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Douglas County Fairgrounds Bldg 21N
2110 Harper St, Lawrence KS

Directions: The address is 2110 Harper St. It is easily accessible from 23rd Street, turn north on Harper Street and it is just a few blocks. We are in Building 21 North which will be on your left after you turn into the fairgrounds.

Main Program: Robert Burns will present on a very important topic that is critical to colony health and long-term success.

Varroa Mites: How they affect bee colonies, and the different forms of cultural control measures and treatment methods.

This is a can't miss meeting that covers a critical topic in beekeeping.

Have you registered for Fun Day?

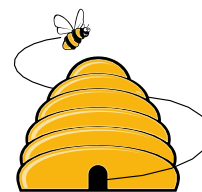
NEKBA's Fun Day, on Saturday, June 1, is a great opportunity for you to hear guest speakers that are some of the best-known beekeepers, biologists, researchers, and educators in the country. This all-day event will be held at the Douglas County Fairgrounds and is for beekeepers of all skill levels and ages. There will be presentations, hands on learning opportunities, demonstrations, and a swarm demonstration. New to the event is a BBQ dinner with our guest speakers at the close of Funday. We will have more information about the additional charge for the BBQ dinner as plans are finalized. To register, look for the form in this newsletter or go online to www.nekba.org. There is a discount for registering prior to May 22. Hope to see you there!

BBQ Dinner

We are adding a BBQ dinner to the Fun Day events. The BBQ will be at the close of the day, June 1, 2019, at approximately 6:00 p.m. It will be a final opportunity to meet and ask questions of our guest speakers or to connect with fellow NEKBA members. Imagine getting the opportunity to ask Randy Oliver about the almond crop pollination or oxalic acid treatments! The cost is \$20 per person, to be paid in advance. Look for the form on our web page or in this newsletter. The meal will be catered and served by *Off the Hook BBQ*. The menu will be pulled pork, brisket, ribs, cheesy corn, baked beans, buns, iced tea and water. Sounds delicious!

Beelines

By President Steve Messbarger



It seems spring is one of the busiest times for beekeepers. Making splits, evaluating your colonies; do they need food, are they making swarm cells? All too often, I hear my bees are drawing out queen cells. So, I tore all of them out, which is not the thing to do. Your bees start at the end of winter, to build up population to swarm on the first strong nectar flow. In the spring, we talk about splitting your colony, maybe adding a box to help crowding, adding supers on early. Anyway, once they decide to swarm, you probably will never stop them from swarming. We always tell everyone to have spare equipment on hand for this reason. Make splits with the frames that have queen cells on them and expand your apiary, Or, you can check

every day and then catch your own swarm. One thing about a swarm is, they will outperform, building a colony, drawing comb, and storing pollen and honey. If you ever get a chance to collect a swarm, I encourage you to do so. They're awesome. From what I've seen, swarm season has been a little slow. I'm guessing it's due to the rainy weather. I just picked up two swarms recently out of the same bush, one may have an unmated queen but I haven't been able to check it out due to this rainy weather. I guess spring can be a very trying time for us beekeepers, but it's all part of the game.

We have been wrapping up details for Fun Day. Thanks to Jo Patrick and the Fun Day committee, it's going to be a great success. We have hats for sale with the NEKBA logo on them. Don't forget to order a tee shirt - they look great with our logo and our bee frame picture on the back. You don't want to miss this Fun Day because it's loaded with tons of information. I'm excited for June 1st, even with all the work it takes to put on. Oh, by the way, you might want to relax afterwards and have some BBQ with us and our speakers, so sign up for dinner as well!

Can't wait till this rain stops and maybe I can get into some of my bee yards without wading into two feet of mud, and in my back yard as well.

I hope everyone is dealing with the rain and haven't had any major problems just trying to stay dry. Can't wait to see everyone at the next meeting! Hope to see you there. Remember, if you get a chance, come early and talk bees with us. We get there at 5:30, so come by.

As always, Bees first,
Steve Messbarger

PS. I have some extra complete honey supers, painted with frames and foundation \$42.00 contact me 913-226-2849



Tips for May:

- When supering your hives add more than one super at a time if you have drawn comb. If you have new foundation add only one super at a time and start with 10 frames. Put your second super

on after the first one is almost filled.

