## THE BEE LINE IS THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MIDWESTERN BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

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PLEASE BE SURE NOT TO LET YOUR MEMBERSHIP EXPIRE. RENEW YOUR 2015 MEMBERSHIP TODAY!!

Congratulations to 2014

award winners

Lifetime Membership
Award
Bob & Joyce Justice

2014 Beekeeper of the Year Award Cindy & Jim Connell

Honorable Scholarship Award 2014 MO State Honey Queen Lauren Collins

### THE BEE LINE

January 2015

### Wisps of Smoke By Cathy Misko



Happy New Year 2015...I sing the same resolution which will be a song after my husband's heart...Organize! Just today I went outside to work on that organization for I left an empty syrup pitcher out and decided to fetch it to I was sorry to find clean it up. honeybees that became trapped in all the water from the previous rain. I poured them down the sink and went on with my work to be distracted by that pleasant hummmmm of a honey bee. I looked down to my kitchen sink drain to find honey bees alive, wet and well. Apparently they were so cold "appeared" dead; as they thev warmed they came back to life...40 girls in all were delivered safely back to the apiary! This year my challenges only increase as I will continue with articles, record keeping, propagate the strongest of colonies, continue management that seems to work best, tidy the honey room and wood working gazebo, focus on nucleus colonies, and plan on hives in three different counties. My marketing experience is also in dire need of attention. As I have served on the board I have been forced to learn technology. I now can title files, save, and place appropriate folders. No simple task for one that just a couple of years ago needed children to show me how to properly shut down the computer. The hours seem endless as I try to now organize the "old" files saved before my newly acquired skills!Computer challenges remain for 2015.

The December Meeting started off with eight of our scholarship students spelling out and stating the meaning of volunteers...thanking ALL of us for each investment through our personal lives which "makes the world go 'round." It was a blast for again this year I felt like Mrs. Clause bearing gifts and awards and after all the feasting I am sure that I also look "angelically plump" like her too! We still have another award to deliver so hang onto your hat and it will be revealed!

It was an honor to award Lifetime Membership Award to Bob and Joyce Justice. This award goes to that beekeeper that not only has been a member for twenty years but also dedicated association service. Bob has served as President, Secretary, Editor and Beekeeper of the Year along with endless service from his wife Joyce...Congratulations!

Our "home grown" 2014 MO State Honey Queen treated us with pristine a cappella songs that brought tears to each of us. Lauren served and represented Midwestern with professionalism and we were pleased to award her with the Honorable Scholarship Award....Thank you Lauren.

The Board of Directors had quite a challenge with Beekeeper of the Year... Midwestern has countless qualified and deserving beekeepers for this award that serve tirelessly without

ever focusing on receiving an award. It is admirable that they do what they do out of the goodness of their hearts because they are passionate about beekeeping and the honey bee.

The 2014 Beekeeper of the Year Award went to a truly winning team... Cindy and Jim Connell. This team has presented to you and public audiences, mentor many including serving two scholarship awardees, and have put in countless hours behind the scenes for the association. Cindy, our Secretary, a "can do" person who believes "life is too short to not enjoy each day," has the blisters to prove her dedication, given endless smiles to all of us, and has never missed an opportunity to provide one of her "handmade" door prizes. Congratulations Cindy and Jim!

Keep an eye on your hive's food stores. The cluster needs to be in contact with food at all times. When temperatures increase the bees are able to rearrange their stores. If we get an unusually warm January then the queens may increase egg laying causing increased demands on food stores. Read the bees! December 21<sup>st</sup> is the winter solstice and the days start getting

longer stimulating egg laying. Not scientific but today I collected my first egg from my chickens compared to last year's egg on Feb. 5th! In the past the hive's queens also started laying eggs along with my chickens reminding me to keep on top of the cluster's needs. It is at times like this it would be nice to borrow a thermo detector. If you have not checked it out then go to Midwestern's Facebook page to see Stuart Dietz thermo photos. If brood is present, the inner cluster's temps can be as high as 93 degrees. Fantastic bugs huh?

