



## Northwest Indiana Beekeepers

The Northwest Indiana Beekeeper's Association was again encouraged by over 50 wanna-bee beekeepers that came out for the first of three beginner classes hosted in March. The meetings were held at the Lake County Library and led by the club President, Ed Rice, with assistance from various other board members.

All eyes were on our March meeting as many looked through a microscope during Dale McMahan's presentation on identifying Nosema. The club also approved the purchase of a microscope to assist members in the identification of pests and diseases so they can treat them accordingly before it's too late.



On March 20th they said Spring started, it just wasn't in NW Indiana. What did happen on this day was a group of beekeepers Daniel Scheeringa Ray, Ed Rice, Ralph Ochs and Jan Travis shared the benefits of honey bees with over 800 third graders who bussed in from all around Lake County to the Fairgrounds. This is an annual team effort hosted by Lake County 4-H and the Purdue Extension to introduce children to the many fun aspects of agriculture.

We were very pleased that our Jump Start applicant, Trevor Lindsay, was accepted in to the program with the help of his mentor, Floyd Mowry. Thank you to Jake's Feed Store for donating the package bees. It really was a team effort.

The April meeting took place at the American Legion Post 101 in Lowell. Dale McMahan discussed spring hive inspections and management. Alan Hopper addressed hive beetle control and planting options for food sources of pollen and nectar.



Mays meeting was held at Dale McMahan's where swarm control and traps were the main topics, followed by show and tell which included a homemade swarm trap. We then began the trek to the bee yard where we broke into two groups the dirty suits and the new suits for hive inspections. A good time was had by all.

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