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### St. Clair Beekeepers Association

# Bee Buzz

Monthly Newsletter of the St. Clair Beekeepers Association

## Special points of interest:

 ISBA Annual Fall Meeting, Saturday, November, 15, Springfield, Illinois.
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www.ilsba.com

### **Our Next Monthly SCBA Meeting Is...**

Friday, November 20, 2015

The meeting will be our holiday dinner and will be held at the Madison County Farm Bureau, 900 Hillsboro, Edwardsville.

The meat dish will be provided; please bring your choice of side dishes or desserts.



#### What's Happening?

Katrina Kloepper has resigned from editing this newsletter due to time pressures. She has done a wonderful job for the past several years, preparing timely and informative newsletters for SCBA members. Thanks, Katrina, for your hard work. We have all really appreciated your efforts.

Barbara Beal has offered to prepare the newsletter and this is her (my) first effort. Since I'm still familiarizing myself with the software this will be a very short newsletter.

Just a couple of things:

The Forage, Nutrition and Roadside Task Force of the North American Pollinator Protection Campaign is reaching out to beekeepers to help us determine appropriate standards for expanding property tax incentives to beekeeping. The data gathered from this I-minute survey will allow us to propose evidence-based guidelines on how many acres per hive should be granted tax benefits, which will help beekeepers and our most important pollinators. As an added incentive, the first 100 respondents will be entered into a raffle to win a fantastic prize – Bees: An Up-close Look at Pollinators Around the World by Sam Droege and Laurence Packer. The survey takes less than I minute. Click here: <a href="http://www.americanbeeproject.com/#!beekeeperforage-survey/c5if">http://www.americanbeeproject.com/#!beekeeperforage-survey/c5if</a> and go to "Beekeeper Certification," then "Bee Forage Survey."

And, just for fun, check out this video: <a href="https://m.youtube.com/watch?feature=related&v=Wa0db-7bsAo">https://m.youtube.com/watch?feature=related&v=Wa0db-7bsAo</a>