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2015 Membership is now due.

**You don't want to miss out on
information in the Beeline and
what is going on in the club!**

**Please pay by February 28, to
continue your membership**

Wisps of Smoke

By Cathy Misko



Tease or no tease, ground hog or not, I predict that we will have an early spring. With the cold this week and prediction of snow, why would I even think such? Well, the queens are laying, birds are claiming their mates, the Summer Tanagers are back, skunks are prowling, our two youngest kids have announced marriage engagements to their sweethearts; everything seems

twitter pated at our farm! I have rushed to roam the yard looking for last's year's bird nests for many birds

return to their original nest. Maple buds are ready to burst as soon as it stays warm long enough; once the leaves bloom, nests will be too hard to find. I found Indigo bunting nests among Echinacea and the Jerusalem Artichoke stems; one can even find a hummingbird nest if searching. Bird species populations have increased on our farm since we have become ecofriendly and my bees provide an ample insect diet to the birds. My family presented me with quality binoculars to assist my fascination of our feathered friends! There is nothing like the serenade of birds harmonizing with the hmmm of bees when I tend to the colonies. Oh, the joys of being a "keeper of the bees." January 2015 started with a BIG thank you and the pleasure to award special beekeeping jackets to



Jay & Andrea Grimwood

Ed and Jean Fisher for their many years serving the association, fellow beekeepers, and being advocates for the honey bee! Likewise it was a treat to thank Jay and Andrea Grimwood (Figure 1) for their sponsorship and high tech service! Thanks to Jim and Tanya Fisher for showing us your secrets to processing beeswax. Scholarship Student Jacqueline impressed us all with her *first year of beekeeping* presentation expanding from one hive to five. Next we will be asking for her beekeeping secrets! Actually if she could share some of

her energy...I know where to use it!

I have had reports of bee loss and then others whom have not lost bees. True, one needs to look at patterns of winter

loss numbers. If you have one hive and loose it, it is 100%. If you have ten hives and loose one, it is 10% loss. A truer comparison is when you can compare multiple hives and multiple years. Hang in there, try to learn why they perished and focus to make adjustments next year. Loss can be contributed to: beekeeper error, weather, health, genetics, nutrition ...the list can go on. Keep educated, alert, and press on! The need is great and rewards await.

After bragging of my low winter loss for five consecutive years...I lost three hives this winter giving a 20% tally and the unpredictable *March Madness* is still ahead. This news keeps me humble and is a reality check. Two hives didn't leave the brood to reach their upper stores and the third loss was completely my

fault. Taking for granted that Russians winter with a small cluster and consuming less stores I did not check them the last workable day before winter. This Russian colony had a late young summer queen, small cluster in the fall, and stores packed above.

Upon inspection of their loss I found a massive colony with three frames of brood, no stores, and they had begun to consume their own larva proving their desperate situation. Lesson learned! On the up side, remaining hives are strong and promising spring splits!

Hoping that others learn from my mistakes I share my stories. Another lesson this year is to keep "just in case" ample equipment with me when inspecting apiaries away from home. Hives fifty miles away were winterized at the end of October but I did not have mouse guards with me. I finally checked them last week to learn that one was busting but the other showed no action. As I broke the "lost" hive apart to clear out the casualties I found BEES!

A small cluster crammed into the top

box and a house full of rats in the bottom box! I honestly believe that the warmth of the rats (5) helped keep the small cluster warm. It takes only one time to get a whiff of rat aroma drifting from your bee hive to cause one to remember to place ALL mouse guards properly! What a mess to my newly built equipment. I know what type of foundation rats prefer-time consuming frames with wired natural wax foundation!

