



Blowing Smoke

By Bob Williams, President

Beekeeping, like life, isn't always pretty. Swarm season is here with a vengeance. My apiary is jumping with activity, and just keeping up with the swarm cells has been a challenge this season. I have added hive bodies and supers just to give the bees more room as we wait for a great nectar flow. So far I have captured four swarms and I have made five splits. My first swarm this season was proof enough that beekeeping isn't pretty. During a 30 minute period I moved two cement blocks, a bottom board, a hive body, an inner cover, ten frames, and a telescoping cover to capture the swarm that was about 15 feet from one of my hives and about 5 feet off the ground. Considering I rely on crutches to get around, I can't carry a hive, so after hiving the bees, I placed the hive on my lap and scooted on my rear end approximately twenty five feet to eventually get the hive located to a new hive stand. Like I said earlier, life and beekeeping isn't always pretty. I have had quite a few conversations with other beekeepers, who are already running out of equipment, because of all the swarms and splits they have made, and having our great local beekeeping suppliers nearby is really handy, because when I realize I need more equipment for this rapidly expanding apiary, I know that they are just a phone call away. This sure beats waiting for mail order supplies to arrive! Finally the black locust trees and clover are beginning to bloom. The weather today has been stormy so I hope the wet and windy weather moves on before it has an adverse effect on the nectar flow.

I want to thank Kyle Day for his presentation of the "OTS Queen Rearing" system at the April 4, value added meeting. Thanks also to Matt Winstead for his presentation on swarm captures and management at the April 21, General Meeting. John Speckman will be making a presentation on "VSH Queens" at the May 2, value added meeting at 7 PM. At the May 19th General Meeting, we will also be holding a silent auction and Queen raffle to benefit and support the Youth Scholarship Program. I hope each of you find an item or more to contribute. Please feel free to bring in new or gently used bee items, art, plants, or maybe even baked goods. Michelle and I will be bringing some bee equipment and cinnamon rolls, for the auction. I hope you find something wonderful to bid on. Keep in mind that this is to benefit the Youth Scholarship Program, so bid often and bid up to and beyond full retail price, if possible. Remember to take photos of your swarm captures and beekeeping adventures. If you like we can add them to the photo gallery on Midwestern's website. I hope to see you at the next General Meeting on Thursday, May 19th at 7 PM, Brian Schluter, owner of Moonstruck Meadery, Bellevue, NE will talk about his meadery business. For those with beginning beekeeping questions, we now meet at 6:30 PM to answer questions before the General Meeting. Come join us, it'll be fun!!!

MAY 2016

GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, May 19, 2016

Bass Pro Shop

Independence MO

6:30 PM

Q&A Session for

Beginning Beekeepers

7:00 PM

General Meeting



VALUE ADDED MEETINGS

Monday, May 2nd, 7:00 PM

Monday, June 6th, 7:00 PM

Bass Pro

Independence MO



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



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www.midwesternbeekeepers.org

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Midwestern Beekeeper's Association



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Conferences & Events

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**

Start digging out your gently used beekeeping equipment to benefit the Youth Scholarship Program's **May Silent Auction**. It is a great time to share with others who are just getting started in bees, need some equipment, and clean up your clutter all at the same time! This is also a great event for you master woodworkers to show off your donated items and generate customers! (Be sure to attach your contact info.)



May Queen Raffle

Just in time for Spring Splits and Re-Queening
Must be present or have someone to receive your Queen



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 9, 2016

**Queen Rearing
Advanced Workshop**
Powell Gardens, Kingsville, MO
Cory Stevens, Certified Master Beekeeper and Queen Breeder
Heartland Beekeeping Partnership
and Powell Gardens, for more info
Cathy Misko 660-656-3485
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Bruce Bird, birdb1@mac.com



July 14-16, 2016

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



August 11-21, 2016

Missouri State Fair
Sedalia, MO
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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

March 2016

Shari Schroeder
Richmond, MO

April 2016

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Spickard, MO
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May General Meeting

Thursday, May 19, 2016

Bass Pro Shop at Independence MO



6:30 PM

Q&A Session for Beginning Beekeepers

7:00 PM

Brian Schlueter of
Moonstruck Meadery

Bellevue NE

Winner of "Spirit of the Year 2015"

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Value Added Meeting

Monday, June 6, 2016, 7:00 PM

Bass Pro Shop, Independence MO

"Missouri State Fair"



