

Blowing Smoke

By Bob Williams, President

Hi Folks, September has been a busy month, starting with our Annual Board Planning meeting on the 11th, the General Meeting on the 15th, and the American Royal School Tour which lasted from the 19th thru the 23rd. At the Board Planning meeting, one of the main discussions revolved around the cost of printing and mailing the newsletters. It is a major budgetary item. Currently we have 200+ newsletters being mailed out. We are asking you to seriously consider switching from the mailed newsletter to the emailed newsletter. We understand that there are some folks that do not have internet service or who, just don't use a computer, and that is fine. But for the rest of us, it would be feasible, and would go a long way to reduce this budgetary cost. To switch over to the emailed newsletter, please contact the Editor, Janice Britz, britzjs@gmail.com. On top of that, the emailed newsletter is in color, versus the mailed copy.

At the General Meeting, the topic was "Winter Management" presented by Terry O'Bryan. Terry spoke about the importance of taking your loss in the fall, by combining a weak hive with a stronger hive, so that they have a much better chance of survival through the winter. By doing this, you are not losing anything, you are actually gaining, by not having to nurse a weak colony all the way through winter, only to lose them anyway. You can split them in the spring. He also spoke of checking their food stores, if they are light, you will need to feed them with sugar syrup @ a 1:1 or 2:1 sugar to water ratio. By the middle of October, you should be switched over to the 2:1 sugar syrup because it does take them a while to reduce the moisture content before winter. Check your mite load, and treat if necessary. While there are several different treatments for varroa mites, Oxalic acid treatment seems to be treatment of choice among experienced beekeepers, with sublimation (vaporizing) being the most popular. My opinion, if you have bees, you also have mites, so treat anyway because you want the bees to be as strong and healthy as possible going into winter. Thank you Terry O'Bryan. Also thanks to Wes Johnston for hosting the Q&A session before the General Meeting.

At the American Royal School Tour, Midwestern Beekeepers was well represented by Janice and Tom Britz, Ian Parrish (scholarship student) and myself. Over 5300 students went through the Tour. We spoke to them about biology, what goes on in the hive, how they collect pollen and nectar and its importance to the colony, as well as give them a turn to spin the extractor. Thank you to all. Also thanks to Dean Sanders for providing several visual aids.



Ian Parrish talking with a group of students at the American Royal School Tour

At the October 20th General Meeting, Wanda Johnston will be presenting "Oxalic Acid Treatment for Bees", where she will go into much greater detail about mites and Oxalic Acid Sublimation (vaporizing) treatment for your bees, including safety precautions. Come join us, it'll be fun!!!

GENERAL MEETING OCTOBER 20, 2016

**Bass Pro Shop
Independence MO
6:30 PM
Q&A Session for
Beginning Beekeepers
7:00 PM
General Meeting**



**Not on the Midwestern Beekeepers Swarm Removal list?
Sign up at the next General Meeting or contact any officer.**

www.midwesternbeekeepers.org/ beeswarm-removal/



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



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Fall Bee Festival

November 5, 2016, Registration 8:00 to 8:30 AM

(Beginning and Advanced Tracks Circle Choice Below)

Catered Hot Meal by Valandy's Catering

**Presented by Midwestern Beekeepers Association &
University of Missouri Extension, Platte County**

Must be pre-registered to attend; NO WALK-INS ADMITTED

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Ferrelview, MO 64163

Registration begins August 23, 2016

Registration closed when the class is filled or on October 15, 2016.



Beginning Beekeeping Class

limited to 30 participants

Instructed by **Valerie Duever**, President Missouri State Beekeepers Association & **Jim Duever**, President Boone Regional Beekeepers with hands on hive assembly by **Bill George**, Crooked Hill Beekeeping, Chillicothe, MO.

