

# NORTHEASTERN INDIANA BEEKEEPER LETTER

MAY

2017



NORTHEASTERN INDIANA BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION - FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

**Next Meeting: Field Day, Saturday, May 13, 2017 at 8:30 AM**  
Field Day will be held at **Buskirk Engineering, 7224 East 900 North, Ossian, IN 46777**

## NEIBA Field Day Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**Our May meeting will be our annual Field Day**  
**Hosted by: James Wheeler**  
**Held at: Buskirk Engineering**  
**7224 East 900 North**  
**Ossian, IN 46777**

### Schedule of Events

- 8:30 am – 8:55 am Meet and Greet!  
FREE Coffee and Donuts  
from Ossian Bakery!
- 8:55 am – 9:00 am Please... Find Your Seats and Settle In ☺
- 9:00 am – 10:45 am Kathleen Prough/Guest Speaker,  
Presentation on Pests and Disease
- 11:00 am – Noon Lunch catered by Terry Clancy/Classic Café  
(Lunch is \$7 per person, RSVP required, see below)
- Noon – 12:30 pm Hive Mite Inspection & Treatment – OR –  
Hive Splits (Demonstrations)
- 12:30 pm – 1:00 pm Hive Mite Inspection & Treatment – OR –  
Hive Splits (Demonstrations)
- 2 Sessions of Each Demonstration By Duane & Tony Rekeweg
- 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm General Hive Maintenance Demonstration  
Duane & Tony Rekeweg
- 2:00 pm – 2:30 pm “Hands On” Member’s Hives Q & A  
Duane & Tony Rekeweg
- 2:30 pm – 3:00 pm Queen Grafting Demonstration  
James Wheeler

### **Please RSVP for lunch at the Field Day no later than Tuesday, May 9**

RSVP to **Dean Gerber** by phone at (260) 565-3773  
or by email at [djgerber@adamswells.com](mailto:djgerber@adamswells.com)  
**Your payment of \$7.00 will be collected  
at the door on Field Day**

Lunch menu: Smoked chicken, Pulled BBQ beef (Both served  
with Kaiser rolls and slider buns), Macaroni and cheese, Broccoli  
salad, Fresh fruit, Assorted cookies, Lemonade and water

**A map to Buskirk Engineering is on page 3 of this newsletter.**

**The demonstrations will be around live hives, so bring  
whatever protective clothing you need.**

Field Day is a great opportunity for new beekeepers to get a  
firsthand look at how experienced beekeepers work with their  
hives.

## Welcome

The Northeastern Indiana Beekeepers Association welcomes  
new members:

<b>Doug Lucker</b>	Columbia City, IN
<b>Bret Taylor</b>	Roanoke, IN
<b>David Mann</b>	Hudson, IN
<b>Lisa Danby</b>	Fort Wayne, IN
<b>Troy Lockwood</b>	Waterloo, IN
<b>Bob &amp; Karla Manes</b>	Andrews, IN
<b>DeWayne Lockwood</b>	Waterloo, IN
<b>John Paff</b>	Huntington, IN
<b>Paul Fisher</b>	Berne, IN

And returning member:

**Duane Doctor** Monroeville, IN

## Thank you

Thank you to Glenn Hile for his presentation on ‘Planting for  
Honeybees and Other Pollinators’ at our April meeting.  
Glenn’s presentation was quite entertaining and informative.  
The presentation gave a different perspective on what a yard  
should be and the kinds of plants we can add to our yards to  
make them more useful to pollinators.

## First Pollen

The first reported sighting of pollen being brought into the hive  
this year was on February 14. Last year the date of First Pollen  
was February 20. Over the 46 years this information has been  
recorded, the earliest date that one of our members observed  
pollen being brought into a hive was January 28 in 2006. The  
latest date observed was April 6 in 1980 and 1981. With the  
addition of this year’s data, the average date for the 46 years  
moved from March 9 to March 8.

Thanks to Jim Mast who has been faithful in keeping these  
records over the years.

## Refreshments

Thank you to Heidi Downey who has taken on the job of  
coordinating refreshments for our meetings.