- Use queen excluders to prevent brood in your honey supers and as a deterrent to and wax moths
- Double check medication dates—safety matters. Don't misuse any chemicals in the hive. Follow all time guidelines. Absolutely never medicate hives with supers on. It is illegal.
- Keep the grass mowed in front of your hives –it makes it easier for the bees to land. Old carpet scraps, roof shingles or weed barriers can be used to keep grass under control.
- Keep supers on until the honey is capped, unripe honey will ferment.
- Do not feed sugar syrup during a honey flow the bees will store the syrup in your supers rather than your honey.
- Don't get excited on hot humid days if the bees are hanging outside the hive. They are trying to relieve the congestion in the hive to cool it off inside. Earlier in the year this is an indication of swarming but his time of year it is natural, so don't worry.
- Keep up with your record-keeping so next year you'll know which hives produced the best for you.
- Send in your Fun Day Registration or go online to nekba.org to register and pay online.

2019 Meeting Dates: (Starting Time is 7pm at Douglas County Fairgrounds unless stated otherwise.)

- Monday, April 15th
- Monday, May 20th
- Saturday, June 1st – **Fun Day**
- Monday, June 17th
- Monday, July 15th
- Monday, August 19th
- Monday, September 16th
- Monday, October 21st
- Monday, November 18th
- Monday, December 16th

Ticks, Mammalian, Alpha- gal allergy

I'd like to tell about something that happened to our grandson this past year that has changed quite a few things in his and our life style since this happened. Our 14-year-old Eagle Scout grandson has spent many nights camping over the past few years. He has had many camp outs at Kansas and

Missouri state parks, Bartle (Osceola, Mo.), Wisconsin, Colorado, West Virginia and many other campgrounds.

In June 2018 while working on a service work day he developed hives a few hours after lunch. No one thought anything about it since he was clearing brush with many other people. He was given a Benadryl, and continued on.

In August 2018, my daughter and my grandson went to Indianapolis and went to a restaurant to eat an early dinner around 4:00pm. They both ordered a hamburger, fries and soda. After they finished eating, they started walking back to the hotel. My grandson was complaining about a bad stomachache but my daughter who ate the exact same thing, initially brushed it off assuming he ate too fast since they rarely eat hamburgers and fries. Around 5:00 pm, his stomach ache continues and now he is complaining that he's hot. My daughter tells him to lower the temperature in the hotel room and to take a nap because they have an early morning and long day ahead of them. 5:30 he says he's itchy and my daughter suggests he takes a cool shower thinking that perhaps the hotel soap or sheets are making him itch. At 5:45 he jumps out of the shower telling his mom that his lips are tingly and shows his mom hives that are covering his arms, torso, legs, neck (roughly 75% of his body). His face is swollen and they immediately recognize the signs of anaphylactic shock. Immediately they GPS an Urgent Care Facility and are there within 10 minutes. Since he has never had anaphylaxis before or any allergies for that matter, the doctor administers IV steroids and hooks him to an EKG machine and oxygen monitor. His hives are spreading, his stomachache is getting worse, his lips still tingling and now his chest is starting to get "tight" although he is not having difficulty breathing. Five to 10 minutes later, the doctor administers the 1st epi pen. Shortly after the shot, the chest tightness disappears, hives stop spreading and are slowly retreating. They return to KC but he has so much medication in his system it would take about a month to get him in for testing. September 30, 2018 he was staying overnight and around 8:00pm we all ate a steak, baked potato and vegetables. He woke us up at 11:00 and said he had a rash and had called his mother to come pick him up. They rushed straight to Children's Mercy and was released around 7:00 the next

morning after another epi pen.

Another month goes by before he could be tested. We all started to speculate that it had to be meat. He was finally able to be tested and it was determined he had been bitten by a tick that causes Mammalian or alpha gal which means you are allergic to any mammal meat. He can eat poultry or fish but no more steak or hamburgers or any other mammal meat. He had been bitten a lot of times while at Bartle around Osceola, Mo. and said he had a slight fever so figured that was where it was contracted.

While at the Kansas Honey Producers Association meeting this spring, we overheard a gentleman talking about this and he said he could not even eat any dairy products due to the protein in them. This seems to be something that is not heard of much or not really diagnosed and there was an article in ABJ that even possibly chiggers may pass this on. All of us that keep bees contend with ticks and have heard of Lyme disease and a few other tick spread diseases and now another that is not as well-known but does exist. Bottom line is to use whatever means you can to protect yourself from these pests that attach to humans and mammals. One suggestion is **permethrin**. It is an insecticide, will actually kill **ticks**, and not just keep them away. It's different from DEET in that you put it on your clothes rather than spraying it on your skin. Be safe and protect yourself.

