



Blowing Smoke

By Bob Williams, President

Hi folks, other than a couple minor snow falls and an ice storm, and what seemed like an entire week of fog, January, has really turned out to be pretty mild. But, as we all know, it is still “winter,” and it is likely that we will not get off that easy for the rest of the season. Be certain to check your bees and their food stores when the weather allows for it. You can feed the bees with fondant, sugar bags, candy boards, granulated sugar or heavy sugar syrup 2:1 ratio. My opinion is that you really can’t feed them too much, because if they don’t need it, they won’t take it. Way back on January 11th, I checked my bees, and discovered that I had lost two hives. This is the first time that I have had any winter losses. I usually put up a wind break, even though most of the hives are behind a tree row, that does provide some wind break. I have screened bottom boards, and I usually close them off before winter, but this year, because I was simply too busy. I didn’t get them closed until we had the brutally cold weather in December. One of the hives had a fairly small cluster, and maybe that’s why they perished. The other hive was one of my largest honey producers, and had a large cluster. I don’t know yet why it perished. Both had plenty of food stores. I did not find moisture in the hive. I know that there a lot of beekeepers who have screened bottom boards and do not close them off for winter, but we have a lot of wind out here, and I close mine off in the winter in order to reduce impact of the high winds. I have 24 hives, and while it may seem like I’m sniveling over a loss of less than 10%, but for the bees that perished, it was 100%. The message I hope to relay is that while we are all busy these days, take the time and do those basic things for our bees that have been successful in the past. We can’t guarantee ourselves against winter losses, but we can try.

Winter is a great time to think about what trees, shrubs or flowers, you may want to plant in the spring. Most flower seed instructions tell you to start indoors, 4-6 weeks before the last frost. While we do buy some flower plants from the store every spring, I would rather start them from seed, because it seems that some of the plants available from the store are already treated with neonicotinoid pesticides. Start them from seed and you will avoid all that. I have looked at a couple of websites that will help you find out what plants are beneficial to honey bees. They are <http://www.buzzaboutbees.net/plants-for-bees.html>, and <http://thehoneybeeconservancy.org>.

Please remember to renew your membership for Midwestern Beekeepers Association. You could also sign up for our 22nd Annual Beginning Beekeeping Workshop to be held on Saturday, February 25th, at the Burr Oak Woods Nature Center in Blue Spring, MO. Registration form is on our website and in this newsletter. At the February 19th meeting, we will have presentations from scholarship students and general discussion. Come join us, it’ll be fun!!!

COMING UP

FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 19, 2017

Bass Pro Shop
Independence MO
2:00 PM

Q&A Session for
Beginning Beekeepers
2:30 PM

General Meeting



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February General Meeting

Sunday, February 19, 2017

Bass Pro Shop at Independence MO



Q & A Session for Beginners

2:00 PM

General Meeting

2:30 PM

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Basic Beekeeping

By Kyle Day



February is usually the transition month. Winter is still hanging out but many times, there will warm spells in the 50's or more. Continue to monitor the bees at least once a month from outside the hive, put your ear to the hive body and listen for a buzz. If you can't hear a buzz, tap on the box while listening. If you don't hear a sound and/or it's been more than a month, open the top and look on a moderate day with no wind and a lot of sun. You may need a flashlight to look between frames (Do not pull frames out of the hive.) If you see the cluster over the top of the frames or close to it, for insurance, you may want to feed your bee's fondant or dry/moist granulated white sugar.

For my hives I have made a feeder board out of 1x2's with dimensions that are the same as the hive. I also put 1/2 x 1/2 inch hardware cloth for support and wrap it around the inside of the frame and wrap it around the inside of the board about 1 to 1.5 inch high and stapled it in place. I also drilled a 3/4 inch hole and left an area around it sugar free to help ventilate the hive. For the sugar I take 8 cups of sugar to about 1 cup of water. Just make sure all the sugar is moist and sticks together and let it dry in the frame for 24 hours before putting it on the hive. For my boards, it will take about 30 cups of sugar to make a full board. I would not feed liquid feed right now because it would introduce too much moisture which may increase cleansing flights to eliminate and if we get a cold spell, it could cause dysentery. My second reason why, would be syrup may over stimulate your hive to produce brood. A booming hive in March is an advanced beekeeper's opportunity and a beginning beekeeper's complication.

