

NORTHEASTERN INDIANA BEEKEEPER LETTER

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NORTHEASTERN INDIANA BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION - FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 16, 2017 at 7:00 PM

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

Welcome to the Northeastern Indiana Beekeepers Association meetings for 2017

If you are new to our organization, we welcome you. If you are a returning member, we welcome you back and hope you enjoyed a good holiday season. But now it is time to get ready for another year of beekeeping, and the purpose of our organization is to help equip you with the knowledge you need to have a successful season.

Your officers have planned another year of informative meetings. Our first meeting of the year will be

Thursday, February 16, 7:00 PM
at the

Classic Café
4832 Hillegas Road
Fort Wayne IN 46818

Speakers for the February meeting:

Doug Cheek will give a presentation on Beekeeping devices.

Mike Miller will give a presentation on making Meade.

Other meetings for the upcoming year will be

March 16th (Thurs.) @ 7pm Beginner's Night. Dr. Chris LaSalle- Focused on beginning beekeeping practices

April 20th (Thurs.) @ 7pm speaker: Glenn Hile Bee Plants, what to plant, honey flows & pollination

May 20th (Sat.) -- (TBD time and place) Field Day. Hands on, looking into hives, installing pkg, etc....

June 15th (Thurs.) @ 7pm speaker: Danny Slabaugh, Queen Rearing

Sept. 28th (Thurs.) @ 7pm Local speakers: Products of the Hive (wax, candles, lip balm, lotion)

Oct. 19th (Thurs.) @ 7pm speakers: Bob Walters, Field Watch
Brian Smith Top Bar Hives

Nov. 16th (Thurs.) @ 6:30 pm Harvest Banquet. (reservations required) speaker: Jerry Hayes

All meetings, except for Field Day, will be held at the Classic Café

Information about each month's meeting will appear in that month's newsletter.

Learning opportunities

In addition to our Beginner's Night at our March 16 meeting, the NEIBA will also be sponsoring a Beginning Beekeeping School on Saturday, March 18 and an Intermediate Beekeeping Class on Saturday, March 11.

The Beginning Beekeeping School will present the fundamentals of getting started in beekeeping and participants will assemble a hive to help them get a good start on their first season.

The Intermediate Beekeeping Class is geared toward beekeepers with a season or more of experience. This class will cover more advanced topics such as making splits.

Both the Beginning Beekeeping School and the Intermediate Beekeeping Class require pre-registration. Class size for the Beginning Beekeeping School is limited. You do not have to be a member of the NEIBA to sign-up. See the insert in this newsletter for more information about these learning opportunities. Helping our members become better beekeepers is the purpose of our organization.

Condolences

The NEIBA offers its condolences to the family of Janice Shenefield who passed away on January 1st of this year. Janice and her husband Don have been members of the NEIBA for many years. She was also a member of The Beekeepers of Indiana and the American Beekeeping Federation. Don and Janice started Clover Blossom Honey in Lafontaine Indiana and it grew to be the largest beekeeping operation in the state of Indiana. The business is currently managed by their son Dave who is also a member of our organization.

Welcome

The Northeastern Indiana Beekeepers Association welcomes new members:

Dave & Julie Kelley

Laotto, IN

Derek Daniels

Fort Wayne, IN

And returning member:

Rodney Snyder

Angola, IN

Dues

The NEIBA officers voted to increase the membership dues to \$15.00 per year. The dues increase will be effective for dues collected after January 21st of this year. It has been many years since the last increase in dues. The officers are hoping to have more guest speakers using the increased funds.

NEIBA Membership Dues for 2017 are \$15.00 and are now due.

You can renew your membership by paying your dues at the meeting or by sending them to:

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Swarm List

The Swarm List is a list of people in our organization who are willing to go out and pick up swarms when calls come in from the community. Ted Braun heads up the Swarm List for our club. When Ted is notified of a swarm, he will try to find a person on the list who is close to where the swarm is located. If that person is unable to respond, Ted will move to the next closest person on the list. Picking up swarms is a great way to increase your number of colonies for just the time and effort of collecting the swarm. It is also appreciated by the people who want the swarm removed. To have your name added to the Swarm List, contact **Ted Braun** at **(260) 625-3477**. Ted requests that along with your phone number you also leave your zip code to help him locate where you live.

