

Essex County Beekeepers Society, Inc.



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Next Meeting: Saturday, August 19
12:00 PM, weather permitting

Location: 3-J's Apiary, 9 Midvale
Avenue, Towaco, NJ

Topic: Varroa and honeybee pest
workshop with Tim Schuler, NJ State
Apiarist

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Greetings to all:

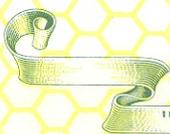
With all the sophisticated meteorological devices and computer models available, it seems that it still remains that the best way to predict the weather is to simply look out the window. With that being said, I had been too busy these past two weeks to pull the honey from my hives, so with rain predicted for the entire weekend and my plans to leave for EAS on Sunday, it looked like the honey would have to wait. Imagine my surprise this afternoon when the sky became clear and sunny. I made a beeline for my apiary and pulled the honey.

It has been a strange year to my observation. In the three weeks after the Black Locust, my bees had done absolutely nothing during that period, when normally honey production would continue. I had resigned myself to a smaller crop this year. However, upon returning to my apiary to pull the honey today, I discovered that there was more than I had imagined. Such is farming, for we are farmers. One other comment, for those new to beekeeping. I find that using a Capping Scratcher a more efficient way of uncapping when compared to using an uncapping knife. There is a lot less wax and honey in the uncapping tank and it is just as fast.

I am looking forward to the Eastern Apicultural Society annual conference at the University of Delaware this coming week. It will be an opportunity for me to take some advanced beekeeping classes and hear reports on scientific research in our discipline.

I have already gotten a few comments from club members regarding the draft beekeeping rules which originated from the NJ Department of Agriculture. Obviously, Douglas Fisher, the Secretary of the NJ Department of Agriculture has no idea what he is writing about, and his proposed rules are nothing short of an attempt to destroy beekeeping in New Jersey by making rules compliance so onerous that nobody will want to bother, whether as a hobbyist or commercial beekeeper.

Joe Treimel, President



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Beekeeping Demonstration Request:

ECBS has received a request for a beekeeper to make a presentation to at the Suburban Torah School on Route 10 in Livingston during the week of September 11 or either September 18 or 19. The audience would be pre-school children. The reason for the request is that honey is a part of the Jewish New Year celebration. The contact person is Rachelle Zomick and her phone # is 201-410-1752. If interested, contact her for more details and to negotiate a fee for your service, unless you choose to volunteer.

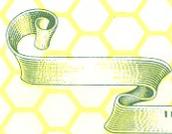
August 19: Apiary meeting with NJ State Beekeeping Inspector Tim Schuler to discuss honeybee pests and their management. See meeting notice for details.

Last year the ECBS purchased 70 Clethra Anifoli plants at a discount for resale to members. Speaking for myself, I took the final four plants, after everybody was finished picking over the lot for their orders, and I transplanted them in my garden. All are doing well and two are in flower, attracting honeybees and bumblebees. *Joe*

The ECBS honey extractor remains available for those who might care to borrow it. Do know that instructions are available, along with a capping scratcher, but the borrower must sign a contract regarding use and return of the equipment, and should know in advance how to use it and have all the other necessary equipment available for straining and bottling their honey.

Should one want to borrow the ECBS extractor, contact Ron Jacobs via E-mail at rja8662745@yahoo.com.

Now is the time to get the summer Varroa Miticide treatment onto your beehives. I recommend alternating treatments, and since there should be no honey supers on the hive at this time – unless they are above the inner cover for clean-out and Wax Moth protection - any of the available treatments may be used. If you have the equipment to do it, do an Alcohol Mite Wash or Sugar Roll Mite Count before and after the treatment to see what number of mites are in the hive.



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