



Blowing Smoke

By Bob Williams, President

Hi Folks, during the past few weeks, on warmer days, I have witnessed a lot of activity around my hives. The bees are bringing in pollen, at an extraordinary rate, with bees landing at about 1-2 per second on the really strong hives and about 1 per second on the others, with their pollen sacks full. I believe the bulk of the pollen is likely coming from the maple and willow trees, as most of it is a Dijon mustard color with a few specks of yellow. If you were lucky enough to witness this, it would definitely brighten your day. Be sure to check on your hives on a warm sunny 65f + day with low winds. You will want to move the outside frames of honey, towards the middle, but make sure you leave the frames of brood in the middle. I know that a lot of you Folks, do not get home from work until late afternoon-early evening. Which certainly is not the best time to open your hives, until the daylight hours become longer, or that the weekend temperatures are too cool or it's too windy. In any case it is best to have emergency food stores in place, whether it is sugar syrup, fondant, sugar bags or candy boards. About a week ago, I started feeding sugar syrup 2:1 sugar/water and switched over to 1:1 sugar syrup to stimulate brood rearing. March can be a very tricky month, with brood rearing going on, they are consuming food at a high rate. Bad weather can limit their ability to forage, and without the sugar syrup, your bees can starve to death. The bees will consume about 25 pounds of food this month.

I want to thank Tom Britz, for the program he put together. Occasionally, a speaker will have to cancel, for one reason or another and Tom, seamlessly puts it back together. At the February General Meeting, the topic was Spring Nutrition and Management. Andy Nowachek, the President of NEKBA and former President of Midwestern, was gracious enough to share his experience and knowledge with us on this topic and beekeeping in general. Seth McGraw, a Youth Scholarship Student, also shared his experiences as a first year beekeeper, and his Mentor, Co-Mentor and parents should all be proud of him.

At last, I completed my honey extraction in January, thanks to Dean Sanders' four frame extractor. Last year was a very wet year; it was important to check the moisture content to assure the honey will not ferment and be unfit for consumption. I was pleased to see a moisture content of slightly over 17% when I tested it with a hand-held refractometer. This was later confirmed to be 17.6% when tested on a Palm Abby II digital refractometer. Generally the bees will cap off the comb when the moisture level in the honey is 17-18%. Last year, many had high moisture levels, so it was necessary to reduce the moisture content by use of stacking the supers in a crisscross fashion, adding air circulation, and a dehumidifier until the moisture content lowered to an acceptable level.

DON'T FORGET, renew your Midwestern Beekeepers Association membership. By now you should have all your equipment put together and getting them painted. I am behind on this myself. Remember to register for the Beginning Beekeepers Workshop held at Lakewood Oaks Golf Club in Lee's Summit, MO. on March 12. I hope to see you at the next General Meeting at BASS PRO- Independence, MO, on March 20, 2:30PM, where the topics will be RESTAURANT FOR HONEY BEES presented by Laura Fish and HOW TO PROPERLY ASSEMBLE WOODENWARE presented by Bill George. Come join us, it'll be fun!!!



MARCH 2016

GENERAL MEETING

March 20, 2016, 2:30 p.m.

Bass Pro

Independence Mo

A board meeting for all board members and committee chairs will be held at 1:30 p.m. prior to the general meeting



MARCH 2016

VALUE ADDED MEETING

March 17, 2016, 7:00 p.m.

Bass Pro

Independence Mo



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



**2016 membership
renewals are due
now.**



www.midwesternbeekeepers.org



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Association
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Members Closed Group

Conferences & Events



March 12, 2016

March 20, 2016

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



March 28, 2016 9am-4pm

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



April 16, 2016

Native Plant Sales
Anita B Gorman
Discovery Center

April 23 & 30, 2016

City Market
[Grow native.org](http://Grownative.org)



May 7, 2016

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



May 19, 2016

**May Silent Auction
General Meeting**

It is not too early to start collecting/making items to benefit the Youth Scholarship Program. Please consider new and gently new bee related items and equipment to get beekeepers off to a great start.