Winter is my favorite time for education preceding the buzzing around with spring beekeeping. Mark your calendars for the Midwestern Beekeepers' 20th Beginning Beekeeping Course March 7, where one receive an intense program and always learn something new (this year registrants will get a free membership in the Mo State Beekeepers Association providing a free newsletter.) Advanced Beekeepers, join me at the Eastern Mo Beekeepers Feb 7 course just outside of

St. Louis. Sharpen your skills for the bees' sake and to be an ambassador for your state insect!

January's Program will be a double header highlighting one of our exceptional scholarship students Jacqueline Janorschke, and "wax processing and products" by our esteemed MO State Champions Jim and Tanya Fisher.

Join us early at 1:30 for set up and networking... HaBEEE New Year, Cathy Misko

#### **Welcome New Members**

Bruce Bird, Sedalia, MO

Eric Garbison, Kansas City, MO

Chris Homiak, Kansas City, MO

Joe Van Ackeren, Jr, Raytown, MO

#### Elden's Microwave Honey Peanut Brittle (Corrected)

1 cup raw Spanish peanuts 1 cup sugar

¼ cup light Karo syrup ¼ cup honey

1 Tablespoon vanilla 1

Tablespoon butter

1/8 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon baking soda

Butter/grease a large cookie sheet.

Set aside ¼ teaspoon baking soda.

In a large 4 cup glass measuring cup layer: peanuts first then sugar and make a well.

In a separate glass measuring cup pour: Karo syrup and honey. Microwave a few seconds and stir.  $\$ 

Pour syrup over nuts, add salt and mix well.

Microwave 2 minutes; remove and stir.

Microwave 5-6 minutes more until boiling and light golden yellow. (Careful to not burn.)

Add butter and vanilla. Stir.

Microwave 1-2 additional minutes. Remove; quickly stir in baking soda and carefully pour out onto greased cookie sheet. Spread by tilting back and forth or by a greased spoon. Cool.

(Optional – Dab off excess butter.) Break apart and enjoy.

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Monday
February 9 @ 7pm



Midwestern Beekeepers 2015 General Meeting Dates Graceway Church Fellowship Hall

January 18, (Sunday) 2:30 pm

February 15, (Sunday) 2:30 pm

March 15, (Sunday) 2:30 pm

April 16, (Thursday) 7:00 pm

May 21, (Thursday) 7:00 pm

June 18, (Thursday) 7:00 pm

July 16, (Thursday) 7:00 pm

August 9, (Sunday Picnic) 2:30 pm

September 17, (Thursday) 7:00 pm

October 15, (Thursday) 7:00 pm

November 15, (Sunday) 2:30 pm

December 13, (Sunday) 2:30 pm

# January General Meeting Sunday, January 18, 2015 2:30 PM Graceway Church Fellowship Hall 5460 Blue Ridge Cutoff Kansas City MO

"The Bee-ginning"
Presented by Jacqueline Janorschke
2014 Scholarship student

"Beeswax...Now that I have it, what do I do with it?" Presented by Jim and Tanya Fisher Our very own-many times State Grand Champion winner, Jim and Tanya Fisher will lead us thru the process of what to do with beeswax! How to clean the wax cappings and melt it all down, getting it ready for molds. They will also cover different items that are made with beeswax. So if you have a bucket or two of beeswax sitting around and you think you want to do something with it – just not sure what, come and learn from the best! Please remember to bring a donation for REAP!

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## Beginning Beekeeping Workshop Presented by Midwestern Beekeeper's Association

Saturday, March 7, 2015 (8:00-5:00) Part 2 Sunday, March 15 (2:30-4:45)

The 20th Annual Beginning Beekeeping Workshop is an all-day event at The Point @ Graceway 5600 Blue Ridge Cutoff Raytown, MO 64133

The intensive class agenda includes: Bee Biology; Equipment; Acquiring bees; Spring, Fall, and Winter Management; Bee Diseases and Pest Management; Educational Opportunities; Extracting Honey; Hive location; Honey Plants; Beekeeping Etiquette; Questions and Answers; Door Prizes; and a chance to win a complete colony of honey bees. Registration Fee includes a Beekeeping Handbook, membership in both the Midwestern and Missouri State Assns., a monthly newsletter, refreshments, and lunch will be provided. Beekeeping Supply Vendors will be on site.

