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Hello everyone,

Looks like Spring is upon us. Many of you are in areas where the honey flow may be well underway. I hope that everyone has their spring management in place.

Dr. Tew’s ACES Spring Beekeeping Symposium was another great success. There were many compliments on the great line up of speakers. Jamie Ellis returned again this year and did another excellent presentation. Many thanks to all of the speakers that presented Beginners Beekeeping Topics. During the symposium. Dr. Geoff Williams, from Auburn University, was introduced to the association.

The Master Beekeepers Program held their annual workshop February 9–11, I was pleased to see those in attendance. The program has really grown over the past few years. Gerry Whitaker is doing an excellent job with the program and I am confident that it will continue to grow and be successful.

The Alabama Beekeepers Association is in need of updated information from the many beekeeping area clubs. Please, submit information regarding your local beekeeping club or association stating the club’s name, meeting location, places, times, and presidents’ name, to Jerry Carter, editor of The Stinger or Bob Fanning webmaster of The Alabama Beekeepers web page. We would really like to have this information updated and corrections made.

Please, make plans to attend The Alabama Beekeepers Association Annual Spring Picnic, which will be held on Saturday, April 29, 2017 from 10:00a.m. until 2:00p.m. at Lanark Park in Millbrook, Alabama. The Association will provide the meat and drinks we ask that you bring a covered side dish, salad, or dessert. Kelley’s and Rossman’s have confirmed that they will be attending this event. This would be a great opportunity to preorder supplies and have them delivered to the picnic for you to pick up.

David Ellis,
President, Alabama Beekeepers Association
Letter from the Vice President

I often hear horror stories of beekeepers being sued by someone who says that they were stung by a “bee” owned by the beekeeper. Then the beekeeper found out that there was no coverage for a stinging event offered under their homeowner’s insurance policy. So the cost of defending themselves came out of their own pocket and the legal fees sometimes ran into many thousands of dollars. Surprise!

If they had just known about Alabama law, Act 2012-520, p. 1543, Section 6-5-347 on Agritourism, they might have avoided liability by simply posting a sign with specific wording in their bee yard(s).

That statute states, in part,

(6)(b)(1) Except as provided in subsection (c), an agritourism professional has no duty of care to inspect for an inherent risk of agritourism activity and may not be liable for an injury, sickness, or damage to a participant or the death of a participant resulting from an inherent risk of an agritourism activity.”

The statute specifically cites “the behavior of insects” as falling within the law, which was passed in 2012.

If you want to know more, go to my website www.RoseHillFarmLLC.com and click on “Beekeeping Symposium Slides”. My PowerPoint that covers this, including the wording required on the sign, is there in PDF format under Alabama Laws on Honey Bees & Apiaries, along with the complete Alabama Agritourism Protection Statute.

I suggest that you discuss this with your attorney if you have any questions about it. He or she may not be aware of it, so now you can provide the cite to the law.

Bill

Bill Evans
I hope everyone enjoyed the symposium. I heard we had 708 people in attendance. A special thanks to all of those who worked in the kitchen and at the Alabama Beekeepers booth. We could not do it without you.

A reminder that there are several of you who have not paid your 2017 dues yet. We do not want to lose you as members. Forms are available on our website: www.alabamabeekeepers.com. If you are unable to print them just mail me a check for $10 payable to the Alabama Beekeepers Association and write on a piece of paper any changes to name, address, telephone number, email address, etc. My address is 1260 Easley Bridge Road, Oneonta, AL 35121.

At the symposium someone paid dues and their receipt does not have a name on it, so I do not know who to post the dues to. If you received a receipt for your dues and it does not have your name on it, please let me know.

Start making plans now for the picnic on April 29th at the Lanark Pavilion in Millbrook where we were last year. We will have more details in the April Stinger.

