beat yourself up if you miss something or don't recognize all of the signs that suggest the hives condition. Beekeeping is a journey and there is no wrong path.



Honey Plants by Tom Britz

Laura Fish, Master Gardener and Awardee of Missouri's first **Certified Honey Bee Garden** presented the Honey Plants portion of the Midwestern Beekeepers Association Beginning Beekeeping Workshop. She had a wonderful slide show of her garden plants and prepared one of the finest lists of pollinator plants for our area, Zone 6. One of the resources she used in compiling her list was *Garden Plants for Honey Bees*, by Peter Lindtner. You can find this book in our lending library. Her list, "Restaurants for Honey Bees" was provided in the Beginning Beekeeping Workshop packet and lists pollinator plants for spring, summer and fall. Laura has given permission to post this list on our association website and we will work to do that soon.

In the meantime, here is an abbreviated list for Spring Season plants (February through April.)

Happy Beekeeping, Tom



| Plant Name | Food P=Pollen N=Nectar |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| American Hazelnut | P |
| Apple | N (slightly less for P) |
| Barberry | P=N |
| Box Elder | P |
| Cherry | N (slightly less for P) |
| Christmas Rose | P=N |
| Cotoneaster | P=N |
| Crabapple | N (slightly less for P) |
| Crocus | P <i>Lindtner suggests 100+ at each apiary</i> |
| Dandelions | P=N <i>These are NOT weeds They are vital foods for Bees</i> |
| Forget Me Nots | N |
| Henbit | P=N <i>Purple fields-such a sight for winter sore eyes</i> |
| Honeysuckle | P=N <i>Invasive to our zone</i> |
| Gooseberry | N(slightly less for P) |
| Japanese Quince | N (slightly less for P) |
| Lenten Rose | P=N |
| Pussywillow | P=N <i>Lindtner suggests 1 plant per hive at each apiary</i> |
| Red Bud | P=N |
| Red Maple | P=N |
| Siberian Squill | P(slightly less for N) |
| Silver Maple | P |
| Snowdrops | P=N |
| Tulip Tree | N |
| Willow | P=N |
| Winter Aconite | P=N |

ATTENTION

The Missouri State Beekeepers Association welcomes qualified attendees of our March 7th Beginning Beekeeping Workshop with a complimentary membership

In order to register for your free one year membership, please use the following instructions

Your registration page link:

<http://mostatebeekeepers.org/freemidwestern-3-7-15/>

- Check your email for the password should have been emailed to you
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- Deadline for this offer is April 24, 2015 so you need to take advantage of this offer right away

If you have any problems with registering, please contact Ron Vivian, Membership Chair.

Email h1ybrook@aol.com, 816-582-6934

Midwestern Beekeepers
2015 General Meetings
Graceway Church
May 21, (Thursday) 7:00 pm
Jun. 18, (Thursday) 7:00 pm
Jul. 16, (Thursday) 7:00 pm
Aug. 9, (Sunday) 2:30 pm
Sep. 17, (Thursday) 7:00 pm
Oct. 15, (Thursday) 7:00 pm
Nov. 15, (Sunday) 2:30 pm
Dec. 13, (Sunday) 2:30 pm



Member Spotlight

Bill, Tammy, Kathryn and Sarah George Crooked Hill Beekeeping

Tammy and I would like to thank Ed and Jean Fisher for helping us get started with our beekeeping business. They have been gracious and helpful bringing us into the Midwestern Beekeeping Association. Thanks Ed and Jean.

Tammy and I have been married for 16 years and have two daughters, Kathryn 10 and Sarah 8. We live south of Chillicothe on a small farm. Besides the bees and beekeeping supply store, we have a large garden for our own use and the local farmers market. We have a small orchard that will hopefully start bearing this year. Dogs, chickens and horses round out the farm.

When did we start beekeeping and how did we become interested in bees?

Tammy and I started beekeeping when we discovered the garden was not producing the way we thought it should. We had been interested in bees for a couple of years before this, but the low production really put us on track to get started. I had been inquiring at bee displays and checking with the State Beekeepers booth at the State Fair for a couple of years. Every time we found a beginner's class or seminar we had already missed it. One day we met a nice gentleman from Gilman City, Richard Stanton, and he invited us to look at his operation. He had completed his first successful year and was more than helpful. Tammy and I looked at each other and said, "We can do this."

We set our first two packages on May first. The garden exploded, the black berries were hanging low with fruit. Since then, we have cut our cucumber and melon planting in half, with the same production. Needless to say we were hooked. Our hive numbers expanded the following year and the next year and so on. Tammy has limited me to about 15 hives going into winter. When spring comes, we are too busy with the kids, work, the store, and the bees. We expand our hive count for summer and sell off new hives and splits as we need to. As soon as I can retire, the number of hives will go up!

What process have we done to learn about managing our bees?

Our education about our bee management has been through reading, attending numerous seminars, classes, speaking engagements, etc. The two most important things we have done to develop our bee management has been to listen closely to experienced, successful beekeepers and learn from our hives. Two of our original mentors were Ed Fisher and Al Crego. These two gentlemen got us off to a good start and really helped us understand bee behavior. To me, the best teacher is the hive. Getting in to the hive and applying all those helpful bits of advice and volumes of text are priceless. We also like to experiment with new products and techniques. We like to try the products we sell through the store so we have an educated opinion about them.