June 4, 2016

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



June 25, 2016

**Advanced Beekeeping:
Pests & Disease Diagnostics**
University of Nebraska
Mead NE
www.entomology.unl.edu/2016beeworkshops.pdf



July 14-16, 2016

**Heartland Apicultural Society
Annual Meeting**
Bowling Green, Kentucky
www.heartlandbees.org



August 11-21, 2016

Missouri State Fair
Sedalia, MO.

Contact
Dean Sanders

[\(816\) 456-4683](tel:(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
www.mostatebeekeepers.org

Welcome New Members

John Bender
Joe Canchola
Herbert T. Cooke
Deborah Deatherage
Frank Defrees
Dan Elder
Laura Hamons
David Heimann
Brad & Jolene Hennon
Pat James
Jeanne Jones
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Andy & Wendy Nowack
Sean Noyes
Katie Ann Pearson
Brian Pendleton
Elizabeth Pierson
Will Pryor
Will Ray
Robin Reel
Sharon Royer
Dennis Russell
Jesse Saucedo
Mark Schneider
Lisa Shartzter
Patrick Shea
Teresa Simmons
Robert Urbanek
Ken White
Lenora Woolsey

YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP

RECIPIENTS

Tyler Boss, Age 15
Allison Bruce, Age 14
Anna Johnson, Age 14
Trevor Norton, Age 13
Amelia Schneider, Age 12
Ashley Wilton, Age 15

**Congratulations to the 2016
Youth Scholarship
Award Recipients!!!**

BIG thanks to all the mentors, co-mentors, vendors, and YOU the association!

The 2016 membership
renewals are due now.

The grace period for your newsletter and membership will end ninety days after December 31st. 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.



4 Frame Nucs Available Mid-May with Carniolan Queens

Limited Amount, Deposit Required

Contact Erno Balogh

816-320-3182

Holt, Missouri



Library News

A book was donated to our library at the last meeting; the donor didn't leave his name. Many thanks.

Huber's New Observations Upon

Bees, Comp Vol I & II

Huber, Francis

Translated by Dadant, C.P.



Bee Culture

The Magazine of American Beekeeping

www.beeculture.com

(800) 289-7669



March General Meeting
Sunday, March 20, 2016 , 2:30pm
Bass Pro Shop at Independence MO

"Hands on" Woodenware Assembly

presented by Bill George

Honey Plants

presented by Laura Fish



March Value Added Meeting

Thursday, March 17th, 7:00 pm

Bass Pro Shop, Independence MO

Nuc Initiative

presented by Stuart Dietz

Initiative Goals:

1. Reduce our dependency on the importation of southern nucs and queens.
2. Facilitate instruction in sustainable resource management techniques, including summer and spring nuc and queen production.
3. Facilitate sales and distribution of Initiative Nucs.



Community America Credit Union Transactions for the Month of January 2016

Bank Balance as of 12/31/2015	\$ 9,769.06
Total Receipts Deposited	1,208.50
Total Expenses Paid	-1,765.13
Interest on Savings & Checking Account	.41
Bank Balance as of January 31, 2016	\$ 9,212.84

(A complete report is available under the member's area on the website.)



Deadline for newsletter submission is the 25th of each month

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Up Close and Personal ABF Conference, Jacksonville FL 26016

By Cathy Misko



It was with great excitement that my husband and I arrived at the Sawgrass Golf Resort in beautiful Jacksonville. We drove from Orlando after celebrating our youngest son's wedding and took a tour of the coast via St. Augustine... American's oldest city established in 1565...Registration was a breeze as they gave us our special speaker packets. Registration top well over 800 and the first day was filled with excitement as tears rolled during the guard ceremony. Keynote speaker Dr. Marla Spivak, MN presented *The Remarkable Natural Defenses of Honey Bees* covering colony specifics of antifungal and viral protection provided by the lacquering of hives with the forever beekeeper nuisance...gummy propolis collected mostly from cottonwood, poplars, and spruce. She claimed that if bees are sick they may collect more propolis. Since bees naturally paint rough surfaces with propolis, one would think hive bodies will now purposely be ruff and splintery on the inside so bees will naturally envelope their homes with propolis. It will be just a matter of time I am sure before we start paying a higher price for un-sanded raw beekeeping woodenware! If your bees propolized their screened bottom boards...rejoice. They have increased their defenses!