Have a Fantastic Day - Andy Nowachek

Pre-order Beekeeping Supplies for Fun Day Pickup

If you dread paying shipping costs for your beekeeping supplies, several vendors at Fun Day are taking pre-orders. They will deliver your order, at no charge, to Fun Day. This is a wonderful offer! The postage saved could pay for your registration to Fun Day! The vendors making this offer are Mann Lake, Dadant, and Golden Prairie Honey. To order from Mann Lake, www.mannlakeltd, call (800) 880-7694 to order. Use the code NEKFD19. If you have any questions, ask for Drew Anderson. To order from Dadant, www.dadant.com, call toll free (877) 732-3268. Be sure to tell them at Dadant you will pick up at NEKBA's Fun Day. Call (785) 370-3642 to place a pre-order with Golden Prairie Honey. www.goldenprairiehoney.com. Call early before their trucks and trailers fill up!

Military Veteran Scholarship

Last year NEKBA started our Apprenticeship program for Military Veterans by giving them something back for their service and I can truly say it has been a privilege to be part of this program. On April 10th I had the honor of being part of John Overend and Justin Ellers program given to the Rod and Gun Club at Fort Leavenworth. Besides being asked to introduce both of these gentlemen prior their talk, Justin and I were given an outstanding tour of Fort Leavenworth by John who had been stationed there for a couple years. (If you're a history buff I would highly recommend spending a day visiting the base.) This program was designed that our current veterans pass on their Beekeeping skills to other Veterans who may benefit from working with bees or working with their hands building equipment as a type of therapy or working with another Veteran who needs help. John had contacted the American Legion and was given a contact at the Fort Leavenworth Rod and Gun Club on the post. Besides given a tour of the base by John, these two men did a spectacular job representing our club and the Veterans apprenticeship program. This was going to be around a 20 to 30-minute talk and went closer to an hour. There were around 100 present at this meeting and both John and Justin answered questions that amazed me with their knowledge of only keeping bees for a year. I have to admit their mentors must have worked with them quite well to have them give such a presentation. These two men are a great example of the ambassadors we need in this club to promote our Military/Veterans Apprenticeship Program and there is another program to talk at another American Legion in June. If you get a chance say Hi to John and Justin and our 2019 Apprentice Aaron Locke, Great guys. Thanks to ALL the club members who made this program happen. Their talk was recorded completely and is on Facebook. Here is the link I was given.

<https://www.facebook.com/FLVNRodandGun/videos/473548233389488/?sfnsn=mo>

Thanks to All and Have a Fantastic Day,

Andy Nowachek

NEKBA Fun Day is June 1st!

What's more fun than hundreds of people all talking about honey bees? Almost nothing! Come join us for the annual NEKBA Fun Day, June 1st and talk to your heart's content about our favorite insect. There will be activities for every level of beekeeping.

NEKBA is a nonprofit organization (we all do this because we love the bees). We could use a little extra help making the Fun Day run smoothly. We need volunteers for nearly everything you can think of; no special skills are necessary. But, if you have skills, let me know and I'll try to put them to good use! We need parking directors, time keepers, computer/electronic helpers, drink mixers (family friendly), registration greeters, room monitors, lunch servers, ice cream servers, and trash haulers. At the end of the day, we need a lot of hands to help return the fairgrounds to its original organization—chairs, tables, trash, and kitchen.

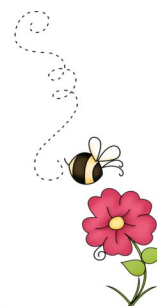
Don't think you can help out Saturday? Come on over Friday night between 7-8PM and help us set up the event. We have 7 rooms to get ready and many hands make light work!

I have a SPECIAL REQUEST—we need 3-4 computers to use during Fun Day. Many speakers use PowerPoint presentations and we need some extra computers to meet their needs. We will treat them with great care and appreciate the sharing.

To volunteer, send your name and cell phone number to Becky @ bstbees@embarqmail.com. If you want a specific job, just mention it in the message. You can also sign up at Monday's meeting. This year's Fun Day has a power-packed program aimed at keeping our bees healthy. You don't want to miss it!

