

NORTHEASTERN INDIANA BEEKEEPER LETTER

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NORTHEASTERN INDIANA BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION - FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 19, 2017 at 7:00 PM

The meeting will be held at the **Classic Café, 4832 Hillegas Road, Fort Wayne IN 46818**

NEIBA October meeting

Thursday, October 19, 7:00 P.M.

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4832 Hillegas Road

Fort Wayne IN 46818

Our guest speaker will be:

Bob Walters

of

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.

Bob Walters is the Director of Business Development for FieldWatch. He joined FieldWatch as the first employee in 2014 when FieldWatch was moved out of Purdue University. FieldWatch operates and manages the DriftWatch Specialty Crop Site and BeeCheck Apiary Registries. DriftWatch was started at Purdue in 2008 by the Agriculture and Biological Engineering Departments. DriftWatch was developed as a communications tool to help connect pesticide applicators with specialty crop growers and beekeepers. BeeCheck was developed and released in 2015 to help beekeepers identify their locations with contact information for applicators.

Bob has helped drive new growth in the current 14 states and Saskatchewan. He is responsible to increase awareness and adoption in all the member states, help bring on new states, and encourage use and access by pesticide applicators, beekeepers, and specialty crop growers. FieldWatch now has nearly 19,000 approved sites, which is 300% growth from 2015. Bob also works directly with the software team to develop new features and improve the overall efficiency and effectiveness of the registries. Bob has worked to develop relationships and connections with software companies so the FieldWatch data may be exported to precision ag systems for use by applicators. Expect FieldWatch to continue its rapid growth and expansion as a voluntary mapping system to facilitate stewardship between interested parties.

You can learn more about FieldWatch by going to their website at: <http://www.fieldwatch.com/>

The Beekeepers of Indiana

2017 Fall Conference

Friday/Saturday October 27/28

Lake Monroe

Fourwinds Lakeside Inn

9301 South Fairfax Road

Bloomington, IN 47401

The Fall Meeting and Conference of The Beekeepers of Indiana will be held at Fourwinds Lakeside Inn and Marina. The guest speaker is Dr. Roger Hoopingarner, a retired entomologist from Michigan State University. There will be several other sessions including History of Beekeeping in Indiana, How to Render Your Beeswax and an ever-popular Panel Discussion. You can view a tentative agenda at http://www.indianabeekeeper.com/yahoo_site_admin/assets/docs/2017_Fall_Tentative_Agenda.268122418.pdf

Registration is now open for the Fall Conference and Fall Bee School.

Note:

The Beekeepers of Indiana hosts a Fall Conference and a Fall Bee School the same day, same location. Registration for each is separate. If you wish to attend the Fall Bee School, you register for the Fall Bee School and only the Fall Bee School.

For more information and to register for the Fall Conference or Fall Bee School, go to

http://www.indianabeekeeper.com/contact_us/fall_conference

A **Honey Show** is also held during the Fall Conference.

The categories for the Honey Show are

Dark Honey	Light Honey
Cut Comb Honey	Chunk Honey
Creamed Honey	Beeswax
Candles	Gift Basket

Honey entries should be TWO unlabeled, 1-pound glass jars.

Beeswax should be at least one pound.

Bring extra labels to label your honey AFTER it has been judged. Entries will be auctioned off to support The Beekeepers of Indiana and its programs. For tips on how to prepare for entering a Honey Show, see

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Welcome

The Northeastern Indiana Beekeepers Association welcomes new members:

Tracy Mickelini	Columbia City
Anette Lane	Markle
Greg Myers	Grabill

Honey Extractor

The bees have worked hard and it is time to extract honey. The NEIBA has a honey extractor, cappings tub, and uncapping knife for use by NEIBA members. The use of this equipment is free to NEIBA members; however, a small deposit will be required. The deposit will be refunded upon return of clean equipment. This is a great opportunity for someone with just a few hives to be able to extract their own honey without having to make a large investment in equipment.

To schedule a time to use this equipment, contact:
Ted Braun at (260) 625-3477

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.

