

Exploring the wonderful world of beekeeping together

The Bee Buzzer

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Monday, April 15th (7 p.m.)

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: Swarm Management and Splits: Understanding the Instincts of Bees

Noah Summers is a member of the Missouri State Beekeepers Association and the Northland Beekeepers Club.

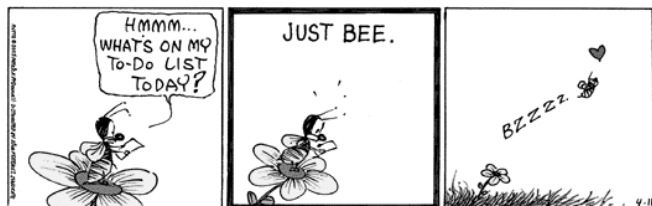
In addition to beekeeping he is also a woodworker specializing in a large variety of beekeeping woodenware.

If you are a new beekeeper getting your first bees this spring, this is your chance to start educating yourself on what will be happening inside your hive(s) come next spring. If you are coming out of your first over-wintering experience with bees this will be your crash course in understanding spring bee management.

In addition to understanding spring colony management we will be demonstrating methods of splitting hives for both swarm control and colony growth.

WHO WANTS FREE BEES?

We will also cover swarm trapping & catching methods, placement, equipment. There will be lots of show & tell and hands on demonstrations.



Have you registered for Funday?

NEKBA's Funday, 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!

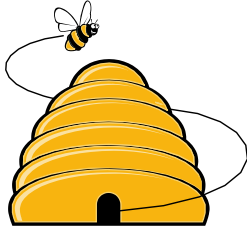


2019 Meeting Dates: (Starting Time is 7pm at Douglas County Fairgrounds unless stated otherwise.)

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

Beelines

By President Steve Messbarger



I thought the weather was going to level off to a nice warm spring. And now they're starting to talk about more cold fronts and possible snow, so much for a normal spring.

From Facebook, it sounds like everyone is getting their inspections done between the bad weather days. Remember to check your hive's honey stores to make sure they will have enough to get them to the major nectar flow.

We had a great time at our beginner's beekeeping class. We had to make a difficult decision to cancel the first week due to bad weather. Becky did a great job changing up the presentations to make it all work. I would like to thank Becky and the BBC committee for an outstanding job, and making it a successful event. Also we want to thank all our volunteers, and everyone who attended the class. Without all of you, it wouldn't be a success.

There's a lot of excitement and enthusiasm and we love that, nothing better than excited new beekeepers. With that said, I would like to caution all new beekeepers on what is about to happen. We will see on Facebook and get other questions such as (I did this and is this ok ?). Don't feel bad we've all been there. Usually if you're asking that question more times than not, it's not the right thing to do. So what I'm getting at when starting out, try to ask the question, before, you make the move. Asking questions to more experienced beekeepers can save you a lot of time and money especially when buying equipment, and what might fit your particular needs. There is lots of good help on our Facebook page to answer all your questions.

Next on our program, the first of June will be our Funday event. I know you won't want to miss this full day of information and fun. There will be lots of hands-on-things to participate in, so bring your veils and suits. Don't forget to sign up for our BBQ dinner afterwards, lots of good fellowship, and a chance to talk to some of our guest speakers. Can't

wait for this event! It's going to be well worth your time.

Hope to see you all at the next meeting, AS always bees first.

Steve Messbarger



Editor's Zone

I hope everyone is enjoying the spring flowers as I know our bees sure are. I have been busy getting ready for the upcoming season. I have fed my bees and added a little pollen sub prior to and up to the maple bloom. This seems to sure help them out with this their dwindling pantries. Getting equipment ready is at the top of my list. This seems like a short coming every year. I am always looking for an extra super or brood box to add to a hive. I have also added some queens to my wish list so I can make some first splits of the season. With henbit, deadnettle, many different trees, and last but not least dandelions on the horizon they will sure be ready. I love this time of the year as it seems like a whirlwind with all the different things going on. Many of the bee sellers are getting their package bees in around mid April and with it Queens!

