

NORTHEASTERN INDIANA BEEKEEPER LETTER

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NORTHEASTERN INDIANA BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION - FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

Next Meeting: Harvest Banquet, Thursday, November 16, 2017 at 6:30 PM

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NEIBA Harvest Banquet

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Our guest speaker will be:

Jerry Hayes

(A brief bio for Jerry appears on page 4 of this newsletter.)

The cost is: \$13/person

(See the menu on page 3. Price includes china, table cloths, and linen napkins, sales tax & gratuity.)

Reservations are required!

Reservation deadline is Monday, Nov. 6th!

To make your reservations, contact:

Dean Gerber ph.260-565-3773

or

djgerber@adamswells.com

Winter Break

The Harvest Banquet will be our last meeting for 2017. Our next meeting will be in February of 2018. A newsletter will be sent out prior to the February meeting with information for the coming year. Have a great holiday season. See you next year.

Home and Garden Show Bee Booth

The 2018 Fort Wayne Home and Garden Show is held March 1-4, Thurs-Sunday. We need volunteers to stay at the booth, answering questions about bees and handing out information to the public. The purpose of this booth is to let the public know about our club, and what they can do to learn more about bees and beekeeping. It is NOT to sell honey, we will lose the privilege of this booth if honey is sold from it. This booth space is generously donated to us by the Home and Garden Show each year. We need two people for each shift. Thursday and Friday have three shifts, 11 to 3, 3 to 6 and 6 to 9. Sunday has two shifts, 11 to 2 and 2 to 5. Working a shift with someone you don't know is a great way to get to know club members, and learn new tips on beekeeping! The sign-up sheet will be available at the Harvest Banquet, or you can call me at 260-918-7119.

Thanks,
Maraiah Russell

Elections

The election of officers will be held at the November meeting. The president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer are elected annually by a majority vote of the members present at the November meeting of the association and the newly elected officers assume office on the day of their election.

Two directors will also be elected at the November meeting. These two directors will serve a term of two years.

If you are interested in running for one of these offices, or would like more information about the responsibilities involved with the different offices, please contact Mike Miller at (260) 493-0481 or Harry Jones at (260) 637-1453 or by email at hojones3@gmail.com.

You can find the responsibilities associated with each office in the NEIBA Constitution and Bylaws by going to the NEIBA website at <http://www.neiba.info>. Click on the Officers and Governance tab and click the Constitution and Bylaws button.

Welcome

The Northeastern Indiana Beekeepers Association welcomes new member:

Betty Drinkut

Pennville, IN

The Beekeepers of Indiana

Indiana Bee School XVI

Saturday, February 24, 2018

It is that time again when we all look forward to registering for the Bee School. With wonderful local and national speakers, super topics, great lunch and hundreds of beekeepers that we haven't seen since the previous year, we seem to get bigger and better and this year will be no exception. Once again, we have a first time guest speaker for the Indiana Bee School. Dr. Jeff Harris is from the Mississippi State University.

Beginning Classes

We have brought back the beginning beekeeping classes. Each attendee that registers for the beginning beekeeping classes will be in a single classroom all day and will receive a wrist band that is required to be worn to give them access to the classroom.

The Bee School will be held at:

Decatur Central High School

5251 Kentucky Avenue

Indianapolis, Indiana 46221

For more information about this event, go to the TBoI website at http://www.indianabeekeeper.com/contact_us/indiana_bee_school_xvi



NEIBA October 19th, 2017 Minutes

The meeting was opened with Chris LaSalle offering prayer and leading the pledge of allegiance.

Dean Gerber gave the treasurers report with \$268.11 in checking and \$8,050.59 in savings giving a total of \$8,318.70. Dean also announced that ½ gallon jars with lids were still available. Banquet reservations are needed by November 6th. Payment of \$13.00 could be made during the October meeting or the night of the Banquet on November 16th.

Chris LaSalle then discussed old business. The Beekeepers of Indiana fall Meeting and Conference is being held at Four Winds Lakeside Inn and Marina in Bloomington, Indiana on Friday, October 27th and Saturday October 28th. A condolence card from the Johnson family is available if anyone would like to read it. Bee Club officer elections will be held at the next meeting. If you are interested let Chris LaSalle know.

New business was then discussed: The new Tractor Supply store will have a soft opening on October 28th. The official opening is November 11th. The store is located next to Meijer at Maysville Road and 469. They would like for us to have a table to educate the customers on bees and beekeeping. If interested in helping, contact Valorie Campbell. A request for a donation of 6 hives at \$30.00 each to Heifer International was introduced. The donation was voted on and passed.

Chris LaSalle introduced the guest speaker Bob Walters from Field Watch who spoke about the mapping program called Drift Watch. Field Watch was started at Purdue University until it grew into its own program called Field Watch. Field Watch is a connection tool for communication between growers/beekeepers and spraying/dusting crop services. Field Watch is non-profit and has a beekeeper on the board. Drift Watch was and is designed for specialty crops, bees, organic crops, and pollinator service crops. Drift Watch has a communication tool for use by beekeepers called Bee Check. The mapping program is useful to beekeepers if you have entered your hives into the program the program can alert you as to when crops in your bee foraging area will be sprayed or dusted. Currently available on the internet (www.FieldWatch); with a phone app coming in 2018 for beekeepers to help make use of the tool easier.

Mike and Carol Miller attended a bee conference in Medina, Ohio and offered some of the tips that they gleaned from their trip. October to April is the hardest season for the bees. He suggested that the hives be insulated at the top and that the bees have approx. 100lbs of honey in their hive for the winter. An extra food source should be given such as bee candy or fondant with fondant being the better choice.

Valorie Campbell, secretary

Any suggestions?