Thanks,
Bonnie

Letter From The Secretary

Fellow Alabama Beekeepers,

I hope everyone that attended The Spring Beekeeping Symposium enjoyed it and learned much from the many speakers and workshops that were made available. Dr. Tew and ACES always put on a great workshop, and with nectar flow around the corner, it is always a good time for a refresher course or perhaps to consider a new more effective way to manage and sustain our hives.

The Alabama Beekeepers Association provided lunches to all that preregistered and had a meal ticket. Our menu for this event was bagged lunches which consisted of different types of sandwiches, chips and a cookie and also a bean salad was available for those that wanted a vegetarian option. Many thanks to everyone that pitched in to help prepare the many bagged lunches, it takes the work of many hands to get the meal ready on time.

If you prepared, brought and/or donated a dessert a very special thank
you to you. A special thank you to Bonnie Funderburg for your wisdom in organizing such a big meal and creating such a tasty menu. To Bill Evans, your doughnut order and delivery was a big hit, and from my observation everyone enjoyed them. Thank you, also, to George Baldwin for transporting all of the drinks, that was a truck load unto itself. As I stated before and I will say again, thank you to everyone that pitched in helping with meal preparation and clean up.

Respectfully,
Susan Ellis
Secretary,
Alabama Beekeepers Association

***There are a number of people who donate their time and energy to make the ACES Symposium a great event for Alabama Beekeepers. Without these volunteers the meeting would not be the successful event it is each year. Thank you to all who helped with the food preparation, set up, and transporting all the food and supplies needed in the kitchen and the classrooms. Thanks, also, to the vendors that donate door prizes and travel to be at the symposium. The speakers and ACES staff also deserve recognition, too, for their efforts putting this together. For all who attended, thank you for making the this year’s ACES Symposium such a success.***
Insurance for the Beekeeper

It seems liability insurance for beekeepers is a hot topic. I have researched this a bit since the December issue and have found companies out there that will insure you for anything. Unfortunately, I have not gotten any information on any specific companies, yet. I will have more to come on this issue. In the meantime, here is some information about a different type of insurance. This comes from Austin Tucker from Southern Ag Insurance. I talked with Austin at the ACES Symposium about insurance and he sent me this information. …

Jerry

The USDA insurance program to help cover your bees:

The Apiculture Pilot Insurance Programs provide a safety net for beekeepers’ primary income sources – honey, pollen collection, wax, and breeding stock. Apiculture systems consist of different types of plants or crops and often contain mixtures of different species, each with different growth habits and seasons, vegetation greenness and health, rain requirements, and other climate conditions necessary to maintain plant growth over extended periods of time. The Rainfall Index apiculture program uses a new technology to assess losses in plant production across diverse plant conditions and environments.

The Apiculture policy uses National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Climate Prediction Center (NOAA CPC) data, and each grid is 0.25 degrees in latitude by 0.25 degrees in longitude. You must select at least two, 2-month time periods where rain is important to your operation in your area. These time periods are called index intervals. Your insurance payments will be calculated using NOAA CPC data for the grid(s) and index interval(s) you have chosen to insure. When the final grid index falls below your “trigger grid index,” (coverage level multiplied by the expected grid index) you may receive a loss payment. This insurance coverage is for a single peril—lack of rain. Coverage is based on the experience of the entire grid. It is NOT based on individual farms, ranches, or specific weather stations in the general area.

In short if it rains too much you owe premium and if it does not rain enough you get paid. Every GRID is different so I will need to do individual quotes. This is a great program that Alabama bee keeps need to participate in. It does not matter if you have 1 colony or 1,000,000. I will be happy to come and speak with you one on one or at your local meeting.
If you have any questions please give me a call, if you want me to give you a sample quote I will be happy to do so. Please feel free to share my information. You can also go to my website.

Thank you,
Austin Tucker
334-319-6029 - Cell
www.southernaginsurance.com

In Memory of Don Love

Longtime Alabama Beekeeper Don Love passed away in January. The following is from Bob Fanning in remembrance of Don...

Don was very active in the MCBA when my father was a regular attendee. Unfortunately most of Don’s accomplishments were before I got involved beyond just attending meetings with both the state and local beekeeping groups.