HONEY PLANTS

By: Cheryl Burkhead



So much to do this time of year and I need to stop and enjoy the flowers. The wonderful fragrance of lilacs and their beautiful shades of purple at one of my apiaries reminded me of this. Although they may not be considered much of a pollinator-friendly plant, they sure do wonders for the beekeeper! My gardening seems to be

delayed until mid-May after most of the spring bee work is done. I'm sure you have been busy making splits (one of my favorite activities), grafting larva to make new queens (my most favorite activity), doing swarm prevention, and finally adding honey supers. It's a wonderful time of year; full of hope and anticipation.

I'm thankful for the moisture but fear prolonged wet weather. I hope the bees aren't cooped up for long as I dream of them making swarm cells in my sleep. I methodically check the hives in my free time and anxiously await my first nectar flow which will be Black Locust. I'm hopeful for another great year; but many times, in early spring, the cold and wet weather can wash out much of the nectar, damage the blossoms, or prevent the bees from flying. The locusts are just now leafing out and the supers are on and ready!

The bees near Lawrence are already filling their supers with nectar. They have a great assortment of forage around Clinton State Park and they've obviously found something to their liking. Locating

colonies where they have a vast array of nectar and pollen sources will result in healthier bees. They've been visiting Dandelion, Phlox, Mock Orange, Weeping Cherry, Dogwood, Redbuds, Crabapples and Bugleweed to name a few. Soon we will be seeing some Black Locust, Blackberries, Salvia, and Catmint. The rains and cooler temperatures will help prolong the dandelions. As of May 15, White Dutch Clover and Yellow Sweet Clover have been spotted blooming in Kansas City and Topeka. The committee has been working very hard to bring you another great Fun Day on June 1. It's a beekeeping festival of learning, fellowship, and fun! Coinciding with our Fun Day event, the Douglas County Master Gardeners will be holding their annual native plant sale in the building to the west of Building 21. We will have their plant list available. Take a few minutes in between our sessions to see what they have to offer to add to your own landscapes. Natives are a great addition to any landscape and are typically more drought-tolerant and remember to always plant in groups!

PLANT SALES

- Saturday, May 18, 9-1, **Grassland Heritage Foundation Native Plant Sale**, Trinity Episcopal Church, 1011 Vermont St., Lawrence, KS. www.grasslandheritage.org
- Saturday, May 18, 9:30-2:30, **Missouri Prairie Foundation Native Plant Sale**, Anita B Gorman Discovery Center, 4750 Troost Ave., Kansas City, MO. www.moprairie.org

NORTHEASTERN KS BEEKEEPERS' ASSOC. 2019 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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PHONE _____ Email address _____

I would like to receive the newsletter, *The Buzzer*, by email Yes _____ No _____

Membership Northeastern KS Beekeepers per year (July.-Dec. \$7.50) \$15.00 _____

Additional family members wanting voting rights \$1.00 per person \$1.00 _____

Additional Family member's names _____

(Youth Membership (18 years of age or under) \$7.50 _____

Membership for Kansas Honey Producers Association \$15.00 _____

American Bee Journal 1 year \$24.00 _____

Bee Culture Magazine 1 year \$25.00 _____

Scholarship Donation _____

Total _____

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Northeastern Kansas Beekeepers Association Fun Day

An educational experience for all skill levels of beekeeping

Saturday, June 1st, 2019

Douglas County Fairgrounds, 2110 Harper St., Lawrence, KS

Registration: 7:30-8:30 –Program: 8:30-5:00

Fee includes Lunch, Beverages, Snacks & Homemade Honey Ice Cream and a Full Day of Fun! Bring your hat and veil or bee suit -we'll have workshops at bee hives! Cost: \$55.00 per person for those Pre-registered, \$65 after May 22 and at the door. Children age 5 and under free, ages 6-18 \$7.50 for those preregistered. \$15 at the door. Pre-Register by May 22nd to be in a drawing to get your registration refunded. There will be an evening BBQ dinner for \$20. Deadline to sign up for the dinner is May 25. To register online go to www.NEKBA.org. Contact Jo Patrick at (913) 645-8947 or brian-patrick@sbcglobal.net for more information.

SPEAKERS:

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 1000-1500 colonies for migratory pollination, queen production, nuc production, and honey. He has been keeping honey bees since 1966. Randy researches, analyzes, and digests beekeeping information from all over the world in an attempt 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.

Dr. Katie Lee received her PhD. from the University of Minnesota. Katie's dissertation focused on improving the health and survivorship of commercial honey bee colonies. Most recently she conducted research with Marla Spivak at the University of Minnesota Bee Lab. She also worked on A Practical Standardized Sampling Plan for Varroa destructor on Apis mellifera.