NEIBA Officers for 2017

Chris LaSalle will continue as our President, Brian Smith will be our new Vice Preident replacing outgoing Vice President Terry Dalrymple. Bridgette McCue will continue as Secretary and Dean Gerber as Treasurer.

Bob Bayer and James Ringswald will continue as directors and will be joined by Glenn Hile and Dave Myers replacing outgoing Directors Doug Cheek and Brian Smith. The association thanks Terry Dalrymple for his service as Vice President and Doug Cheek and Brian Smith for their service as directors.

Please give our officers your support.

A list of officers and their contact information can be found in every newsletter.

Keep an eye on your hives

Be sure to periodically check your hives as we make our way through the end of winter and into spring. If you have a hive that has died, be sure to clean out the dead bees as soon as possible. As the days get warmer the dead bees will start growing mold and ruin your combs. Also, check to make sure your hives have adequate stores of food. If not, supplement with a candy board or block or granulated sugar. Increased brood rearing will rapidly deplete the stores.

First Pollen

As the weather warms, remember to watch for pollen being brought into your hives. Remember the date you first saw 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. Thanks for your help.

NEIBA Library

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 meetings. If you have any questions about the library, contact Maraiah 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 the 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 them so that others may use them.

You may return materials at the February meeting.

Help with refreshments

The NEIBA is looking for a member who would be willing to oversee refreshments for the regular meetings. At the February meeting each year a sign-up sheet is passed around listing the meetings that require refreshments. Several members can sign-up for each meeting to bring in refreshments for that meeting. We need someone to take this list and provide a reminder prior to the meetings to the members who have signed for that meeting. If you would be willing to take on this responsibility, please contact Chris LaSalle at (260) 615-3647.

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What did he say?

Two professional beekeepers stopped at McDonald's to get lunch. While they were in line they started talking about what they needed to do with their Russian Nucs.

Everyone else in line stopped talking and stared at them.

The Beekeepers of Indiana Indiana Bee School XV

On to the 2017 Indiana Bee School. The Beekeepers of Indiana will hold its fifteenth Bee School in Indianapolis, Indiana on Saturday February 25, 2017, at Decatur Central High School, 5251 Kentucky Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana 46221. We are honored to have reached this significant milestone as well as having Susan Cobey as our guest speaker. Susan has taught the specialized technique of instrumental insemination for more than three decades. This is the first year that Sue has been a guest speaker in Indiana and we are very excited to have her here.

Beginning beekeeping classes are also a new concept at this year's bee school. Each attendee that registers for the beginning beekeeping classes will receive a wrist band that will need to be worn to give them access to the classes. These classes are for those that have little to no experience in beekeeping.

The Bee School has many presentations with information for beekeepers of all levels. There is also a vendor area where you can see what is available and what is new in beekeeping equipment.

