



Bee BUZZ

NEWSLETTER

JULY 2021

June Membership Meeting

Mother Nature had other plans for June 27th. Due to the forecast for showers Sunday afternoon the board decided to cancel the meeting. I'm not sure if it rained where you live, but it did here in Edwardsville.

The board would like to thank Kim Palmer for offering to host the meeting at her house and all of your efforts to prepare for the meeting. Thank You!

From the President...

Good afternoon, did everybody have a safe and happy Fourth of July? I celebrated my 31st anniversary, it was 104° that day. No, can you imagine being in a suit in them temperatures? I hope this weather isn't keeping anybody from doing what they need to in the bee yard. I know it's hot, my girls are hanging on the box is such numbers I can't imagine how many more are inside. I know some people provide shade this time of year for their bees, I've been know to put an umbrella out for the day LOL! I'm stacking Supers and with that I'm adding shims between Supers, for extra ventilation. I haven't used spacers with screens. I guess that's just another cost, but one I've been thinking of. My mentor told me to use shims, or quarters. That gets expensive when you keep losing them.

The swarms we are seeing right now are small. Most of the time these are good to add to colonies that are failing. Be sure you're doing your mite inspections, I'm thinking

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Old Timer's Way

By Ken Schaefer

The HONEY is flowing



The hot humid days of summer are now here. Swarming frenzies and queenless hives should be behind us. The bees have settled down to their job of filling their pantry.

Staying inside and keeping cool means I can catch up on some reading. My favorite author, a philosopher and beekeeper, is Richard Taylor (born in 1919 and died in 2003). My favorite quote from Mr. Taylor's book *The Joys of Beekeeping* is "There is a lot to be said about thinking small, so far as material things are concerned, and reserving greatness for things of the spirit. It is the key to magnanimous living. The very word, magnanimity, literally means greatness of soul." His books are no longer in print, but are considered classics. Consider yourself fortunate if you happen to own a copy of his great books.

Stay cool and may your supers overflow.

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Beekeeping 100 years ago....

This is from a book published in 1919 called the How To Do Things –The Farm Journal in Philadelphia

The Busy Bee in Summer

The swarming season is practically over, though some warms will emerge during July.

The bees are on the home-stretch now, gathering much nectar form the clovers; and about the middle of July is the proper time to harvest the crop and keep it separate from the later fall flow of darker and not so richly flavored honey.

In the matter of giving the bees additional storage room and harvesting the clover honey, one can not of entirely by the calendar, but rather permit the bees to concentrate all their energies upon what sections they have, as it is folly to end the season with a large number of unfinished sections on hand.

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If the season has been late, then the wise thing to do is to let the supers remain on even beyond the twentieth of the month, and be governed by the conditions prevailing afield.

Uncapping the Combs for Extracting

In harvesting the honey from the extracting combs, a good sharp honey uncapping knife is a necessity; and two are better than one, as one can remain in a pan of hot water on the stove while the other is in use, and the knives change with every two or three combs uncapped. Hot water not only cleans the knives of honey and wax, but by keeping the knife hot makes it cut more readily.

In any case the knives should be very sharp.

Holding the knife at just the right angle, it is a very easy matter when it is heated to slice off the caps of the combs in the extracting frames, and make them ready for extracting.

The honey and wax that adhere to the knife can be scraped off into a can, and the honey separated from the wax by melting the honey until the wax melts and rises to the surface; when the mass is cooled the wax can be taken off without trouble.

Storage

In harvesting the comb-honey greater care must be exercised, and under no condition should the section combs be stored in a cold damp place.

The cellar is the worst place imaginable for it, and an ice-box is certain to make it sweat and run over the combs and spoil the appearance. The warm attic is an excellent place, but be careful to have it stored so that no robber bees can gain access to it.

By all means use a bee escape board in taking off the supers containing the sections.

A Little Bee Humor

Q: What do you get when you cross a race dog with a bumble bee?

A: a Greyhound Buzz.

Q: What is a bee's favorite sport?

A: Rug-Bee.

Q: What TV station do bees watch?

A: Bee bee c one!

Q: What do you get if you cross a horse with a bee?

A: Neigh buzz

source: <http://jokes4us.com/animaljokes/beejokes.html>



Okay new guy, its simple - when you go out don't get lost and don't bring back any varroa mites.

From the President....

Annual Election of Officers

Nomination for the election of officers are accepted during the July and August and election of members to office are held at the September meeting with installation to follow at the annual meeting in November as per ARTICLE II, Section 1 of our By-Laws. The official duties of newly-installed officers commence immediately following their installation during the annual meeting in November.

All officers' tenures shall be for a three-year term and their duties are as follows:

President - The President shall be the principal executive officer of the corporation. Subject to the direction and control of the executive Board he/she shall be in charge of the business and affairs of the corporation; he/she shall see that the resolutions and directives of the Executive Board are carried into effect except in those instances in which that responsibility is assigned to some other person by the Executive Board, and, in general, he/she shall discharge all duties incident to the office of President and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Executive Board. He/she shall preside at all meetings of the members and of the Executive Board using the guidelines of Roberts Rules of Order to conduct the meetings.

Secretary - The Secretary shall:

- Handle all correspondence of the association
- Record the minutes of the meetings of the members and of the Executive Board in one or more books provided for that purpose
- Ensure that all notices are fully given in accordance with the provisions of the bylaws or as required by law
- Be custodian of the corporate records and of the seal of the corporation
- Keep a register of the post office address of each member, which shall be furnished to the Secretary by each member, this register to be published and distributed at least once annually and distributed to the membership
- Perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him/her by the President or by the Executive Board
- Serve as the registered agent for the association

Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be the principal accounting and financial officer of the corporation.