Community America Credit Union Transactions for the Month of March 2016

Bank Balance as of February 29,	\$ 12,544.24
Total Receipts Deposited	7,594.48
Total Expenses Paid (-\$1,343.24 Pending)	-5,228.98
Interest on Savings & Checking Account	.57
Bank Balance as of March 31, 2016	\$ 14,910.31

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



Deadline for newsletter submission is the 25th of each month

Contact britzjs@gmail.com or (816) 419-1327

QUEEN BEE

RAFFLE TICKETS

Available at the Back Table at
the May General Meeting

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6 FOR \$5

Awarded

Thursday, May 19, 2016
General Meeting

Must be present or have some-
one to receive your Queen

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IAN (BIG ISLAND), and MIS-
SOURI/KS MUTTS.

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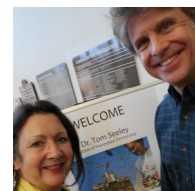
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BeeSpeaks STL: Dr. Tom Seeley's Beekeeping Ideas Worth Sharing

Synopses by Cathy Misko



BeeSpeaksSTL, co-founded by John Timmons and Jane Sueme, is an organized and collaborated effort of St.

Louis beekeeping organizations to provide continuing education with a purposed effort to not replicate neces-

sary basic beekeeping management education provided by established clubs. Alternatively, in its fourth year, the high caliber BeeSpeaks addresses advanced topics delivered by nationally known beekeeping experts for beekeepers throughout the region. As the primary responsibility of the St. Louis Beekeepers official organization www.saintlouisbeekeepers.com/, BeeSpeaks thrilled and educated many area beekeepers and others from as far as MS, IN, IL this February by hosting Dr. Thomas Seeley! Dr. Seeley was diligent in answering our numerous questions at the event and following via emails. It was my privilege to attend and now provide this synopsis!

Starting the night before BeeSpeaks, my husband and I had a date attending the St. Louis Beekeeper's fourth annual *Honey, Mead and Wine Tasting* co-sponsored by the Culinary Institute at Hickey College. Unique and flavorful we enjoyed the fruit of the vines: wine, mead, and brew made with honey, each paired with various honeys and enjoyed networking with over 200 in attendance! The chefs displayed their talents and treated our taste buds!

The highlight to bring in Dr. Seeley to the Shoeburg Theater at the Missouri Botanical Gardens was a welcome to 250 beekeepers and non-beekeepers alike. His research and understanding of the instinct of the honey bee proved to all how spectacular this small animal is and lavished more appreciation onto our State Insect!

Dr. Seeley started off equating the colony as a *Factory*...a machine with division of labor, hive building, and processing. Supplies and raw materials are always changing; the bees must constantly adjust. Along with only *one* other animal, bees communicate to each other where their food source is. Question? What is the other animal that can do this? Email me your answer!

The *worker bees* communicate by dance and physical signals, each separate and with different purposes: *Waggle dance* (instructs where food is, how far, and how yum it is), *Shaking signals* (early in am...wake up!), *Tremble dance* (need to be relieved of food collection), and provide a *Beep signal* (bumper car-like banging into a dancing bee and beep sound at same time for the possible purpose to thwart the dancer's message). Of course one cannot forget the sound of the ritual *buzz run* of a colony which warms them up *and* alerts us that they will take off and swarm within a half hour!

Fascinating was the result of his 18 year calculation of survival feral colonies in upstate NY. In 1978 there were 18 colonies; even after varroa ... today there are still 18 colonies. Is it that they were not infested with varroa he asked? What was consistence was that they nested in hollow trees, averaging 32 feet high, one entrance about 3.5 inches, cavity about the size of 1 deep hive body, propolis coated all the walls and floor, cells measured 5.35 not small cell, colonies were about 1/2 mile apart, small swarms annually and did not put up much excess honey. And yes, they had varroa! According to Seeley, genes had lots of diversity compared to the "genetic bottleneck" beekeepers tend to have with just a couple of queen genomes provided. Ecology showed a wide spacing of colonies decreasing disease via drifting of bees especially drones (34%), lots of antimicrobial propolis lining their nest, and cavities being smaller which will decrease space for honey storage not relished by most beekeepers.

