

# NORTHEASTERN INDIANA BEEKEEPER LETTER

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2017



NORTHEASTERN INDIANA BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION - FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

**Next Meeting: Thursday, April 20, 2017 at 7:00 PM**

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

## NEIBA

### April meeting

**Thursday April 20, 7:00 P.M.**

The meeting will be held at the

### Classic Café

**4832 Hillegas Road**

**Fort Wayne IN 46818**

The featured speaker for our April meeting will be NEIBA member Glenn Hile. The topic of Glenn's presentation will be 'Planting for Honeybees and Other Pollinators'. Glenn provided the following information about his presentation:

Lack of forage is always near the top of lists of concerns for pollinator health and survival. In our increasingly monoculture society what can we do to provide additional forage for them? What considerations do you need to make when planning and planting for our bees and other native pollinators? We will discuss site considerations, planting times, flowering times, use of native and a few select non-native species.

Prior to his retirement, Glenn was a Plant Breeder for Syngenta. Glenn is also an Advanced Master Gardener and proprietor of Glenn's Natural Honey.

This meeting will be a great opportunity to have your questions about honey bee forage answered.

### Thank you

Thank you to Chris LaSalle for his beginning beekeeping presentation at our Beginners Night on March 18. Chris's presentation is a good and concise overview of the basics of beekeeping.

Thanks also to our members who shared their beekeeping knowledge at the demonstration tables. Kirsten LaSalle at the table for hive components, Brian Smith at the table for feeders, Doug Cheek at the table for smokers and Harry Jones at the table for honey extraction.

### Thank you

Thank you to Samantha LaSalle who helps with the door prize drawings at the meetings and hands out candy at the door as we leave the meeting.

## 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	Presentation on Pests and Disease Kathleen Prough Indiana DNR Chief Apiary Inspector
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 Rekegew	
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	General Hive Maintenance Demonstration Duane & Tony Rekegew
2:00 pm – 2:30 pm	"Hands On" Member's Hives Q & A Duane & Tony Rekegew
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)

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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 will appear in the May newsletter.

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

**If you have not paid your dues by April 20, this will be the last newsletter you receive.**

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

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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.

**American Bee Journal** Regular price

Hardcopy: 1yr=\$28.00, 2yrs=\$53.00, 3yrs=\$75.00

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(You must use the form to receive the discount)

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### The Beekeepers of Indiana

The Beekeepers of Indiana (TBoI) is our state organization.

Visit their webpage at [www.indianabeekeeper.com](http://www.indianabeekeeper.com) or on

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### NEIBA March 2017 Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Dean Gerber reported the following at the March 18 meeting

checking = \$	295.43
savings = \$	3,149.55
total = \$	3,444.98

### NEIBA Beekeeping School Report

The NEIBA Beekeeping School was held on Saturday, March 18, at the Classic Café. The school had 41 students in attendance. Duane Rekeweg reports that they had some hick ups but all turned out well. The Beekeeping School presents the fundamentals of getting started in beekeeping. The students assemble the components of a single-story hive which helps them get off to a good start on their first season.

The NEIBA Beekeeping School was developed by Duane Rekeweg. Duane has conducted the school for several years.

The NEIBA thanks Duane for all the work he puts into making all the arrangements and conducting the school each year. Thanks also to all who helped: Brain Smith, Ned Gatchell, Dean Gerber, James Wheeler and Terry Clancey.

### Intermediate Beekeeping Class Report

The NEIBA Intermediate Beekeeping Class was held on Saturday, March 11, at the Classic Café. The Intermediate Beekeeping Class covers advanced topics in beekeeping and students are required to have at least a year of beekeeping experience to attend. Thanks to Mike Miller who arranged and conducted the class. Thanks also to Terry Dalrymple who assisted Mike with the class.

