

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

I would like to share my enthusiasm about what the club is doing to enhance the value of being a member.

We will have at least one demonstration per meeting along with occasional guest speakers throughout the year. Future club member training for disease & pest identification with the aid of newly purchased digital microscope.

The website! It will be a tool you will wish to visit & utilize.

Revised newsletter with columns to come such as:

Seasonal Topics, TBOI State News, Product Reviews & Things You Should Know.

To achieve a club of more knowledgeable beekeepers we will need more member interaction and participation. We are going to need your help moving forward. Each of us has a talent, whether it's writing, speaking, carpentry, computer/organizational talents, plant/flower identification, and lets not forget bee keeping knowledge. So share those tips and tricks. We have a lot of new and beginner beekeepers that need all the help they can get along with myself

If you want to be more involved please contact any officer/board member or myself, Alan 712-3268

Month in Review

Wow, what a month, **3/3** We held our 2nd general membership mtg. A presentation was given on nosema identification by Dale McMahan and the club approved the purchase of a microscope to assist members in diagnosing pests and diseases within their bee colonies.

3/10 What a turn out for 1st of 3 (Introduction to Beekeeping) classes, with over 50 in attendance

3/17 2nd Beekeeping class lots of information!

3/20 They say Spring started!

3/20 We know Ag Day started because Ed, Daniel, Ralph and Jan volunteered to share the benefits of honey bee's with youngsters who bussed in from all around Lake County to the Fairgrounds.

Environment

What can you do to lessen your carbon footprint?

You can start right here and help us convert your newsletter QUEENRIGHT to e-mail. **That's right E-mail.**

Significant savings will incur considering we currently mail 250+ newsletters, 10 months a year.

We understand it's not for everyone and that's fine.

If you can help, send me your e-mail **right now** to

alanhopper55@gmail.com

April Meeting

DATE & TIME: APRIL 14TH, 1 PM

LOCATION: AMERICAN LEGION

108 1/2 Commercial Ave. Lowell, IN

Topics

It's time to pop those hive covers and see what's going on.

1. We will be discussing spring hive inspections & mgmt.
2. Identification & eradication of hive beetles.
3. Early plantings of future food sources for pollen and nectar.
4. Microscope has arrived. Program outline reviewed.

Honey Do List

****Renew membership/pay dues****

We'll be collecting dues at the next meeting as we would like to send the roster out as soon as possible.

Please indicate if you would like to be included.

Dues are **\$10.00** a year per household. If you would like to mail them in, checks can be made payable to

**Northwest Indiana Beekeepers Assoc.,
PO BOX 125, Hebron, Indiana 46341**

Denise Johnston

Bee Buys

Bee related items for sale you can list it here. Simply provide a brief description, name, and phone number

DATES TO REMEMBER:

South Lake Country Agricultural Historical Society

34th Annual Antique Tractor Show

July 13th-15th at the Lake County Fairgrounds

Annual Lake County Fair

August 3rd-15th at the Lake County Fairgrounds