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Beekeeper's Association

THE MONTHLY MAGAZINE OF HOOSIER BEEKEEPERS AND THOSE WHO LOVE THE LITTLE HONEYBEE



**Waiting for
Spring
Mentors
Needed
Beekeeping School**

What's Next?

MEETINGS

- February 22nd-7pm
- March 15th, 7pm-
Beginner's night
- April 19th, 7pm
- May 19th-Field Day
- June 21st, 7pm
- Sept. 20th-7pm
- Oct. 18th-7pm
- Nov. 15th-6:30pm-
Harvest Night

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Stocking up on News

By Members of the NEIBA

To begin this newsletter, let us offer a round of applause to Tony Rekeweg, who received a 1st placing in beeswax class of the honey show at the ABF convention and a 2nd in the extra light amber honey class.

Gene Harding, the new editor of the NEIBA newsletter received a Lilly grant to study the beekeeping practices of the United Kingdom, Germany, and Slovenia. The \$12,000 grant will be used to purchase hives particular to those countries, which Gene will use at teaching tools for local 4-H programs as well as in the NEIBA. The focus of his grant will be to look into the causes of Colony Collapse Disorder as it happens in the US, and the recent decrease of CCD in many European nations.

Future learning opportunities will be coming up in the form of Beginner's Night, the NEIBA Beekeeping School, and the Intermediate Beekeeping Class.



Photo by Gene Harding

A little honey bee reminds us of the spring flowers as we make our way through the cold and dark weather of January and February.

The club would like to offer its condolences to the family of Jim Gass. Jim's obituary was posted in the January 11th, 2018 Journal Gazette. Jim was one of the club's mentors. The club received \$525.00 in memorial funds.

The Northeast Indiana Beekeepers Association would also like to welcome our **newest members:**

Brad Spaulding Wabash, IN
Molly Hartleroad St. Joe, IN
Brad Jenkins Columbia City, IN
Andy and Serena Marczak of Markle, IN

Dorinda Thompson Montpelier, IN

And finally in new news, Gene Harding will be taking over as the new editor of the NEIBA newsletter from former editor John Miner. As the new editor, Gene requests if anyone has photos or any stories they would like to contribute to the publication, please send them to his personal email: longshotgene@gmail.com. These stories and photos will make the newsletter more personal and give individuals an outlet to publish their work.

Up For Discussion

Home and Garden Show-The NEIBA still needs volunteers to sign up for our table. Please contact Mariah Russell at 260-918-7119 to do so!

Feb 22 -- Cleaning out Dead Outs Mike Miller

March 15 -- Beginners Night Chris LaSalle

April 19 -- Purdue queens Krispn Given

May Field Day Guest speaker Kathleen Prough, Chief Apiary Inspector, Indiana DNR

June 21 -- Angry hives and hive management Glenn Hile

September 20 -- Top bar Hives, Natural Beekeeping, and Warre hives

October 18 -- Effects of agricultural chemicals on bees Michele Colopy, Director Pollinator Stewardship Council

November Banquet 15 - Kim Flottum, Editor, Bee Culture Magazine

Intermediate Beekeeping Class

Saturday March 24th, 2018
 Classic Café
 4832 Hillegas Road
 Fort Wayne IN 46818

Class begins at 9:00 AM and will last into the afternoon.

Cost \$50.00

Includes instruction, lunch, door prizes and a chance to win a Nuc
 Registration deadline is Saturday, March 17

You should have a minimum of 1 season of beekeeping experience to attend this class. This class is taught by experienced beekeepers. For more information and to register, call:

Mike Miller (260) 493-0481

Nov. 16th 2017 Harvest Dinner and Meeting Minutes

No elections needed to take place as all officers are in place. Mike Miller is a new director. We will have a booth at the Coliseum during the Home and Garden Show; volunteers are needed to man the booth. A volunteer sheet will be available at the Feb. 22nd 2018 meeting. The booth is for educational purposes only no selling of honey or other bee goods will be allowed. Dean Gerber gave the treasures report monies available before the cost of the harvest dinner and beginner bee education was \$9,187.10. Wells County provided copies of "The Complex Life of the Honey Bee" put out by Purdue Extension Education Store. After the meeting and dinner the guest speaker was Gerald W. Hayes who was one of the starting members of Heart Land. Mr. Hayes is also a teacher, back yard bee keeper, and researcher. Mr. Hayes pointed out that bees are live stock. His presentation was based on new research that would use the chemical makeup of the honey bee to destroy Varro Mites through the use of RNRI Biologics. He encouraged us to test for mites-treat for mites-then test again for mites. Treatment should take place whenever the Mite population begins to increase. He explained that a Varro Bomb could enter your hive when feral bees or maintained bees enter and are infected with mites. He suggested that we get together test for and treat for mites at the same time so that visiting bees from maintained hives are more likely to be mite free.