If you would be willing to supply some of the refreshments for  
an upcoming, please contact Heidi by phone (260) 438-2510 or  
by email at [jddown3@hotmail.com](mailto:jddown3@hotmail.com).

## NEIBA Beekeeping School Article

Garth Snow, of IN|fort wayne, was at the NEIBA Beekeeping  
School held on March 18 at the classic café. He wrote an  
article entitled ‘**Beekeepers swarm to aid of embattled  
pollinator**’ based on his conversations with instructors and  
students who participated in the school. You can read the  
article online at

<http://infortwayne.com/2017/04/13/beekeepers-swarm-to-aid-of-embattled-pollinator/>



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### HAS 2017

The Heartland Apicultural Society will hold its annual conference July 13-15, 2017 at The University of Southern Indiana in Evansville. To get more information as it becomes available, visit the HAS website at [www.heartlandbees.org](http://www.heartlandbees.org). Early registration is now open. You can register online or download a registration form and mail it in. A tentative schedule is taking shape and may be viewed on the website. The HAS conference features some of the best and most knowledgeable speakers in beekeeping. The numerous breakout sessions cover many facets of beekeeping. If you would like to know more about HAS, talk with NEIBA member Duane Rekeweg.

### The Beekeepers of Indiana Purdue Field Day 2017

#### REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

June 17, 2017 is our next beekeeping event for The Beekeepers of Indiana. We will be hosted at the Purdue Apiary by Dr. Greg Hunt and Krispn Given. If you've never attended this event, you are in for a great day of outdoor fun. Along with a super guest speaker, Dr. Debbie Delaney, we have planned several breakout sessions for beginners, intermediate and advanced. This is around live bees, so bring whatever protective clothing you're comfortable with.

The Purdue Apiary is located at  
**2255 SR 26, West Lafayette, IN**

Folder pickup starts at 7:00 a.m. (EST), with social hour between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. and the program concluding at 4:00 p.m.

For more information or to register, go to The Beekeepers of Indiana website at [www.indianabeekeeper.com](http://www.indianabeekeeper.com).

At the website, you can download a form if you would like to register by mail or you can register and pay online.

The TBoI meetings are a wealth of beekeeping information and a great opportunity to get acquainted with beekeepers from across Indiana as well as surrounding states.

### Home and Garden Show

The 2017 Fort Wayne Home and Garden Show ran pretty smoothly this year thanks to all of the great volunteers.

Ted Braun, Terry Clancy, Dave Meyers, and Stephanie Fenstermaker deserve extra thanks for the set-up/tear-down crew. I would like to hear ideas on how to make the booth even better next year!

Maraiah Russell

The NEIBA thanks Maraiah for her dedication and hard work in planning and executing the NEIBA booth at the Home and Garden Show

each year. This booth is a great outreach for our club and benefits the community by promoting a better understanding of honey bees and their benefits.

Terry Dalrymple submitted the picture above showing NEIBA member Tony Rekeweg working the crowd at the 2017 Fort Wayne Home and Garden Show.



### NEIBA April 2017 Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Dean Gerber reported the following at the March 18 meeting