Toward the end of February, watch for bees to be collecting pollen during warm times. Trees are the main source of early pollen and very important to kick off brood rearing. Maple is usually the first, and is a light yellow color (some Maples like Red Maples will have different pollen colors but will bloom slightly later.) Grey Alder is a brownish yellow, Willow is lemon yellow and usually the most common. Elm is light grey. These all bloom in February so keep an eye out for them. A good rule of thumb is when pollen is being collected you can start feeding syrup, but I would advise not feeding liquid syrup until most overnight temperatures are above freezing. Another thing about feeding, once you start you will stimulate brood rearing. Therefore you must be diligent to stay ahead of your bees for space or you will be fighting swarms all spring long. If you live in more urban and populated places, your bees will be looking for pollen on warm days so the bees will be going through bird feeders, corn piles, and certain animal foods looking for pollen dust. So to keep those neighbors happy, it wouldn't hurt to find some pollen substitute or some product with pollen or pollen dust to put closer to the hive so bees will not look for other sources.

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Douglas Co Fairgrounds
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www.nekba.org/bee-funday.html



June 4, 2016

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Jennifer Berry
Advance Beekeeping
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Contact:

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Jennifer Berry, Georgia, will present a full day of Advance Beekeeping Lectures and "Hands On" Inspections in the Apiary. Jennifer, Apicultural Research Coordinator and Lab Manager for the University of Georgia (UGA) Honey Bee Program, has been working with Keith Delaplane and researching for over 15 years with the UGA. She manages her own queen/nuc rearing business and is a contributing author for Bee Culture and other major periodicals. Jennifer served as 2006 President of the Eastern Apicultural Society, and oversees the UGA Honey Bee Program/GA Master Beekeeper Program. <http://www.ent.uga.edu/bees/personnel/berry.html>. For those who have attended one of Jennifer's lectures in the past, it is agreed that Jennifer has unlimited expertise and a sense of humor to match none! Registration is limited to 50 due to on-site hive examinations.



Native Plant Sales

April 15, 2017

May 6, 2017

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Basic Beekeeping Continued:

This month is also a good time to get everything ready. Make a budget and a beekeeping plan for the year. Put down different goals or things you know you will need to do later in the year. Buy a cheap notebook and keep track of hive records and nectar flows to compare hives year to year and it will help you do and plan things in the future years. Order equipment, order bees, attend class, do research, and build equipment. Get everything prepared for spring now so you don't rush later. Next month we can switch our thinking from winter survival to spring build up.



Welcome New Members

Amanda Porschen
Kansas City, MO

Randall Lary
Smithville, MO

John & Jennifer Boren
Smithville, MO

Roger & Wyatt Geary
Odessa, MO

Albert Rudd, Jr.
Independence, MO



Bee on Dandelion January 24th

Photo by Tom Britz



Missouri State Beekeepers Association

Spring 2017 Learning Session

A Day with Dr. Jay Evans

the Research Leader of the Bee Research Laboratory (BRL) in the Beltsville
Agricultural Research Center, Beltsville, MD

Saturday, March 4, 2017

8:00 am Registration

9:00 am to 4:00 pm Discussions and hands-on demonstrations

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Dr. Evans was an early proponent of the Honey Bee Genome Project and helped recruit and lead scientists interested in applied genomics for bees. He has received the James Hambleton Bee Research Award from the Eastern Apicultural Society (2011), the BA Early Career Scientist Award (2002), and is on the Council of Fellows for the International Bee Research Association. Dr. Evans holds an AB in Biology

from Princeton University and a PhD in Biology from the University of Utah. He has served as Acting Research Leader for the BRL since October, 2014.

