



Alamance County Beekeepers

Newsletter for June 2017

Monthly Meeting
Saturday, June 17th @ noon

Honey Extraction @ Ira's

3515 Stoney Creek Church Road
Elon NC 27244

This month, we'll shift from our regular time and place, meeting instead at Ira's on the third Saturday.

The extracting demo will get us primed for the season ahead.

Ira will throw some hotdogs on the barby.

Please bring a side to share during mealtime, a drink, and a chair to sit on!



NCSBCA Summer Conference

100th Year Anniversary of the NCSBA
Embassy Suites Convention Center
406 North Cherry Street, Winston Salem, NC
July 13 – 15, 2017
Hosted by NCSBA Local Chapter,
Forsyth County Beekeepers



Registration and conference info is on the [NCSBA](#) website.

Topics of workshops and programs so far:
honey bee DNA, summer splits, IPM, varroa management, management practices, and history of NCSU's apiculture program ...
more to come!

Whatever Happened to HB 363?

In March, [HB 363](#) -- the Pollinator Protection Act -- was introduced in the NC House. This bill was meant to restrict availability of neonicotinoid pesticides, limiting them to use only by farmers, licensed pesticide applicators, and veterinarians. The bill did not meet the [crossover](#) deadline of April 27th, so it will not be considered by the General Assembly this year.



Bees in the News

Click on the title to read the article.

[Getting Dirty In Your Garden-Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Podcast-Interview of Stefan Bloodworth](#), Interview by Charles Murphy. The curator of the Blomquist Native Plants Garden at Duke Gardens talks about piedmont prairies.

[Her job is helping small farmers. Her passion? Saving the bees](#), Marti Maguire, News & Observer, 5/27/2017. Profile of Debbie Roos, Chatham County Extension Agent.

[Karen Pence Unveils Beehive With 20,000 Bees at Vice Presidential Residence](#), Time, Ashley Hoffman, 6/6/2017.

[joshua akhtar's foldable 'bait hive' is a clever beehive for simple swarm relocation](#), Designboom, 5/26/2017.



Brush up on Your Beekeeping Know-How

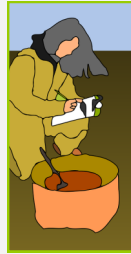
The Department of Entomology at NCSU offers 11 (and counting) self-paced online beekeeping courses. Classes cost \$25 each (plus fees) and are taught by David Tarpy. <https://entomology.ces.ncsu.edu/apiculture/bees/>

Kim Flottum, editor-in-chief of *Bee Culture Magazine*, and Jim Tew, Professor Emeritus of Entomology, Ohio State, offer free webinars that will each leave you with at least "five key insights" on beekeeping. Watch archived webinars, and sign up for future ones here: <http://www.beeculture.com/kimandjimshow/>



Notes from May's Meeting

Jessica Louque, Senior Studies Director at [Smithers Viscient](#), talked to us about record-keeping. Her team manages hundreds of colonies as part of their research. Their record-keeping must be meticulous.



She spoke about the kinds of records they keep -- hive ID, equipment records, bee history, supplemental feeding, health assessments, treatments, unusual activities -- and how they do it.

We learned about SV's work, heard some great stories, and picked up some excellent tips. If you get another chance to attend a program presented by Jessica, don't miss it.

Geoff compiled a list of links for us as follow-up to things mentioned in Jessica Louque's talk. Thank you, Geoff.

- Pollination & Field Trials at Smithers Viscient: <http://smithersviscient.com/ecotoxicology/pollination-field-trials>
- Pollinator Testing at Smithers Viscient: <http://smithersviscient.com/SmithersViscient/media/Smithers-Viscient/PDF/Smithers-Viscient-Pollinator-Infographicthis-Final-2017.pdf>
- Jessica Louque's Checkmate Apiaries on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Checkmate-Apiaries-184116304944221/>
- Jessica Louque's Twitter Feed: https://mobile.twitter.com/CheckmateApiary?ref_src=twsrc%5Egoogle%7Ctwcamp%5Eserp%7Ctwgr%5Eauthor
- Jessica Lawrence Louque's Youtube Uploads: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsAW0nUKlwXM7KFAC89WRUg/videos?sort=dd&shelf_id=0&view=0
- Hive Scale Research at Bayer (Annie's Project): <https://beehealth.bayer.us/bayer-bee-care/bee-care-research/hive-scale-research>
- Hive Scale Research at Bayer and Swarming (Jessica Louque & Annie Krueger): <https://beehealth.bayer.us/bayer-bee-care/bee-care-research/hive-scale-research/swarming>

Blooming in the Piedmont

Photos courtesy of Geoff Leister



Apis mellifera on
Hydrangea quercifolia, oakleaf hydrangea



Honey bee nectaring on
Asclepias tuberosa, butterfly milkweed



Cornus amomum, silky dogwood

These beautiful plants are growing at Geoff and Linda Leister's home. Thanks for sharing, y'all!

If you would like to know more about enhancing your outdoors for pollinators, check out the pollinator garden tours and workshops offered by Debbie Roos at Chatham County Extension:

<https://growingsmallfarms.ces.ncsu.edu/growingsmallfarms-gardentours/> or 919-542-8202.



Robbing nectar from
Salvia guaranitica 'Black and Blue'



Gathering pollen from *Salvia guaranitica*
'Black and Blue'

June in the Apiary

Notes from Nancy Ruppert

- * Main nectar flow is slowing down.
- * Probably no need to add more supers right now.
- * If you are harvesting honey, put wet supers back on hives late in the day to limit robbing.
- * Start late-season splits during last half of June. Feed splits.
- * Continue work against small hive beetles.
- * Keep water available.
- * Sourwood starting to bloom.
- * Register for the NCSBA summer meeting!



Test your B.I.Q.

1. If a virgin queen is prevented from going on a mating flight, she will lose the urge to mate in approximately what amount of time?

- a. 1 week
- b. 3 weeks
- c. 8 weeks
- d. Never

2. Africanized worker bees require more days for development than European worker bees.

- * True
- * False

NCSBA practice
1. 3 weeks
2. False

Calendar

Honey Bees Up Close

Geoff & Linda Leister

June 15 @ 4:00, Graham Public Library

National Pollinator Week, June 19-25, 2017

State Beekeepers Summer Conference,

July 13-15, Winston Salem

Eastern Apiculture Society Conference

July 31-August 4, Newark, DE



If you are out and about sharing your beekeeping love and know-how with others, please tell, so we can share the good news!



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