As we organize for our 20th Annual Beginning Beekeeping Workshop March 7th I hope to see many of you there, either for the first time or as a refresher. The program looks fantastic and I am honored to work with such a great team. Please help get the word out by posting fliers and announcements in your local papers, libraries, nurseries and farm stores. I look forward to our February Meeting as we share in the beekeeping success of Scholarship Student Garrett Miller and learn about end of winter management and getting our bees ready for spring from Tom Britz. Take advantage of

our discounted price and order your EZ Nuc's this month to have on hand for nuc's, swarms, or to safely and warmly house your queen and brood frames during inspections!

Please join us February 15th early at 1:30 for set up and net-working!
Reminder: Share some sweetness February 14th!



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**Midwestern Beekeepers
 2015 General Meetings
 Graceway Church
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 Feb. 15, (Sunday) 2:30 pm
 Mar. 15, (Sunday) 2:30 pm
 Apr. 16, (Thursday) 7:00 pm
 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



June 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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February General Meeting Sunday, February 15, 2015 2:30 PM

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

Our February program will start with our scholarship student, Garrett Miller! He will share his year of experiences! Following Garrett we will be handing out Ownership awards for some of the scholarship students! Then we will be covering the topic of "Late Winter/ Early Spring Management" presented by Tom Britz! As you have experienced the past few weeks of January our Midwest winters are so very unpredictable. Today is in the 30's and tomorrow will be in the 50's! Humans love the difference but the vast temperature differences are so very hard on our bees. Tom will walk us through the options we beekeepers have to help our hive survive until the trees and flowers burst forth with life!

So come and join us on Sunday, Feb. 15th, starting at 2:30 pm at Graceway Church (Downstairs in the Fellowship Hall). Everyone is invited to come for set up and net-working at 1:30!

Please remember to bring a donation for REAP!!

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Soapmaking Class

Laura Fish



Throughout December and January, I have had the pleasure of hosting 2 additional soap making classes and we have had a ball! In December we had an impromptu class with Wes and Wanda Johnston who brought along Barbara Chancey from St. Joseph, MO. Wes, being the inventive fellow that he is, brought along a fantastic heavy duty grinder that shredded the beeswax so

nice! (I wish he had left it at the house, but alas, no!) In January Danni Harrison, Shelby Seymour and her daughter, Annabelle got to make their batches and we watched Debbie DeCaigney make a batch of hot process soap! So, we learned even more!! I have to tell you one of the many reasons I keep hosting these classes is because my house smells amazing afterwards- nothing better than melted beeswax smell!!! I also would like to say a huge Thank YOU to Debbie for bringing the lion share of the supplies and teaching the soap making! You are a great teacher!! If anyone is interested in attending and making your own soap, please let me know!



This plate was left after our December meeting! I am anxious to get it back to the owners!! If it is yours, please call me at [816-809-1629](tel:816-809-1629).



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Basic Beekeeping by Roger Wood



So we had an unusual cold spell in November last year and an unusual warm spell in January this year. With 2 weeks of above normal temps in January it's hard to talk about normal for this year. February is usually the transitional month. Winter is still hanging around but many times, there will be a warm spell in the 50s or more and if we get our bees through to that period we can breathe a little easier. This year, we may see 4 weeks solid winter. Normally, winter temps run into mid-February and the last weeks of February moderates to springtime temperatures. If winter comes back it can be a killer to our bees if we are too aggressive in our management. Continue to monitor the bees at least once a month from the outside, putting your ear to the hive body and listening for the buzz. If you can't hear a buzz, rap lightly on the box with a knuckle while listening. If no sound or it's been more than a month, open the top and look in on a moderate day with little wind. Even at 20-30 degrees F a quick peek will not harm your bees. If you can't see any bees on the top box frames but you heard the buzz, things are reasonably good. If no buzz and you can't see the cluster, you may need a flashlight to look between the frames. If you see the cluster over the tops of the frames, for insurance, you may feed your bees either fondant or dry/moist granulated white sugar. In my opinion, it is too early to feed syrup but others may disagree and in some years, the weather could allow it. The biggest objection to liquid feed now would be introducing too much moisture which may require increased flights to eliminate waste. If the weather turns cold and does not allow cleansing flights, this could lead to dysentery. The second objection 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. Better to learn how bees advance naturally in spring before you start throwing fuel on the fire. We will suggest a little fuel in March, but by then, the bees will be able to help you manage the results. For now, solid sugar for insurance will provide emergency food through the end of winter. You may need to move the bees down to give them fondant or dry/moist sugar so as to avoid smothering or smashing bees with the sugar, I have used my smoker (sparingly) to accomplish this during warmer weather (flying weather). Too much smoke, or blowing down between frames and you could break up the cluster which would be bad. Smashing a

