



Hi Folks, as I write this article on January 22nd, we have had a taste of winter with a little snow, sleet, high temperatures in the twenties and lows that are really just too cold to smile about. The forecast for the coming week, predicts high temperatures in the 40's to mid 50's. I hope you take the opportunity to check on your bees and their food stores. Common wisdom is they will consume about 25 pounds of food this month. Make sure the temperature is warm enough as you check on your bees. Please be aware to not disturb them any more than necessary as they will need time to reform their cluster before the temperature drops again. On most hives, a quick peek inside is all it takes to look down through the inner cover and see where your bees are located. If they are located mid frame or below and have not yet reached the top bars, they should be in pretty good shape for now. If they have reached the top bar, or they are close to it, you need to get emergency food on now. Emergency feeding may be fondant, sugar bags, candy boards, or some use two parts sugar to one part water (2:1 syrup) with good success. Even though your bees may be in good shape, these emergency food stores are also great insurance to enable your bee's survival until the next warm spell.

If you missed the January 10th, General Meeting, you missed a good one. Tom Britz and Wes Johnston gave a presentation on small hive beetles. They talked about the biology, monitoring practices and different controls for you to try in your hives; a special door prize, The Original Freeman Beetle Trap, was donated by Larry Glass of Heartwood Bee Supplies. Tom and Wes also showed their modified versions of the beetle trap. I was very impressed with the audience participation; you folks asked a lot of questions and shared your experiences with these little buggers. It truly made it a worthwhile discussion and meeting.

Now is the time to stop procrastinating, order any equipment that you need, put it together and get it painted. Spring will be here quicker than you think. Don't forget to renew your Midwestern Beekeepers Association membership. Maybe subscribe to "The American Bee Journal" or "Bee Culture" magazines. Remember to register for the Beginning Beekeepers Workshop held on March 12th, at Lakewood Oaks Golf Club, in Lee's Summit, MO. Part 2 of the workshop will be at **Bass Pro - Independence, on March 20th, 2:30 PM**, during the General Meeting. Please take note, the original registration form showed an incorrect date of March 13th for Part 2. The corrected date is March 20th, at 2:30 PM. I hope to see you at the February 21st General Meeting at 2:30 PM where the topic will be spring management and nutrition. Come join us, it'll be fun!!!

### FEBRUARY 2016 GENERAL MEETING

February 21, 2016, 2:30 p.m. Bass Pro Independence Mo *NEW LOCATION* 

In case of inclement weather on the day of a meeting, please check our website, Facebook, or call an officer

A board meeting for all board members and committee chairs will be held on February 21st immediately following the general meeting. Youth scholarship recipients and mentors will be selected.

FEBRUARY 2016 VALUE ADDED MEETING

February 18, 2016, 7:00 p.m. Bass Pro Independence Mo

2016 membership renewals are due now.

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### **Conferences & Events**

February 27, 2016 Missouri Botanical Garden Dr. Tom Seeley \* Honey Bee Democracy www.beespeakstl.com

\*Featured in **Bee Culture** December 2015 issue American Bee Journal February 2016 issue

> March 12, 2016 March 20, 2016

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Beekeeper's Beginning **Beekeeping Workshop** Midwestern Beekeeper's Association Lakewood Oaks Golf Club Lee's Summit, MO 64064 www.midwesternbeekeepers.org

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### Library News

By Tom O'Neill



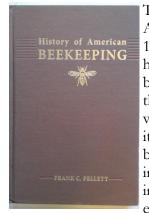
Wildflower Nursery Sale By The Westport Garden Club Kansas City Community Gardens Swope Park, 6917 Kensington Ave.

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April 16, 2016 **Native Plant Sales** Anita B Gorman **Discovery Center** April 23 & 30, 2016 **City Market** Grow native.org

> May 7, 2016 2016 Annual Plant Sale Master Gardeners of Greater Kansas City Bass Pro Shop Independence, MO www.mggkc.org





The latest addition to the library is HISTORY OF AMERICAN BEEKEEPING. This reprint of the 1938 book by Frank C. Pellett starts with bringing honeybees to North America and the challenges of beekeeping in skeps and hollow logs. It continues through the discovery of the bee space and the invention of the movable frame hive. Along the way, it discusses the pitfalls, diseases and pests earlier beekeepers had to deal with. It also showcases the inventions and pioneers of American beekeeping. This book shows the steps of beekeeping evolution and how we got to where we are today.