#### Pre-registration Required due to limited space.

Visit: <a href="https://www.midwesternbeekeepers.org">www.midwesternbeekeepers.org</a> or call Cathy (660) 656-3485 or Cheryl (816) 509-5883

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Stuart (795) 969-6110 stuartadietz@netscape.net

#### **Soapmaking Class**

January 24th Laura Fish



I am doing it again! Want to make Honey Oatmeal soap with me? January 24<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm I am hosting another soap making

class at my house in Parkville, MO! Again size is limited – so the first 3 who call will be it! In case of bad weather, the makeup date for this class will be January 31<sup>st</sup> at 1 pm. I look forward to hearing from you! Call me at 816-809-1629 to reserve your spot!

### Lotion Bars Lip Balms Class

Saturday, January 31st 1-3 pm



Tanya Fisher 715 S Prairie Lane Raymore MO

Let's Make Lotion Bars and Lip Balms! This is a

hands on class at Tanya Fisher's home to learn the basics and see how we make our bars and balms that we sell at the market.

We will supply everything you need and you will get to take home a lotion bar and lip balm. Cost is \$6.00.

Class size will be limited to the first 6 people. Please email Tanya at <a href="mailto:jtfish85@aol.com">jtfish85@aol.com</a> if you are interested.

#### Youth Scholarship Applications Deadline Jan.31, 2015

The applicant must:

- Be between the ages of 10 and 18 by February 1st of the Award Year.
- Be a resident of Missouri.
- Be currently enrolled in public, private, or home school.
- Have permission to apply from a parent or guardian.
- Have no immediate family members that are currently beekeepers.
- Submit application (postmarked) to Midwestern Beekeepers
   Association no later than January
   31st of the Award Year (unless previously agreed.)

A complete Application can be downloaded at

www.midwesternbeekeepers.org

Youth Scholarship Chair:

Cathy Misko (660) 656-3485



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#### Basic Beekeeping by Roger Wood



January and a new year brings hope and promise to my way of thinking in the apiary. It's time to get serious about the pending honey season. You are or have located your bee supplier for this year and ordered your live bee needs with them this month. It's

not a game breaker if you miss this opportunity now but the sooner the better. You have also determined all your woodenware and wax needs by the end of this month and made orders or DIY'd your hive parts. Do not put wax foundation in your new equipment yet, wait till just before you put bees and that equipment together. Bring your questions to the bee meetings if you need help determining what you need. If you like the idea of having a mentor, now is a good time to look for one. We have a mentor program in the club so take advantage. I wish I had had either a bee club or a mentor when I started out. A lot of innocent bees could have lived more productive lives I am sure. The club also has a basic beekeeping class in March which will help you fill in the details on beekeeping so sign up now. Today, the next best thing to local experience, is the internet and YouTube. Just be careful and know where the beekeeper is located. There are many methods that work in various areas of the country but do not work well here or they just aren't necessary. You will still need some local context to interpret these videos and suggestions. The last sources for information are the bee magazines and books. This is what I relied on back in the 70's. They still will work today but they too will be shy of local experience.

November and December in Missouri, really on average, provide ideal temperatures for bee cluster overwintering. 30's to 40's are just the perfect temps for the European honeybee to overwinter. They respond to these temps ideally, using their stores the most efficiently. January and February in Missouri are much tougher weather wise for our bee friends. January usually is the month the queen will start brood rearing again though if the previous months were mild, she may have never quit. Having larva to protect, the brood nest is no longer as mobile and the combination of colder weather, longer cold snaps, and larva that can't be moved, mean the nest must be able to cover enough food to support the cluster through that weather. A

