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Spring
2018

Friday, March 9, 18

7:45-8:30	Registration & Silent Auction set up (please see note about not bringing items)
8:30-8:45	Call to order by President Jim Kellie
8:45-9:45	Good News about Bees , positive spin on the nasties of beekeeping mites/pesticides/honey/forage & people. Dr. Dewey Caron
9:45-10:45	The Times They are a Changin' Bees are continually being forced to evolve due to environmental changes and introduced parasites. In turn, beekeeping, and the business of beekeeping must also evolve. An overview that puts the recent evolution of beekeeping and agriculture into perspective--how parasites, climate change, changing agricultural practices, beekeeping practices, world trade, pesticides, and GMO's fit into the picture of today's state of the honey bee. Randy Oliver
10:45-11:00	BREAK - visit vendors, coffee & tea
11:00-12:00	Putting in a Certified Kitchen
12:00-1:00	LUNCH - ON YOUR OWN
1:00-2:00	Apitherapy -Candy Rogers-Tentative
2:00-3:00	Managing Colonies for Spring BuildUp and Swarm Prevention Management suggestions based upon an understanding of bee biology & swarm behavior. Randy Oliver
3:00-3:30	Break & end of silent auction at 3:30
3:30-4:30	Anticipatory Beekeeping Successful beekeepers seek to stay ahead of their bees, anticipating what will occur based on what a colony inspection reveals or the season dictates. If we only react we will be constantly trying to catch up. How can we best anticipate mite population levels, queen events, worker population fluctuations and which of several management options best serves to allow us to be ahead of, rather than merely reacting to, what the bees are doing? Anticipate, not merely react. is easy to say but difficult to accomplish. Dr. Dewey Caron
4:30-4:45	Get a cherry honey snack (see contest)
4:45	Area Groups Meet
6:00	Dinner-catered by Knackies BBQ and Catering -Program Beekeeping in the California Foothills A pictorial presentation of our season of beekeeping in the California foothills—wintering, building for almond pollination, splitting and nuc sales, building for honey, late summer and fall management. Randy Oliver

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Saturday, March 10, 18

- 8:00-8:30 Registration, Silent Auction Set up, Visit Vendors
- 8:30-9:30 **Adapting to Varroa & Extended Release Oxalic Acid Update-** A group of us are collaborating with USDA-ARS to collect data in support for EPA to approve this application method, which is showing great promise (and may be a game changer in varroa management). This presentation will be about our progress to date.
Randy Oliver
- 9:30-10:30 **Bee MD**, diagnosing and treating bee maladies using decision "tree" approach
Where is problem Internal hive/External hive/adult bees/brood - arriving at a diagnosis of what problem is and solution - Pollinator Protection will have available on website **Dr. Dewey Caron**
- 10:30-10:50 BREAK - visit vendors, coffee & tea
- 10:50-11:05 Grant Group presentation
- 11:05-12:05 Chad Gilliland --Topic to be announced
- 12:05-1:05 LUNCH - ON YOUR OWN
- 1:05-1:35 Beekeeping by the Numbers - Dr. Dewey Caron presents
- 1:35-2:35 A To be announced-2 things will be going on-1 will be the Kansas Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Certification - something else will also be going on but that is to be determined!
- 1:35-2:35 B To be announced-2 things will be going on-1 will be the Kansas Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Certification - something else will also be going on but that is to be determined!
- 2:35-2:50 Break & end of Silent Auction
- 2:50-3:50 **Small Scale Queen Rearing** Every beekeeper should experience the joy of rearing daughters from their best queens! In this presentation I show step-by-step queen rearing techniques for the hobbyist through small commercial beekeeper. Tips from several decades of experience-**Randy Oliver**
- 3:50-4:30 **Business Meeting**

**outline and schedule subject to change

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Cedars Conference Center 1021 Cedars Drive McPherson KS

KeyNote Speakers

Our guest speakers will be **Dr. Dewey Caron** and honey bee scientist **Randy Oliver**.

Keynote Speaker #1

Our guest speakers will be Dr. Dewey Caron and Randy Oliver. **Dewey M. Caron** is a graduate of Cornell University and Emeritus Professor from the University of Delaware. He has received numerous awards and forms of recognition for his teaching and extension work during his career. He has written many books and is one of our favorite guest. Some of his books are **Honey Bee Biology and Beekeeping, Observation Hives-How to set up, maintain and open a window to the world of Honey Bees, Beekeeping Basics and Africanized Honey Bees in the Americas.**

Keynote Speaker #2

Randy Oliver owns and operates a small commercial beekeeping enterprise in the foothills of Grass Valley in Northern California. He and his two sons manage about 1000 colonies for migratory pollination, and produce queens, nucs, and honey. He has over 40 years of practical beekeeping experience, plus holds B.S. and M.S. degrees in Biological Sciences. Randy researches, analyzes, and digests beekeeping information from all over the world in order to not only broaden his own depth of understanding and knowledge, but to develop practical solutions to many of today's beekeeping problems, which he then shares with other beekeepers through his various articles in bee magazines, his speaking engagements worldwide, and on his website: www.ScientificBeekeeping.com

Cooking Contest

Cooking contest- Anything Cherries-The predominant sweetener should be honey-please bring printed recipes without your name on them. **Marietta Graham will coordinate.** Foods will be tasted on Friday and prizes will be awarded. Participants may bring sauces for ice cream for Friday night dessert too (but this is not part of a contest).

Silent Auction

Silent Auction-please do not bring items for the silent auction-we have had a very generous donation from the Brown Family of Donna's honey pots and gift items-7 boxes! So please save your items until the next meeting. Donna had some beautiful items and it will be a great auction with money going to our grant program. **Becky Tipton Coordinates**

Dinner & Program

Dinner on Friday will be catered by Knackies BBQ and will be a BBQ Buffet. The Program will be **Beekeeping in the California foothills -Randy Oliver** presents A pictorial presentation of our season of beekeeping in the California foothills-wintering, building for almond pollination, splitting and nuc sales, building for honey, late summer and fall management