NEIBA

September 28th, 2017 Minutes

President Chris LaSalle opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance and prayer. New business consisted of; A thank you to those that had helped with the state fair booth, Harvest dinner will be the 3rd Thursday of November at the Classic Café (cost has not yet been determined), Beekeepers of Indiana fall conference will be held October 27th through 28th. The next meeting for the NEIBA will be held the 3rd Thursday of October.

Treasurer Dean Gerber reported that there is \$301.91 in checking and \$8050.59 in savings giving a total of \$8352.50.

Dean also announced that ½ gallon pickle jars were available for anyone wanting them. He suggested that a small donation be made to purchase a gift card for his mother as she was the one that collected, cleaned, and sanitized the jars.

The guest speakers at the September meeting were Phil and Carolyn Juengel talking about bees wax what to do with it and how to make candles, lip balms, hand creams, and soap.

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.

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Harvest Banquet

Thursday, November 16, 6:30 P.M.

The banquet will be held at the

**Classic Café
4832 Hillegas Road
Fort Wayne IN 46818**

The cost is: \$13/person
Reservations are required!
Reservation deadline is Monday, Nov. 6th!**

To make your reservations, contact:

Dean Gerber ph.260-565-3773 or djgerber@adamswells.com

Guest speaker:
Jerry Hayes

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

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 was previously apiary section chief for the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, responsible for the regulatory health of 350,000 colonies.

For 25 years, Hayes

has written a monthly column in American Bee Journal called The Classroom; he wrote a book by the same name. He is a 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 authored multiple research papers on understanding and preserving honeybee 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.

September Meeting

Thank you to Phil and Carolyn Juengel for their presentation on the uses for beeswax at our September meeting. Phil and Carolyn have years of experience with making things from beeswax and selling their products at area festivals. We appreciate them sharing their knowledge and experience with us.

Honey Trivia

1. How many flowers must honey bees tap to make one pound of honey?
Two million.
2. How far does a hive of bees fly to bring you one pound of honey?
Over 55,000 miles.
3. How much honey does the average worker honey bee make in her lifetime?
1/12 teaspoon.
4. How fast does a honey bee fly?
About 15 miles per hour.
5. How much honey would it take to fuel a bee's flight around the world?
About one ounce.
6. What is mead?
Honey wine.
7. How long have bees been producing honey from flowering plants?
10-20 million years.
8. What Scottish liqueur is made with honey?
Drambuie
9. How many sides does each honeycomb cell have?
Six
10. What is the U.S. per capita consumption of honey?
On average, each person consumes about 1.3 pounds per year.
11. What state is known as the beehive state?
Utah
12. How many wings does a honey bee have?
Four
13. How many beekeepers are there in the United States?
USDA has estimated that there are between 139,600 and 212,000 beekeepers in the United States. Most are hobbyists with less than 25 hives.
14. How many flowers does a honey bee visit during one collection trip?
50-100.
15. How do honey bees communicate with one another?
"Dancing." Honey bees do a dance which alerts other bees where nectar and pollen was located. The dance explains direction and distance. Bees also communicate with pheromones.

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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.

Sriracha and Honey Deviled Eggs

YIELD: Makes 4 to 6 servings

INGREDIENTS

6 hard cooked eggs peeled and halved
2 1/2 T mayonnaise
1 1/2 T honey
1 1/2 T Sriracha plus more to taste
1/2 tsp. unseasoned rice vinegar
1 tsp. grated onion with juices
1/4 tsp. coarse salt
fresh herb garnish (torn cilantro, basil or Italian parsley)

DIRECTIONS

Carefully lift the yolks from the whites and place in a bowl. Arrange the whites, cut side up on a large plate. Mash the yolks thoroughly with the back of a fork. Add mayonnaise, honey, Sriracha, vinegar, grated onion and salt. Beat with a wooden spoon until mixture is thoroughly blended. Taste and add more Sriracha, if needed.

With a teaspoon carefully fill each egg white, dividing evenly. Garnish with a torn leaf of the preferred herb. Refrigerate until ready to serve. Serve cold.

TIP: Try a clover or orange blossom honey varietal with this recipe.

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