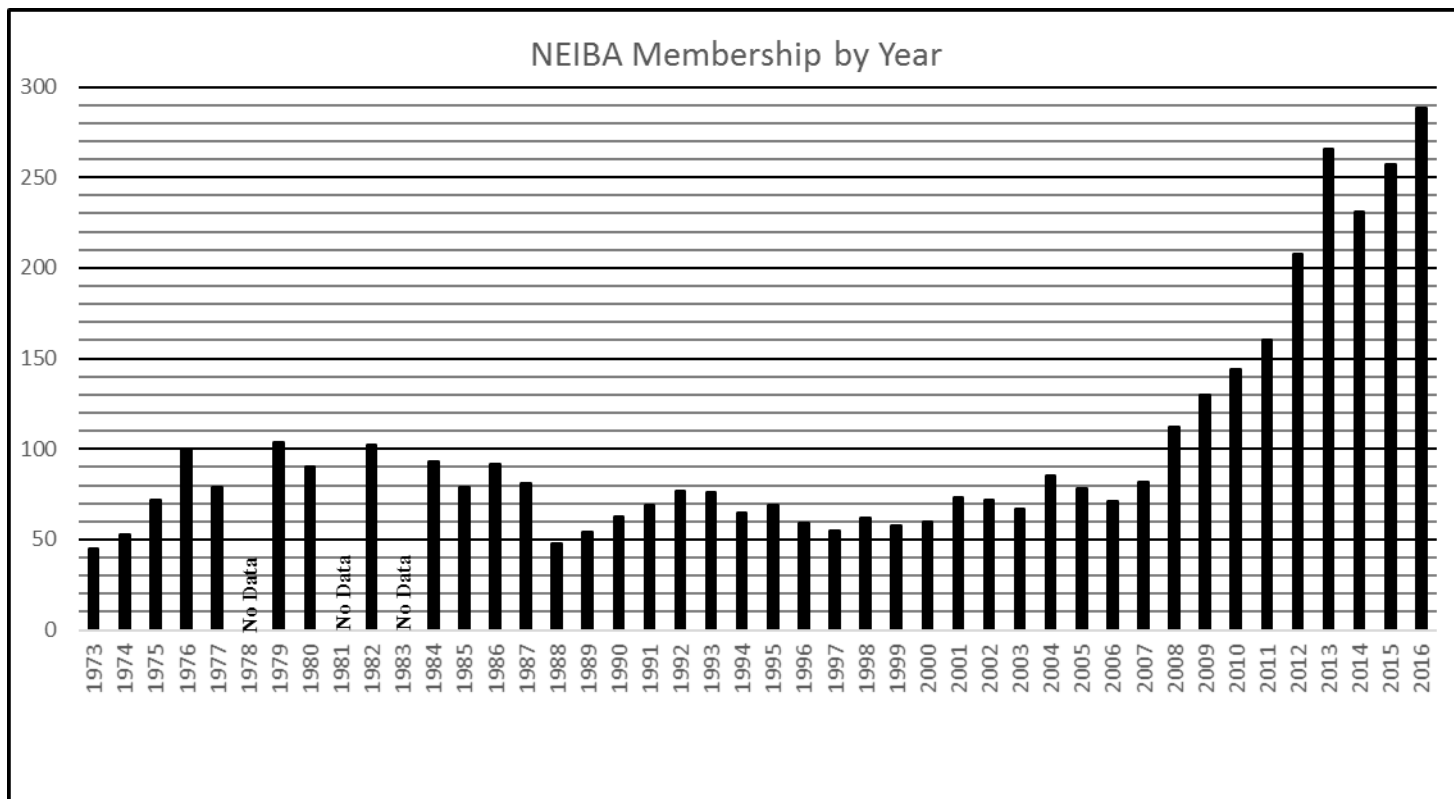
To view the full agenda and get more information about the Bee School go to www.indianabeekeeper.com.

Be sure to register early, once we are full, we are full. For more information on registration, go to The Beekeepers of Indiana website at www.indianabeekeeper.com.

The Indiana Bee School was full several weeks prior to the event last year. At the time of this writing, registration was still open.

NEIBA Membership

The bar chart below shows the variation in NEIBA membership over the past 44 years except for 1978, 1981 and 1983 for which no data was available. The data was collected from the membership rosters for each year. Each address on the roster was counted as a member. Family memberships would make the actual headcount higher. Complimentary memberships, such as county extension offices, were not counted. The first year that the NEIBA had a booth at the Home and Garden show was 2008. Membership has increased markedly during the nine years since. While not everyone who joins stays, it would appear that, for the most part, once people get involved with beekeeping the fascination and challenge of this undertaking keeps them engaged. A big thank you to NEIBA member Jim Mast who took the time to compile this data.