#### June 4, 2016

Northeastern Kansas **Beekeepers Association** Funday Douglas Co Fairgrounds Lawrence, KS. www.NEKBA.org

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July 14-16, 2016 Heartland Apicultural Society Annual Meeting Bowling Green, Kentucky www.heartlandbees.org

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August 11-21, 2016 Missouri State Fair Sedalia, MO. Contact Dean Sanders (816) 456-4683

to volunteer to work the Missouri State Beekeepers Association booth



#### October 14-15, 2016 2016 Fall Conference **Missouri State Beekeepers** Association The Lodge of the Four Seasons, Speaker Randy Oliver

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#### Welcome New Members

Tony Odil Kansas City, Mo Stormie Burr Centerview, MO Homer & Roxie Curtis Cameron, MO Kati & Stacey Link Lone Jack, MO Cheryl Sellers Kansas City, MO Arnold Wilson Lee's Summit, MO

The 2016 membership renewals are due now.

Membership dues are \$15 for single members and \$18 for family members (2 votes). Please renew your membership to continue your membership privileges.

Membership allows an individual the privilege:

- 1. To vote in elections;
- 2. To recommend policy and
- amendment changes;
- 3. To recommend association activities;
- 4. To hold office;
- 5. To receive the newsletter;
- 6. To access library materials.

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### February General Meeting

Sunday, February 21, 2:30pm Bass Pro Shop at Independence MO

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Scholarship Student Seth McGraw will present "Bee or Not to Be" Andy Nowachek, President of NEKBA will present "Spring Management and Nutrition" *General Meeting at the Bass Pro Shop at Independence MO* 

February Value Added Meeting Slovenian Hive Presented by Homer Curtis Thursday, February 18th, 7:00 pm Bass Pro Shop ,Independence MO

Bank Status Report for the Month Ending December 2015

Community America Credit Union Transa for the Month of December 2015	ctions
Bank Balance as of 11/30/2015	\$ 11,796.57
Total Receipts Deposited	950.00
Total Expenses Paid (checks outstanding: 4092 for \$1,498.37)	-977.99
Interest on Savings & Checking Account	.48
Transfer from Checking to General CD Fund	-2,000.00
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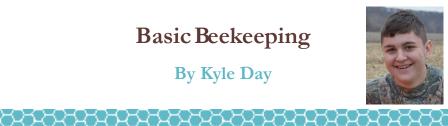
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### **Basic Beekeeping**

By Kyle Day



As spring is fast approaching we have a list of things we need to do. First during this time of year do monthly checks on your hive. Put your ear up to the side and see if you can hear buzzing. If not gentle knock on the side with your knuckles. If no sound you can pop the lid if it's a 20-30-degree F day for a quick peek. If sound, close the top and let them be. But if no sound you make want to a have flashlight and look down between the frames. If the bees are on top of the frames you will need to think about putting on a shim and feed the bee's fondant, or dry/ moist granulated sugar. For my sugar boards I use 3/4 cup of water to 8 cups of sugar. Then for my Feeder, it is made by 1x2s with dimensions are the same as the hive. I use 1/2x1/2 hardware cloth for the support wrapping it around the inside about 1 to 2 inches up then stapled it in. Using this will take 32 cups of sugar to fill this feeder. I also drilled a 3/4in hole and didn't put any sugar around it on the front side to help with ventilation in the hive.

Another thing on the do to list is start getting equipment and bees ordered for the spring. There still maybe a little time to preorder spring packages. Always have an extra hive setup on hand for swarms. If buying new frames, I would suggest going with wooden frames and plastic foundation. I would not suggest the one piece all plastic frames. They have spots that are great for beetles to live in. When I order my frames and foundation I also will order a pound of wax or melt down any wax I have and melt it down and take a natural fibers paint brush and put extra wax on the plastic foundation. It helps the bees get a faster start and less feeding. Just lightly paint the wax on but try not to fill the cells with wax.

Towards the end of the month on the warm days be looking to see if the bees are bringing in pollen. There will be mostly trees blooming and this early pollen will be needed for brood rearing. A good rule of thumb is if they are bringing pollen in you can start feeding sugar water. This will stimulate brood rearing. But you will have to stay ahead of your bees for space or you will be dealing with swarming issues all spring. If feeding sugar syrup watch your weekly forecast, I would suggest you wait until most nights are above freezing. As the month goes and we come to March we will being going from winter survival to the start of spring build up and getting closer to swarm season.



