

BCBA

Blount County Beekeepers Association

MARCH 2017

The next meeting will be Monday, MARCH 13, 2017 at 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the Maryville Church of Christ, 611 Sherwood Dr. Maryville, Tn.

Dr. John Skinner, Professor, Extension Apiculturist and Extension Coordinator at UTK Institute of Agriculture will be speaking to us about what he does and how it effects beekeeping in our state. Mike Studer, our State Apiarist will also be speaking to us about his duties and how they affect us as Beekeepers.

I would like to take this time to thank all our regular members for your help and support for our short course. It was a great success again this year with 86 new people getting exposed to beekeeping for the first time. We had approximately 130 people involved all together. !!!!! THANK YOU!!!!!!

BCBA DUES are DUE

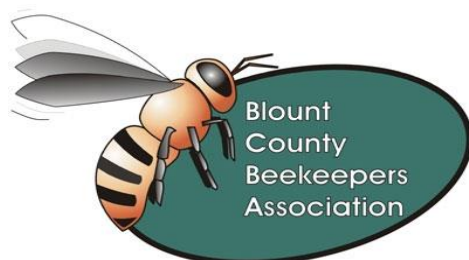
If you haven't payed your dues you may pay them at the meeting by check (preferably) or cash to Bernie, our Treasurer. Better still you can send your dues by mail to:

Bernie McGraw
1220 Havenwood Drive
Maryville, TN 37804



PACKAGE BEES & NUCS

Now is the time to order package bees and nuc's if you want to get them early.
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As always, our meetings are free and open to the public. Invite a friend to come with you.

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CHUCK'S CORNER

Our Beekeeper's Short Course seemed to be quite a success. There were over 80 new prospective beekeepers along with several of our regular members in attendance to listen to a great lineup of knowledgeable speakers. In addition, we had three bee supply vendors showing a variety of products. Not only could new beekeepers see many interesting products on display with the vendors but also they had a wide assortment of bee products available for sale.

Weather has been interesting this Winter with unusually warm temperatures. I have had the opportunity to check my hives and have had to add additional pollen/sugar patties to all my hives. It may be a good idea to check your hives if you haven't already and feed pollen and/or syrup as you feel warranted.

As a reminder, I have not heard from anyone yet that would be willing to talk about honey bees at the Smoky Mountain Heritage Center in Townsend. There is an opportunity to show the people of our community the importance of our honey bees during a presentation at the center. We have been asked to provide an informative presentation (about an hour) about the honey bee. The actual topic can include such subjects as the importance of pollination, the hierarchy (cast) within the hive, job duties of the bees at various ages, etc. This is a one day event beginning at 2:00 pm in their auditorium on March 14th (Tuesday). If you live in the Townsend or Walland area (or anywhere else for that matter) and would like to make this presentation give me a call @865-566-3690 and I can give you more details.

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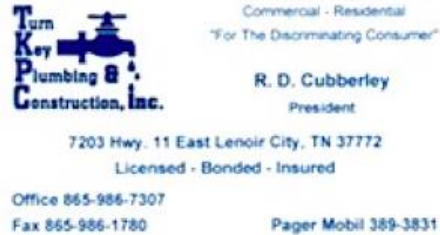
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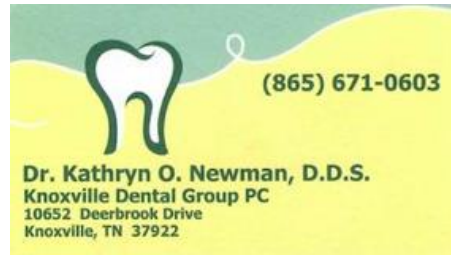
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SEASONAL MANAGEMENT-March

What an exciting time of year it is for beekeeping, the beginning of the honey flow. For those who have medications on, they come off at 42 days. DO NOT PUT ANY MED ON. You don't have time to treat and you can NOT treat with supers on the hive. We have daffodils and fruit trees blooming. Hives are building up. No, it is not time to split. Drones must be 37 days old to mate and they are not there yet.

Your supers should be ready. Check your hives to see if the hive has room to expand. If not put on more room.

When do I put on supers? When the Redbud is in full bloom. You can do sooner but remember to feed that honey back to the bees. It has a very UNIQUE flavor. LET THE HONEY FLOW.

Dale Hinkle

NEW BEEKEEPERS CLASS

March 11th at the Maryville Church of Christ from 9:00 am till 3:00 pm

WOODEN WARE CLASS

March 18th at the Alcoa Masonic Lodge at the corner of Wright and Jose St. from 9am till noon

BCBA OFFICERS

Chuck Davis, President
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865-984-1858

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865-984-1005

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865-603-2016

Harlen Breeden, Alt. Officer
865-719-1828

Bee Inspectors

It's the state law to have your beehives registered, so don't neglect this important duty.

If you want them inspected, below is a list of association bee inspectors. There is no cost for this service. If you are planning to move hives, they must be inspected.

Stacey Adair, 983-6223
Jose Ashbrook 258-8636
Ricky Baily, 250-8123
Dennis Barry, 414-2116
Harlen Breeden, 719-1828
Dale Hinkle, 423-261-5234
Charlie Parton, 984-3059
Stephanie Tarwater, 293-6229

FARM DAY AT ALCOA ELEMENTRY on Feb 24

On Friday 24th Mark Evans, Ella Evans(Marks 17 year daughter)and Charlie Parton shared about the importance of Honeybees with nearly 300 1st and 2nd graders at Alcoa Elementary Farm Day. It was a great experience and we had many questions teachers and school workers, and of course we put in a plug for BCBA. Mark and Ella did a great job and I can' wait to work with them again.

CHARLIE PARTON



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