Advanced Beekeeping Workshop

limited to 50 participants

Instructed by **Grant Gillard**, Past President (2009 - 2011) Missouri State Beekeepers Association, sideline beekeeper, and author of many fine beekeeping books. Grant will discuss :

"Expansion Opportunities"

"Raising Your Own Queens: Why? ...and how"

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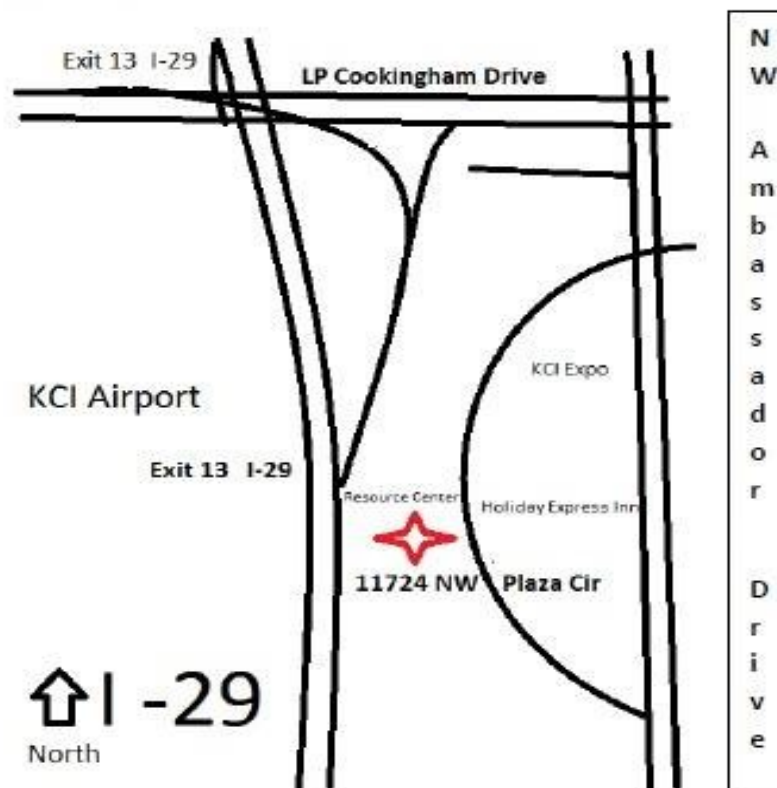
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Additional Advanced Topics (Subject to Change) by:

Dasha Adzhigirey, Bee Technologies, LLC, www.beetechllc.com

Danny Woods, Roadside Manager for the Kansas City Region MoDOT, current roadside management goals at MoDOT, MoDOT Adopt-a-Highway butterfly and pollinator options, and Grow Native program.

Greg Hudek, Bayer Crop Science, Topic to be determined



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October General Meeting

Bass Pro Shop

Independence MO

Thursday, October 20, 2016

6:30 PM

Q&A Session for Beginning Beekeepers

7:00 PM

Oxalic Acid Treatment For Bees

Presented by Wanda Johnston



To continue our FREE drawing of door prizes at the end of every General Meeting, we are asking you to bring your donated items for the drawing. Thank You!



Community America Credit Union Transactions

for the Month of August 2016

Bank Balance as of July 31, 2016	\$ 12,691.52
Total Receipts Deposited	72.38
Total Expenses Paid (-\$ 4.00 Pending)	-84.40
Interest on Savings & Checking Account	.54
Bank Balance as of August 31, 2016	\$ 12,680.04

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



George O. White State Forest Nursery

Order Online Starting October 1

The 2016-2017 Online Seedling Order Form will be available October 1 at mdc.mo.gov/seedlings. If you create a user profile, you will be able to add and cancel species until your order is marked shipped, and you will be able to view your order history over the years.

Order By Mail or Fax Starting November 1

The printed seedling order form will appear in the November issue of the *Missouri Conservationist* magazine. You may request a copy of the printed order form by calling the Nursery at 573-674-3229.

Note: We do not accept seedling orders by phone.

Thank you for your interest in Missouri's State Forest Nursery and for supporting conservation.