Dr. Evans joined ARS as a Research Entomologist in 1998. During the ensuing years, his research focused on threats to honey bee health, from bacteria to mites, and on the ways bees and beekeepers can reduce these threats. He published 120 research papers from his work.

Registration for this event:
December 1, 2016 to February 15th, 2016
Limited space available.

Visit www.MoStateBeekeepers.org or more information.



Honey Plants

By Luanne Oneal

While the nectar flow is weeks away for us keepers north of Hwy 36, I am getting set to start seeds under grow lights to provide fodder for the bees through out the next three seasons. If you enjoy starting your own garden plants, consider trying your hand at herbs. Herbs offer long term food source for your bees as well as beauty to summer bouquets. Zinnias pair well with hyssop and mint.

Here are a few that I include in my garden space:

- Hyssop-Korean Blue and Anise Hyssop
- Peppermint/Spearmint (will offer a smaller 2nd bloom if mown late season. Beware-mint is pushy and will take over spaces you may not want it to grow!)
- Borage-Spring/Summer blooms (leaves & flowers are edible to humans.)
- Lavender
- Sage
- Cilantro
- Bee Balm

Peruse the seed catalogs for wonderful herbs to add to your outdoor spaces; they won't disappoint.

Of the first plants to offer sustenance to our bees, keep your eyes on the silver maple, willow and box elder trees. Surprisingly, the cheerful yellow forsythia offers neither pollen nor nectar for the bees.

Happy Beekeeping.



Photo by Luanne Oneal



This mite is size appropriate for humans.

Photo by Cathy Misko



SUPPORT OUR LOCAL VENDORS AND PICK UP SUPPLIES AT BURR OAK WOODS CONSERVATION NATURE CENTER

These vendors are available at the Beginning Beekeeping Workshop, Saturday, February 25, 2017, at Burr Oak Woods Conservation Nature Center, in Blue Springs MO from 8 AM to 5 PM.

If you would like to pre-order supplies, they will have it for you to pick up. You may also shop during the workshop.

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2017 North American Beekeeping Federation Conference, (NABFC) Galveston, Texas

By Cathy Misko, Heartland Beekeeping Partnership



My day started with sharing an hour shuttle, shoulder to shoulder with Kim Flottum and Cathy Summers (Bee Culture), USDA Dr. Gloria DeGrandi-Hoffamn and ten others talking bees and research all the way to Galveston. The best! It was a great privilege for me to join 1500 attendees from all over the world and walks of beekeeping again for the North American Beekeeping Conference and Tradeshow. Heartwarming hugs were given to beekeepers from Springfield, Missouri, Kansas, and others from across the world that I have met at previous conferences. You all can be proud of area beekeepers, nekba.org, Joli Winer and Becky & Steve Tipton's classes covering soaps, lotions, and skin care products whose presentations had standing room only. NABFC hailed the largest vendor trade-show with over 100 businesses and professional suppliers representing the United States (US) and numerous countries. To see first hand, touch merchandise, view working equipment, and hear from authors, designers and engineers was priceless. All to help widen one's beekeeping scope, dreams, and "wish list"! I even plugged some ideas with companies to help trap small hive beetles.

I still cannot get over the 32 foot goose-neck horse trailer disguised Honey House "on wheels" equipped with computer technology at a \$325,000 price tag. However, upon doing the math, 3,200 pounds/hour @ 50 cents a pound—it could be paid for in 203 hours or 27 full working days! I was informed of a fella who was not a beekeeper but purchased one just to follow the honey flow to extract. "Coming soon: Mobile Extraction at your local Holiday Inn!" www.internationalhoney.com/mobile-extracting

One could watch demos on "The Flow Hive," bottling machines, uncapping machines, high tech digital monitors, heated frames to roast varroa, incredible "it does it all" inner locking and multipurpose hive equipment from Turkey www.apimaye-usa.com. There was no ending to innovative equipment!