Home and Garden Show Bee Booth

The 2017 Fort Wayne Home and Garden Show will be held March 2-5, Thurs-Sunday. We still need volunteers to work the booth this year. Volunteers will get a free pass to the show for the day they volunteer. Parking passes are 'not' provided. This is a great way to connect with the community, and spread the word about our meetings and classes. We will be handing out flyers and catalogs, and have an empty hive and some equipment to demonstrate with. New beekeepers are welcome, it doesn't take an expert to share your passion. Many people just want to know the basics, and how the bees are doing this year. 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. Sign up at the February meeting with Maraiah at the library table, or call 260-918-7119.

Thanks, Maraiah Russell

Harvest Banquet

We had a good turnout for the Harvest Banquet in November as shown in the picture below. There were over 100 people in attendance.

Krispn Given, shown in the photo at right, from Purdue University gave a very interesting presentation on the Purdue Bee Breeding program. The Purdue Bee Lab is a great asset to beekeepers in Indiana and across the country.



Thank you to everyone who helped with the Harvest Banquet in November. It was a great time of food and fellowship. Thanks to Terry Clancy and his staff for a great meal. Thanks to Dean Gerber who takes the reservations. We appreciate the time Dean donates to help things run smoothly throughout the year. Be sure to mark your calendar for this year's Harvest Banquet which will be held on November 16, 2017.

NEIBA Mentor List

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	Mike Miller	Ft. Wayne	493-0481
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Joe Hoover	Auburn	410-1085	Chris LaSalle	Ft. Wayne (N)	615-3647
Brian Smith	Auburn (south)	403-3720	Harry Jones	Ft. Wayne (NE)	715-1453
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Sweet Spicy Salmon with Honeyed Mango Salsa

from the National Honey Board

Ingredients

1 large - ripe mango, peeled and chopped
1/4 cup - red bell pepper, finely chopped
1/4 cup - red onion, finely chopped
2 Tbsp. - fresh cilantro, chopped
2 Tbsp. - fresh lime juice, divided
1 Tbsp. - honey
1 small - jalapeno pepper, seeded and minced
1/3 cup - honey
2 Tbsp. - Mexican hot sauce
4 (4 to 6-oz.) - salmon fillets

Directions

To prepare the salsa, combine the mango, bell pepper, red onion, cilantro, 1 tablespoon of lime juice, 1 tablespoon honey and jalapeno in a medium bowl. Stir well and refrigerate until ready to use. Whisk together the honey, hot sauce and remaining lime juice in a small bowl. Rinse salmon and pat dry; brush liberally with honey mixture. Place skin side up on a well-oiled grill over medium coals; cook for 2 to 3 minutes until lightly charred. Turn and cook for 8 to 10 minutes more, basting liberally with sauce during cooking. Remove from grill and transfer to a serving platter. Top with mango salsa.

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NORTHEASTERN INDIANA BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

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Dean Gerber, Treasurer
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NORTHEASTERN INDIANA BEEKEEPERS ASSN.

Presents:

Beekeeping School

Saturday March 18, 8 AM to 4 PM

Classic Café

4832 Hillegas Road

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COST \$125.00

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

Class is taught by experienced beekeepers who explain how to keep honey bees. Assembly and use of beekeeping equipment will also be done.

Call 260-728-2613 for more information or to register. Registration and payment deadline is Wednesday, March 15.

Class size is limited.

Intermediate Beekeeping Class

Saturday March 11

Classic Café

4832 Hillegas Road

Fort Wayne IN 46818

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

Cost \$45.00

Includes instruction, lunch, door prizes and a chance to win a Nuc

Registration deadline is Saturday, March 4

You should have a minimum of 1 season of beekeeping experience
to attend this class

This class is taught by experienced beekeepers

(After last year's class a student commented:
I got answers to questions I hadn't even thought of.)

For more information and to register, call:

Mike Miller (260) 493-0481

Beginner's Night

Thursday March 16, 7:00 P.M.

Classic Café

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Includes a beginner book, hive tool,
and

a one year membership to NEIBA

All interested, beginner or experienced beekeepers welcome!

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