

# Essex County Beekeepers Society, Inc.

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**Next Meeting: Saturday, April 9  
10:30am – 12:00 noon**

Bjorn-Lass Kennel at 102 Hook Mountain Road in the Pine Brook section of Montville.

Topic: Alcohol Wash Demonstration and Varroa Mite Control Discussion by Tim Schuler, State Apiarist



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Greetings to all:

First of all, please note the upcoming meeting is this Saturday. We will not be meeting next Tuesday at Garibaldi Hall. With our primary focus on colony health, which is directly tied to Varroa Mite Control, I believe a live demonstration of the Alcohol Wash Test and discussion by our State Apiarist Tim Schuler is important.

We will meet at the Bjorn-Lass Kennel in Montville. We will park in the field next to Landi Simone's apiary there. To get onto the field, drive down the dirt road just to the right of the kennel office building.

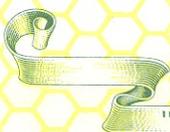
Now that April is upon us and all the flowers are beginning to bloom, we have suddenly experienced a prolonged cold spell, and I am hoping that this spring does not turn out like last year. I was in my hives two weeks ago and my strongest hive already had two frames of drone cells covering at least 30% of each frame and drones running about in the hive. This is a sign of a strong hive with a vigorous queen, which has prospered thanks to proper management. I don't doubt I will have to carefully watch this hive and possibly make a split from it. I have already taken out two frames of capped brood with attached bees to use to strengthen a colony which had lost much of its population to mice, which had managed to get in and build a nest there.

Keep in mind that later in this month you will need to remove the Apivar strips put in early in March, if you followed the club recommendation at our last two meetings to do so to prepare the bees for a good start. Once the weather improves a bit, get your hives reversed, if you have not done so already, and get the honey supers on, sooner than later.

Finally, if you have not sent in club dues (\$25), do so by the end of the month, as I plan to revise our E-mail list and it will only include those whose dues are up-to-date.

Regards,

Joe Treimel, President



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Our next meeting will be on April 9 in the morning, so please leave the date open. Tim Schuler, our NJ State Apiarist has the date reserved to come up to speak to club and Beginner Beekeeping Class on Varroa mite control and to demonstrate doing an alcohol wash to test for mite levels. Knowing how to do an alcohol wash is a critical skill in today's beekeeping world so we would like you all to please make every effort to come meet Tim on Saturday morning Bjorn-Lass Kennel at 102 Hook Mountain Road in the Pine Brook section of Montville. We will start at 10:30 and should be finished by noon at the latest.

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**From:** Ann Marchioni, [amarchio44@verizon.net](mailto:amarchio44@verizon.net)  
**Subject:** Earth Day / Arbor Day event Caldwell April 30th

We are having an event on April 30<sup>th</sup>. We would like a representative of your organization come to talk our residents about how to help the pollinators. It is from 9:30-12:30 at Caldwell Borough Hall, Essex County.

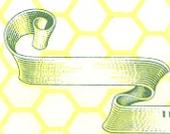
Thank you for your help. Ann Marchioni, Co-Chair Caldwell Environmental Commission.

If anyone is interested in taking part, please do contact Ms. Marchioni.

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The following video is from a presentation to the NJBA by New Jersey State Apiarist Tim Schuler regarding sampling fresh pollen for pesticides.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B7iVHrZdslo>

*Thanks to ECBS member Ban Ang, for the suggestion to include this item in the newsletter.*



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