With over 150 presentations for me to pick and choose from I will start with the first keynote speaker, award winning scientist Dr. Johnathon Lundgren, past USDA, South Dakota, insisted that the bee decline is "not a bee problem" but a forage problem for "biodiversity is in decline." Chemical drift not only adulterates forage but also leaches through the soil into water ways. He stated that organic farms had just as high pesticide drifts via sprays and soil as non-organic farms. Dr. Lundgren claimed that "science is manipulated along with bee science" therefore the solution is to "change agriculture" and "heal the soil".

He introduced the Blue Dasher Farm Initiative www.bludasher.farm, prompting a "National Network Center for Rejuvenated Agriculture" incorporating research, education, and demonstration with all supported by donations from beekeepers. Discouraging "another lab," Dr. Lundgren encouraged support for local innovative farmers and to place bees on these farms, advance from "problems" to focus on "solutions," and fund agroecology science.

Cheryl Johnson, Department of Homeland Security (DHS), reported DHS investigations help enforce "anti-dumping" so to give US honey a level playing and "paying" field. We actually have an "Operation Honey Gate" eyeing countries that are avoiding anti-dumping fines. National Honey Standard of Identity is still unsettled. With no legal definition of honey, how to enforce adulteration? We do have a means to "tattle" if adulteration suspicion is present via www.cbp.gov. US consumes 500 million pounds of honey while only 150 million pounds is produced, forcing packers to seek honey outside of the US. I also learned that US Grade A Honey just means that the honey was "packed" here. Music to my ears and I cannot wait to share with my local farmers, (even though soy beans do not depend on bee pollination,) as I learned there may be a 15% increase to soybean yields if the fields are visited by honey bees. Go bees! Dr. Norberto Garcia, Argentina, covered Honey Fraud, pointing out that there is proof that adulterated honey is being imported into the US and driving down the prices of US honey. If eastern countries' honey exports increase 196% but hive growth is only 13%, and US honey production has decreased by 50%, how could this be? They must be adulterating to increase quantity (diluting, additives, feeding during the flow, masking origin, using unripe honey, etc.) Report shows 60% of imported honey was not compliant. Applause to Homeland Security!

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Unfortunately, all in all, according to attorney Michael Coursey, Washington, DC, 90% of total US honey comes from imports while only 10% is domestic! US has the highest market and imports are cheaper. Packers need to declare that they're harmed so they can be helped. Cases have been filed against ten countries for honey dumping.

Quite informative was California native Elizabeth Frost, <http://ucanr.edu/blogs/blogcore/postdetail.cfm?postnum=19951>, head of the Australian Bee Development Office, claiming that in Australia, you will not find tracheal mites, varroa, that it is illegal to treat AFB (must destroy), that they do not see small hive beetles due to soil conditions, and that they MUST get lab proof and a vet order to treat EFB. They enforce a national beekeepers' training program with workplace/face to face beekeeping training. Teachers are specialized in beekeeping and funds are given to beekeepers to hire employees.

Considered a Kansas darling, for she received her PhD from the University of Kansas in 1989, Dr. Marla Spivak presented the Minnesota Governor's Initiative to Improve Pollinator Habitat and Reduce Pesticide Use. Marla praised local honey bee activists who helped bring attention to honey bee kills with credit to Bees Knees (delivers honey via bicycles) as vital community activists. Pressure was placed on nurseries to prevent "Bee Friendly" labels if "bee" plants were treated with pesticides. Restitution payment is given for bee kills if listed on Driftwatch, <https://driftwatch.org>, but Marla noted a problem. Chemical applicators need to "prevent and manage drift effect" via air, plant, soil, and water. It should not be the beekeeper's responsibility. "Chemicals should STAY on the plant and not drift" and not be applied as a blanket treatment when not necessary. Minnesota now funds two-thirds of the Bee Lab, a native plant expert, and the new Tashjian Bee Pollinator Discovery Center at Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. . It is a hope I get to visit someday! Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Conservation, Water and Soil, all contribute to the initiative. Governor Dayton ordered to decrease pollinator decline, restore pollinator health, and ordered immediate action for a long term solution. If Minnesota can, Missouri can! <https://www.mprnews.org/story/2016/08/26/dayton-orders-steps-protect-bees-pollinators>

