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JOIN US FOR FIELD DAY

MAY 18 AT WHEELER'S BEES, OSSIAN

We believe we have a pretty interesting Free Family Field Day this year offering a wide variety of topics with several different presentations and demonstrations for beginner, intermediate, and advanced beekeepers. Members are welcomed and encouraged to invite their kids, grandkids, friends, and neighbors.

We start the day off at 8:45 am with free coffee and deluxe donuts from the New Haven Bakery and a opportunity for members to meet their fellow beekeepers.

Although not required, it is recommended that attendees come prepared with bee protection of some sort to wear during the live hive demonstrations (hood, jacket with hood, full bee suit, gloves).

For complete schedule and lunch reservations, see p 4.

Photo by Dean Gerber.

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President's Minute

Well, that hive that I mentioned last month is done for.

To recap: I had seen a queen but she looked too small and when I tried to mark her, she flew off. My feeling is the original queen (who was quite old) did not make it in late fall and the hive made a new queen but there were no drones for her to get mated. Just getting into the supers, I could hear agitated bees characteristic of hive without a queen. I will take my minimal winter losses and just combine these bees with other colonies. I had a lucky winter.



At the time of this writing I did see some drone comb. Hopefully if the weather gets warmer I will try again at queen rearing.

Field Day is next up and it is shaping up to be a great one. The agenda is included in this newsletter. There is no "fee" or tuition for field day for either members or guests. Money is being collected for lunch, so if you have not gotten money to Dean, pack your own lunch.

Field Day is one of the great things that the club does for the members. If you are a new beekeeper, this is the time to watch experienced beekeepers go through a hive. This is where you can get an answer to "What is that?" Little tips and tricks really help to get through a hive efficiently. I hope that the weather is better than what we had for our Trunk Sale.

The Trunk Sale went very smoothly except of course for the rain. Many members expressed an interest in doing this again. We will try to do another trunk sale for our June meeting. Please bring items to sell one hour prior to the meeting. Please do not bring equipment into the building. Do not bring items to sell to field day. Thanks for your help in this.

The weather is getting better and I cannot wait for the flowers to bloom. Look forward to seeing everyone at Field Day. 🌸

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April Meeting Minutes

President Chris LaSalle opened the meeting with prayer and the pledge to the flag.

Old business: The trunk sale was still held in spite of the rain. There will be no meeting in May. Field Day is scheduled for May 18, 2019. Anyone wanting to be on the swarm list should contact Rick Stevens.

New business: If you borrow from the club's library please return the borrowed items so others can use them. John Minerd received an engraved bee hive tool for his many years servicing as editor of the newsletter. Some bee packages are still available Chet Gilbert he is selling the packages for \$125.00.

Dean Gerber gave the treasury report. No reservations are required for the field day activities, if you do plan on eating the lunch being provided reservations will need to be made and paid for. Reservations are \$7.00 and due by field day morning.

Dean welcomed all new club members and informed them that they should have received a name badge. Dean asked that 1 or 2 individuals volunteer to help him at his table before meetings with selling items, taking dues, and when needed reservations. If members' dues are not paid by May 1, 2019 your name will be dropped from the newsletter.

Field Day will be hosted by James Wheeler at Buskirk Engineering & Wheeler's Bees, 7224 East, 900 North, Ossian, Indiana from 8:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Donuts and beverages will be available in the morning before field day begins. Several learning activities are planned and will be presented by Duane, Tony, Dean, and state inspector Kathleen Prough. Kathleen also will be the guest speaker presenting Bee Friendly Plants. For the first time we will be having a hive smoker contest. Be sure to bring your bee protection equipment (bee suit) and your smoker. Volunteers are needed to help with setup, parking and tear down. (See details on page 4).



Rick Meyer presented on "Bees and Fruit Trees"

Our guest speaker, Rick Myer was introduced by Chris LaSalle. Mr. Myer gave a presentation on controlling fruit tree pest from a grower's point of view, touching on the subjects of drift, pesticide residue, contaminated water, and how to protect and reduce risk of pesticide exposure to honey bees.

Q&A

Will mosquito spray kill bees? Yes

How good is it to give honey to a package? Honey is good to give to package, pollen not so good.

Is there a need to rotate the supers? Rotating the supers has the potential to break up the brood causing undue stress on the larva. Rotating out old frames is good.