What has been the greatest hurdle in keeping bees?

So far, Tammy and I have been blessed with our beekeeping. The winter of 2013-14 was the hardest time we have faced. The peaks and valleys in temperature caused starvation to be our biggest problem. Just about all our losses were late winter with food only inches away. Once brood rearing started, the clusters did not move or didn't have enough bees to keep themselves and the brood warm. We did save a couple hives by moving full frames of honey directly above them and adding emergency sugar cakes directly on top of the top bars. Some of the best lessons are learned through failure.

What has been our greatest success in keeping bees?

One of our greatest successes has had to be teaching 4-H and FFA beekeeping. We had a great time with our kids and the 4-H kids. It was real fun watching the parents leaning over shoulders and getting completely wrapped up in the bees. This is an endeavor our entire family gets into. Another success has been starting our little home based beekeeping business. Again, it allows the entire family to participate, and we get to meet all kinds of interesting people.

Where are your bees located?

Our hives are primarily located in southern Livingston County, south of Chillicothe.

Beginning Beekeeping Workshop Volunteers



Panel of Presenters



Tom O'Neill



Cathy Misko



Connie Unzicker & Diane Wilson



Laura Fish



Michael Stauffer



Terry O'Bryan



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Tom Britz



Bill George



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FYI from the editor by Janice Britz

Stay Informed!

The Executive Board of the Missouri State Beekeepers Association has voted unanimously to support this legislation. By way of background, current law (MO Revised Statute 261.241) classifies honey, along with jams and jellies, as a "processed" or "manufactured" food. **Beekeepers who sell honey through local retailers are thereby required to build or rent a commercial-grade kitchen**, subject to routine inspection by health authorities, for the extraction and bottling of their honey. The proposed legislation removes jams and jellies from this statute and revises the remaining language as follows to apply specifically to honey:

- It eliminates the requirement for beekeepers to extract and bottle honey in a commercial kitchen in order to sell through a third party.
- It eliminates the requirement that home-bottled honey sold directly to the consumer carry the warning,
 - "This product has not been inspected by the Department of Health and Senior Services."
- It replaces the words "processing" and "manufacturing" in the statute with "harvesting" and "bottling".

The full text of the bill can be seen here: <http://www.senate.mo.gov/15info/pdf-bill/intro/SB500.pdf>

Note that bracketed text in the bill is language that is being removed from the statute, while bold text is being added.

Members of the committee hearing this bill are:

Jason Holsman, Kansas City, S. Kiki Curls, Kansas City, David Pearce, Warrensburg, Mike Parson, Bolivar, Dan Hegeman, Cosby (Andrew County), .Dan Brown, Rolla and Doug Libla, Poplar Bluff

Ohio State Webinars!

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Ohio State University Bee Lab website. The page features a red header with the university logo and the text "BEE LAB Research and outreach related to honey bees, wild bees and other pollinators". Below the header is a navigation menu with options: HOME, COURSES/WEBINARS, RESEARCH, OHIO LINKS, RESOURCES, and NEWS. The main content area is titled "Courses/Webinars" and lists the "The Bee Lab Beekeeping Webinars are back! 2015 Schedule:" with the following dates and topics:

- March 18: [Gardening for Pollinators](#), Denise Ellsworth, The Ohio State University
- April 15: [Honey Bee Nutrition](#), Kim Flottum, Author and Editor, Bee Culture Magazine
- May 20: [American Foul Brood](#), Jim Tew, Alabama Cooperative Extension Service
- June 17: [Social Insects: an Overview](#), Joe Raczkowski, The Ohio State University
- July 15: [Effect of Tank-mix Pesticide Combinations on Bees](#), Reed Johnson, The Ohio State University
- August 19: [Royal Jelly and Queen Development: a Chemical Perspective](#), Thom Janini, The Ohio State University
- September 16: [What "Newbees" Need to Know](#), Alex Zomchek, Master Beekeeping Instructor
- October 7: [Honey Bee Foraging in Ohio's Landscapes](#), Doug Sponsler, The Ohio State University

All webinars take place at 9AM Eastern.

Join our [mailing list](#) for the 2015 schedule, reminders and log-in instructions.

Webinars are typically the third Wednesday of the month. All webinars are free, and no registration is required. To access via iPad, iPhone or...

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ATTENTION
Meeting Changed to Thursday
General Meeting
Thursday, April 16, 7 pm
Graceway Church Fellowship Hall

Bass Pro Bees @ The Pro
"Swarms" Presented by Bob Brammer
Thursday May 7th @ 7:00 p.m.



The question that I NEED
answered:

Topic that I would LOVE to have covered:

Cut this out and bring it to next
month's meeting or feel free to e-
mail me, Laura Fish @
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questions or topics that you want
covered! I look forward to hearing
from you!

Graceway Church Parking Directions

General parking is on the West Side and
use the main entrance.

Drop-off and wheelchair only access on the
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Let's Pay it Forward!

Our meetings are free but to show
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