

Essex County Beekeepers Society, Inc.



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Place: Garibaldi Hall, Essex
County Environmental Center,
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Subject: Picnic and Hive
Inspection and more

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Time flies and here we are in the final few months of our 2009 bee year. As we look back it's been an up and down year for me and, from what I'm being told, for many others. Seems the wet June was a bit more than our bees were able to contend with. Many of my hives, especially the first year hives, which missed the first and only Major Honey Flow of the season, are still hurting. The stores in those hives are low and I'll be feeding them starting very soon. Though the Goldenrod and Japanese Bamboo are open now, I'm just not sure they will be enough for my bees to make it through the winter, so I'm going to feed. On the bright side, my second year queens have found their groove and are laying while the workers continue to supply a surplus beyond their own needs. Still, in total, honey production is off again for the 3rd straight year, and I hope the majority of my bees will be there in April when we begin again. We'll see!

This past summer I was able to attend a workshop in Vermont on "wintering over" nucs. I never thought it possible to get a 4 frame nuc through the winter but with this technique it looks promising. I've begun 6 nucs so far and hope to get another 6 going before the end of this month. Perhaps we can get Mike Palmer of Vermont Beekeepers to visit us, or the NJBA to tell of this major cost saving technique.

On Saturday, the 19th of September, we'll have our annual picnic. It will be held in the parking lot of the Essex County Environmental Center from 10 AM to 2 PM. Besides yourself, it would be great if you could bring a salad, beverage or covered dish. The club will supply, for the first time, hamburgers and hotdogs cooked on a grill. So that we can order the right amount of burgers and dogs and not have waste or shortages, please call or write me if you will be attending. We will assume you are not coming if we don't hear from you.

Remember to bring along your veil as we will be looking into the hives on the property. I look forward to seeing each of you at the picnic and hearing how your year is going. Hoping all of your queens live forever and all your queen cups are dry.

Joe Lelinho

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Club News

I recently gave a presentation to a local community group about beekeeping in New Jersey. I was asked to use visual aides, such as video pictures as the room I was using would have a video projector to which I would attach a laptop computer.

Many years ago I had borrowed a tray of slides about beekeeping from the New Jersey Beekeepers Assn. and sorted through them and used selected ones with my slide projector, but I soon learned that the NJBA Library no longer had them available. I did obtain a DVD with some pictures from NJBA, but I found them inadequate. I also ordered a DVD from Brushy Mountain, the only catalog offering pictures in a DVD format, but also found it very limited.

Fortunately, Joe Lelinho directed me to the MAAREC Internet site where I was able to download a number of pictures in PowerPoint format and which served me well.

I would think that some enterprising person could produce a DVD with pictures depicting the inner workings of a beehive, feral bee homes, an overview of beekeeping over the course of the year and differentiating bees from other stinging insects. This might both serve the beekeeping community well and might also be able to earn a few dollars for their efforts through sales of the product.

Joe Treimel, Editor

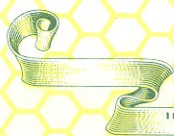
Dear Beekeeper,

Those of you who have been visiting the Natural Beekeeping Network site at <http://www.naturalbeekeeping.org> will know that a new charity has been formed to help protect the interests of bees, and to promote more natural beekeeping methods.

We are pleased to announce our official launch today, and invite you to visit our website at <http://www.friendsofthebees.org>. Friends of the Bees is a new, UK-based charity founded to conserve and protect bees, to educate people about bees and to research and promote more natural beekeeping methods.

Friends of the Bees was inspired by the Natural Beekeeping Network – a growing, worldwide movement of over 1500 beekeepers in 160 countries who are developing more natural ways to look after their bees. Nearly half the membership is in the UK.

Many of these beekeepers started down the path of 'natural beekeeping' after reading *The Barefoot Beekeeper*, a book written by Friends of the Bees director Phil Chandler.



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