What damages a small hive beetle? If the Varroa mites are under control the bees can control the small hive beetle. A hive tool will kill the beetle. 🌟

NEIBA Annual Field Day Event

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Lunch will be served and is the only thing that there is a charge for. It is a very hearty catered lunch through Terry Clancy of the Classic Cafe, which is only \$7.00 per person and is subsidized by the NEIBA club dues. Lunch reservations must be made through Dean Gerber by May 14. For anyone not interested in purchasing a catered lunch ticket, they are most welcome to bring their own sack lunch.

This year we will be having our first Hive Smoker Contest right after lunch with a \$30 gift card to Wheeler's Bee Store for the winner of the contest. Anyone interested in entering the contest simply needs to bring their own smoker, smoker fuel, and lighter.

The Field Day should be finished up by around 4:00 pm and, as always, volunteers interested in helping with tearing down and loading up tables and chairs at the end of the day would be greatly appreciated. 🌟

Family Field Day Program

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2019

HOSTED BY WHEELER'S BEES AT BUSKIRK ENGINEERING
7224 EAST, 900 NORTH, OSSIAN, INDIANA

The beekeeping supply store will be OPEN throughout Field Day for your convenience!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

8:45 am – 9:10 am	Meet & Greet! <i>FREE Coffee and Donuts from New Haven Bakery!</i>
9:10 am – 9:15 am	Please Find Your Seat and Settle In
9:15 am – 10:15 am	Bee Friendly Plants <i>Presentation By Kathleen Prough, Guest Speaker</i>
10:30 am – 11:30 am	Bee Package Installs/Swarm Prevention/Swarm Collection Techniques
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Lunch <i>Catered By Terry Clancy/Classic Café (Tickets are \$7 per person)</i>
12:30 pm – 12:45 pm	Hive Smoker Contest <i>begins!</i>
12:45 pm – 1:45 pm	What to Look For In Your Hives <i>Demos (3) by Duane, Tony & Dean G.</i>
12:45 pm – 1:45 pm	Queen Grafting <i>Demonstration By James Wheeler (inside)</i>
1:45 pm – 2:15 pm	Hive Mite Inspections – OR – Hive Splits <i>By Duane & Tony Rekeweg</i>
2:15 pm – 2:45 pm	Hive Mite Inspections – OR – Hive Splits <i>By Duane & Tony Rekeweg</i>
2:45 pm – 3:30 pm	Varroa Mite Treatments <i>Demos By Duane & Tony, & Kathleen Prough</i>
3:30 pm - 4:00 pm	“Hands On” Member’s Hives Q & A <i>By Duane & Tony Rekeweg</i>

*** Volunteers Needed ***

On Friday, May 17, 4 – 7 p.m. to Help Setting Up For The Field Day Event

On Saturday, May 18, Arrive By 8:30 a.m. To Help with Parking.

ALSO On Saturday, May 18 at 4 p.m. for Tear-Down, Clean-Up, and Loading Tables & Chairs.

Thank You For Making This Year’s Field Day A Tremendous Success!



Luncheon Reservation Form: 2019 Family Field Day

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HONEY LEMONADE AND ICE TEA

ASSORTED COOKIES

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Welcome Our New Members!

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Tom Blesch, Angola

Athena Metzger, Churubusco

Todd Everetts, Auburn

Lori Robinson, Ft. Wayne

Jay Fansler, Angola

David VanSickle, Spencerville

Invite a New Beekeeper to join NEIBA. Share this newsletter and membership form with a friend, and invite them to our next meeting! ✨



Membership Form: Northeast Indiana Beekeeper's Association

If you are renewing your membership and your information has not changed, just fill in your name..

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Upcoming Events

All meetings will be held at Classic Café

Thursday, June 20 - 7 p.m.

How to Control Mites, Becky Masterson,
University of Minnesota
Trunk Sale in parking lot at 6 p.m.

Thursday, September 19 - 7 p.m.

Panel Night - Question and Answer Session

Thursday, October 17 - 7 p.m.

Topic TBD, Dave Shenefield,
Largest Indiana Beekeeper

Thursday, November 21 - 6:30 p.m.

Harvest Banquet with guest speaker
Kim Flottum, editor of *Bee Culture*.
Reservations required.

*Anyone that wants to bring a sweet treat to one of the meetings is more than welcome!
In April, Heidi Downey brought a tray of five dozen cookies and they disappeared in minutes.
Your treat doesn't have to be something made with honey, of course, but that's always fun.
If you plan to bring a treat, please coordinate with Heidi by calling 260-438-2510.*