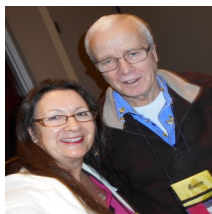
I could not wait until break to tour the trade show and visit vendors. Technically over my head was *Broodminder*, *Hive tracks*, and I was entertained and educated by the *Arnia* UK company <http://www.arnia.co.uk/> promoting high tech hive sensors. Not only do the sensors record weight, temperature, bee flight, but will post and compare hives with hives all over the world and notify you if your hives have 'fallen and can't get up!' Next, the Italians with *Bee Ethic*....talking right up my alley...cooking mites! They showed their thin sheets of plastic foundation film which was wired to conduct heat up to 108 degrees for 1 hour to cook the mites without harming wax or brood all via solar energy. Fantastic and incredible.

I took a tour of the *World's First Mobile Extraction System* a built portable honey house from Manitoba, Canada, International Honey Products. Similar to a 20 foot horse trailer complete with computer technology, touchless water faucets, power lift with a side door to lift supers in, electric uncapping wheel, extractor, and a conveyer belt that returns supers back outside and extracts 3,200 pounds of honey an hour! This is now on a wish list for about \$290,000 along with a humongous honey flow! My husband said that I will be wishing for a VERY LONG time! Maybe for eternity?

I was Impressed with the coming soon, new high tech plastic crates for bee packages with slots big enough for small hive beetles to exit and not get trapped with bees, queen cage snapped on outside of the top, and non-spill sugar syrup that was formulated into a gel.

Mike and I enjoyed company with the Australians who were promoting the *Ezyloader* “one man super lift” that fit on the back of a truck and powered by hydraulics to remove the need of lifting heavy supers from hives. This award-winning invention by Trevor Billet for a vehicle-mounted load lifter became known as the Billet Easyloader. Genius!

It was truly a treat for me to go around and personally shake the hand and thank vendors who have faithfully sent donations to us for our Beginning Beekeeping Workshops. They too appreciated putting a face to our name. Some even gave me a few items to add to this year’s workshop door prizes including *Honey Acres* established 1852, special honey dark chocolates which were a challenge to not devour! Gotta sign up for our March 12th Workshop so you have a chance to win this treat!



Cathy Misko and Dr. Marion Ellis This year the big buzz was Oxalic Acid treatment for mites. Vaporizers were plentiful and the ones made in Italy were the top of the line for Europe has been using OA for decades and claim to have perfected the instrument. A treat for me was to attend *How to Effectively Use Oxalic Acid*, Dr. Marion Ellis, NE. He has decades of research and was please to finally “shout from the mountain tops” the benefits of treating with OA since its approval in the USA this past year. He demo the vaporizer but had strong *caution* that all precautions must be taken to not inhale or get the vapor in the eyes. Wear chemical resistance gloves, eye protection and ½ face respirator. He also stated that the wand needs to cool for 15 minutes before reloading with more crystal or it can “poof” in one’s face...all to state he prefers the ‘dribble’ for safety reasons and advises beekeepers to order OA kits from Mann Lake. Mix it fresh for it turns toxic in two days. After posing with me for a selfie, he encouraged me to send in my final paperwork for my *Master Beekeeper Certification* to which I have taken to heart to do!