### FYI from the Editor

2016 Officers



### By Janice Britz

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#### Tips from the January General Meeting on small hive beetle:

Do maintain healthy, strong colonies to promote high bee to comb ratio. Monitor colonies for beetle infestation levels. Inner covers and bee escapes can provide harbor age for beetles. Trap beetles using one or more devices available.

Service pollen traps often.

Propagate from queens whose colonies show resistance to beetles.

Physically kill or remove beetles when inspecting a colony and do not leave equipment exposed.

Remove weak colonies from an apiary when infested with beetle larvae and treat the soil.

Extract honey from supers within 2 days of hive removal.

Maintain good sanitary conditions inside and outside the honey house.

Treat soil with Gard Star if beetle larvae are present in the hive.

Use Checkmite+ in the hive as a last resort.

Do not place colonies in shady, damp locations.

Do not stack beetle-infested supers on strong beetle free colonies.

Do not over-manipulate colonies when beetles are present.

Do not leave colonies exposed during hive inspections.

Do not over-super colonies when beetles are present.

Do not hesitate to move colonies to a new location away from an old apiary which has a history of beetle problems.

Do not use pesticides that are not registered for small hive beetle control..

Thank you to Larry Glass of Heartwood bee supplies for the donation of The Original Freeman Beetle Trap that was given away at our drawing. <u>Www.eheartwood.com</u>.



From Joseph Stamper::

"A Hardier Honeybee That Fights Back By Biting Back"

http://www.npr.org/sections/thesalt/2016/01/11/462391470/ahardier-honeybee-that-fights-back-by-biting-back

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We are currently seeking volunteers to review our bylaws for: redundancy in provisions; updating or removal of outdated provisions; better clarification of provisions; update the chronological history of the bylaws; and seek input from the membership.

To be on the committee you must be a member, have opinions and willing to voice them, able to communicate by email and receive PDF and/or Word/WordPerfect documents. If you are interested, please contact Wes Johnston (816) 392-4960 or at wj2@kc.rr.com. Your assistance is

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# Beginning Beekeeping Workshop Saturday March 12, 2016 8:00 am. – 5:00 pm. Lakewood Oaks Golf Club, Lee's Summit, MO Midwestern Beekeeper's Association

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#### Midwestern Beekeeper's Association 21st Beginning Beekeeping Workshop 2016 Registration Form Lakewood Oaks Golf Club

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(West off MO-291/I-470 Exit 14)

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*For non-members of The Midwestern Beekeepers Assn:	\$65.00
(Fee includes one-year membership in the Midwestern Club, presentation notes, box	k lunch & text book)
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(Fee includes presentation notes, text book & box lunch) You must have paid your \$	\$15.00 2016 dues.
*Additional Family members who will be attending @ \$25.00 each	\$25.00/ea
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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 7<sup>th</sup> add \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_\_ Total \$\_\_\_\_\_ Registrations must be postmarked by March 7<sup>th</sup> to receive the preregistration price. Make checks payable to: The Midwestern Beekeepers Assn., <u>Mail Registrations to</u>: Cindy Connell 365 SW 1081 Holden MO 64040 For more information visit www.midwesternbeekeepers.org

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Missouri State Beekeepers Association's Board had a 2 day strategic planning meeting in Columbia, MO, on January 16 & 17th. Many important topics were discussed at this meeting. Currently the Membership Chair and Honey Queen Chair are vacant so they need filled with dedicated people. Eugene Makovec, Newsletter Editor, wishes to step down from this position after many years of editing the MSBA newsletter to focus his attention on other aspects of his life. The Treasurer, Steve Moeller, after three years as Treasurer and four years as Secretary has decided to step away from the Treasurer's Chair at the end of the year. John Timmons has plans to sail off into the sunset on his boat. John has indicated that it would be too difficult to sail and keep the web site fresh and interesting so his position is available to anyone with the talent and time to dedicate as Webmaster. To communicate with any of the Board Members, go to: mostatebeekeepers.org/ if you are interested in any of the open or soon to be open positions.

The 2016 fall conference will be at the Lodge of the Four Seasons, October 14-15, 2016. Randy Oliver will give research based presentations on Friday and Saturday. Mel Dissoelkoen (MDA splitter) is to speak on Saturday also. There are speaking slots for local interests and negotiations are ongoing for additional speakers. The planning for the 2016 fall conference is in full swing and the speaker lineup is looking great.