Suggestion for us to increase colony survival:

Harness wild colonies isolated by natural selection, use queens with local adaptation, capture swarms from remote areas, use drone comb to propagate more drones from resilient colonies, use 300 feet spacing of colonies...at least 60-90 feet, avoid comb sharing to increase hive quarantine, preform artificial swarm techniques to control mites, remove dying colonies for the will become a "mite bomb" if allowed to be robbed out, encourage propolis, be cautious of small cell comb claims.

Thoughts for a successful *bait hive* included: 8 frame deep, 10 feet off the ground, *not* located in the bee yard, and use old comb baited with a baggie containing a cotton ball soaked with lemon grass oil!

Dr. Seeley's last address covered water collection and the hive's constant need of h2o. The two main purposes are to *cool* the hive and to *feed* brood via brood food. Bees that collect the water pass it off and do not use it. They were recorded preferring water from "sandy" areas along pond banks. They swell up greatly with the water and honey crops can hold 1/250 tsp. of water. However, the bees cannot fly as far to get home for the water does not supply any carbohydrate for fuel. Bees collect water when thirsty and when getting begged for water. They pass it from bee to bee and paint the inside of cells with water. When the hive has enough water, the receivers will refuse to unload water from the collectors which signals them to stop collecting water. Amazingly, water collectors tend to sit and wait until needed! It is important to note that water is needed in the winter also and bees recycle water from condensation.

Remarkable information, remarkable animals! Please check out Dr. Seeley's books Honeybee Democracy along with others and keep your eyes open for Tom Seeley's newest book to be release, *Following the Wild Bees. The Craft and Science of Bee Hunting* due out this April.
<http://www.beeeculture.com/tom-seeley/>

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Honey Plants

By Debbie DeCaigney



Library News



Over the last month the landscape seems to be full of color. I have seen a lot of yellow in the fields and along the roads. Some plants that are growing are Mustard which the bees get lemon colored pollen from. Yellow Rocket is also

blooming; its flowers have

4 petals and are a good source of pollen and nectar for our bees. I have included a picture of Yellow Rocket. Dutch clover has started to bloom; bees get both nectar and pollen from Dutch clover



Midwestern Beekeepers Association is pleased to announce that John Martin has agreed to be our association librarian.

Our library is an extensive resource, including new and older titles plus videos.

Our procedure to check out books has changed. Instead of bringing the library to the General Meetings to peruse, you may now examine the entire list of titles on our website, then make your request to John, by email or phone call, and he will bring your requested books or videos to the General Meeting.

To make a request,

Go to:

www.midwesternbeekeepers.org/library/;

View the list and make your selections, include the book number from the left column and title; and;

Contact John Martin at

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or **816-726-6371**

You must be a member of Midwestern Beekeepers Association to check out books or videos.

Please join us in welcoming John at the May General Meeting.



Basic Beekeeping

By Kyle Day

Hold the Date

2016 MSBA Fall Conference Info
October 14-15, 2016

Be sure and block out this weekend to attend our 2016 MSBA Fall Conference, being held at the Lodge of the Four Seasons, Lake of the Ozarks. Keep checking our webpage, MoStateBeekeepers.org for updates. Randy Oliver will be our speaker.



Pollinator Steward Program

Last October, our MSBA Executive Board voted to support the idea of a pollinator program in the state of Missouri. After doing a number of beginning beekeeping classes and answering questions at the State Fair, there is definitely a need for such a program. Conceptually, it should be designed to do public outreach and provide general information on different type of pollinators, such as bats, hummingbirds, butterflies, and bees. Bees make up around 85% of pollinators and the things folks do to attract native bees will also help our honey bees.

A number of local beekeeping associations, in cooperation with the University of Missouri and their county extension offices, as well as other conservation agencies are working on plans to offer such a program. On April 1 (no fooling!), they had their first meeting to start working out the details.

Very exciting



The most important part of May beekeeping is to make sure your hives are healthy and have enough room. Make sure all hives are queen right, healthy, and well fed to be to maximum population for the upcoming honey flow. The main Missouri honey flow will start mid to late May. If honey production is your goal then a weak or poor queen should be replaced.

Make sure your hive has enough room. I use the rule of 7, if the hive has seven frames of drawn comb and cover the frames it's time to add your second brood box. If you have your brood boxes on look for signs that it's time to super. The bees will not take in syrup, you will see white wax everywhere especially on the top bars. Cells around the nest are expanded out and filled with nectar and or honey. I am a strong believer in queen excluders. Keeping the queen out of the honey supers will make it easier for keeping wax moth out in the fall which will make it easier to store and less of a mess later. According to research there is no difference between bottom supering and top supering. But all beekeepers have their own way of doing things and you will find your own.

