

# QUEENRIGHT

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NORTHWEST INDIANA BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION.

A CLUB DEDICATED TO INFORMING THE PUBLIC, TEACHING NEW BEEKEEPERS AND HELPING THE ESTABLISHED HOBBY KEEPER

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## Human Perspective-Alan Hopper

Greetings, Hopefully by the time you read this it will be SUNNY & 70 and your bee's will be bringing in lots of pollen and nectar. I hope everyone in attendance of the last meeting gained useful information they can apply and share with others. It was rewarding to see so many interested in planting for pollen & nectar. Remember to check the website info links for updates ie: *Planting for Pollinators* and *Spring Hive Management*.

Having been recently asked to fill a vacancy as a TBOI director, I will soon find myself traveling with Dale learning the ropes as he speaks to various bee clubs in Indiana. I also just attended my first TBOI board meeting on 4/14 in Indianapolis. It was very rewarding to see what this organization of volunteers is doing to promote better bee-keeping practices on a large scale.

## Month in Review

The first week of April saw unseasonably cold weather and the arrival of Package bees from much warmer climates. Many found the challenges were off setting the rewards of a successful introduction to the hive. On 4/14 a third general membership meeting was held in Lowell at the American Legion Post 101. We had a strong attendance with over 62 members. Tri Creek Lumber donated a number of raffle items. The meeting was run by Alan Hopper and a Treasurers Report and Minutes were reported by Denise Johnson. Floyd Mowry spoke of the acceptance of our first applicant, Trevor Lindsay, into the jump start program. This partnership between local clubs and the TBOI promotes mentoring and good beekeeping practices. Dale McMahan discussed spring hive inspections and management. Alan Hopper addressed controlling hive beetles and planting options for food sources of pollen and nectar. Members purchased 50/50 raffle tickets to help support the American Legion for a total of \$120.00 Bea Rice, Joy Bradish and Jan Travis kindly served refreshments. Thank you to all whom attended the meeting and to those who continually volunteer their services. For those that couldn't make it we very much look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on 05/19/2017.

## Environment

Last month we posted the following call to action asking

### ***What can you do to lessen your carbon footprint?***

We were very pleased to see a significant number of members taking the plunge to an electronic form of the "Queenright" sent via Email! As a club we are hoping this will help save our club money and resources that could be better allocated elsewhere. Thank you to all of those who have gone to email. It's not too late to jump on board, send us your email to [alanhopper55@gmail.com](mailto:alanhopper55@gmail.com)

## May Meeting

**Date: 3rd Sat, 5/19/2018**

\*\*\*\*\* **TIME:10:00 A.M.** \*\*\*\*\*

**Dale McMahan's**

**10507 N 300 W WHEATFIELD, IN.**

## Topics:

**TBOI :** What you should know about them and why.

**Hive inspections:** bring your jacket, suit or at least a veil.

**Microscope training:** If you have a colony that you would like to test for Nosema, bring 10 bee's in a labeled bag or jar that you have frozen and keep dry and on ice until examination.

This will be a very busy day with a large turnout; we will NOT have space for food. Bring a lunch, beverages will be provided. Remember to bring your most comfortable travel chair.

## Honey Do List

1. Check those bees every couple weeks.
2. Make sure you have extra woodenware available if you need to add, make a split or even try to catch a swarm.

## In Search Of Helping Hands!

We have several upcoming events listed below that are in need of volunteers. This is a great opportunity to network with fellow beekeepers.

for more information contact :

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## DATES TO REMEMBER:

**South Lake Country Agricultural Historical Society**

34th Annual Antique Tractor Show: July 13-15

**166th Annual Lake County Fair**

Lake County Fairgrounds: August 3-12