After the elections at the Harvest Banquet, the officers will begin planning for the meetings and activities for the upcoming year. If you have any suggestions for meeting topics or anything that you think could be improved, send them to neibabees@gmail.com. The officers will take your suggestions into consideration as they make their plans. I know there are a lot of members with good ideas for the organization. Please share your ideas and help us improve our programs to make them more beneficial to the rest of the membership. This is your organization and our officers appreciate your input.

NEIBA Library

Anyone who has library materials checked out, please return them so that others may use them.

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

Maraiah 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 Maraiiah. Your attention to this will be greatly appreciated.

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MENU

FANCY TOSSED SALAD ALA SHANNON

Fresh greens topped with mandarin oranges, bacon, strawberries or blueberries, and sliced onions, topped with a blueberry pomegranate dressing.

CARVED TO ORDER MARINATED PORK TENDERLOIN

STUFFED BREAST OF CHICKEN ALA CHLOE

A boneless breast of chicken stuffed with brick cheese, sliced ham and a mild garlic butter sauce, lightly breaded then baked

ROASTED POTATO MEDLEY

FRESH CALIFORNIA BLEND

ASSORTED KNOT ROLLS AND BUTTER

ASSORTED PIES

Pumpkin, pecan, sugar cream, and strawberry rhubarb

ICE WATER AND HONEY LEMONADE AT GUEST TABLES

** Price includes china, table cloths, and linen napkins, sales tax & gratuity



Jerry Hayes

Jerry Hayes will be the guest speaker at our Harvest Banquet.

Jerry is the Honey Bee Health Lead for Monsanto. He works with a technology that uses a normal natural process called RNAi to see if it can be adapted to control honey bee parasites and pathogens. He writes the column "The Classroom: Beekeeping Questions and Answers" for the American Bee Journal. Jerry graduated from Ohio State University, Agricultural and Technical Institute-Apiary major. He attended the USDA/ARS Bee Breeding and Stock Lab and worked at Dadant, a leading national beekeeping supply company and publisher of The American Bee Journal. He was Chief of the Apiary Inspection Section of the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, 2004 until 2012, responsible for the regulatory health of 350,000 colonies. Jerry is a national speaker on honey bees and the health problems being encountered by them. He is the founding member of the Colony Collapse Working Group and a science advisory board member for Project Apis mellifera (PAm) and the Bee Informed Partnership. He has also authored multiple research papers on understanding and preserving honey bee health.

You don't want to miss hearing Jerry speak at the Harvest Banquet. Information for the Harvest Banquet appears on page 3 of this newsletter. Reservation deadline for the Harvest Banquet is Monday, November 6.

The Hardest Season

NEIBA members Mike and Carol Miller attended a conference entitled The Hardest Season put on by Bee Culture in Medina, Ohio. Topics on getting your bees through The Hardest Season, October to April, were presented at the conference.

At our October meeting, Mike gave a brief talk on some of the topics that were discussed at the conference. One of the topics was on the honey requirements for a colony. At right is information as it appeared on one of the slides presented at the conference.

Another topic that Mike addressed during his talk was the need for adequate ventilation to help control moisture in the hive.

Honey Notes

1 Worker Needs 11 mg Sugar / day
 A 25M Colony Eats 1 / 2 Pound Of
 Sugar / Day So For October-15 Pounds,
 November - 12 pounds, December
 Maybe 10 pounds ... so By Jan 1 - 35-
 40#. That's 48#s Honey they Need
 5+ Deep or 7+ Medium Frames

FieldWatch

Thank you to Bob Walters for his presentation on FieldWatch at our October meeting. Bob is the Director of Business Development for FieldWatch.

The mission of FieldWatch is to develop and provide easy-to-use, reliable, accurate and secure on-line mapping tools intended to enhance communications that promote awareness and stewardship activities between producers of specialty crops, beekeepers and pesticide applicators.

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NEIBA Mentor List

The NEIBA Mentor List is a list of members who have volunteered to make themselves available to other, less experienced, beekeepers to help them out when they have questions or problems. You can find the list of mentors on the NEIBA homepage at www.neiba.info or, if you don't have access to the internet, you can call Harry Jones at 715-1453 or 637-1453.

If you are a beekeeper who has some experience and would be willing to mentor newer members, you can have your name added to the mentor list by contacting Harry.

Honey Pizza Dough

INGREDIENTS

- 1¼ cups water warm (105° to 115°F)
- 2 teaspoons active dry yeast
- 1 teaspoon honey
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 teaspoons coarse salt
- 3½ to 4 cups unbleached all-purpose flour or more as needed

DIRECTIONS

Combine ¼ cup of the warm water with the yeast and honey in a large bowl; stir to blend. Cover the mixture with plastic wrap and let it stand for about 10 minutes, or until foamy. Mix in the remaining 1 cup of water, olive oil, salt, and 11/2 cups of the flour, and stir until smooth. Gradually add the remaining 2 to 2 ½ cups of flour, stirring until the dough comes away from the side of the bowl. Turn the dough out onto a floured surface and knead by hand for about 10 minutes, or until it is smooth and elastic, adding as much extra flour as needed to keep the dough from being too sticky. Alternatively, knead the dough with a dough hook in a stand mixer for about 5 minutes. The dough is adequately kneaded with it springs back when poked with a finger. Shape the dough into a ball and place in a large, oiled bowl. Turn the dough to coat with the oil. Cover the bowl with plastic wrap and let the dough rise in a warm place for about 1 hour, or until doubled in bulk. Punch down the dough and divide and shape as directed in the recipe. If not using the dough right away, punch it down, cover lightly with plastic wrap, and refrigerate for up to 24 hours.

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