few bees would be the lesser of two evils in colder weather. You want to pick the warmest day you can get, but if you are afraid they may be starving or colder weather is on its way, there is no time like the present. Toward the end of February watch for the bees collecting pollen during warm-ups. Trees are the main source of early pollen and very important to brood rearing. Maple (*Acer spp*) generally the first, is light yellow (though some Maples have different pollen color like Red Maple but they bloom a little later). Grey Alder (*Alnus incana*) is brownish yellow. Willow (*Salix spp*) is lemon yellow and probably the most common, Elm (*Ulmus spp*), is light grey. These all begin to bloom in February so watch for them. A good rule of thumb is if pollen is coming in, you can begin to feed syrup. Understand that when you start feeding syrup, you will stimulate a brood expansion. You must be diligent thereafter to stay ahead of your bees for space or you could be fighting swarms all spring. If there is still freezing weather in the forecast, I advise that you wait on feeding syrup until there are more nights than not above freezing. In March, we will switch our thinking from winter survival to spring build up.

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Member Spotlight



2014 Beekeeper of the Year Award Cindy & Jim Connell

This year, to our surprise, we were chosen as the recipients of the 2014 Beekeeper of the Year award. There are so many worthy beekeepers in our club and it honored us to be chosen. We will pass the beautiful Copper Smoker to another beekeeper next year. Perhaps you. Get involved with learning about bees and just keep buzzing

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

My husband Jim and I got involved with bees purely by accident. Jim cut down a tree filled with bees and after some encouragement from a beekeeper in the area, we decided to join in the crusade to save the little insects. We started with a borrowed hive and barely any knowledge about how to care for them. This was in the fall of 2009. We researched and found a bee club in the area (Midwestern Beekeepers Association) and decided that should be our first step. January 2010 we attended our first club meeting and were hooked. In the meantime the bees in our borrowed hive died. The Beginning Beekeeper's class was our second step and perhaps the most important. A wealth of knowledge and years of experience were at our fingertips to guide us to successful beginnings. We had hope!

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

We learned very quickly that just when you think you've got the little darlings figured out, surprise, you don't. Attending monthly meetings was helpful, but we wanted to get more in depth. We attended the Master Beekeeping course at the University of Nebraska with Dr. Marion Ellis. Came home with brain overload and plans to be the best beekeepers in the world (or at least in Holden). Listening to knowledgeable speakers and listening to our bees helps keep us on the right track. We have vision.

What has been the greatest hurdle in keeping bees?

Keeping pests managed. Wax Moths/ Hive Beetles/ Mites...Where does it end?

What has been our greatest success in keeping bees?

Extracting Honey and making products from wax. Jim built a wonderful Honey House for me and we're able to focus our extracting skills not only for us, but for others. Making useful products to share with family and friends can be very gratifying.

Where are your bees located?

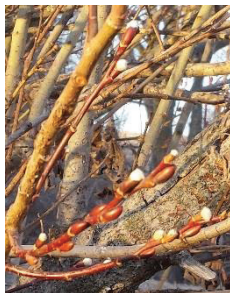
We have ~100 acres mostly cropland, but we choose to keep them in our back yard. A balance of shade and sun and a nearby lake rounds out their location. Our son and daughter-in-law with our 2 grandchildren live within 1/4 mile. While the adults are primarily interested in the honey, the grandchildren Payton 12 and Tristen 8 frequently attend educational talks I give at schools or libraries and seem to be more interested in the whole idea of Beekeeping. Maybe someday we'll hand our Beekeeping tools to one of them. We have smiles.