Keep your eyes peeled and look for hive beetles, watched your weaker hives for hive beetle larva and adult hive beetles. Before I super my hives I like to check my varroa mite numbers and treat or split to break the varroa mite cycle.

Swarming always comes along with the month of May. Like the old saying "A swarm in May is worth a bale of hay." If your hives are strong you can split and still have a good hive to over winter with. I like to keep an extra box with old comb and some foundation around for swarm calls. You can also make a swarm trap by using a box with old comb, foundation and top and bottom. Reduce the entrance to keep mice out and adding some lemongrass oil every couple weeks wouldn't hurt to make the box more attractive. Three things create the swarm impulse. 1. Decrease in Queen Pheromone production and distribution inside the hive. 2. Not enough space in the brood boxes. 3 Nectar sources crowd the brood nest, making them go to the bottom combs because they like to put honey above the nest.



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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.



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Youth Scholarship News

Amelia Has Bees

By Wanda Johnston; photograph by Wes Johnston



Selling Honey at Farmer's Markets



At last the packaged bees arrived. It has been a busy time for Amelia Schneider, our Youth Scholarship Student, preparing for this day by building woodenware and painting her equipment. It was windy and cold so



installing the package of bees with Amelia was not dramatic or exciting; it was simply functional. Since conditions weren't great, we removed 5 frames, placed the queen suspended carefully between the remaining frames with her wired cage side facing where the worker bees would soon inhabit. A generous number of bees were released over the queen cage and the rest, inside their package, were allowed to release themselves over night. A feeder bucket was placed so they would have re-

sources to build comb. The next day the package container was removed, the frames placed properly, and the feeder bucket replaced. Three or four evenings later, the queen was marked and released to work endless hours delivering eggs to the cells the worker bees had been preparing for her.

It was extremely difficult not to peek for the next 10 days. On the 10th day, we looked into the hive to find nearly 5 frames of drawn comb and a rock star queen laying eggs and plenty developing brood. Amelia posed for celebratory photographs plus she learned to mark drones. Marking drones is a fun way to learn to handle bees especially since they don't sting and have large sturdy bodies on which to practice.

The next stage will be adding the upper hive body when 7 to 8 frames of comb are drawn out in the lower hive body. Amelia has faithfully kept her bees fed so we hope to soon have a full double hive.



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Labeling and Commercial Kitchen Requirements

Now is the time to make your plans for selling honey and honey-related products at your local Farmer's Market. With the **new Honey Law** that took place nearly a year ago, beekeepers can now sell their own honey to anyone without the requirement of a commercial kitchen for bottling. Here is a link to those statutes:

<http://www.moga.mo.gov/mostatutes/stathtml/26100002411.html>

Just remember, if you add additional stuff to the honey, like flavoring, then that is a different ballgame. Check with your local health department for details as these widely vary from county to county. Here is a link explains the **rules**

for labeling honey products: <http://www.honey.com/honey-industry/honey-testing-and-regulations/honey-labeling/>

No Sales Tax Required When Selling at Farmer's Markets

Recently, Missouri passed legislation that allows folks selling products at Farmer's Markets to be **exempt from charging sales tax**. Of course, there are some stipulations, but here is a link to get that information:

<http://www.moga.mo.gov/mostatutes/stathtml/14400005271.html>

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Missouri State Beekeepers Association

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@embarqmail.com

You can register and pay online at WWW.NEKBA.ORG. Your contact information will be provided to the club through PayPal—
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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.

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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@embarqmail.com

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@embarqmail.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



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Thursday May 19th, 2016

6:30 PM

Q&A Session for

Beginning Beekeepers

7:00 PM

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Independence MO

2016 General Meeting Dates

Thursday, June 16th, 7:00 PM
Thursday, July 21st, 7:00 PM
Sunday, August 7th, 2:30 PM, Picnic
Thursday, September 15th, 7:00 PM
Thursday, October 20th, 7:00 PM
Sunday, November 13th, 2:30 PM
December Potluck, TBA

2016 Value Added Meeting Dates

Monday, June 6th 7:00 PM
Monday, July 11th, 7:00 PM
Monday, August 1st, 7:00 PM
Monday, September 26th, 7:00 PM
Thursday, November 3rd, 7:00 PM
Thursday, December 1st, 7:00 PM