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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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The Human Perspective-Alan Hopper

Wow its amazing how fast this year has been going by with officer nominations just around the corner. This is your opportunity to give back by running for an officers position as I did last year for the position of vice chairperson.

My intent this year was to step up and ask for your vote to lead the club in a slightly different direction. As sure as the bee's buzz plans change, as did mine; thus I will not be seeking any office at this time. There will also be an officers position available for secretary as Denise will be stepping down from this position. My decision stems from a recent conversation between Ed Rice and I. It was determined that there was plenty of room for an education based club in the area to further assist beekeepers.

Similar to church planting I am excited to step out from the Northwest Indiana Beekeepers, with Ed's support, to start the Illiana Beekeepers Alliance with the knowledge gained from the club and the friendship of its members along with the TBOI. I am confident that with two clubs serving multiple areas with different formats while assisting each other when needed that the overall quality and quantity of beekeepers will be positively impacted.

This club will be reaching out to areas that sometimes find it difficult to attend meetings in Griffith or Merrillville. Feel free to visit the Indiana Beekeepers Alliance website for up to date information at illianabeekeepersalliance.com



Lake County Fair & Picnic Summary

Well the Lake County fair has come and gone again with attendance down thanks to the weather roller-coaster ride. Although you wouldn't know it based on the people that filtered through the Ag building to see not only the produce and crafts but too view the many bee related items on display. Children were rewarded with candy for spotting the queen in the observation hives while others enjoyed their candles after being taught how to make and roll them. Over 2800 candles made! Wow! The good ol boys handled the sales counter fielding every question imaginable about bees while handling the honey and candy sales like champions with the assistance of some new volunteers, selling out of nearly all of the various sizes of honey and honey products. Great job everyone and thank you for all your hard work on those hot summer days. The summer picnic came off without a hitch with nearly 60 in attendance. I believe a good time was had by all! I have only two regrets about the day #1. I did not get a chance to try all the great looking food not to mention the dessert table was bare when I finally got there. #2. Unfortunately I didn't get a chance to say hello to everyone either. So thank you to all who helped make it an enjoyable picnic. Any containers that were left will be brought to the September meeting.

Seasonal topics

1. Partner with another beekeeper so you can harvest your honey together. It's easier and more fun.
2. Inventory your honey containers .
3. Check your hives for pests,hive beetles,moths,mites and treat accordingly.
- 4.Start thinking about preparing your hives for winter remember how time flies.

September Meeting

Date: September 8, 2018 Time: 2:00pm***

Location: Griffith Library 940 N Broad Street

Topics: Recap of the fair events and officer nominations.

There are currently no club meeting dates scheduled after September 8th

Reminder

If your in need of a honey extractor the club has two that can be loaned out. Just bring them back as clean as when you received them.

Bee Buys

For sale 4 frame hand crank extractor \$100

Call Floyd 219-741-2813

Watch for fall sales from bee supply houses.Sometimes you can save \$\$ buying products in the off season

DATES TO REMEMBER:

The beekeepers of Indiana (TBOI) fall conference and workshop will be held Oct 26 & 27, 2018 @ Swan Lake Resort in Plymouth, IN

This is a great event and close to home. Don't miss it.