Splitting your bees can be fun and rewarding. Plus small colonies are an enjoyment in my bee yard. You get to see every stage of their growth and it goes quick. Many of my splits start in 5 frame equipment and move to 10 frame. This sure doesn't take long, so enjoy it while it lasts. If you have small children that are interested in bees it's a great place for them to get in and learn about bees.

Another area that I plan on working on this year is raising some queens for a bit of expansion. I have done this in the past and from year one to year three I went from two beehives to eight. Learning how to raise your own queens helps you be a bit self reliant. I say this because queen breeders really have more colonies to choose from to get the best genetics and let's not forget hybrid vigor.

Cheers,
Matt

Military Veteran Scholarship

I want to express again my gratitude to the NEKBA for this opportunity. Andy Nowachek and all the others who thought about giving back to Veterans and giving them a program like this deserve great credit and have my thanks. I am so appreciative of guidance and training that I got from Cecil Sweeney and Joli Winer. Those two were the secret to any success I have had and I know that the mentorship portion of this program is by far the most valuable piece.

When we began last spring and I was fumbling around the hive watching Cecil work I had no clue what was going on. My family and I diligently applied ourselves to this beekeeping thing and slowly started getting the hang of getting into the hive by ourselves. Andy approached me in August and said that we should gather at my place and He and Al Abts would come over with John Overend(Veteran Scholarship) all of us would do a hive check on my bees. Well by the time it came down to it we had added Cecil and Joli, Steve Messbarger, and others. I was more nervous to do that hive inspection than I was to do my talk at the meeting in March!

Our hive is strong and having survived the winter we are preparing to split them and add a new queen. I am surprised at the fact that I feel confident to manage these bees now but that is due to the great mentorship and all the combined knowledge at the NEKBA. I look forward to seeing how this program grows and evolves going forward. I would say for the kickoff year it has gone well. There are lots of veterans out there that can be helped and this is a fantastic way that you are giving back to our community.

If you were not able to hear me speak at the March meeting you can go to the following link to see our year in review.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZM5jjMX1wdg&t=18s>

Thanks again! Justin Eller and family

Library News By: Ed Darlington

We had 15 folks sign up to receive bi weekly emails with in-depth study articles, technical papers, and/or insights from beekeeping experts; or books on various beekeeping subjects.

The hope is some of the subjects covered will originate from questions by those who signed up; and have burning issues to which they need answers.

It's not too late to add your name to the list: all you have to do is just send me an email (edarlington@kc.rr.com) with your name and email address. If later you determine you are not getting helpful info and you want them stop, email me and you will be removed instantly.

My first email had to do with information on the advantages of insulated hives over non-insulated hives. The second one, was on what happens if you insulate too much.

Hidden in our library is a book written by a beekeeper with over 80 years' experience. It is the opinion of this librarian that it is a must-read. The author was the lead beekeeper at Buckfast Abbey, with approximately 300+ hives from 1910 to 1992; and continued writing and lecturing until his death at 98 years old, in 1996.

I found it interesting, containing many bits of beekeeping wisdom based on scientific data gathering. It is full of nuggets of useful beekeeping insights. Even the preface reveals a problem in 1915 that killed 65% of his hives, and almost wiped out all bees in Britain.

While our bees might be challenged by different pests and diseases, a major required skill set for a successful beekeeper remains to this day, that he or she must be an experimenter with excellent problem solving abilities; and it doesn't hurt if they are stubborn, or at least tenacious, and don't quit.

Why do I say "hidden"? Because it has been in our library since 2001, and has only been checked out 6 times: only two times recent years and that has been by yours truly and another board member. The book? "Beekeeping at Buckfast Abbey", by Brother Adam.

Stop by the library, I would love to discuss one of my favorite subjects, honeybees.

NEW BOOKS!

Recent books added to the library:

- Comb Management by Wally Shaw
- Managing Bee Health by John Carr
- Beekeeper's Problem Solver by James E. Tew
- The Honey Connoisseur by Marina Marchese & Kim Flottum
- Honey Crafting by Leeann Colman & Jayne Barnes
- Beekeeping Topics by Elbert R. Jaycox.