Honey Bacon Cheddar Scones

Ingredients:

- 2 tablespoons - honey
- 4 – 5 - bacon strips, chopped
- 2 cups - all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon + 1 teaspoon - baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon - salt
- Pinch of black pepper
- 10 tablespoons - unsalted butter, cold and diced
- 3/4 cup - heavy cream, plus more for brushing
- 1 cup - cheddar cheese, grated

Directions:

In a medium skillet over medium heat, cook the bacon, stirring, until crisp, about 5 minutes. Remove with a slotted spoon and drain well on paper towels. Set aside.

In a large bowl whisk together the flour, baking powder, salt, and pepper. Add the cold diced butter and using your fingertips, rub the butter into the flour mixture until it resembles coarse crumbs.

Mix the heavy cream and honey.

Create a small well in the center of the flour mixture. Pour the cream mixture into the well, and stir with a fork until the dough comes together. Toss in crisp bacon and cheese.

Turn the dough out onto a floured surface. Roll dough into a circle, about 3/4 of an inch thick, cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for 30 minutes.

Preheat oven to 400° F.

Cut circle into 8 wedges with a sharp knife.

Transfer to baking sheet lined with parchment paper with a spatula, leaving 1/2-inch space between each wedge. Brush the tops of the wedges lightly with the remaining heavy cream.

Bake for 20 to 23 minutes, or until golden brown. Remove from the oven and let cool slightly on the baking sheet.

Serve warm.

<http://www.honey.com/recipes/detail/6/honey-bacon-cheddar-scones>

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Lawrence, KS**

**Mike Carlson,
Independence, MO**



Midwest Bee Removal Responds to Overturned Semi Truck of Honey Bees

“I want to say thank you to my crew, I couldn't have done this by myself. Kansas City beekeepers are the best. My crew and I were able to save these millions of bees when just years ago the fire department killed them all. I'm so proud of my crew and my city, words can't describe. Thank you.”

Matt Winstead



There is much concern about the spread of the Zika virus in the United States, and there have been attempts to ward off the virus by killing off mosquitoes, but the time of day chosen to spray insecticide is critical to pollinators, including honeybees. Most mosquito-control tactics occur later at night; but in September, spraying was done during the day in regions of the United States. In addition, there was a failure to notify people of the insecticide spraying, resulting in massive honeybee losses.

DriftWatch is part of a multi-state effort to provide a voluntary online tool for producers of pesticide-sensitive crops to list their crop and beehive locations. Pesticide applicators can view the aerial maps and search the registry by crop so they can be aware of where crops sensitive to pesticide drift are located. The Missouri DriftWatch site is a service administered through the Missouri Department of Agriculture.

<https://mo.driftwatch.org/>

The Missouri Department of Transportation reported shortly after noon Friday, September 2, 2016, that a semi-truck carrying millions of honey bees had overturned on the right shoulder of southbound Interstate 435 near the Interstate 35 intersection.

An emergency response team, as well as Kansas City police, responded to the scene and called local bee companies to help control and gather the honey bees. Matt Winstead of Midwest Bee Removal, also a member of the Midwestern Beekeepers Association, was called in to respond. Many other Midwestern Beekeepers Association members came to work loading the bees onto pallets.



Owner Brian Buoye said that 408 hives were being transported to Tampa, Florida. On Facebook, Buoye later reported with a picture of the truckload of bees, and said, “These are the bees from the rolled over truck and made it to Florida in really good shape. Guys hand loaded them back on pallets. Great job.”

This was one proud day for Midwestern Beekeepers Association to showcase the dedication of our area beekeepers. As Brian Buoye said, “Great job!”



Photos courtesy of Matt Winstead

Read more here: <http://www.kansascity.com/news/local/article99539297.html#storylink=cpy>

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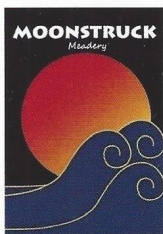
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2016 General Meeting Dates
Thursday, October 20th, 7:00 PM
Sunday, November 13th, 2:30 PM
December Potluck, TBA