Dr. Judy Wu-Smart is the Extension and Research Entomologist at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Department of Entomology. The UNI, Bee Lab pursues research questions and extension programs focused on stressors impacting pollinator health in both managed and wild bee communities. We certainly appreciate Dr. Wu-Smart presentations at past Fundays, and we are most fortunate that she has accepted our invitation to share with us again.

Dr. Matthew Smart, a published author, did graduate research at the University of Minnesota, Department of Entomology. He is currently a research assistant professor at University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Department of Entomology.

Dr. Marion Ellis, professor emeritus of entomology and researcher from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, will be a featured speaker. Dr. Ellis has spoken at our Fun Day events on several occasions.

Dr. Chip Taylor, professor emeritus University of Kansas, founder and director of Monarch Watch. Dr. Taylor will be conducting our annual swarm demonstration. It's always interesting to hear his antidotes about honey bee research.

Northeastern Kansas Beekeepers' Funday Registration Form

2019 Beekeeping Fun Day, Saturday June 1st, 2019

Need More Info? Please contact Jo Patrick at (913) 645-8947 or brian-patrick@sbcglobal.net

You can register and pay online at WWW.NEKBA.ORG. Your contact information will be provided to the club through PayPal—please list all participants in the PayPal notes section

Name _____

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City, State, Zip+4 _____

Phone # _____

Email address _____

_____ I am a member of the Northeast KS Beekeepers ___ I am **not** a member of the Northeast KS Beekeepers

I would like to be a member--Club Membership ½ year \$7.50 (membership not required) _____

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Registration for Funday:

Adults \$55 per person (\$65.00 if paid after May 22nd) _____

Registration includes admission to the Funday, Morning snack of Wheatfield's breads, honey butter and a selection of creamed honey, lunch, drinks and homemade honey ice cream. There will be an alternative meal available at lunch for vegetarians. How many? _____

Youth (6-18) \$7.50 (\$15.00 if paid after May 22nd) **Youth 5 and under free** _____

Catered BBQ dinner following Funday (Deadline to reserve May 25) \$20.00 per person _____

Unisex Funday T shirt with new club logo (Deadline to order is May 17)\$20 each _____

Please state size(s) and quantity _____

Youth Scholarship and Military/Veterans Apprenticeship Program Donation _____

Total \$ _____

Please make your check out to "Northeast KS Beekeepers or NEKBA" or register and pay online at

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Mail to: Robert Burns, 7601 W 54th Terr., Shawnee Mission KS 66202 913-481-3504

Email: rburnshoney@gmail.com

Names of those attending so name tags can be made:

We appreciate early pre-registrations so much that at the end of the Funday we will hold a drawing of all preregistered people and one person gets his registration fee back! (Apologies but **No Receipts will be sent**)

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Have a Master Beekeeper come help you at your bee hive. I have an EAS and a Mid-West Master Beekeeper certificate. Evaluating your hives after winter, installing package bees, requeening, making splits, or a one on one lesson at your bee hive are just some of the things we can do. After each visit I will leave you with a written evaluation sheet from each hive we go through. Call or text Kristi Sanderson at 913-768-4961 or email sandersonk09@gmail.com for pricing and appointment times.

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Meeting

Monday, May 20th, 2019

The Northeastern Kansas Beekeepers' Association

Membership is open to anyone who is interested in bees or bee culture. Dues are \$15.00 per calendar year (December 31-December 31) for the first in the family joining. Those joining in July or later in the year may pay \$7.50 for ½ year. Additional members of that family wanting voting privileges shall be assessed dues at \$1.00 per year. Youth memberships (18 years of age and younger) are \$7.50 per year. New memberships and renewals should be submitted to the treasurer.

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The library of the association is free to all members. Books may be checked out at the meetings and kept for a period of 30 days. The bee publications, *The American Bee Journal* and *Bee Culture* can be subscribed for through the treasurer.

The Association meets each month on the third Monday at 7:00 p.m. except during the month of January. A beekeeping class is held in March. This is a nonprofit organization; elected officers serve without pay. Everyone is invited to attend the meeting. Check *The Buzzer* or our website at NEKBA.ORG each month for the actual date, time and location. If the weather is bad call an officer or check the www.NEKBA.org website to find out if the meeting will be held.

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