

# NORTHEASTERN INDIANA BEEKEEPER LETTER

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2017

NORTHEASTERN INDIANA BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION - FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

**Next Meeting: Thursday, September 28, 2017 at 7:00 PM**

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

## **NEIBA September meeting Thursday, September 28, 7:00 P.M.**

The meeting will be held at the

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

So, you have extracted your honey and now you are wondering what to do with all those wax cappings. At our September meeting, Phil and Carolyn Juengel will be talking about how to process your wax cappings and give ideas on how you can use them. Phil and Carolyn have a lot of experience using beeswax to make such things as candles, ornaments, lotions and lip balm. Phil and Carolyn are a wealth of knowledge on processing beeswax. They will explain what to do as well as talking about mistakes to avoid. This will be an excellent opportunity to get the answers to any questions you may have on this subject.

### **Welcome**

The Northeastern Indiana Beekeepers Association welcomes new members:

<b>Jack &amp; Patsy Brush</b>	Uniondale, IN
<b>Joe &amp; Barbara Ruden</b>	Fort Wayne, IN
<b>Debra Muldoon</b>	Fort Wayne, IN
<b>David G. Cserep</b>	Auburn

### **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**

### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Valorie Campbell who was elected as our new secretary at our June meeting. Val will serve as our secretary for the remainder of the year. Please give Val, and all of our officers, your support. We appreciate the work our officers do to provide our club with an interesting and educational program throughout the year.

## **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. A tentative agenda appears on page 3 of this newsletter.

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](http://www.indianabeekeeper.com/contact_us/fall_conference)

TBoI meetings provide a great opportunity to meet beekeepers from across our state.

### **Minutes of the June 15th, 2017**

#### **NEIBA Meeting**

Terry Dalrymple conducted the June meeting of the Northeastern Indiana Beekeepers. The pledge of allegiance was recited. The prayer that followed was led by Karen Dalrymple. Dean Gerber gave the treasurers report. An election was held for secretary. Tony Rekeweg informed the group that there is a need for eight volunteers for The Beekeepers of Indiana honey booth at the State Fair during July. If you are interested you can contact Tony at (260) 728-2613 or [tonyrekeweg@gmail.com](mailto:tonyrekeweg@gmail.com). The Heartland Apicultural Society Conference is July 13-15 at the University of Southern Indiana in Evansville, Indiana. More information can be found on the HAS web site. The next NEIBA meeting will be September 28th, the 4th Thursday instead of the 3rd. Thank you to Danny Slabaugh for his informational presentation on raising Queens.

Valorie (Val) Campbell, Secretary



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### The Beekeepers of Indiana State Fair Honey Booth

On Monday, August 14, members of the Northeastern Indiana Beekeepers Association manned The Beekeepers of Indiana Honey Booth at the Indiana State Fair. The honey booth is located in the Purdue Ag/Hort building on the fairgrounds. NEIBA members who worked at the booth were Phil and Carolyn Juengel, Brian and Jodie Frecker, Dave Myers, Harry Jones, Walt and Dan Schroeder, Jim Gass, Heidi Downey, Tony Rekeweg, John Miner and Cindy Sheets. The day was split into two shifts, 9 AM to 3 PM and 3 PM to 9 PM. Clubs who work the booth for a day receive payment from TBoI.

Thanks to the NEIBA members who volunteered to work at the booth. Special thanks to Tony Rekeweg who coordinated this effort. Members who work at the booth receive a complimentary ticket to the fair. This is a great opportunity to help the NEIBA and TBoI and see the state fair at the same time.

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<https://youtu.be/g1mdkNeY9CA>

### Thank you

Thank you to Pete Lomont who answered the call for someone to make video recordings of our meetings. Pete made the video of Danny Slabaugh's queen rearing presentation at our June meeting (see the link above).

### Harvest Banquet

Mark your calendars, our annual Harvest Banquet will be held at the Classic Café on Thursday, November 16. Jerry Hayes will be the guest speaker. Jerry writes The Classroom column in the American Bee Journal. He is a wealth of beekeeping knowledge. More information about the Harvest Banquet such as menu, cost and making reservations will appear in the October issue of this newsletter. Our Harvest Banquet is always a great time of food and fellowship

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**The Beekeepers of Indiana  
Fall Meeting and Conference  
Fourwinds Lakeside Inn and Marina  
Bloomington, Indiana**