I was proud to attend the serious sideline class with our area’s very own John Speckman’s one, two, three presentation covering *Pollen Harvesting*... he did a superb job inspiring many and fielding numerous questions. My husband’s lecture was impressive with great feedback. The Canadians requested his medical guidelines and power point. (I request that they bring us to Canada to present, HA!...would love to visit!) My presentation was attended by mostly club officers and proved to be beneficial providing practical applications to promote beekeeping clubs. Officers present shared common club difficulties mentioning: that officers tend to do “all” the work, new people seem to be mostly interested in changing bylaws, and apathy is strong.

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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 greatly appreciated



Basic Beekeeping

By Kyle Day



March 1st marks the beginning of spring build up. Even though your bees have been raising brood most of February, the numbers were small (if you let things happen naturally). The bees will not raise a lot of brood during early to mid-February because they will not risk losing brood by raising more than they can handle.

The to-do list for March is always getting bigger. If you plan on planting spring flowers you may want to go ahead and order them so you can have them planted as soon as possible. If the weather is permitting (high 60s to 70s), you will need to be making a full hive inspection: check for eggs, laying pattern, and number of brood frames (frames that are mostly filled with eggs, larva, or capped brood). Since the hive numbers are low, there is a good chance of seeing your queen. While it's not important if you see her, you want to see evidence of a queen.

During this first hive inspection, keep a record of what you see. Determine how many frames you need to replace (bad or old comb, broken frame sides) so you can come back on your next inspection and replace them. Also, if all the bees and frames of eggs are in the top box it would be a good idea to flip the boxes and put the box with the brood on the bottom. But you need to make sure the brood doesn't get split up into each box. It is a good idea to move empty comb and capped honey above the nest because the bees usually move up not outward.

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I was thrilled to encourage them with the success of Midwestern and how having value added programs like outreach, youth scholarships, and nucleus instructions can boost morale by instilling pride and promoting beekeeping education. Proven fact, "ask for help" and people tend to rise for the occasion. I am very grateful for you the membership and want you to understand what a remarkable club that you are! It was a surprise to recently learn that both my husband on my presentation are now listed for Master Beekeeper Credit.

Haitian Beekeeping (Bo Sterk, FL) was a special treat...along lines of beekeeping in prisons and *Bees Beyond Borders*. It was astonishing to learn that the beekeepers would walk 4 HOURS one way to listen to beekeeping instruction. Pictures included an homemade veil from a shoe box with holes cut out for the eyes, a hive made under the seat of a chair, banana leaves used to cover hives, and learning that they would not have had nails if the beekeeper did not bring them. We are very fortunate for sure!

Another featured speaker Dr. Geraldine Wright, Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom presented her work on the chemical makeup and nutritional value of "Pollen Substitutes." She came right out to clarify that substitutes should be considered "protein" substitutes for not much pollen is in them and what she had to say was not going to fair well with all the beekeeping vendors in the trade show. She graphed bee bread, royal jelly, and added points representing the chemical make-up if each "substitute" and compared how close the substitutes lined up chemically with natural bee food. All I can say is that they were not close! She went on to claim that bees cannot digest 60% of the "protein" substitutes and workers need more fat for high protein can shorten their lives. We all do our best however; God's natural means will trump all others!

Karia Wagnor, NC covered *Hygienic Behavior of the Honey Bee* and shared research on foundation; taking note for using natural wax foundation with crimped wire is my preference. Some of us see from time to time that bees avoid cells over the wires. This researcher had a whole frame where the bees perfectly avoided every cell along the crimp. She tested the bodies of the larva around the crimped wires and noted that iron levels were very high and suggested that beekeepers can lose 6-12% of brood because of this. Since I have never seen such a high percent of missed cells...I question the types of metal being used in the "wire" foundation. Very interesting.

As usual I enjoyed the lively presentation from Greg Hannaford, OK, *..Breeding a Better Bee*. He claimed that beekeeping is a science *and* an art and the "Live and Let die" philosophy is not an option. "Let die is irresponsible allowing the spread of disease and sabotages breeding efforts." He posed the question: Are we breeding better bees or nicer mites?