general number used regularly suggest about 25 pounds of honey will be consumed this month, give or take. Brood rearing will exponentially increase the hive caloric needs as spring approaches. This is why beekeepers will experience most of their winter loss in late winter. If the cluster has not arrived at the top of the hive you are still ok for food stores but keep your eye on this. If they arrive at the top, you need to feed either fondant or dry/moist cane sugar. Your inspections will still be just checking for life, and relative location. Do not break the propolis seals between boxes. If we have a warm sunny day you may get to see some flights. You may witness yellow streaks (bee poo/dysentery) sprayed across the front of your hives and the immediate area. A lot of this streaking could mean a sick weakened colony. Not much you can do at this point in cold weather but by locating these hives and with some timely warm weather in the future, you may pull them through. Some streaking is normal so this is not a doomsday event. I would open a suspected sick hive and look for evidence of dysentery on the top bars of the top box for more information. If the hive is sick, you will probably smell the problem even before you see additional proof. If no additional indications are found within the hive you may be ok. The good news, January 1, marks only 6 to 8 weeks before the bees begin flying again!



### International Queen Marking Color Code

White for Year Ending in 1 or 6
Yellow for Year Ending in 2 or 7
Red for Year Ending in 3 or 8
Green for Year Ending in 4 or 9
Blue for Year Ending in 5 or 0

#### **Honey Plants by Tom Britz**



Not much blooming but winter annuals. I did take a picture of a dandelion and henbit in bloom in our yard on December 26<sup>th</sup>. You can also see the leaves of white dutch clover.





Happy Beekeeping

Tom Britz



#### **Back Table Bargains**

Beekeeping Calendars (\$15) 1<sup>st</sup> Lessons in Beekeeping (\$10) By Keith Delaplane Name Tags \$8

#### **MARKETPLACE**

Do you need your honey supers extracted? If so, contact Jim Fisher 816-918-6648 for custom extracting.

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## True Story By Anonymous Beekeeping Contributor



It felt great to finally have numerous "Holiday Gift

Honey" bottled, tagged and placed together in a gift basket perfect for any presentation. The Christmas chaos was a joy to experience and the quiet of the evening was a welcome friend. As I looked around I saw my enormous beautiful basket of honey tucked far under the tree...forgotten and cold from a draft by the adjacent door.

Wanting to take the chill off the honey for the perfect temperature for crystallization is 56-57 degrees a *solution* was at hand! I conveniently place the enormous basket on top of the air duct. It looked quiet decorative as if it belonged there.

The sound of babies giggling is a gift and likewise the sight of a sweet one sleeping is priceless. As I was getting the grandbaby ready for a nap I heard it...POP! I looked to the vent to see three and one half pounds of precious golden honey gurgling down the jar neck into the heater vent. In panic I screamed, "Noooooooo, no, no!"

The sensitive baby fearfully screamed, "Wah, wah, wahhh!" I rushed to rescue the honey by racing the basket through the house to the kitchen crying no, No, NO, the whole way. The family ran to my aide... "I can't talk; I am tooooo upset!"

An eternity later I had the forever sticky mess cleaned and begged for the crying baby back. She was handed over to me with the wish of "good luck" for I had shattered the whole peaceful naptime window. I was recharged with the *sweetest* idea proving a true heart of a beekeeper. "Put some honey on it!" I applied honey to the sipper cup of my 2 year old babe. She licked and smiled with delight before settling into a sound 2 ½ hour nap!

#### ABC

P.S. Vent honey jar lids before heating no matter how slightly. It was not the heat that cracked the jars; it was the pressure from the slowly expanding honey.

## N. V. Sanda

### From The Editor By Janice Britz

I am in a rush (as usual) to pull together

our first newsletter of the year! You see, Tom and I have been traveling all over the country following the Kansas State Wildcats where our son, Travis, plays football. I just got home from San Antonio where they played in the Alamo Bowl (and sadly lost to UCLA!)