Do you have a member beekeeper you would like to see featured in Member Spotlight?
Contact Janice Britz at britzjs@gmail.com or at 816-419-1327 with your suggestions.

Honey Plants by Tom Britz



As I write this article on January 26 I cannot help but think it won't be long before a lot of the trees begin to bud. I've included a picture of a pussy willow that was taken today that Janice and I purchased at the auction in August. It looks to me like it is beginning to bud. The pussy willow along with other willows in Missouri are among the earliest trees to bud and the most beneficial for our honey bees from a pollen stand point. The honey bee gets enormous amounts of pollen from the willows which are crucial for early spring brood rearing as the bees use pollen mixed with honey and/or nectar and gastric juices to make bee bread for the brood. While checking the bees in our bee yard at our home I've noticed the purple dead nettle and henbit are green and ready to work their magic when the days grow a little longer and warmer. There are quite a few interesting and educational events that will be happening in the month of February.



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<http://kcgmag.com/cal-of-events/>

Feb. 20th, Johnson Co Community college 5th Annual Horticultural Sciences Day
<http://www.jccc.edu/science/horticultural-sciences-field-day.html>

Mar. 21st, Bringing Nature Home, Dr. Doug Tallamy, Burr Oak Woods, registration required, call 816-228-3766

What does a honey bee prefer to never see in her wardrobe?? Little yellow jackets!

Happy Beekeeping

Tom Britz



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MIDWESTERN BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION
20th Beginning Beekeeping Workshop March 7, 2015

8:00-9:00 am Registration: Visit vendor tables and complimentary catalog tables.

9:00 President's Welcome and Introduction of Club Officers: *Cathy Misko*, Midwestern Beekeeper's Assn.

9:05-9:50 (45) Honey Bee Biology, *Tom Britz*: VIP "Very Important PowerPoint" addressing honey bee anatomy, the life cycle, how bees make wax, and the different duties the bees perform in the hive - successful beekeeping requires a good foundation and understanding of the incredible honey bee!

9:50-10:30 (40) Equipment Basics, *Michael Stauffer*: Learn proper equipment terminology, beekeeping tools, protective clothing, and standard woodenware.

10:30-10:45 (15) Break (Visit Vendors)

10:45-11:15 (30) Ways to Acquire Bees & Installing a Package of Bees, *Tom O'Neill*: Presentation covering the various ways to obtain bees and the instructions on how to install a package of bees.

11:15-11:45 (30) Package Bees Management, *Tom O'Neill*: Step-by-step instructions covering how to successfully care for a newly housed hive of bees including: how to feed them, when to put on the next hive body (*rule of 7*), and when to add honey supers.

11:45-12:30 (45) Seasonal Colony Management, *Terry O'Bryan*: Late Summer care, including removing excess honey from the hives, and Fall Management (evaluating hives assuring adequate bee population, food reserves, and winter preparations).

12:30-1:30 (60) Lunch: Box lunches are provided

1:30-2:05 (35) Bee Disease & Pests, *Stuart Diet*: For identification purposes, the five major diseases and pests will be presented – American Foulbrood, European Foulbrood, Nosema, Varroa Mites, and Small Hive Beetles.

2:05-2:20 (15) Honey Plants, *Laura Fish* Master Gardener and Awardee of Missouri's First *Certified Honey Bee Garden*, will present a colorful show of plants beloved by honey bees.

2:20-2:50 (30) Integrated Pest Management, *Cathy Misko*: This proactive presentation encourages methods to control pests so to promote healthy bees. The Varroa destructor mite is considered the bees #1 pest; learn how to simply test and treat at risk hives.