Beginning in 2017, MSBA has plans to resume two conferences each year. It has been proposed that the spring conference remain in a central location and the fall conference would rotate around the state. The details need worked through regarding the locations and dates. Many other topics were discussed; however, nothing is concrete considering MSBA is in the early planning stages.

August 11-21, 2016, is the Missouri State Fair in Sedalia, MO. Contact Dean Sanders at (816) 456-4683 to volunteer to work the MSBA booth. Just a reminder, MSBA matches prize money won in competition at the fair booth

### EPA Update

EPA Opens Public Comment Period on the First of Four Preliminary Risk Assessments for Insecticides Potentially Harmful to Bees

From the EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs - January 15, 2016 The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has opened the 60-day public comment period for its preliminary pollinator risk assessment for imidacloprid, a neonicotinoid insecticide, in a Federal Register notice published today. After the comment period ends, the EPA may revise the pollinator assessment based on comments received and, if necessary, take action to reduce risks from the insecticide. The preliminary risk assessment identified a residue level for imidacloprid of 25 ppb, above which effects on pollinator hives are likely to be seen and below which effects are unlikely. These effects may include reduction in numbers of pollinators as well as the amount of honey produced.

The imidacloprid assessment is the first of four preliminary pollinator risk assessments for the neonicotinoid insecticides. Preliminary pollinator risk assessments for three other neonicotinoids, clothianidin, thiamethoxam, and dinotefuran, are scheduled to be released for public comment in December 2016.

A preliminary risk assessment for all ecological effects for imidacloprid, including a revised pollinator assessment and impacts on other species such as aquatic and terrestrial animals and plants will also be released in December 2016. EPA encourages stakeholders and interested members of the public to visit the imidacloprid docket, review the risk assessment and related documents, and submit comments. All comments submitted will be accounted for in our final risk assessment. The risk assessment and other supporting documents are available in the docket at: http://

#### www.regulations.gov/#! docketBrowser;rpp=25;so=DESC;sb=posted Date;po=0;dct=SR;D=EPA-HQ -OPP-2008-0844.

EPA is also planning to hold a webinar on the imidacloprid assessment in early February. The times and details will be posted at:<u>http://www.epa.gov/</u> <u>pollinator-protection/how-weassess-risks-pollinators</u>



#### Day 1: 2016 American Beekeeping Federation, Jacksonville ,FL. (Email from Cathy Misko) "EPA Releases the First of Four Preliminary Risk Assessments for Insecticides Potentially Harmful to Bees First-of-its-kind assessment delivers on President Obama's National Pollinator Strategy" January 6, 2016

This announcement was a lit firecracker, a bomb, at the ABF this year on opening day for the EPA' Pollinator Protection Plan (Rick Keigwin) gave a morning presentation saying that the report would be out within minutes of his presentation. Followed with many questions, the EPA admitted that they did not do any of their own research but compiled reports from mainly chemical sponsored companies; the report was interpreted from beekeepers that business will go on "as usual" for they are desperate for help and wanted more. Immediately lawsuits were filed in California for beekeepers were apparently ready; suspicion was also taken because of the timing of EPA report...during opening sessions of ABF in FL and opening sessions of American Honey Producers meeting in Albuquerque. Future presentations from the USDA-ARS Labs specifically Dr. Meikle, Tucson Bee Lab, AZ concluded that there is a serious "latent" effect from these chemicals that was not part of/considered in the EPA's research. ABF Past President David Hackenberg passionately addressed the conference stating the EPA gave a "Pubic Relation's announcement" and "is planning on doing nothing" and announced the lawsuit against the EPA. David is the largest PA beekeeper and is the first to alert about CCD; He told us how he parked a 40 ft. flatbed semi full of dead bees at the capital, Washington DC demanding to talk to someone (Jim Jones, EPA.) Here is a summarizing link about the new lawsuit http://

pollinatorstewardship.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/Jan.-9-2016newsltr-Coated- Seeds-and-EPA.pdf

Addressing Bee Care...Bayer also gave a presentation/video and it was painful...no questions, no claps, silence...one could hear a pin drop.\_It was very interesting to witness the mistrust and uncertainty of the beekeeping community.