I love being home and back in the Midwest although I came back to freezing rain and frigid temperatures. We suffered huge winter losses in 2014 and hope to pull our bees through winter. I have been a beekeeper for a few years, but always there are questions. Cathy has sage advice in her Wisps of Smoke column and Roger Wood is writing a thorough checklist for each month. I appreciate their knowledge and store it away for future reference. My husband, Tom Britz, and I recently completed the Cass County Master Gardeners course and he will continue to bring you good information on honey plants from his research.

Many times you have questions that need an immediate answer. A closed group on Facebook is now available for communication between our members. Search for Midwestern Beekeepers Association Members to join.



If you have suggestions on how to improve the newsletter or something you would like to see, please email me at <a href="mailto:britzjs@gmail.com">britzjs@gmail.com</a>. Deadline for newsletter submission is the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month.

Bee Merry!

**Janice** 

## Conferences & Events



Feb. 7, 2015
Advance Beekeeping Course in St. Louis
<a href="https://www.easternmobeekeepers.com">www.easternmobeekeepers.com</a>

March 6-7, 2015 Arkansas Beekeepers Association Spring Conference www.arbeekeepers.org

March 7 & 15, 2015
Beginning Beekeeping Workshop
Midwestern Beekeeper's Association
www.midwesternbeekeepers.org

March 13-14, 2015
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2015 Spring Meeting
<a href="https://www.kansashoneyproducers.org">www.kansashoneyproducers.org</a>

March 15 & 22, 2015 Bee Classes www.nekba.org

June 6, 2015
NEKBA Funday
Keynote Speakers:
Dr. Marla Spivak & Dr. Chip Taylor
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#### Left over Ginger Cake Bread Pudding

#### Ingredients:

4 cups (1/2 loaf) gingerbread, diced into small cubes

1 Honey Crisp apple, peeled and diced

1/2 cup black currants

2 cups milk

1/2 cup cream

1/2 vanilla bean, cut lengthwise and bean scraped

(opt. 1 tsp. vanilla)

4 eggs @ room temperature

1 egg yolk

1/2 cup local honey

1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

1 dash sea salt

#### Directions:

Cut: Gingerbread into cubes. Place in a generously buttered  $13 \times 9 \times 2$ " pan. Top with the apple and currants. Set aside.

Scald: Milk, cream, and vanilla bean. Meanwhile, in a bowl, combine the eggs, yolks, honey, cinnamon, and salt. Hand whip until mixed and slightly cooled.

Combine: Egg mixture with the milk mixture (gradually pour the hot milk mixture a little at a time into the egg mixture while whipping so as not to scramble the egg mixture). Strain through a sieve into your prepared pan if vanilla bean was used.

Press: Gingerbread down to ensure complete coverage with the liquid. Let sit for 30 minutes or overnight. Sprinkle with additional ½ teaspoon cinnamon and swirl ¼ cup honey.

Preheat oven to 350°F

Bake 45 mins. until brown and center bounces back when tapped

Or...

Cover with foil and bake in a water bath for approximately 1 1/2 hours or until done. Remove the foil during the last 20 minutes of baking to brown the top. Baking times may vary. Cut into squares and serve hot with ice cream.

#### 2015 MIDWESTERN BEEKEEPERS

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| Mail to: Tanya Fisher, P O BOX 132, Raymore, MO 64083 |                       |              |      | 083  |
| Questions:  | jtfish85@aol.com or 8 | 316-322-9245 |      |      |

Missouri State Beekeepers Membership Fees can be paid by Pay Pal at mostatebeekeepers.org/joinmsba/ or mailed directly to: MSBA, c/o Steve Moeller, PO Box 7514, Columbia, MO 65205

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(As presented by Scholarship Students
December 14, 2014)

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Reaching out to those in need,
Supporting in every word and deed.

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#### **ATTENTION**

General Meeting Sunday, January 18, 2015 at 2:30 pm Graceway Church Fellowship Hall

"Special Gathering-Nucs" Thursday, February 9, 2015 at 7pm Bass Pro



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 email 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 appreciate for Graceway's sponsorship, please bring on the following to our monthly meeting to aid Raytown Emergency Assistance Program, REAP.

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