When Don was really active, the Alabama State Convention was managed by individual regional beekeeping organizations in the their area. Don was an active part of the conventions that were held in the Huntsville area (Monte Sano Mt).

Don was a long time member of the Alabama Beekeepers Association as well as Madison County Beekeepers Association where he served in several executive offices, the latest of which was Secretary-Treasurer.

Don was instrumental in the Ethylene Oxide chamber project that was developed by the MCBA for ridding equipment of American Foulbrood. On that project, Don was certified to handle Ethylene Oxide, which is a very dangerous gas.

Don was the MCBA standing “Fair Booth” chairman for well over 25 years where he served until all local counties stopped having fairs. Don never had a ton of hives but was always on the cutting edge of beekeeping technology.

By the way, the ethylene Oxide chamber was a “vacuum bell” obtained from NASA that was modified to allow wood ware to be sterilized using ethylene Oxide gas. The working chamber was donated to the state and they decommissioned it likely because of the danger of handling Ethylene Oxide.

Bob Fanning
Madison County Beekeepers Association
The Business of Beekeeping

This article is for the benefit of those beekeepers that sell any of their honey or sell other hive products like beeswax. If you consume all of the surplus honey that your bees produce or you give it away and have no revenue from your beekeeping activities, you may skip to the next article.

Somewhere in my archives I saved a cartoon of *Hagar the Horrible* in which he takes his son aside and explains the facts of life, “Income is taxable.”

Beekeepers classify themselves as hobbyist, sideliner, or commercial. The taxing authorities see us as either hobbyist or professional, although they do not use the word hobbyist. We are engaged in a not-for-profit activity. The rules say that income from all sources is taxable unless there is some exception. Furthermore, income from activities engaged in not-for-profit is taxable, whereas losses from activities engaged in not-for-profit are not deductible. Therefore, if beekeeping is your hobby, in the years you have a net income, that income is reportable, and, in the years you incur a loss, that loss is *not* deductible. What should we do?

Behave as a businessman. Your beekeeping activity should be conducted as a for-profit activity so that, in years you have a net income, you report a net income, and, in years you incur a net loss, you are allowed to deduct a net loss. How is for-profit intent established? I consider beekeeping an agricultural activity. After all, our hives are inspected by representatives of the Alabama Department of Agriculture, right! We register our apiaries with the Alabama Department of Agriculture. So, I file a Schedule F – Profit or Loss from Farming. You can download a Form 1040—Schedule F from [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov). Review the categories of expenses. In order to accurately prepare a Schedule F, I must maintain records with substantiation. Honey sales are recorded daily in a journal. This is called a contemporaneous record. Expenses associated with my beekeeping such as purchases of woodenware, foundation, package bees, queens, and replacing lost hivetools are recorded along with receipts and invoices. So, keep good records. It is very simple to write each expense as incurred on the outside of a large brown envelope or a file folder and put the receipt in the envelope or file folder. At the end of the year, all your expenses are right there in the envelope. Keep the envelope or file folder in a drawer or file cabinet so you do not spend any time looking it when you have a...
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Part of the businessman behavior is conducting your beekeeping activity with a profit motive. This is not difficult. Aren’t we all doing our best to keep our colonies alive! Toward this goal, we read beekeeping publications, study, attend seminars, inspect our colonies, re-queen regularly, feed when necessary, and replace worn out equipment. If you are not doing these things, are you really a beekeeper?

There is an expression used in the code and regulations to sum up generally what I have been trying to say, i.e. facts and circumstances. Make the facts and circumstances of your beekeeping activity resemble a business with a profit motive and accurate records and substantiation to prepare a Schedule F. It will help you be a better beekeeper and provide you with a record of your successful years and not-so-successful years.

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Bill Evans, current Vice-President of the Alabama Beekeepers Association, taught the second session, *Life Cycle of the Honey Bee*. Bill brought the doughnuts. George Baldwin, another director on the board of the Alabama Beekeepers Association, presented *Diseases and Pests: Diagnosis & Treatment*. George brought a pickup truck load of sodas and bottled water. Seven hundred people drink a lot of water and soda.

