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EJ'S NEWS

EJ is East Jefferson Beekeepers Association's Mascot.

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CLUB MEETING

April 11th

held at

Jefferson County Library

Board meeting **9:00 a.m.**

Club Meeting **9:30 a.m.**

APPRENTICE CLASSES

10:30 a.m.

Sat. Apr. 11th

Class # 6

Sat. Apr. 25th

NO CLASS TODAY!

E.J.Bees' Club PROGRAM

(starting at 9:30 a.m.)

WARRE AND ALTERNATIVE HIVES

SWARM TRAPS, CATCHING SWARMS

APRIL APPRENTICE CLASS SCHEDULE

APRIL 11th) Inspecting and evaluating a live honey bee colony (weather permitting)

We will also be covering how to install new bee packages and nucs into your hive boxes. So if you have ordered bees this spring, you may not want to miss this important class!

(After the Club meeting, class will meet at Tarboo Valley Woodenware

1029 Dabob Rd. Quilcene).. If you need directions, please call Frank at 360-301-0686 or Gloria at 360-301-1850

NO CLASS ON APRIL 25TH! PICK-UP DAY FOR PKGS. FROM TARBOO VALLEY BEES



2015

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Ej bees' workers

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MEETING AND ACTIVITY

CO-ORDINATORS:

Tony Goldenberg, Harry Prather, and
Gloria Neal

MEETING CONVENER: Kees Kloff

EDITOR'S NOTES

EJ Beekeepers...

Well, March went out like a lion, making it difficult to ready one of our colonies to receive a new queen in April.

We lost a queen this spring from my granddaughters hive, so to be on the safe side, we combined them with another queenright hive. We received the new queen on the 3rd of April, and the days have been cold and wet!

Now we needed to divide the hives back and make sure the queen right hive gets THEIR queen and the new queen will have a queenless hive that will accept her! Wow, I haven't watched the weather this diligently for a long time!

Well, we finally got a break in the weather and got our "girls" divided and the new queen is finally awaiting her release from the queen cage. What a happy bunch of little bees when they realized their queen was in-house! It certainly doesn't take much to keep US entertained!

This looks like it may be a BAD year for wasps. We have already found a large nest, and every time we are working the bees, the yellow jackets show up... already! Does anyone have some honey bee safe ways of dealing with these pests?

I will share your ideas in May's newsletter, so e-mail me at Gloria@tarboovalleybees.com.

Well, that's the buzz for April,

Gloria

BUZZ WORTHY PLANTS FOR APRIL...



Flowering Currant

Maples

Dogwood

Peaches

Apple

Pear

Cherry →

Plums

Dandelions

Rosemary



CLUB DUES FOR 2015

DON'T FORGET TO RENEW YOUR CLUB MEMBERSHIP WITH EAST JEFFERSON BEES,
IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY
DONE IT.

APRIL'S HONEY-DO LIST

For the Apiary

Do a full hive inspection on a warm day, preferably with no wind and 65 degrees or warmer. Make sure that you have a laying queen with a good brood pattern. Queens will be available in April, but make sure your queen is ordered, before destroying the old queen. In talking to some of the queen suppliers, they are already booked out to May for new queens.

Now is a good time to stimulate your colony's growth by feeding them pollen patties and syrup. One part cane sugar to one part water for spring syrup.

Check honey stores every two weeks in April through June until the starting of nectar flows. Raising brood and keeping the colony fed can take a lot of food stores.

If you need to medicate your bees, now is the time, before you put any honey supers on! Medicate at least 4 weeks before a honey flow.

If you have bees ordered, be sure your hive boxes are ready, and your syrup is made BEFORE you pick up your bees. It is vital that you take your bees directly home!!! No stops for anything, since your bees can over-heat very quickly. Overheating can kill your bees!

Watch for swarm cells. Reverse your hive bodies to give your colony more room if necessary.

April is a good time to order new queens and split those overcrowded colonies before they decide to build swarm cells.

A presidential memorandum was established in June 2014 to determine a federal strategy regarding the health of honey bees and other pollinators. This memorandum was called "The Pollinator Health Task Force".

The full content of this memorandum can be found at <http://1.usa.gov/1wmhh51>.



APRIL RECIPE

GENERIC HBH Knockoff

HBH KNOCKOFF

Bring 5 cups water to a boil

Add 1/8 tsp lecithin granules, stirring quickly until dissolved. (helps to suspend oils in syrup)

Remove from heat and add 2 ½ lbs. sugar. Stir until sugar is completely dissolved.

Stir in essential oils. 15 drops spearmint oil, 15 drops lemongrass oil.

To Use: Add about 2 tablespoons of concentrate to one gallon of sugar syrup.

<http://www.wvu.edu/~agexten/varroa/honeyBh1th.htm>

<http://honeybhealthy.com/conrad.pdf>

There have been numerous studies on the effects of certain essential oils on honey bees. Universities, large companies and individual beekeepers have conducted studies, so results have varied. The EPA has not recognized essential oils as being effective methods of treating honey bees—many beekeepers have. West Virginia University has provided some excellent information on this topic.

Other claimed benefits of adding the spearmint and lemongrass oils to the sugar syrup include stimulating brood rearing and pollen collection. When sprayed directly on to the bees, it is said to reduce defensive behavior and may help during queen introduction. One obvious benefit of this type of “treatment” is that the ingredients are natural. Another is that these ingredients do not require EPA approval for use in hives.

(Cautions are frequently offered to be sure to use food-grade essential oils and not those designed for soap making.)

THIS SOLUTION IS VERY CONCENTRATED AND WILL HAVE A VERY STRONG SCENT; IT SHOULD NEVER BE LEFT OPEN AROUND BEES AS IT COULD INCITE ROBBERING. STORE CONCENTRATE IN REFRIGERATOR.



BUZZING WITH



Blake

Bee-lieve me. It's a fact!

Honeycomb is edible all by itself, and has been called “the beekeepers lunch”.....Bee-licious

-Blake



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