- Have charge and be responsible for the maintenance of adequate books of account for the corporation
- Have charge and custody of all funds and securities of the corporation, and be responsible therefore, and for the receipt and disbursement thereof
- Perform all the duties incident to the office of Treasurer and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him/her by the President or the Executive board.
- File annual tax forms with State and the IRS
 Ensure members are enrolled in Illinois State Beekeepers Association

Director - The Director's primary function is to provide a direct link between the membership and the Executive Board. The duties of the Directors are not limited to any specific area of concern but rather fall in a category of general interest to the welfare of the association of the corporation by whatever means necessary in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois governing nonprofit organizations

Program Director - The Program Director shall:

- Develop a committee of interested members
- Set up an annual plan of programs with the committee for club meetings which will serve to educate our membership
- Serve as the contact for outside speakers
- Provide membership with information about the program for monthly meetings

President ...

about doing a sugar roll next week. Do you have water available and plenty of pebbles to keep the girls from drowning? I saw someplace where they cut a pool noodle into slices, it looks like little donuts floating in the water.

These next few months will be very busy we're trying to fill several vacancies on the board. The president, secretary, treasurer, two directors and the program director positions are all up for nomination. We are still looking for someone to do the kitchen. The program director's position is a BIG job, this position will give you two or three extra people to help coordinate the program, help get information and not leave such a big burden on one person. This will be a shared position and Charity Davis-Woodard has offered to help with how this position works. Please remember it is a big responsibility to hold a position on the board in a club like this. Striving to make things run smoothly, finding the right people for the right position and everybody working together to make this club the best it can be. I appreciate everything everybody does to help make this club all it can be.

Thanks see you on the 25th

Julie McKinney

Around the Bee Yard

- Go to Randy Oliver's website and read up about varroa mites [Varroa Management Archives - Scientific Beekeeping](#)
- Check for mites, check for mites, check for mites
- Remove honey supers and treat for mites if necessary
- Continue to monitor for congestion, queen rightness, and queen cells
- Provide plenty of water the workers are hard at it in this hot weather
- Think about nominees for Beekeeper and New Beekeeper of the Year awards
- Attend SCBA Membership Meeting July 25th
- Consider running for an officer position in the club
- Submit nominations for Beekeeper of the Year and New Beekeeper of the Year

Warning.. This article is not a legal opinion and you should consult with your attorney or tax accountant.

Source - Illinois Revenue -Business Registration web page and Help Desk. You must register with the Illinois Department of Revenue if you conduct business in Illinois, or with Illinois Customers. This includes sole proprietors (individual or husband/wife/civil union), exempt organizations, or government agencies withholding for Illinois Employees.

To register your business you must

- Electronically register through My Tax Illinois (approximately one to two days to process)'
- Complete and mail FORM REG-1, Illinois Business Registration Application, to us at the address on the form (Form REG-1 is available on our web site as a fill-in and savable form. Registration forms are also available by calling us at 1-800-356-6302); or
- Visit one of our offices.

FAQ

Q: I sell honey in Illinois to individuals do I have to collect sales tax?

A: If you sell to end users you have to collect sales tax from them. If they are an Illinois resident then any sales where they are in the business of selling such tangible personal property, they will have to collect sales tax. The only time they do not register is if it is an occasional sale where they are not in the business of selling select tangible personal property (example, garage sale)

Q: What is the sales tax rate?

A: Honey being a food item would be under the food sales tax rate of 1% + local tax rate. Bees, bees wax, pollen and equipment would be under the general merchandise tax rate of 6.25% + local tax rate.

Q: Where do I find the local Sales Tax Rate?

A: The local tax is available under the business tab, select tax rate finder and enter the city or county

Q: Do I have to have an Employer ID Number or can I use my Social Security number to file sales tax?

A: You may register as a sole proprietorship using your SSN.

Q: Do I have to form a company?

A: No

Q: How often do I have to file?

A: First year will either be monthly or quarterly filing frequency, based on tax collected it may decrease to annual

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Q: How often do I have to pay the tax?

A: Same as filing frequency.

Q: What records do I need to retain?

A: Copies of resale certificate or numbers when sold to a vendor. Receipts of sales.

Q: Where do I register to file Sales Taxes in Illinois?

A: You can register online at mytax.illinois.gov under business tab select register a new business form REG-1

For more information go to ..



QR Code to Illinois Revenue Business Registration

<https://www2.illinois.gov/rev/businesses/Registration/Pages/default.aspx>



QR code to Illinois Department of Revenue Regulations

<https://www2.illinois.gov/rev/research/legalinformation/regs/Documents/part130/130-101.pdf>



St. Clair Beekeepers Association

**Promoting interest in bees and
beekeeping in Southern Illinois.**

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The purpose and function of the St. Clair Beekeepers Association is the promotion of interest in bees and beekeeping by such means as encouraging...

- **Good beekeeping practices**
- **The utilization of bees for pollination of agricultural crops**
- **The dissemination of information about bees and beekeeping**

NEXT MEETING DATE

Our next membership meeting will be held at apiary on **Sunday, July 25th at 2:00 PM.** At Old Six Mile Museum, 3279 Maryville Rd, Granite City, IL

Below is the agenda of the meeting -

Brief business meeting then discussions about

- Preparing for the dearth
- Queen Rightness
- Pest control
- How Much honey do I need for winter

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