Test for mites, treat, requeen if needed using “ankle biters, hygienic queens, break brood cycles, keep records, give queens away, produce drones, and only use queens from your best hives.

Summer Splits termed “Starts” by Dr. Vinson NC, presented a step by step method to encourage summer starts “purposefully” to avert a *mite bomb* explosion in the fall because of the broodless cycle during queen rearing.” His “perfect” date to split is June 21 during summer solstice.

Attention! Honey.com is wrapping up research to provide instruction for “Craft Beer and Honey Brewing”...keep your eyes open!

Sue Colby presented the importance of preserving gene banks mentioning when we talk about honey bees, “it is feeding the world through pollination.”

With all the attention on the mosquito born Zika virus, the mosquito coverage addressed by Michell Colopy from Pollinator Stewardship at ABF comes to mind. The little devils are out at night and that is really the time for applications. Fumigants and sprays are highly toxic to bees and other pollinators. Keeping forage mowed helps control; remove stagnate water collectors (1 cup of h2o = 1,000 mosquitoes.).

Check points from the conference:

Make nucs, use queenless cycles to address mite issues and work into your IPM, spilt from the best, use hygienic, Buckfast, VSH, and Russian genetics, increase genetic diversity, use OA correctly and safely for mite control, mentor others, promote pollinator plants, respect propolis benefits, report bee kills, and mark our calendars for 2017 ABF in Galveston Texas!



MSBA News

By Wanda Johnston



It is time to start thinking about your Missouri State Fair entries. There is a change this year that everyone entering items in the competition needs to know. All contest items will need to be brought to the Agriculture Building by 5 PM on Monday, August 8, 2016. The judge will complete the competition judging on Tuesday, August 9, 2016. The fair begins on Thursday, August 11 and will run through Sunday, August 21, 2016. Please contact Dean Sanders @ [816-456-4683](tel:816-456-4683) to sign up to work the fair booth. Your club may volunteer as a group for a full day working the MSBA booth. If your club wants to volunteer for a whole day's coverage, please contact Dean to secure your day. Tuesday is judging day, so no entries will be accepted after 5 PM Monday, August 8, 2016

Feeding allows maximum increases for a heavy work force of mature bees ready for the April nectar flow. If you do some bee math the eggs you see in your hive on the first inspection are your future bees and won't be flying for 5 or 6 weeks. If you decide to feed syrup 1:1 or 2:1 (water to sugar), you need to make sure the day and night time temperatures are above freezing. Also, don't feed too much because that will cause swarming problems in April. March is a key month to get your hives going in a good direction and try to stay ahead of them so their development does not get slowed down. Don't forget to have fun with the bees!



Andy Nowachek
Spring Management and Nutrition



Scholarship Student Seth McGraw
“Bee or Not to Be”

2016 Northeastern Kansas Beekeeper's Jamie-Bee-Ree Funday

Saturday, June 4th, 2016 Registration: 7:45-8:45, Program 8:45-5:00

Douglas County Fairgrounds, 2110 Harper, Lawrence KS

Fee includes lunch, beverages, snacks & homemade ice cream and a full day of fun!

Bring your hat & veil—we'll be working through some hives

Cost: \$40.00 per person for those pre-registered, \$50.00 at the door,

Children under 5 free, ages 6-18, \$17.50 for those pre-registered, \$20.00 at the door.

For those pre-registered, by May 21st, there will be a drawing at the end of the Funday to reimburse 1 (one) pre-registered person for their registration!

For information contact, please contact Steve or Becky Tipton at 785-484-3710 bstbees@embargo.com

Register online at WWW.NEKBA.org and visit the website for updated information



Our special guests will include:

Dr. Jamie Ellis, Associate Professor of Entomology, University of FL Extension Dr. Ellis joined the Entomology and Nematology department at the University of Florida in August, 2006. His broad research interests include pollination ecology of honey bees and native bees, varroa mite control, honey bee pathology/parasitology, honey bee nutrition, honey bee chemical ecology, sublethal effects of chemicals on bees, and general honey bee behavior/ecology.