Tips for April:

- Check for ticks, they love beekeepers.
- Wear as much protective clothing as makes you comfortable when working your hives. Work hives with slow, smooth movements. Jerky movements agitate the bees.
- Use your smoker each time you check your bees.
- Organize your bee tools in a toolbox so that you can always find them.
- The best time to work bees is during the middle of the day when the field bees are collecting nectar.
- Work each hive from the side or the back, out of the bee flight path.
- Inspect hives by removing an outside frame first. Lift straight up to avoid damaging bees on the frame.
- Watch for indications that your hive is getting ready to swarm. Take action. Reduce the population drastically.
- Equalize hives to minimize swarming: brood from healthy hives may be transferred to a weaker colony. Food frames could also be shared. WARNING: never move frames from one hive to another unless you know where your queen is. Find the queen first.
- You should have more than 4 or 5 frames of brood in your hives now. If you don't, then you have a problem. It may be your queen or there aren't enough nurse bees to take care of brood. The queen won't lay more eggs than the workers can care for. You may need to requeen or add

brood from another hive to give them a boost.

- Keep up or start your recordkeeping.
- Check colonies for food—if they need food, feed. If they have food—don't feed unless you want to make some splits or increases—if you feed too much it encourages swarming

Send in your Funday Registration or go online to nekba.org to register and pay online.

Raffle for NEKBA General Fund and Randy Oliver's Scientific Beekeeping

From now until the Funday we will be having a raffle with the profits to be split between the NEKBA General Fund and Randy Oliver's Scientific Beekeeping project. Randy is one of our guests at the Funday and this money will be used to further his research projects. The items to be raffled are all quilted from honey bee fabrics. The project was donated by Jenny at the Lil Red Hen Quilt shop in Paola. It includes 4 placemats, a lap quilt and a table runner. Tickets will be \$1 each, 6 for \$5, 12 for \$10, and 25 for \$20. Tickets may be purchased at the general meetings.

Cookbooks Going Fast!

Hello from your cookbook committee! This is just a heads-up that we have almost sold out of our *Buzzing Around the Kitchen-Cooking with Honey* cookbooks. So if you want to reserve one, please text Marlene at 785-633-6283 or email me at marlenepantos@yahoo.com. This may be your last chance! It is a great gift for only \$15.00!

NEKBA Funday 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 Funday, June 1st and talk to your heart's content about our favorite insect. There will be activities for every level of beekeeping.

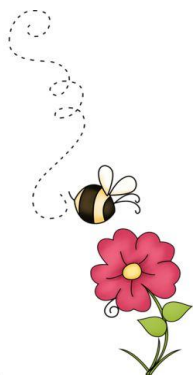
The NEKBA is a nonprofit organization (we all do this because we love the bees). We could use a little extra help making the Funday run smoothly. We need volunteers for nearly everything you can think of; no special skills are necessary. But, if you have skills, let me know and I'll try to put them to 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 Funday. 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@embargmail.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 Funday has a power-packed program aimed at keeping our bees healthy. You don't want to miss it!



HONEY PLANTS

By: Cheryl Burkhead

Hopefully March 30th will be our final snow of this winter. A long winter indeed! My bees finally started to bring in pollen from Silver Maple and Willow on March 16. It was a wonderful birthday present watching all my

hives actively bringing in pollen and also a good sign of a laying queen. Inspections have been challenging with obligations of work and uncooperative weather. It's always a frustrating balancing act this time of year and a time when I truly wish I was retired!

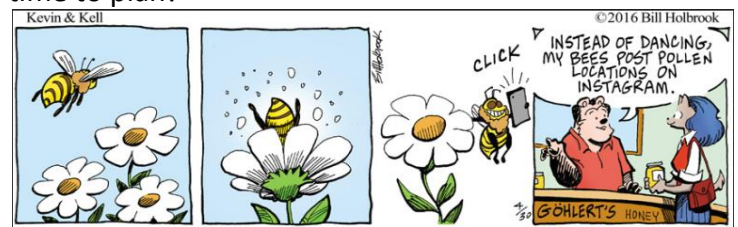
Elm is blooming which was reported in the KC area on March 18 and at my place about a week later just SE of Topeka. I seem to be a week or more behind those of you in more metropolitan areas. Pussy Willow and Henbit have been documented in Olathe just before the snow. Henbit is a great early food source in my area and has yet to bloom as of early April. It covers unplanted farm crops with a hue of purple until the farmers spray it with glyphosate prior to spring planting. You may notice your bees bringing in dark red pollen and sometimes their heads are discolored with red; probably from packing it into the cells with their heads. It was wonderful seeing images of the

Apricots in full bloom and surprisingly they did not appear to be impacted by our 24-degree lows on March 30!