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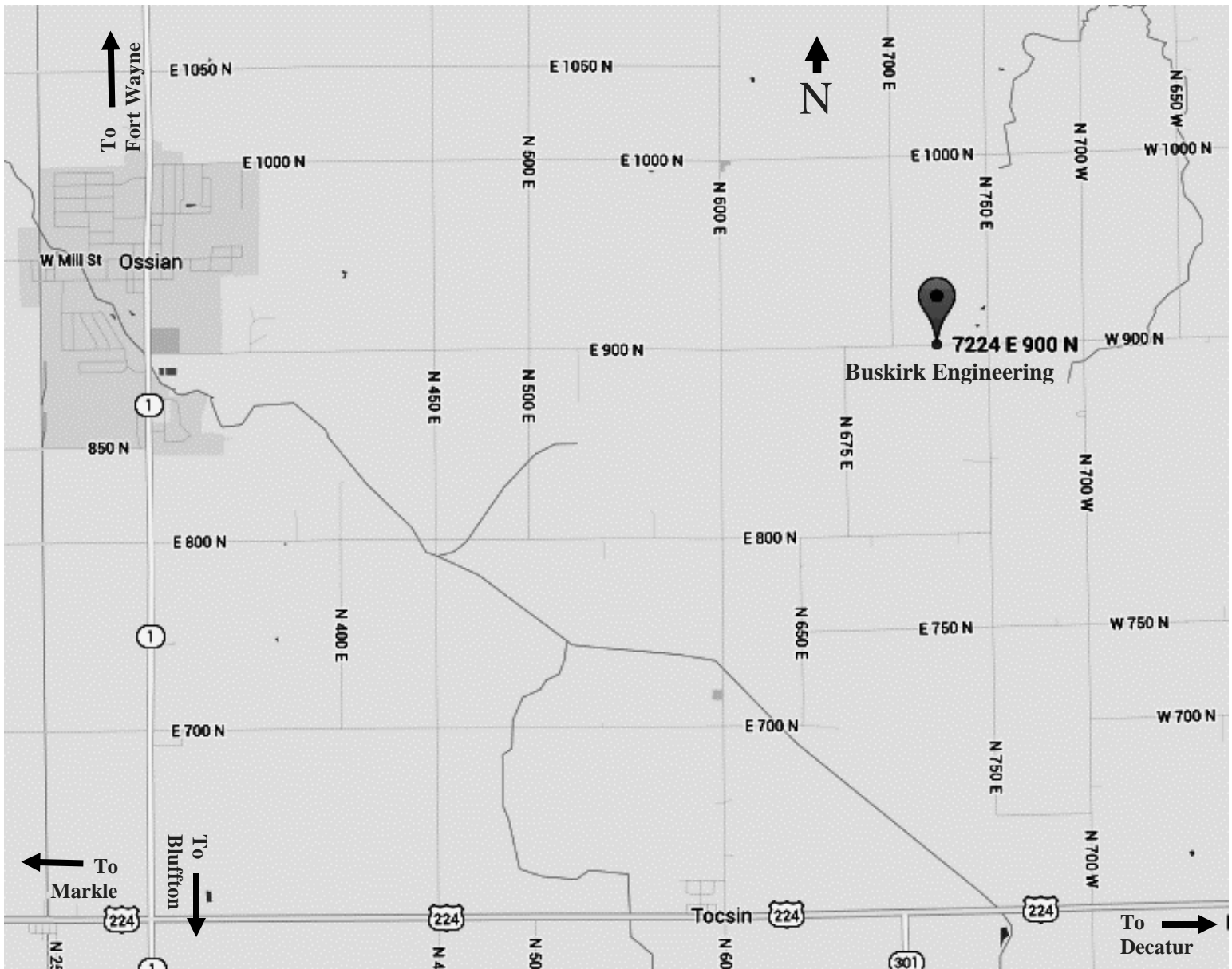
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The Map above shows the  
 location of  
**Buskirk Engineering Inc.**  
**7224 E 900 N**  
**Ossian, IN 46777**

Directions are referenced to the intersection of St Rd 1 and Wells county road 900 N in the town of Ossian which appears on the left side of the map.

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## The Beekeepers of Indiana State Fair Booth

The Beekeepers of Indiana hosts a booth at the Indiana State Fair each year. They ask the beekeeping clubs from around the state to choose a day to man the booth. We are trying to determine if there is sufficient interest among the NEIBA members to man the booth for a day. The terms and conditions for manning the booth and the available dates are listed below. If you would be interested in working at the booth, please let Chris LaSalle know of your interest and what days would work for you. You can reach Chris by email at [clasalle@orthone.com](mailto:clasalle@orthone.com) or by phone at (260) 615-3647. Please let Chris know as soon as possible so he can schedule a date.

From: Debbie Seib, Chairman, TBoI State Fair Committee

We are starting to line up the schedule for clubs to volunteer for a day at The Beekeepers of Indiana State Fair Booth in the Ag-Hort building. We are scheduling an 11:00 am and a 5:00 pm presentation for children and adults. These presentations will be at the booth and it would be great if the sponsoring club for that day would agree to do the presentations. Nothing fancy, just any educational talk.