For those participants who chose to remain in the building, lunch was provided by the Alabama Beekeepers Association. There was a choice of sandwiches and a bean salad prepared by Bonnie Funderburg for the vegetarians. Many elected to eat in the main Conference Center.

After lunch, Phillip Garrison, with the aid of his wife, Nancy, presented *Basic Beekeeping Equipment*. Hal Hendrix followed with his presentation of *Assembling Woodenware: Boxes and Frames*. He actually assembles a deep super then uses it as a work bench to assemble a frame. The last session, *Ten Mistakes All New Beekeepers Make*, was presented by Keith Fielder, a Georgia County Extension Coordinator who specializes in Apiculture. There were actually many more than ten mistakes. Keith simply organized the multitude of mistakes into ten categories.

Overall, the use of the separate building for the Beginning Beekeeper Workshop worked out better than planned thanks to the efforts of Christine Brown with her assistants and the ACES personnel. Dr. James E. Tew and Dr. Paul Mask have organized the biggest and best beekeeping symposium in Alabama, if not the southeast United States. You do not want to miss this annual event in 2018.

Lonnie Funderburg

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**Upcoming Events**

Lookout Mountain Honeybees Field Day…………….Saturday, March 4th
Alabama Beekeepers Association Picnic…………….Saturday, April 29th

For details on events or to add your event call Jerry Carter at 205-213-1673 or e-mail to: carterbees@charter.net

*There are sure to be a lot of Spring and Summer fairs and festivals, send them in early!!!*
The Honey BEEr Project

Nothing is hotter at the moment than local honey and craft beer. Danny Reid, a Board Member with the Jefferson County Beekeepers Association (JCBA), thought that putting the two together would make for a unique and successful fund raising event. After approval from the board, Danny reached out to Avondale Brewing Company in Birmingham to ask if they were interested in making a "honey beer" with a portion of the beer sales going to help raise money for local pollinator gardens. Avondale jumped at the chance and Danny went to club for honey donations. In a month's time he was able to secure 120lbs of honey and The Honey BEEr Project was born.

In August Avondale made 15 barrels, or 465 gallons, of beer with the 120lbs of honey and created what they called a Honey Saison. A saison is a farmhouse style beer that traces its roots to Belgium and is light and fruity, but with a crisp finish. The honey added a touch of sweetness that made the beer easy on the palate and unlike anything brewed there before. In October the beer was released to the public with a special event at the Avondale Brewery that included tables from all of the charity recipients as well as several local beekeepers selling their honey. The JCBA also used the event to hand out literature on being bee-friendly and information on how to become a beekeeper.

The beer was wildly successful and the project ultimately raised $2000.00 to split among four nature sites who are maintaining pollinator gardens especially for honeybees. $500.00 each was donated to the Red Mountain Park, Turkey Creek Nature Preserve, Ruffner Mountain Nature Preserve, and the Birmingham Botanical Gardens (who maintain their pollinator garden with help from the local Girl Scout troop.)

Danny started keeping bees a few years ago because he wanted to make more mead. A beer maker for over 20 years, he has won over 30 regional homebrewing awards and three national awards for his beers, but he wanted to explore making more beverages like meads, cysers, and melomels. "Local wildflower honey in the quantities that I want is expensive, so I figured why not go straight to the source!" A police detective by day, Danny is one of only two National ranked BJCP beer judges in the state of Alabama and is the founder of Special Hoperations, an award winning and nationally recognized homebrewing club headquartered in Tampa, Florida. In addition to his police duties, he is also a Major in the U.S. Army (Reserves) and served two tours in Afghanistan.

