

NORTHEASTERN INDIANA BEEKEEPERS ASSN.

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Northeast Indiana Beekeepers Association is unique. We have over 150 members, which puts us in the category of one of the biggest in the state, we have a yearlong program that most do not, we have dedicated persons who arrange for these programs and speakers, and always someone to step up and perform the jobs and leadership rolls when needed. We can be very proud of our association for it is truly unique.

Tom Lerner from Woodburn is supplying an extractor for the September meeting and will be raffled off. Tickets will be \$5.00 each. Picture page 6.

Be sure and read "From the Desk of the President." He sure does love his bees, except yellow jackets.

What's new this Month!

September meeting 16th. Kent Williams is speaking on Bee Insurance.

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From the desk of the president

Dr. Chris LaSalle

I hope everyone has had a safe and enjoyable summer. I have had a great honey harvest so far. My bees have been producing pretty well. I hope yours have done the same.

Unfortunately, our COVID numbers continue to climb. I have been watching the news and governor's office for recommendations and new mandates. As of writing this there are almost 200 inpatients in Parkview for COVID. Ninety percent of those are unvaccinated. I will be recommending masks at the meeting, but no city mandate has been issued. There may be more as our meeting gets closer. I will send out mass emails if there is anything further.

I had an interesting experience this summer. As we all have, I have gotten stung many times throughout my beekeeping experience. This was especially true when I tried to save a hive from a tree that had fallen up at Snow Lake. It was a real mess. I saved some bees, but they were infested with hive beetles, no queen, and not worth keeping. When I put the bees in a small nuc box, away from any of my other colonies, the hive beetle larvae just exploded. I dumped them on the hot street and was surprised to see how far they were able to crawl prior to getting burnt up. Anyhow, back to the issue of getting stung. I had the bees at another location and was doing some yard work and got stung by a yellow jacket on my lower leg. I did not see the nest until they let me know. It hurt no more than any other sting I have gotten in the past. I thought to myself, I wonder what a wasp sting will be like. I continued with my work until my armpits started breaking out in a rash. I thought it was hot outside and just a reaction to the heat. I decided to take a quick shower. In the shower my whole body started to break out in a fine rash and my lips went numb. All of this took place in the course of an hour. I immediately got out of the shower and sat with my parents. I had no shortness of breath or light headedness. I did have a slight elevation of my heart rate. I did not want to be alone as this is the start of a much more systemic reaction. My symptoms resolved on their own over the course of 2 hours. I have an appointment with an allergist, and I will have more information in the next newsletter. As you probably know, wasp venom is much different than honey bee venom. The type of reaction I had is much more serious and can be life threatening. I keep an Epi Pen in my truck mainly if I am working with someone new who might have a more serious reaction to bee stings. I have not had to use it yet but will definitely keep it close. I hear all the time, "I'm allergic to bee stings." Swelling up after a bee sting is not an allergic, this is a normal reaction to bee stings. What I experienced was far from normal, but you all know that I am far from normal.

We will be having a trunk sale one half hour prior to the meeting.

At our meeting we will be having a 50/50 raffle for a Dadant 6 frame manual extractor and uncapping bucket. Half the money will go to Tom Lerner who is providing the extractor and the other half to the club. Tickets will be \$5 apiece.

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This will be the last newsletter the association will be mailing out by snail mail **unless** we have someone volunteer to assume the responsibility for it as retiring Heidi Downey has done in the past. The directors are looking for someone who would be willing to take on this responsibility for the association.

Dean Gerber will be retiring as treasurer at the end of this year and the directors are accepting nominated people and volunteers who would be willing to take on this responsibility. . We all would like to thank Dean for his many years of dedication to our club. Please thank him personally at the meeting.



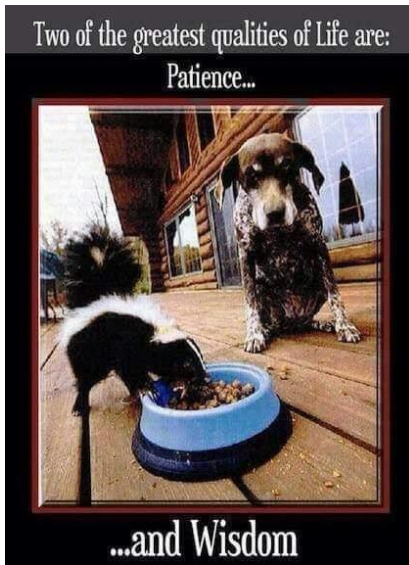
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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April Gilbert	Monroeville
Susana Seyler	Edgerton, OH
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IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR



EXHAUSTED



How true as a beekeeper.



Wouldn't it have been easier to just use your smoker?



Not the result of deer but a beekeepers neglect of checking his/her equipment. Hive saved, bees highly upset.

I have asked for topics, you the members, would like to hear a speaker address at our meetings. What would you like to know more about, how to do some things?

1. What is the best thing to do with a swarm you have captured? Where do you put it, do you feed it, when do you treat for mites? The list could go on for a mile or more.
2. What do you do with your hives and equipment when you move to an addition, retire or are unable to care for your bees?
3. What are the advantages and disadvantages of advancing your beekeeping to a business?

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There is a very interesting article in the September issue of American Bee Journal, page 971, about labeling. Did you know that it is legal for importers to label their honey "ORGANIC" and we in the United States cannot even though imported honey is not pure honey?



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Beautiful pictures, thank you Dr. Chris.



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