What we are requesting from each club;

1. they supply a minimum of 8 people per shift,
2. bring an observation hive and
3. do the presentations.

To remind everyone, for each day the club works and supplies the volunteers, the club is paid \$100. If a club cannot supply the observation hive, we will work something out.

In addition, last October the board voted that 40% of the profits would be split between the clubs that supply the volunteers to staff the booth. As in the past, volunteers will receive a ticket to get into the fair. Last year, each club was given 2 parking passes, one for the person supplying the observation hive and one to be given away by the club at their discretion. We will attempt to do this again if we get the passes.

If your club is interested in sponsoring a day, please reply back as soon as possible. Days given will go by time stamp on returned emails.

As of April 26, the following dates are still available:

Sunday, Aug 6  
Thursday, Aug 10  
Monday, Aug 14  
Wednesday, Aug 16  
Friday, Aug 18  
Saturday, Aug 19

Working at the booth not only benefits our club as described above, but you, as a volunteer, are given the opportunity to sell your own honey at the booth.

If you are interested in participating or would like more information, please contact Chris LaSalle as soon as possible so arrangements can be made.

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### Need Help

We are still in need of someone to make video recordings of our meetings. If you would like to volunteer or have questions on what is involved in doing this, contact Linda Jones at [neibabees@gmail.com](mailto:neibabees@gmail.com).

## NEIBA 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. To have your name added to the Swarm List, contact **Ted Braun** at (260) 625-3477.

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## Indiana DNR Swarm List

**John E. Woodmansee**, *Extension Educator, Purdue Extension – Noble and Whitley Counties*, sent in the following comment.

I noticed one article on one of your members that maintains a swarm list. I would also encourage registering with DNR as a swarm remover <http://www.in.gov/dnr/entomolo/5755.htm>. This is the list that I (and many of my colleagues) go to when I get calls on swarms. Otherwise, additional people may only be those people I have personally talked to who remove swarms. Many of your people may be aware of the DNR swarm remover list, but it might at least be worth a verbal mention at an upcoming meeting.

Thanks John, this is a great suggestion. Although some of our members use the list, I am sure that not everyone is aware of it. The list is an interactive county map of the state of Indiana and clicking on a county brings up a list of people willing to collect swarms in that county. You can have your name on multiple counties.

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## Beekeeping Periodicals

There are two magazines dedicated to beekeeping, the American Bee Journal and Bee Culture. Both magazines are published monthly. To obtain order forms, contact Dean Gerber: phone (260) 565-3773 or email [djgerber@adamswells.com](mailto:djgerber@adamswells.com). The forms are also available at the registration table at the meetings.

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## NEIBA Library

The NEIBA Library has many books and videos addressing different topics in beekeeping. Library materials are available at our meetings. Please remember to return your library materials. Our members appreciate having a variety of materials to share, we depend on you to keep our library going!

If you have any questions about the library, contact Maraiiah Russell at [russellapiaries@gmail.com](mailto:russellapiaries@gmail.com).

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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.

## Chicken Lettuce Wrap

### Ingredients

1 Tablespoon - walnut oil  
1-1/4 lbs. - skinless, boneless chicken breasts, cut into bite-size pieces  
2 Tablespoons - rice wine vinegar  
2 Tablespoons - reduced sodium soy sauce  
2 Tablespoons - honey  
1 cup - shredded carrots  
1/3 cup - sliced almonds  
12 leaves - Boston Bibb or butter lettuce

### Directions

Rinse whole lettuce leaves and pat dry. Add 2 teaspoons oil to a large skillet over medium heat, saute the chicken until cooked thoroughly, about 7 to 10 minutes. In a medium bowl, whisk together remaining oil, rice wine vinegar, soy sauce and honey until thoroughly mixed. Add chicken, carrots and almonds. To serve, allow guests to scoop chicken mixture onto a lettuce leaf. Wrap the lettuce around the meat like a burrito.

Created by "America's Nutrition Expert" Mitzi Dulan for the National Honey Board.

For more recipes go to [www.honey.com](http://www.honey.com)

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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