I had the privilege to meet and visit with the American Honey Queen and Princess. Special, for our daughter was the 2011 Missouri Honey Queen and American Honey Queen 1st Runner Up. These beekeeping ladies give a year of their life to professionally represent the beekeeping industry. The beekeeping royalty worked over 200 days and traveled to over 20 states; it was a treat to meet the new 2017 American Honey Queen, Maia Jaycox, Iowa and American Honey Princess, Hope Pettibon, Texas. To request the American Honey Queen or Princess for your festival or event contact: honeyqueen99@hotmail.com.

After five years of testing, Dr. Dale Hill introduced Dadant's new protein supplement, AP23. Dale noted the importance that every ingredient must be useful: soy protein, carbs, cholesterol for queen and nurse bees, antioxidants for workers, and to cover vitamin and digestive needs.

American Bee Federation Lobbyist Fran Boyd, Washington, DC, updated us to the new 115th Congress and President Trump's administration and appropriations. He reported the FDA has "resistance" concerns and wants new labeling, adding honey as "added sugar." I say, WHAT? Cane sugar is metabolized differently than honey!

I was excited to hear Dr. Gloria DeGrandi-Hoffamn, USDA-ARS Carl Hayden Bee Research Center, Tuscan, AZ, for I shared the shuttle with her and we had a fantastic conversation about proper honey bee nutrition to lessen viral effects. She presented research on the cost of wintering bees in a structure verses to "open" wintering. Points were made that if bees fly, foragers pick up mites! By the time all the figures were calculated it sized up to \$135/colony for free flying bees to \$106/colony for those kept "safe" in North Dakota cold storage to prevent flying around picking up new mites! (I will address "indoor" storage later with tips from the Canadians!)

You may recognize this next organization, Project Apis, www.projectapism.org, represented by Danielle Downey. It was birthed in 2006 when Colony Collapse Disorder and "the sky was falling" to fund and direct honey bee research. Known for "Seeds for Bees" and the newly launched Bee and Butterfly Habitat Fund to which our own Missourian, Bob Sears, is on the Steering Committee. It has joined forces with Pheasants Forever, Zac Browning Honey Company (32,000 colonies) and making means for free seed mixtures with annual incentive payments to help bees/monarchs, habitat building, and conservation. Bees hit over a 40% winter loss and Monarchs have had a 90% loss. The buzz word is that forage is most important and if there is "one single acre remaining—make it the BEST that it can be." Check them out at: www.beeandbutterflyfund.org/



Midwestern Beekeepers Association

22nd Beginning Beekeeping Workshop Registration Form

Saturday, February 25, 2017

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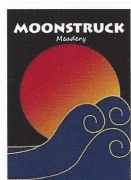
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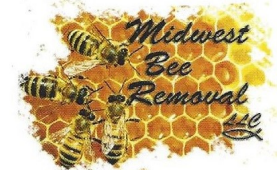
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General Meeting

Midwestern Beekeepers Association 2017 Calendar

March 19, 2017	General Meeting at Bass Pro, 2:30 pm
April 23, 2017	General Meeting at Bass Pro, 2:30 pm
May 21, 2017	General Meeting at Bass Pro, 2:30 pm
June 18, 2017	General Meeting at Bass Pro, 2:30 pm
July 16, 2017	General Meeting at Bass Pro, 2:30 pm
August, 2017	Picnic, TBD
September 17, 2017	General Meeting at Bass Pro, 2:30 pm
October 15, 2017	General Meeting at Bass Pro, 2:30 pm
November 19, 2017	General Meeting at Bass Pro, 2:30 pm
December, 2017	Christmas Social, TBD