Along with other items, it was stressed – Bee Kill MUST be Reported! Here is a Quick Guide. <u>http://honeybeehealthcoalition.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/Quick-Guide-to-Reporting-a-Bee-Kill-Incident-Final-03062015.pdf</u>

Register with <u>https://driftwatch.org</u> to facilitate communication between beekeeper, producers and applicators. During the past few months, you may have seen some articles in the media regarding Dr. Jonathan Lundgren. Dr. Jonathan Lundgren is one of the scientists looking into the challenges faced by bees. He received the USDA's Herbert L. Rothbart Outstanding Early Career Research Scientist Award in 2011, and spent 11 years with the agency based in Brookings, South Dakota. Jonathan has said that retaliation and harassment from inside USDA started in April 2014, following interviews he gave in March of that year regarding some of his research findings. He has been an outspoken critic of the prophylactic use of neonicotinoid compounds because of his research indicating that very low levels of exposure are detrimental to honey bees' ability to navigate. Dr. Lundgren published a study on monarch butterflies and their developmental abnormalities when exposed to these compounds as well. Over the course of the last two years, he was put on leave and reprimanded for some of his administrative functions. When he was relieved of his team leadership, I wrote a letter of concern to USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack and to President Obama expressing our concern over Dr. Lundgren's treatment for simply stating the results of his work. We feel that USDA scientists should be able to freely publish and support their findings without intimidation.

Recently, Dr. Lundgren has filed a whistle blower suit against USDA and has left the agency. He has founded his own company to do research in a sustainable environment called Blue Dasher Farm. ABF is supporting his efforts with a donation to help him get started. . If you would like to contribute to support Blue Dasher Farm, see https://www.indiegogo.com/ projects/blue-dasher-farm#/

-ABF E-Buzz: January 2016

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#### Jordy's Honey Robert Hughes 12333 Wedd Street Overland Park KS 66213 913-681-5777

Monday through Friday 8 am to 6pm Weekends by appointment Please call in advance so we can have your supplies ready when you arrive. We carry a full line of beekeeping supplies. Bee hives, supers, frames, foundation, honey containers, smokers, beekeeping books, queens, packaged bees and much more.



#### Ozark Cedar Hives Bob Owen 1113 Everest Rd Galena, MO (417) 559-0506

#### www.ozarkcedarhives.com

Manufacturers of superior quality cedar hives here in our family shop. We make Langstroth (8 or 10 frame design) and Warre hives (with or without windows). We also have frames and foundation.



#### 2016 MIDWESTERN BEEKEEPERS

#### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

PLEASE CHECK ONE: \_\_\_\_\_RENEWAL \_\_\_\_\_NEW MEMBERSHIP

#### www.midwesternbeekeepers.org

NAME:					
SPOUSES NAME:					
ADDRESS:					
				ZIP CODE:	
TELEPHONE NUMBER:					
EMAIL ADDRESS:					
WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE					
INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP: \$15					
FAMILY MEMBERSHIP (2 CLUB VOTING RIGHTS):			\$18		
YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP DONAT	TION:				
TOTAL:					
How did you hear about the o	club?				
Make checks payable to:	Midwestern Beekeepers Association				
Mail to:	401 NW Heady Avenu	le			
	Ferrelview, MO 6416	3-1413			
Questions:	wj@kc.rr.com or 816-392-4960 (Wanda Johnston)				
Missouri State Beekeepers Membershi	p Fees can be paid by Pay Pal or r	mailed directly to: N	ISBA, c/o Steve Moeller, PO B	ox 7514, Columbia,	

MO 65205



Wanda Johnston 401 NW Heady Avenue, Ferrelview MO 64163-1413 ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

#### General Meeting

February 21, 2016, 2:30 p.m. Bass Pro Independence Mo *NEW LOCATION* Value Added Meeting

February 18, 2016 7:00 pm Bass Pro Shop Independence MO Non-Profit Organization U.S. POSTAGE PAID Warrensburg, MO 64093 Permit No. 16

Youth Scholarship Application

Deadline...Closed

Deadline for newsletter submission is the 25th of each month

Contact britzjs@gmail.com (816) 419-1327 Sunday, February 21st, 2:30 pm *Sunday, March 20th, 2:30 pm\** Thursday, April 21st, 7:00 pm Thursday, May 19th, 7:00 pm Thursday, June 16th, 7:00 pm Thursday, July 21st, 7:00 pm August Picnic, TBA Thursday, September 15th, 7:00 pm Thursday, October 20th, 7:00 pm Sunday, November 13th, 2:30 pm December Potluck, TBA *\*Date Change from previous listing* 

2016 General Meeting Dates