Submitted by
Danny Reid
Regional Beekeeping Associations

Alabama Mountain Beekeepers Association—meets the second Monday of the month at 6:00PM; 1590 Tabor Road Cut Off, Gadsden, Al. 35904. Barbara Pavey: President; 256-504-5510

Baldwin County Beekeepers Association—meets the first Monday of the month at 6:45PM; PZK Hall, 17933 Al hwy-104, Robertsdale, Al 36567. Rebekah Hargraves: President; 251-964-0559 www.baldwinbees.com

Bibb County Beekeepers Association—meets the first Thursday of the month at 6:30; Cahaba Lily Center on Main Street in West Blocton, Al. David Hamm: President; 205-913-6789; wdhamm13@gmail.com

Blount County Beekeepers Association—meets the fourth Thursday of every month, except November and December, at 6:30; Blount County Resource Center, 62561 US Hwy 231, P.O. Box 188, Cleveland, AL 35049. Jerry Carter: President; 205-213-1673; carterbees@charter.net

Central Alabama Beekeepers Association—(Montgomery, Elmore and surrounding counties) meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 6:00PM; Elmore County Extension Office, 340 Queen Ann Rd., Wetumpka, Al. 36092’ Allyson Andrews: President; Allyson.andrews65@yahoo.com

Chilton County Beekeepers Association—meets the first Thursday of every month at 6:00PM; Clanton Recreation Center, 309 1st St., Clanton, Al. Larry Wyatt: President; larry2660@centurytel.net

Choctaw County Beekeepers Association—After several attempts no current information is available. If you have any information please send to carterbees@charter.net

Clarke County Beekeepers Association—I have a report of a club meeting in Clarke County, but was unable to confirm. If you have any information please send to carterbees@charter.net

Cullman County Beekeepers Association—meet the second Tuesday of the odd numbered months (January, March, May...ect.) at 6:00PM; Main ALFA Building, 307 Main Street, Cullman, Al. Phillip Garrison: President; 256-734-5963

East Alabama Beekeepers Association—meets the second Tuesday of every month at 6:30PM; Ashland Housing Authority Meeting Room, 35 East Circle Drive, Ashland, Al...(I received this information at the annual meeting last year, but have no president or contact info, if you have any information please send to carterbees@charter.net)
Etowah County Beekeepers Association—meets the first Thursday of the month at 6:30PM; Carnes Rec Center, 102 Case Ave. SE, Attalla, Al., 35954. David Kelton: President; 256-523-4767; honeybees60@gmail.com

Jackson County Beekeepers Association—meets the first Thursday of every month at 6:30PM; Jackson County Farmers Federation Building, 23625 John T Reid Parkway, Scottsboro, Al. Keith Fletcher: President; keith.fletcher@mda.mil

Jefferson County Beekeepers Association—meets the third Thursday of every month except December at 6:30PM; Birmingham Botanical Gardens, 2612 Lane Park Road, Birmingham, AL 35223. David Ellis: President; jeffcobees@jeffcobees.org

Limestone County Beekeepers Association—meets the second Thursday of every even month (Feb, April, June...ect.) at 6:00PM; Limestone County Water Authority, 17218 Hwy 72, West Athens, Al, 35611. Lionel Evans: President; lcbees.al@gmail.com

Lower Alabama Beekeepers Association—(Butler and surrounding counties) meets the second Saturday of odd numbered months (January, March, May...ect.) at 2:00PM; Antioch Baptist Church, 2303 Old Stage Rd., Greenville, Al. Ralph Pugh: President; 334-799-2252

Madison County Beekeepers Association—meets the second Thursday of every odd month (January, March, May...ect.) at 6:30PM; Huntsville Botanical Garden, 4747 Bob Wallace Avenue, Huntsville, Al. Ricky Walls: President; ricksmailbag@yahoo.com

Mobile County Beekeepers Association—meets the second Thursday of the month at 6:45PM; Grace Tabernacle Church, 2001 Dawes Road, Mobile, Al. Johnny Johnson: President; contact Jane Spicciani for information; janesplice@gmail.com

Monroe County Beekeepers Association—No information, club appears to be inactive. Please send any information to carterbees@charter.net