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Listed below are members who have volunteered to make themselves available to other, less experienced, beekeepers to help them out when they have questions or problems. The mentor may be able to help over the phone or, if needed, they may come to your location to look at your hive to assess a problem. Listed next to the mentor's name is his location and phone number. Finding a mentor who is in your area makes it easier for them to help if they need to visit your hive. The idea behind the mentoring program is to help you increase your knowledge of beekeeping and become more proficient as a beekeeper. Remember, the mentor is there to help you when you have questions or problems. You, as a beekeeper, are responsible to absorb the knowledge that the mentor provides and use it to improve your skills.

If you are a beekeeper who has some experience and would be willing to mentor newer members who need help, you can have your name added to the mentor list by contacting Harry Jones 715-1453 or 637-1453. You do not need to be a beekeeping expert to be a mentor, you just need a little experience and a willingness to help others. If you do not have the answer to a particular question, just knowing where to look or who to ask to find the answer will be a great help to the mentee.

Name	Area	Phone	Name	Area	Phone
Bruce Kennedy	Albion	636-7254	Michael Bodeker	Avilla	343-8657 or 637-1453
Mike Miller	Ft. Wayne	493-0481	Dean Gerber	Bluffton	565-3773
Phil Verhoff	Allen Co.	467-0640	Ned Gatchell	Ft. Wayne (NE)	704-3894
Terry Dalrymple	Angola	668-8639	Dean Drudge	Butler	908-2815
Rick Ritter	Ft. Wayne	341-2287	Marc Studebaker	Geneva	368-7768
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Ted Braun	Ft. Wayne	625-3477	Kathy Burns	Kendallville	347-1865
Doug Cheek	Auburn	413-6337	Jim Reinoehl	Corunna	281-2491
Walt Schroeder	Ft. Wayne	486-9119	Terry Denzel	Kendallville	347-5461
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Cell: 260-467-0640

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Swarm List

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First Pollen

As the weather warms, remember to watch for pollen being brought into your hives. Remember the date you saw the first bees bringing pollen in. The question will be asked at our meetings until someone has seen pollen being brought in. We will record the earliest date for the year in our historical database. Last year, bees were observed bringing pollen into a hive on February 20. We have been recording the first date that a member has observed pollen being brought into a hive for many years. Thank you for your continued help and support.

NEIBA Library

The NEIBA Library has many books and videos addressing different topics in beekeeping. This library is a great resource for our current members. Library materials are available at our meetings. If you have any questions about the library, contact Maraiah Russell at russellapiaries@gmail.com

Mariaiah donates her time to maintain our library. If you check out materials, please keep track of them and return them in a timely manner. This will help to reduce the load on Maraiah. Your attention to this will be greatly appreciated.

Anyone who has library materials checked out, please return as soon as possible!

Special Notes

-Thank you to Jerry Hayes, who spoke about RNAi at the Harvest Banquet. His discussion went over very well with the club and unveiled an immense wealth of information on a subject not necessarily well-known to many of our members.

-Home and Garden Show updates are forthcoming *Stay Tuned*

Beekeeping School

Saturday March 17, 8 AM to 4 PM

Classic Café

4832 Hillegas Road

Fort Wayne IN 46818

COST \$125.00

Price includes: instruction, hive box, bottom board, inner lid, outer lid, frames, foundation hive tool, bee brush, beginner's book, lunch, catalogs and one year membership to the Northeastern Indiana Beekeepers Association.

Class is taught by experienced beekeepers. Assembly/use of beekeeping equipment and how to keep honey bees is explained. A claw hammer, tack hammer and square are needed for the class.

Call 260-728-2613 to register. Payment and registration deadline is Wednesday March 14. Class size is limited.

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Beginner's Night

Thursday March 15, 7:00 P.M.

Classic Café

4832 Hillegas Road

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New Members \$25.00

Includes a beginner book, hive tool, and a one year membership to NEIBA. All interested, beginner or experienced beekeepers welcome!
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