<b>Friday, October 27, 2017</b>			
<b>Room</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Presenter</b>
Coral	12:30 pm	Board of directors meeting (open to public)	
	5:00 pm	Dinner (on your own)	
Commodore	7:00 pm	Honey Bee Flight and Foraging Dynamics	Roger Hoopingarner
Commodore	8:00 pm	Team Building Game	
<b>Saturday, October 28, 2017</b>			
	7:15 – 8:15	Coffee, juice, donuts – Registration	
Commodore	8:15 -8:30	Welcome and announcements	President
Commodore	8:30 – 8:45	Financial Overview	Treasurer
		<b>Main Program</b>	
Commodore	8:45 – 9:45	Queen Rearing for the Hobby and Part-Time Beekeeper	Roger Hoopingarner
Coral	8:15 – 3:30	Beginning Beekeeping School	Larry Kemerly
Mariner	8:15 – 3:30	Indiana Queen Program	Hoosier Honeys
	9:45 – 10:00	<b>Break – Visit Vendors</b>	
		<b>Awards</b>	
Commodore	10:00 – 10:05	4-H Grand Champion	Dave Shenefield
Commodore	10:05 – 10:30	Young Beekeeper Awards	Dr. Anthony Gaudin
Commodore	10:30 – 10:55	2018 Indiana Honey Queen and Princess	Kristy Dooley
Commodore	10:55 – 11:00	Honey Show winners	Dave Shenefield
		<b>Session II</b>	
Commodore	11:05 – 12:00	Numbers, Boxcars and Bees (The population dynamics of colony growth)	Roger Hoopingarner
Admiral East	11:05 – 12:00	Queen Evaluation	Krispn Given
Admiral West	11:05 – 12:00	Transition from a Hobby to a Business	Roger Graham
	12:00 – 1:00	Lunch – Tradewinds Restaurant, Windjammer	
	1:00 – 1:30	Auction	
		<b>Session III</b>	
Commodore	1:30 – 2:25	Castes, Parthenogenesis, Larva and Pupa Development	Roger Hoopingarner
Admiral East	1:30 – 2:25	Feasibility of the Flow Hive	Matthew Saner
Admiral West	1:30 – 2:25	Preparing for Spring	Dave Shenefield
		<b>Session IV</b>	
Commodore	2:30 – 3:25	Question and Answer, Panel Discussion – Moderator Jim Berndt	Dave Shenefield Mike Seib
Admiral East	2:30 – 3:25	Rendering Beeswax; Different Methods	
Admiral West	2:30 – 3:25	History of Beekeeping in Indiana	
		<b>Conference Wrap-up</b>	
Commodore	3:30 – 4:00	Election results	Election Panel
Commodore	3:30 – 4:00	Raffle	Vice-President
Commodore	3:30 – 4:00	Closing Remarks	President
	4:00	Conference Ends	



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## News Release

August 2, 2017

### Indiana Honey Bee Colony Inventory

Honey bee colonies for operations with five or more colonies in Indiana as of January 1, 2017 totaled 7,000 according to Greg Matli, State Statistician of the USDA, NASS, Indiana Field Office. This is 8 percent above the 6,500 colonies on January 1, 2016. During 2016, honey bee colonies on April 1, July 1, and October 1 were 4,300, 9,500, and 7,500, respectively.

Honey bee colonies lost for Indiana operations with five or more colonies during the quarter of January-March 2017 was 1,900 colonies, or 25 percent lost. This quarter showed the highest number of lost honey bee colonies. The quarter of April- June 2016 had a loss of 220 colonies or 3 percent, the lowest number of lost honey bee colonies of the five quarters.

Honey bee colonies added in Indiana for operations with five or more colonies during the quarter of January-March 2017 was 1,700 colonies. During the quarter of October-December there were no reports of honey bee colonies added. There were 2,700 colonies added during the April-June 2016 quarter, the highest number of honey bee colonies added of the five quarters in the state.

Honey bee colonies renovated for operations with five or more colonies during the quarter of January-March 2017 was 70. The highest number of honey bee colonies renovated for any quarter in Indiana, at 900, occurred during April-June 2016. Renovated colonies are those that were requeened or received new honey bees through nuc or package.

Varroa mites were the number one stressor for Indiana operations with five or more colonies. The quarter of January-March 2017 showed 15.8 percent of colonies affected by varroa mites. The quarter of July-September 2016 showed the highest percentage of colonies affected by varroa mites at 50.4 percent.

Nationally, honey bee colonies for operations with five or more colonies in the United States on January 1, 2017 totaled 2.62 million colonies, down slightly from January 1, 2016. The number of colonies in the United States on April 1, 2017 was 2.89 million colonies. During 2016, honey bee colonies on January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1 were 2.62 million, 2.80 million, 3.18 million, and 3.03 million colonies, respectively.

Nationally, Honey bee colonies lost with Colony Collapse Disorder symptoms on operations with five or more colonies was 84.4 thousand colonies from January through March 2017. This is a 27 percent decrease from the same quarter of 2016. Colonies lost with Colony Collapse Disorder Symptoms were reported to meet all of the following criteria: 1) Little to no build-up of dead bees in the hive or at the hive entrance 2) Rapid loss of adult honey bee population despite the presence of queen, capped brood, and food reserves 3) Absence or delayed robbing of the food reserves 4) Loss not attributable to varroa or nosema loads

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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](http://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 Citrus Glazed Carrots

### Ingredients

- 1 T butter or margarine
- 4 cups sliced carrots
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1/2 cup chicken broth
- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 1/2 tsp. minced orange zest
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. pepper

### Directions

In large skillet over medium-high heat, melt butter. Add carrots and sauté for several minutes. Add honey, broth, orange juice and orange zest. Reduce heat to medium-low and simmer until carrots are cooked and liquid is thick. Season with salt and pepper.

**Yield:** Makes 4 servings

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