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FIELD DAY!

State Fair is around the corner

Notes from May

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MEETINGS

June 21st, 7pm

Sept. 20th-7pm

Oct. 18th-7pm

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Harvest Night

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Notes from the Field

By Valorie Campbell

Doug Cheek opened field day with a request for a motion to change the minutes in the April newsletter from June to April. Doug thanked James Wheeler, Terry Clancy/ Classic Café, Tony and Duane Rekeweg, Kathleen Prough, James Ringswald and all members that helped with setup and teardown for the Field Day. No treasurer's report was given. Doug Cheek then turned the meeting over to Kathleen Prough, state bee inspector.

Kathleen gave a presentation on "Pests and Diseases of the Honeybee." She suggested that new beekeepers get a book with good pictures of honeybee diseases. Spring and fall inspections were covered with fall starting in August. Spring feeding should be a ratio of sugar and water of 1:1 for fall 2:1. All beekeepers should know the difference between worker, drone, and queen. Queen cells located at the bottom indicate a future swarm; queen cells on the sides indicate a queen superseder. Kathleen went over the major diseases with a power point so that we could be informed of what to look for (American Foul Brood, European Foul Brood, Sac Brood, Chalk Brood, and Nosema), different viruses and hive pests.

As far as mite control anything over 3 mites per 100 bees is cause for treatment. Mites have built up a resistance to Check Mite and Apistan. Kathleen then opened the floor to questions. Following are her suggestions:

The inner cover should have the shallow side down and the deep side facing up. Put a notch in the deep side of the inner cover.



Photo by James Ringswald

A member of the Northeastern Indiana Beekeepers Association shows field day participants how to graft cells in order to make queens.

To help control ants use cinnamon and or tip the top cover at an angle over the inner cover.

In the spring rotate frames that are old or drawn out badly. Pull bad frames and put into 8 or 2 in the super the next year pull frames in 8 and 2 replace with old or drawn out badly frame push all frames together and place new frames into the two empty spots. Do not replace more than 2-3 frames a year.

If you are using all medium supers use 3 for the winter. Clean the bottom board on a regular basis.

To get in touch with the State Bee Inspector: Work phone 317-232-4123

Cell phone 317-504-4123

E-mail kprough@dnr.in.gov

Demonstrations were before and after lunch.

Attendance was between 100-115.

Lastly, Lisa and Kevin McBride will be coordinating the State Fair schedule this year. If you have not done so, please sign up early. The following dates are still open:

Sunday the 5th
Friday the 10th
Monday the 13th
Wednesday the 15th through the 17th

Contact Lisa or Kevin at:

McBee's Honey
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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.

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