

TARA TIDINGS



JUNE 15TH, 2015

Meeting @ 7:00 PM

Jim Quick



**Tara Beekeepers
Association**



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TOOL TALK



JUNE 2015

Tara Beekeepers Association runs a kids course, that started in 2012. We held our Third Annual kids short course on May 30, 2015 at Reynolds Nature Preserve in Morrow. We had a nice sized group of kids who came out to see the bees. There were 11 in all ranging in age from 6- 14 years old and they seemed to have a pretty good time. The time went really quickly.

Fran and Buster Lane of Busters Bees provided the Nucs for the live bee demonstration and the Tara Beekeepers volunteered for the half day program. President Melanie Maxwell welcomed the kids and their parents to the course and went over what to expect to find in the hive, then PN Williams took over and discussed basic biology of the honeybee. After that, Mary Cahill-Roberts explained pollination and had a game for all the kids to play with David Brookshire and Maurice Rochester standing in as large blueberry bushes. We then took a break and moved outside to talk about what foods we get from honeybees and hive equipment. Jerry Haygood and Maurice Rochester did a great demo on hive equipment. The kids were enthralled. They sat with rapt attention and had great questions about the bee equipment, including what you could use things for.

PN and Buster lit up the smokers for the demonstration, the kids donned their veils and we set off to open nucs. The kids surrounded the area and gazed with wonder at the bees. They got to see the queen and a nice court around her; as well as some drones. Of course we had all the usual questions but overall the kids were excited. It is always interesting to me to see the hesitancy of the parents around the bees and the care free attitude of the kids.

I think we had a successful course. Although some of the kids may only become beekeepers in their later years, we did make an impact and I think we will have a few beekeepers that will buzz in over the years. See the accompanying photos.

- Mary

2015 TARA CALENDAR

June 15th, 2015 - Meeting @ 7:00 pm- Jim Quick

June quarterly raffle prize Complete hive unassembled

July 20th, 2015 - Meeting @ 7:00 pm- Speaker

July 21st, 2015 - Board meeting @ 6:00 pm- Pot luck Dinner

August 17th, 2015 - Meeting @ 7:00 pm- Bear Kelley Ga. State Beekeepers

September 5th, 2015 - Short course @ 8:00 am until 4:00 pm- Kiwanis club Building

September 21st, 2015 - Meeting @ 7:00 pm- Speaker

September quarterly raffle prize uncapping tank

October 10th, 2015 - Annual Tara Picnic at Rick & Joann Minters Farm @ 11:00 am

October 19th, 2015 - NO MEETING THIS MONTH

October 20th, 2015 - Board meeting @ 6:00 pm - Pot luck Dinner

November 16th, 2015 - Meeting @ 7:00 pm - Speaker - Officer Elections and Honey show

December 7th, 2015 - Annual Christmas Party @ 6:00 pm - Kiwanis club building

December quarterly raffle prize \$250.00 A Hive donated by P.N. Williams

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One-year Director, Jim Moyer

One-year Director, Doug Clack

Honorary BOD positions:

President Emeritus, PN Williams

President Emerita, Evelyn Williams



July 21st, 2015

Board meeting @ 6:00 pm- Pot luck Dinner

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Our Board of Directors is still looking for members to step up and
TAKE OWNERSHIP OF YOUR CLUB.

Please volunteer to help with any of the club's various
Jobs, committee positions, and service project assignments

The Club needs volunteers to
Take a turn bringing a dish to our monthly meetings in 2015

Please help with this important effort; our socials following the
monthly meetings offer opportunities to mingle with your fellow
beekeepers and foster cohesiveness in our group.

Here are some other great jobs and positions (to inquire, simply
send an e-mail to president@tarabeekeepers.org):

PROJECTS:

- Hive Inspection Leader

JOB:

- Webmaster
-Website Contributor
-Newsletter Editor
-Newsletter Contributor
-Club Librarian
-Cookbook Contributor

COMMITTEES:

-2015 Picnic
-2015 Audit
-2015 Beekeeper of the year
-2015 Christmas Party

SERVICE:

- Public Speaker in Community



PN Lighting the smoker



Maurice and Jerry explaining more bee equipment.



classroom, questions



Melanie our President explaining some bee equipment

CATCH THE BUZZ



France Sends Mixed Message. Colonies Up, Production Down. Pesticides, Parasites and Bad Weather Blamed.

HONEY production has dropped to its lowest level in 20 years and has been halved over the past three years as bees are dying in unprecedented numbers: with pesticides and parasites being blamed.

Last year French hives produced just 10,000 tonnes of honey and France's consumption of 40,000 tonnes was only met by massive imports of honey. This is a massive drop since 1995 when production was 32,000 tonnes and 20,000 in 2011.

Now MPs have voted on an outright ban on certain neonicotinoid pesticides from the start of next year. These damage honey

bees' nervous system and new research has confirmed they cause a slump in the bees' performance.

The ban was voted against the advice of the government but was a victory for the beekeepers' federation UNAF, which had called for action to save the industry.

With pesticides and parasites being largely blamed for the fall in bee numbers, last year was also particularly badly hit by poor weather, especially high winds.

Beekeepers saw mortality of between 50% and 80% in regions such as Provence-Alpes Côte d'Azur, Rhône-Alpes, Midi-Pyrénées and Languedoc-Roussillon.

CATCH THE BUZZ



Parasites such as the asian hornet now cover three quarters of France and beekeepers have attacked Agriculture Minister Stéphane Le Foll for not acting on a promise to have them targeted as Class 1 pests.

However, there is a growing number of beekeepers with numbers back to 70,000 commercial producers across the country and a rise to 1.3million hives. This matches the levels seen in 2011.

Despite falling production in France – only the west and Brittany were relatively spared by the slump – there is no fall in demand as the average consumer in France eats 600g of honey a year and only one in four does not eat any at all.

Editor's Note

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