If weather cooperates, we will see our fruit-bearing trees begin to bloom: Apples, ornamental cherries, plums, and crabapples. The ornamental pears, like the Bradford Pear, provide nothing and have been declared an invasive species. Forsythia does not provide any nectar or pollen either. Siberian squill and crocus continue to bloom and are great nectar and pollen sources in early spring. In my yard, the bees will work the invasive honeysuckle, the Barberries, Holly, and the neighbor's Quince, fruit trees, and Crabapples. The greatest nectar sources for my bees will be the Quince, Crabapple, and Honeysuckle. It's weather-dependent, this time of year, as rain can affect the quality and amount of available nectar and pollen and also the bee's ability to access it. Bees cannot forage in cold and wet conditions that we so typically see in early spring. Keep a close watch on your growing colonies as hives can still starve out as brood rearing commences and food demands increase. As I was doing some last-minute painting and repairs, I listened again to Dr. Ramesh Sagili's interview about honey bee nutrition-micronutrients and sterols. Bees can only get these sterols from an external source- the pollen in plants; unlike humans that can manufacture their own. Small quantities of sterols are so very important to insects as they are the precursors to molting hormones in order for larva to progress through the 5 Instar stages of bee development. If you'd like to listen, check out this website. It's Episode 38.

<http://blogs.oregonstate.edu/pollinationpodcast/>

Continue to monitor what's blooming in your own yards and strive to have continuous nutritional sources for your bees. Plant sales are here! I plan to bring some plants to our next meeting April 15. Now is a good time to divide your perennials. Bring some divided perennials from your own yards to our meeting to trade with others. Now is a great time to plan!



PLANT SALES

- Saturday, April 20, 9-2, **Sunrise Project Plant Sale**, 1501 Learnard Ave., Lawrence, KS
 - Saturday, April 20, 9:30-2:30, **Missouri Prairie Foundation Native Plant Sale**, Anita B Gorman Discovery Center, 4750 Troost Ave., Kansas City, MO. www.moprairie.org
 - Thursday, April 25, 11-5, Friday, April 26, 8-5, Saturday, April 27, 8-12p, **Paola Plant Sale**, 808 Baptiste Dr., Paola, KS. (Jo Patrick's favorite)
 - Saturday, April 27, 9-2, **Native Plant Sale**, Shawnee Indian Mission Historic Site, 3403 W. 53rd St., Fairway, KS
 - Saturday, April 27, 9-2, **Native Plant Sale**, Kansas City Community Gardens, 6917 Kensington Ave., Kansas City, MO. Plants may be pre-ordered online and mention Westport Garden Club order @ www.mowildflowers.net
 - Friday, May 3, 9-7p, Saturday, May 4, 9-3, Sunday, May 5, 11-3, Overland Park Arboretum & Botanical Gardens Spring Plant Sale, 8909 W. 179th St, Overland Park, KS. www.artsandrec-op.org
 - Saturday, May 4, 9-12, **Shawnee County Master Gardener Plant Sale**, 1740 SW Western Ave., Topeka, KS.
 - Saturday, May 11, 8-2, **Monarch Watch Plant Sale and Open House**, Foley Hall, University of Kansas, 2021 Constant Ave., Lawrence, KS. Selling natives and non-natives. www.monarchwatch.org/openhouse
 - Saturday, May 11, 9-3, **Topeka Zoo Native Plant Sale**, 635 SW Gage Blvd., Topeka, KS
 - 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
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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 _____

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Scholarship Donation _____

Total _____

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Northeastern Kansas Beekeepers Association Funday

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. 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 wildlife biologist at the USGS Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center.

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

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

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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 _____

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!

No Receipts will be sent

MENTORING-SWEET PRAIRIE HONEY

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, April 15th, 2018

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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