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CLUB MEETING

Jefferson County Library

Sat. October 14th, 2017

Board Meeting

.....9:00a.m.....

PROGRAM: 9:30am

Election of officers....

**Preparing your colonies for
the winter...**

NOVEMBER MEETING

DATE CHANGE

to

Sat. NOVEMBER 4th

THE PREZ SEZ

Dear Fellow Bee Keepers

In accordance with Association By-Laws, elections of four officers and three trustees will be held at the October meeting. Nominations are still open and will remain so until our meeting. The following nominations have been received:

President	Dave Morris
Vice President	Frank Neal
Secretary	Nancy Morris
Treasurer	Harry Prather
Trustees	Paul Jendrucko
	Micheal Cavett
	John Liczwinko

An organization such as ours relies on active volunteers to be successful. It also requires recruitment of new members to remain vibrant. It is incumbent on our members to recruit beekeepers and I urge each of you to bring a potential new member to our Association at our first meeting in January.

Our program for the October meeting will be a round table discussion on winterizing our hives. I anticipate that we'll all learn a lot from the experienced beekeepers in our Association.

Oxalic acid seems to be the preferred treatment for mites in the late fall and early winter. In case you missed the announcement, Blake has started a new business and will treat your hives for a nominal fee. Learn more from Blake at our October or November meetings. Note that we don't meet in December. Support this budding entrepreneur.

Respectfully,

Dave Morris

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

President: David Morris

Vice President: Frank Neal

Secretary: Nancy Morris

Treasurer: Harry Prather

Trustees:

Paul Jendrucko

Calvin Lomsdalen

Linda Pfafman

EJ BEES' WORKERS

These people have volunteered to head committees in 2017:

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MEETING AND ACTIVITY

CO-ORDINATORS:

Tony Goldenberg, Harry Prather, and
Gloria Neal

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

EJ Beekeepers...

Along with Fall being here, it seems that the robbing season has begun, also. I have had calls from beekeepers who have found their colonies being invaded by wasps along with robber honey bees.

Looking on the internet gives us lots of options. Some may work, some not! I have listed some of the options that can be tried, but when a robbing frenzy gets started, it is difficult to stop. A colony can be killed off in a day or two. Check out pages 3 and 4.

October's meeting will be a short election of officers before the program starts.

The program will be a round table and some presentations from different members, showing the techniques they have used to feed a week colony through the winter when syrup feeding is not an option. Also, the solutions of moisture in a colony, which can lead to a loss of bees, will be shared with the group. There will be a Q & A time if time allows..

If you know a beekeeper that would appreciate some help in these areas, please make sure they know about this important meeting. They do not need to be a member to attend. We have the advantage of having a roomful of experiencd beekeepers, who are very willing to share their knowledge. See you on the 14th!

That's the buzz for September.

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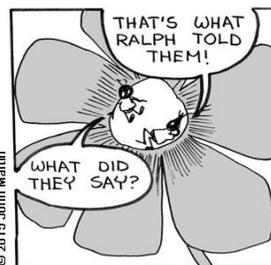
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BEEZWAX

By John Martin

MOST BULLIES ARE JUST COWARDS WHO HAVE TO TRY TO PROVE TO THEMSELVES THEY ARE TOUGH!



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OCTOBER'S HONEY-DO LIST

*** Fall Mite treatment should already be done. If you haven't medicated, you may find that you don't have a live colony in the spring! GET IT DONE!.**

* Remove all honey supers, using bee escapes, or your favorite method.

* Be watching for "Robbers" this time of year. Use entrance reducers on smaller colonies.

* Our queens are usually slowing down or stopping their egg laying. If your bees are acting normal and your queen is there, don't panic that you have a drone layer unless you see lots of drone brood/

* Make sure the upper brood box is full of honey. If you need to feed (late August or early September), fall feeding is 2 parts sugar to 1 part water.

* Continue keeping a journal on your bees. It is an important part of beekeeping.

(I have received a number of calls about possible robbing this fall and thought I would share a few of the many answers to robbing frenzies in a honeybee colony. Hope this might help. Normally, weak or small colonies are targeted during a honey dearth.)

ARE MY BEES BEING ROBBED? Some of the signs...

* Dead worker bees on the ground or on the entrance. You may see bees fighting. These are the guard bees fighting to the death to defend their colony.

* Robbers are louder than your colony bees. They may be examining all the cracks and under the lid to find a spot large enough to squeeze through.

* Robbers do not carry in Pollen. They may be accompanied by wasps.

* You may see pieces of wax on the entrance.

* Robbers can appear black and shiny, since they lose their hair fighting other bees. Some of the house bees in the colony being robbed can also have that appearance because of defending the colony.

* Robbers may act hesitant about entering the colony when they land. They may wait for an opportunity to sneak past the guard bees. . They may be seen swaying back and forth.

* When a house bee leaves the colony, they are light. They return heavily laden with nectar or pollen and land solidly when returning. Robbers, of course, may not shoot for the entrance and may fly from side to side or land somewhere on the box, waiting for an opportunity to get by the guard bees. They leave heavy, so they will dip down as they fly out with their heavy load.

* Robbers can be from stronger colonies in your apiary or in the neighborhood.

(WHAT CAN I DO TO STOP THE ROBBING?) Go to page 4!



BUZZING WITH

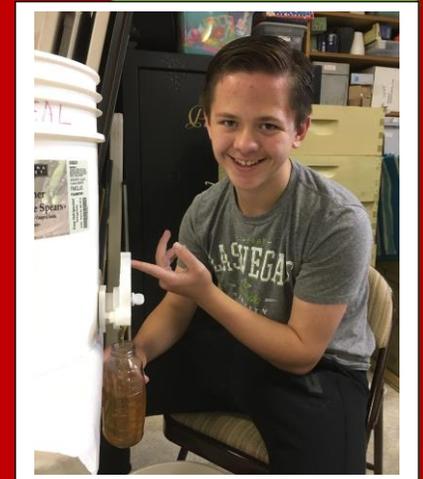


Blake

Bee-lieve me. It's a fact!

Raw honey contains up to 80 different substances
important to human nutrition---

SWEEET!!-----Blake



STEPS TO TRY TO STOP ROBBING

- * Never use boardman feeders to feed syrup or leave frames with honey in your apiary. This definitely can start a robbing frenzy, especially during a nectar dearth.
- * Reduce all entrances to the colony. Make sure the lid is on straight and there are no cracks in the boxes that a bee could squeeze through.
- * Install a robbing screen. This reroutes the entrance for the hive and robbers tend to follow the smell of the honey and won't find a way in.
- * Some say putting Vicks Vapo rub on the entrance confuses the robbers.
- * Some say throw a watered down sheet or towel over the hive will confuse the robbers, but the residents can still come and go.
- * In extreme cases, in order to save your colony, you may need to move them at least 3 miles away until the robbing frenzies are over.

I'm sure there are many other methods that may work.

These are just a few! Gloria

LOCAL BEE RESOURCES

TARBOO VALLEY WOODENWARE & HONEYBEES

Frank Neal- Ph. # **360-301-0686**... (If stopping by, PLEASE CALL AHEAD)

REMEMBER, CLUB MEMBERS GET 5% DISCOUNT.

October Sale Items

Winter Patties....\$3.00

Provides carbohydrates and only a small amount of protein.

Does not encourage brood rearing.

(Tip: dip your hands into sugar before handling patties.)

PARA-MOTH- for storing your used extracted honey frames

1# container- \$18.50

(3 oz. per stack of up to 5 honey supers)

Mite-away- \$6.00

(For mite control over winter)

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