Northeast Alabama Beekeepers Association—(Calhoun and surrounding counties) meets on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30PM; Calhoun County Administration Building, County Extension Auditorium, 1702 Noble Street, Anniston, Al. David Goodson: President; contact Jerry Gilbert for information; jerry@gilbertandco.com

Northwest Beekeepers Association—no longer active per a former member; If you have any further information on this organization please send to carterbees@charter.net

St. Clair County Beekeepers Association—meets on the fourth Thursday of odd months (January, March, May...ect) at 6:30 PM; Riverside Marina Building across the street from the Riverside Fire Dept. Lat. N33.604328°, Long. W86.202918°. Jimmy
Carmack: President; 205-966-5223; purealabamahoney@yahoo.com.

Sand Mountain Beekeeping Association—(Marshall and surrounding counties) meets on the third Thursday of each even numbered month (February, April, June...ect.) at 6:30PM; Guntersville Public Library, 1240 O’Brig Avenue, Guntersville, Al. 35976. Bob Cole: President; 256-894-4449; honeyandbees@charter.net

Saugahatchee Beekeepers Association—(Lee and surrounding counties) meets the first Tuesday of even months (February, April, June...ect.) at 6:00PM; Lee County Extension Office, 600 7th Street, Suite 4, Opelika, Al. Samantha Shaw: President; gregsamshaw@gmail.com

Shelby County Beekeepers Association—meets the second Thursday of each month at 6:30; Hope Christian School, 419 Philippians Blvd, Pelham, AL 35124. George Baldwin: President; 205-516-0918; shelbybees.org

Southeast Alabama Beekeepers Association—(Coffee and surrounding counties) meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM; Coffee County Extension Office, 1055 East McKinnon Street, New Brockton, Al. Tim Faulkner: President; 334-674-0687; timfaulkner@aol.com Contact: Phillis Wilson: Secretary; 334-735-3343 for more information

Southwest Alabama Beekeepers Association—(Escambia and surrounding counties) meets the third Monday each month at 6:30; Pentecostal Holiness Church, 839 Palafox St, Flomaton, AL 36441 please send contact info to carterbees@charter.net

Tallapoosa River Beekeeping Association—(Tallapoosa and surrounding counties) meets the third Thursday of every month at 6:30; Dadeville Recreation Center, 116 Kids Ct, Dadeville, AL. Keith Robinson: President; 334-362-0956; rangerkr@hotmail.com

Tennessee Valley Beekeeping Association—(Lawrence and surrounding counties) meets on the second Thursday of every even numbered month (February, April, June...ect) at 7:00PM; Moulton City Hall, 720 Seminary Street, Moulton, Al. Jo Ann Clark: President; Contact David Hicks for more information; hicksdp@juno.com

The Queen’s Castle Beekeeping Association—(Escambia and surrounding counties) meets the last Saturday of the month at 9:30AM; 21980 US Hwy 29 Andalusia, AL 36420. Annie Jo Peavey: President; contact number (OJ and Lucy Blount) 334-222-0751

Tri County Beekeepers Association—(Lamar, Fayette, and Marion Counties) meets the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30PM; Crossville Community Center, State Highway 18, in East Lamar County. Patti Butler: president; 205-695-3779

Walker County Beekeeping Association—meets the fourth Monday of every month at
6:30PM (except July and December with a picnic to be scheduled in July); Ext Svc Bldg, 1501 N. Airport Road, Jasper, AL. Lonnie Funderburg: President; 205-625-3464; funder@otelco.net

**West Alabama Beekeepers Association**—(Tuscaloosa and surrounding counties) meets the third Thursday of the month at 6:00PM; Tuscaloosa Extension Auditorium, 2513 7th Street, Tuscaloosa, Al. 35401. Vince Wallace: President; 205-339-3318; wallacebees@gmail.com

**Wiregrass Beekeeping Association**—(Houston and surrounding counties) meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00PM; Houston County Extension Office, 1699 Ross Clark Circle, Dothan, Al. Steve Loveland: President; contact at wiregrassbeekeepers.com/contact

...and for our friends near Douglasville Ga.