Dr. Judy Wu-Smart, Entomology Extension Specialist University of Nebraska, Lincoln one of Dr. Marla Spivak's doctoral students her area of interest was sub lethal effects of neonicotinyl insecticides on honey bee and bumble bee queens and colony development. She rocks!

Dr. Marion Ellis, a retired professor of entomology and researcher from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, will be a feature speaker. We love him!

Natalia Bjorklund, doctoral student University of Nebraska Lincoln

Dr. Chip Taylor, Founder and Director of Monarch Watch; Professor Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS.

Trained as an insect ecologist, Chip Taylor has published papers on species assemblages, hybridization, reproductive biology, population dynamics and plant demographics and pollination.

We'll have incredible Hands On Workshops & Presentations at the Bee Hives—watch for updates at nekba.org

Swarm Demonstration with Dr. Chip Taylor

There are presentations for EVERY level of beekeeper!

Vendors



Beekeeping Supplies will be available-

Watch our NEKBA website for a current list

Door Prizes: The swarm from the swarm demonstration will be given away in a single hive. There will be door prizes from supply dealers. You must be present to win and you must fill out an evaluation form to win any door prizes.

Motels that are in Lawrence:

Best Western, 2309 Iowa, 785-843-9100

Hampton Inn, 2300 W. 6th, 785-841-4994

**A Silent Auction will be held to benefit the
NEKBA Youth Scholarship Program**

**Donations of auction items
are appreciated!**

Directions to the Douglas County Fairgrounds: Take K-10 to Harper Street, go north 2 blocks the Fairgrounds. Harper Rd. is on the east edge town and there is a directional sign to the Douglas County Fairground

Programs and Speakers Subject to Change

Northeastern Kansas Beekeeper's Funday Registration Form

2016 Beekeeping Fun Day, Saturday June 4th 2016

Need More Info? Please contact Steve or Becky Tipton at 785-484-3710 or bstbees@embargmail.com

You can register and pay online at WWW.NEKBA.OORG. Your contact information will be provided to the club through PayPal — please list all participants in the PayPal notes section

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip+4 _____

Phone # _____

Email address _____

____ I am a member of the Northeast KS Beekeepers

____ I am **not** a member of the Northeast KS Beekeepers

I would like to be a member--Club Membership ½ year \$7.50 (membership not required) _____

____ I would like to receive my *Buzzer* Newsletter by email

Registration for Funday:

Adults \$40 per person (\$50.00 if paid after May 21st) _____

Registration includes admission to the Funday, lunch, drinks, handouts, and an afternoon snack of homemade honey ice cream

There will be an alternative meal available at lunch for vegetarians.

Youth (6-18) \$17.50 (\$20.00 if paid after May 21st) _____

Youth 5 and under free

Youth Scholarship Donation _____

Total \$ _____

Please make your check out to "Northeast KS Beekeepers or NEKBA" or register and pay online at WWW.NEKBA.ORG

Mail to: Robert Burns

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Email: rburns@kc.rr.com

Names of those attending so name tags can be made:

We appreciate early pre-registrations so much that at the end of the Funday we will hold a drawing of all pre-registered people, and one person gets his registration fee back!

Need More Info? Please contact Steve or Becky Tipton at 785-484-3710 or bstbees@embargmail.com

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Mail to: 401 NW Heady Avenue
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Questions: wj@kc.rr.com or 816-392-4960 (Wanda Johnston)

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Bass Pro

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Value Added Meeting

March 17, 2016 7:00 pm

Bass Pro Shop

Independence MO

The 2016 membership
renewals are due now.

The grace period for your newsletter
and membership will end ninety days
after December 31st.

2016 General Meeting Dates

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