

# Essex County Beekeepers Society, Inc.



Edition: June 2013  
Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 11  
Time: 7:00 PM  
Place: Garibaldi Hall, Essex  
County Environmental Center,  
621 Eagle Rock Ave., Roseland  
Subject: Timely Tips on Swarm  
Control and more.

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## Message from the ECBS President

Next meeting is Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at Garibaldi Hall. I managed to go to the state meeting held in Liberty Corner last Saturday. It was great to see our club represented rather well. This might not be news, but ECBS has some prominent members who contribute selflessly at the state level. Both Landi Simone and Grant Stiles gave presentations at this meeting. On behalf of our club I wish to thank them openly for their service to all beekeepers.

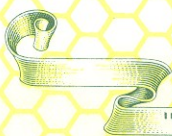
There will be no July meeting and I have not worked out any details yet for later. Bee there on Tuesday to discuss.

I will be the guest speaker along with Joe Treimel on a series of pertinent beekeeping practices. I intend to follow along on the myriad of topics discussed at the state meeting while providing tips gained from my experiences of beekeeping 50 – 80 hives in two climates. I intend to channel the discussion for the benefit of the backyard beekeeper. I have always felt that many of the practices of the larger beekeeper do not apply well to the person trying to make honey with one or a few hives.

I will discuss swarm prevention learned the hard way, nuc making out of necessity, supering, being prepared for the unexpected, separating bees from your honey every way, queens, mite treatments including the new one for 2013, winter preparation techniques starting in July, moving your hives short distances or 300 miles. I had a lot of help learning techniques over the years. What matters is your confidence level when you are presented with handling a situation for the first time. This will be a fast paced discussion.

In closing, I see beekeeping as a circle. Good work begun at any time will lead to opportunities months later. Yogi Berra has a great line for a ball game that is getting out of hand in the early innings: "It's gettin' late early." It always true for beekeepers.

M. Frey



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## June Beekeeping

There is a proverb about sinning in haste and repenting at one's leisure. For those of you who have not been watching for swarm preparations in your hives, you may have missed the event. Do look into your hives to see that they are queen-right. If you don't see a queen, look for evidence of swarming (empty queen cells, no brood or no open brood). If this is the case, you may have a virgin queen which has not begun laying and you need to check again in a week for evidence that there is a queen. You may be able to spot a virgin queen, but she is smaller than one which has been mated and is laying. If none, the hive may be queenless. If queenless, the bees generally are runny on the frames and will give off an annoyed hum when you open the hive. Look for queen cells. If none, giving the hive a frame of eggs/very young larvae will give the bees something with which to work to make a new queen. Also consider requeening the hive.

In spite of the funny weather, I believe we had a fairly good Black Locust nectar flow. Be sure your hives have enough empty comb for the nectar flows which will follow. You may also want to consider extracting what honey is already stored in your hive.

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## Upcoming Events

Eastern Apiculture Society, Annual Meeting  
West Chester, Pennsylvania  
August 5-9, 2013

<http://www.easternapiculture.org/conferences/eas-2013.html>

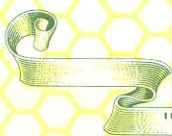
XXXXIII International Apimondia Congress to be held in the capital of Ukraine, Kyiv, on 29 September – 4 October 2013

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An On-Line article about pesticides, submitted by Fran Szwec

<http://www.kplu.org/post/wash-state-pressed-save-honey-bees-restricting-pesticides>

For those of you who understand Spanish, this link is to the Revista de Apicultura:  
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