**West Georgia Beekeepers Association**—meets the fourth Monday of the month at 6:30; American Legion, 6449 Bankhead Hwy, Douglasville Ga. For more information contact Marilyne Parker, President 770-949-6640

I have tried to verify every organization on this list, please look over your club’s information and let me know if there are any mistakes. If you are a member of an organization not listed please let me know. If you would like to add any contact information or other information to your organization’s listing, please send to carterbees@charter.net or call me at 205-213-1673. Please help us keep this list up-to-date. Thank you..

Jerry Carter

**Alabama Master Beekeepers Program**

This was the largest group we have had since the program started. It is growing every year as more beekeepers want to further their education. When a student reaches the Master level he has become gained the knowledge to be able to provide answers and help other Beekeepers in their area. If you are interested in becoming an Alabama a Master Beekeeper visit our web site Alabamamasterbeekeepers.com to get information and requirements. If you have any questions call Gerry Whitaker 334-494-0136 (chairman) or David Kelton 256-523-4767 (MBP Advisor) to become a leader
Youth in Beekeeping

in Beekeeping. Congratulations to all the graduates of the 2017 Master Beekeeping Program. Much success in your future of Beekeeping!!!

Thanks,

FOR BETTER BEEKEEPING
David Kelton

Newest Master Hal Hendrix

Honey Bees

Through the stillness in the woods,
Hiding behind the trees.
If you stood still, you could
Hear the buzzing of the bees.
They fly along landing here
And there, on the flowers,
Slowly, but surely making honey
For hours.
So willingly, without knowing, these
Striped bugs
Make something that’s sweet for
The whole world to love.

A poem by,
Bethany Miller age 12

Youth in Beekeeping

The Alabama Beekeepers Association will once again sponsor the Young beekeeper program. This program is designed for Alabama students ages 12-16 who wish to learn the art of beekeeping and are from a non beekeeping family. Eligible students must submit an essay to a local beekeeping organization for consideration. For more information visit alabamabeekeepers.com and click on the young beekeeper program link. One talented writer will receive a great beekeeping prize package. Good Luck!!
Lookout Mountain Honeybees is taking orders for 2017, 3lb. Packages with 2017 Queen for April 12 pickup "weather permitting" $120 each. Med mix and AP23 brood builder package $25. Limited quantities so place your order before they are gone. Special on 2 complete hives with bees $40 off regular price. Field Day March 4, 2017, 9am -4:30pm lunch & door prizes included (open to all beekeepers $50)

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Thanks,
FOR BETTER BEEKEEPING
David Kelton
In the Kitchen

Here is a recipe for Honey Baked Chicken that Sandra Garrison prepared at a "Cooking with Honey" class at a Tennessee Beekeepers Meeting.

Honey Baked Chicken

1/2 c. flour
1 t. salt
1/2 Cayenne pepper
1 - broiler- 3 lb cut up or 4 boneless chicken breasts
1/2 c. butter divided
1/4 c. brown sugar
1/4 c. honey
1/4 c. lemon juice
1 T. Soy Sauce
1 1/2 t. curry powder
In bowl combine flour, salt and pepper, add chicken and shake to coat. Pour 4 T. butter in 9 x 13 pan. Place chicken in pan turning to coat. Bake uncovered at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Combine rest of ingredients and remaining butter. Pour on chicken. Cook 45 minutes basting during cooking.

Submitted by,
Bonnie Funderburg

Honey Lemon Ice Cubes

Ingredients:
1/2 cup honey
2 tablespoons of lemon juice
2 cups hot water

Blend honey, lemon juice and hot water mix well. Pour into ice trays and freeze. Can add more or less honey and lemon to taste, serve in your favorite tea or punch.

Submitted by,
Hans Imker

Membership Report

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New Members ————————————————————————————-57
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