

Essex County Beekeepers Society, Inc.



Edition: October, 2012
Next Meeting: Saturday, Oct. 6
Time: 12:30 PM
Place: 74 Hemlock Terrace
Wayne, NJ
Subject: Autumn Social Meeting
Venison Roast & Pizza
Cookout

Officers

President: Mike Frey
michaelfrey@optonline.net
973-768-1319

Treasurer & MAAREC Rep: Joe
Lelinho: Klutch.cargo@verizon.net

Newsletter Editor, Corresponding
and Recording Secretary: Joe
Treimel; Joe_Treimel@Yahoo.com
862-221-9783

Education Minister: Landi Simone,
Landi.s@verizon.net

Commercial Beekeeper Advisor:
Grant Stiles

New Beekeeper Liaison: Fran Szwec
FSzwec@optonline.net

Sergeant at Arms: Frank Nasello,
Monthly meeting greeter

IT Coordinator (ECBS): Derek
Stordahl, derek.stordahl@gmail.com

Asst Communicator-in-Chief:
Graeme Morrisson,
grae@gtmorrison.net

ECBS Beekeeper's Alert!

I have two extremely important messages to convey.

ECBS went to email usage primarily approx two years ago. Any wonder that we have lost track of many people? We are looking for your reply to update our system and re-think the email only contact mode. For this, please contact Joe Treimel by whatever means you like best.

We are having a social meeting on Saturday, October 6 at the home of member Bobby Konowich, 74 Hemlock Terrace, Wayne, NJ, 07470 from 12:30 pm to whenever. We want an RSVP for this please: call Mike Frey 973-239-3434 or send an email to michaelfrey@optonline.net. On the day of event, call Bobby 973-978-9480 or myself for directions if you need them.

Bobby is keeping the swimming pool open for this event, if interested. He has an outdoor stone pizza oven that he will put it to use for our culinary pleasures. I promised some venison to grill too. It is a BYOB event. For the winemaker wannabees, Bobby does some large scale grape to wine making for his many friends. He would be glad to show anyone interested how this is done. He also has one beehive on premise for the curious to inspect.

We need your reply info on any RSVP in case of inclement weather. We would also like to see some happy bee people. Family and friends would certainly be welcome. I gave up golf 10 years ago to learn about bees. I want to see more than one foursome at this party!

Currently I have a surplus of hive beetles and wax moths. If anybody wants any, then contact me immediately!!!!!!!!!!!!!! No offer will be turned down!

Bee Good!

Mike Frey



FOUNDED 1921

"FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF BEE CULTURE IN ESSEX COUNTY"



Essex County Beekeepers Society, Inc.



WHAT KIND OF BEE?



1. Honey Bee Worker
2. Honey Bee Queen
3. European Wasp
4. Paper Wasp
5. Yellow Jacket
6. Bald Faced Hornet
7. Bald Faced Hornet
8. Bumblebee
9. Carpenter Bee

There's All Kinds Of Bees. Most beneficial, some get in the way. Know the difference.



HALICTIDS. Solitary bees, smaller than honey bees, but are similar in appearance. Gentle, seldom a problem. Fuzzy. Many similar varieties. Some metallic.



HONEY BEES



QUEEN. The most important honey bee in a colony. Long slender abdomen. Lays eggs. Distributes colony regulating pheromones. One per colony. Lives 2-4 years.



WORKER. The most often encountered honey bee. Fuzzy. Gently collects nectar & pollen from flowers. Cares for young. Lives a single season. Defensive near colony. Caution.

DRONE. The honey bee's male. Cared for by the workers, mates with queens from other colonies. Large, stout body, with large eyes that touch at the top of head. Can't sting.

Nectar doesn't waste energy. All bees and wasps have a beneficial purpose. Some unfortunately conflict with humans activities. Honey bees are the only bees used by man for honey, pollinating, wax and other products. And they are the only domesticated bees.

Protect Honey Bees.



European Wasp. Large, very large. Reddish brown and black. Slow flying, moderately aggressive.



BUMBLEBEES. Common, large, fuzzy and gentle. They live in small underground nests, are good pollinators, and generally avoid people. (Kilian photo)



BALD FACE HORNETS. Black and white, shiny, larger than a honey bee, aggressive. Easily provoked. Multiple stings.



BALD FACE NEST. Large paper, aerial nest, usually in trees, rarely on buildings. Lasts only one season. Clusters overwinter in protected spots. Start nest in spring. Large population by late Summer. Extreme Caution. (Kilian photo)



PAPER WASPS. Thin waisted, elongated, usually shiny black to reddish brown. One to one and a half inches long, with long legs. Nests commonly on a stalk, suspended from eaves or porch ceilings. Non-aggressive, but don't push it.



YELLOW JACKET. The most common stinging insect. Bright yellow and shiny black, smaller than a honey bee. Ground nesting. Lawn mower encounters can be disastrous, and small aerial nests threaten eaves, chimneys. Aggressive, can sting multiple times. Very easily disturbed. Extreme caution.



CARPENTER BEES. Similar to bumblebees in appearance, but dark abdomens. Lives in wood, can damage structures. Gentle.

Photos by Ken Osamborisa except as noted.
© 1996 Bee Culture
Cat # KES
800-389-7688

The public is generally ignorant about "Bees," so it is our job to educate them. This picture guide is very helpful



FOUNDED 1921

"FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF BEE CULTURE IN ESSEX COUNTY"



Essex County Beekeepers Society, Inc.



Fall Beekeeping

By now the Fall Feeding—if needed—should be just about finished, but you can continue feeding as long as the weather stays warm.

Mouse Guards should be on your hives. If you have not put them on yet, consider checking the bottom box of the hive to assure the little critters have not already moved in.

If you have not done so, consider bottling three or more 1 pound Queenline Jars of your honey for future use in contests or the club honey swap. Also, your honey makes nice gifts. If you want to sell your honey, make sure you have a clean appearance and a nice label. You can retail your honey for \$8/pound.

In a couple of weeks, after we've had some frost, you can pull the empty honey supers from above your hive's inner cover and bring them home for winter storage. Do store them outside, for if you put them in a warm place, Wax Moth larvae will hatch out and make a terrible mess of the comb.

Upcoming Events

October 5: NJBA Executive Board Meeting, Rutgers Campus, New Brunswick; 7:00 PM

October 6: ECBS Autumn Social Party; 12:30 PM

October 13: NJBA Fall Meeting at Luciano Conference Center located on the Cumberland County Community College Campus, Vineland NJ.

The guest speaker will be Dr. Dennis vanEngelsdorp Ph.D. Department Of Entomology, University of Maryland.

Nov. 13: ECBS Meeting at Garibaldi Hall. Honey Contest and Honey Swap



FOUNDED 1921

"FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF BEE CULTURE IN ESSEX COUNTY"