### Tee Shirts

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## Welcome

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<b>Mark Masloob</b>	Fort Wayne, IN	<b>Lauren Curvey</b>	LaOtto, IN
<b>Ron VonGunten</b>	Spencerville, IN	<b>Butch &amp; Mary Davis</b>	Churubusco, IN
<b>Roger Knouff</b>	Larwill, IN	<b>Ron Hite</b>	Fort Wayne, IN
<b>Martin Lueker</b>	Fort Wayne, IN	<b>Richard Chard</b>	Bronson, MI
<b>T.C. Tomkinson</b>	Fort Wayne, IN	<b>Jim Davis</b>	Churubusco, IN
<b>Lee Randolph</b>	Woodburn, IN	<b>Sanet Siringhaus</b>	New Haven, IN
<b>Adam Goss</b>	Columbia City, IN	<b>Leslie VonSeggern</b>	Churubusco, IN
<b>Paul Doctor</b>	Woodburn, IN	<b>Betty Funk</b>	Churubusco, IN
<b>Rachel Ward</b>	Fort Wayne, IN	<b>Lynn DeArmond</b>	Berne, IN
<b>Carolyn Terry</b>	Kendallville, IN	<b>Fran, Patrick &amp; Toree Martin</b>	Waterloo, IN
<b>Geoffrey Eickmann</b>	Fort Wayne, IN	<b>Amy Oberlin</b>	Angola, IN
<b>Kendra Jiannuzzi</b>	Fort Wayne, IN	<b>Curt Luebbert</b>	Fort Wayne, IN
<b>Greta Graehner</b>	New Haven, IN	<b>Heidi Williams</b>	Fort Wayne, IN
<b>Travis Robuck</b>	Grabill, IN	<b>Derek Daniels</b>	Fort Wayne, IN
<b>James D. Pulver</b>	Fort Wayne, IN	<b>James &amp; Kelly Mize</b>	South Whitley, IN
<b>Tommy &amp; Camil Guest</b>	Woodburn, IN	<b>John Kenny</b>	Fort Wayne, IN
<b>David Pedavoli</b>	Auburn, IN	<b>Cassie Leeper</b>	Columbia City, IN
<b>Tony &amp; Pat Guido</b>	Columbia City	<b>Shannon Poinsette</b>	Fort Wayne, IN
<b>Kirk Stoller</b>	Latty, OH	<b>Dave &amp; Sharon Scheiber</b>	Churubusco, IN
<b>Sean O'Brien</b>	Fort Wayne, IN	<b>Roger Mullins</b>	Columbia City, IN
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<b>Stan Baker</b>	Fort Wayne, IN	<b>Tom &amp; Lori Mills</b>	Huntington, IN
<b>Nathaniel &amp; Samantha Baker</b>	Columbia City, IN	<b>Landon &amp; Janel Fitzgerald</b>	Fort Wayne, IN
<b>Jen Cearbaugh</b>	Fort Wayne, IN	<b>Tina Peters</b>	Fort Wayne, IN
<b>Bill &amp; Marie Barge</b>	Angola, IN		

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## The Beekeepers of Indiana Purdue Field Day 2017

### REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

June 17, 2017 is the 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.

Tentative Agenda, TBoI Field Day  
Purdue University, June 17, 2017

8:00 - 9:00 Registration, Coffee & Doughnuts  
9:00 - 9:15 Welcome – Dale McMahan, President, TBoI  
9:15 - 9:30 State Bee Inspector Report – Kathleen Prough  
9:30 – 9:45 Purdue Research Update – Dr. Greg Hunt  
9:45 – 10:45 Guest Speaker – Dr. Debbie Delaney

10:45 – 11:00 Break

11:00-12:00 Breakout Classes

- A. Beekeeping -- Sammy Mohler/Ethan Mitchell
- B. Beginning Beginning Beekeeping-- TBD
- C. Intermediate Beekeeping-- Garry Reeves/Larry Kemerly
- D. Intermediate Beekeeping -- Matt Fearnow/Tim Caldwell
- E. Making Nucs -- Krispn Given/Dale McMahan
- F. Mite Counting Alcohol Wash -- TBD
- G. Campus Garden Tour  
(Purdue Campus- Shuttle provided) -- Mindy Appold

12:00–1:00 Lunch

1:00 – 1:45 Auction & Raffle (Must Bee present to win!)

2:00 – 3:00 Breakout Classes

- A. Beginning Beekeeping -- Devon Morris
- B. Problem Hive Inspection -- Dave Shenefield
- C. Disease Identification -- Kathleen Prough
- D. Learn to Mark Queens (Using Drones) –  
Greg Hunt/Ethan Mitchel
- E. Honey extraction/super management –  
Mike Seib/Larry Kemerly
- F. Learn How to Show Your Honey -- Tony Rekeweg

3:15 – 4:00 Open Q & A Forum (questions about beekeeping)

### 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** and he will help you locate a mentor in your area. Finding a mentor who is in your area makes it easier for them to help if they need to visit your hive. 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 at 715-1453 or 637-1453**.

### 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**.

### 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 Mariah Russell at [russellapiaries@gmail.com](mailto:russellapiaries@gmail.com).

If you check out materials, please keep track of them and return them in a timely manner. 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 April meeting.**

### NEIBA Newsletter Online

You can now access this newsletter on the NEIBA website at [www.neiba.info](http://www.neiba.info). On the home page click the newsletter tab and you will be taken to a page with links to the current and previous newsletters.

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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). 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.

## Chewy Monkey Bars

from the National Honey Board

### Ingredients

3 cups - miniature marshmallows  
1/2 cup - honey  
1/3 cup - butter or margarine  
1/4 cup - peanut butter  
2 teaspoons - vanilla  
1/4 teaspoon - salt  
2 cups - rolled oats  
4 cups - crispy rice cereal  
1/2 cup - flaked coconut  
1/4 cup - peanuts

### Directions

Combine marshmallows, honey, butter, peanut butter, vanilla and salt together in a medium saucepan. Heat mixture over low heat, stirring constantly. In a 13x9x2-inch baking pan, combine oats, rice cereal, coconut and peanuts. Pour honey mixture over dry ingredients. Mix until thoroughly coated. Pack mixture firmly into the pan. Cool and cut into 24 bars.

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