2:50-3:05 (15) Break (Visit Vendors)

3:05-3:40 (35) Extracting Honey, *Jim and Tanya Fisher*, MO State Grand Champions: The Fishers will share the joys of removing honey from hives, uncap honey, extract the liquid gold, and how to bottle it for sale or for the sweetest of gifts.

3:40-3:50 (10) Educational Resources-Books Videos, and Magazines, *Tom O'Neill, Librarian*: Midwestern's intensive library will be introduced along with MBA's excellent educational monthly meetings and *The Bee Line*. Other opportunities include: Mo State Beekeeper's Complementary Membership via email, Kansas Honey Producers, and Northeastern Kansas Beekeepers who organized *Fun Day* each June. Join us on Facebook and twitter.

3:50-4:35 (45) Beekeeping Etiquette, *Cathy Misko*: Finally it is time to demonstrate how to fire up the famous smoker, properly approach a hive, open it up, and get started on your beekeeping adventure as a "keeper of the bees."

4:35-Close Question and Answer Session: All presenters will answers questions.

Door Prize Drawings: Must be present to win, one door prize ticket per paid registration.

Mark your calendar for Part II March 15 @ 2:30 across the street at Graceway!

Join us for a program covering:
"Hands on" Woodenware Assembly
And
Location: Urban and Rural Bee Hives.

Midwestern Beekeeper's Association
Beginning Beekeeping Workshop 2015 Registration Form
The Point @ Graceway

5600 Blue Ridge Cutoff Raytown, MO 64133

(Across the street and south of the Graceway Church Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, March 7th, 2015, 8:00-5:00 @ The Point, Raytown, MO

Sunday, March 15th, Part 2, 2:30-4:45 @ Graceway Fellowship Hall, KCMO

(PRINT)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP+4 _____

PHONE _____

Email address _____

How did you learn about this class? _____

***The registration fee is per person; however, additional people in the family may attend for an additional \$20.00. Each family will receive a text book and 1 ticket to be eligible for door prizes. Only new members will be eligible to win the hive and package of bees.**

Fees include a box lunch and refreshments

Pre-registration Required to Guarantee Your Spot

Workshop Registration Fees:

***For non-members of The Midwestern Beekeepers Assn:** \$60.00 _____
(Fee includes one-year memberships in State and Midwestern Clubs, box lunch & text book)

***For current members of The Midwestern Beekeepers Assn:** \$45.00 _____
(Fee includes text book & box lunch) You must have paid your \$15.00 2015 dues for this rate

***Additional Family members who will be attending @ \$20.00 each**
\$20.00/ea. _____

(Includes a box lunch)

List names: _____

We **highly** recommend these respected beekeeping magazines. Please note contact information:

***American Bee Journal** www.americanbeejournal.com (888) 922-1293 or (217) 847-3324
(Mention Midwestern Beekeeper's Membership for 25% Discount)

***Bee Culture Magazine** www.beeculture.com (800) 289-7668

Youth Scholarship Fund Donation _____

After March 2nd add \$10.00 _____

Total \$ _____

Registrations must be postmarked by March 2nd to receive the preregistration price.

Make checks payable to: The Midwestern Beekeepers Assn.,

Mail Registrations to:

Cindy Connell

365 SW 1081

Holden MO 64040

For more information visit www.midwesternbeekeepers.org
Cathy Misko (660) 656-3485 or Cheryl Westra beekeepingmama@gmail.com

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

ATTENTION
General Meeting
Sunday, February 15, 2:30 pm
Graceway Church Fellowship Hall

Special Gathering - Nucs
Monday, March 2, 7 pm
Bass Pro
EZ Nuc Pick Up



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 @ DDetailsfish@gmail.com with your 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 south.

Let's Pay it Forward!

Our meetings are free but to show appreciation for Graceway's sponsorship, please bring on the following to our monthly meeting to aid Raytown Emergency Assistance Program, REAP.

*Non – Perishable Food Item
School Supplies
New Toy*