

TARA TIDINGS



MARCH 16TH, 2015
-MEETING @ 7:00 PM

KEITH FIELDER
MAXIMIZING YOUR HONEY



**Tara Beekeepers
Association**



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Tool Talk March 2015

So, March is here. It is one of the most exciting times of the year, I think, for me. The hive manipulations are aplenty and decisions are frequent to improve our bee health and population. To split or not to split is the question. If you have 4 hives do you want 6...7...8 or more? As beekeepers, we are looking for any and all swarms and are interested in preventing them. So do when you split are you preventing swarms?

Last year I tried a new comb honey technique, called the hogg half comb. It was developed by John A Hogg out of developed in 1982. He used this to make a clean comb honey that the beekeeper did not have to use. I used 5 supers and really got about 4 nicely filled cassettes. I took it to Eastern Apiculture Society in Kentucky and won 3rd place with it. The guy who won was from Betterbee. You can purchase the hogg half comb system from Betterbee. I plan on doing this again this year and to do so I have to really prevent swarms.

I went out to do some checkerboarding and found another colony that actually froze to death over the past 2 weeks. The queen was missing and not being able to get into the hive I was unable to save the remaining bees. But, I am not discouraged. This year I have lost more hives than I ever have in the past 8 years, but 4 of them were due to the fire.

I am excited about having some time this weekend to work the hives as the weather is going to hold. The good thing about the hive dying is that I will be able to checkerboard my other 3 hives with the honey and the drawn comb from this hive. I am on the lookout for swarms, want to prevent them and I am keeping my hive tool handy. My smoker lit and my fire extinguisher close. Hope you all are having as much fun as I am .

2015 TARA CALENDAR

March 16th, 2015 - Meeting @ 7:00 pm Keith Fielder... Maximizing

March quarterly raffle prize

April 18th, 2015 - Board Meeting- 9:00am coffee and donut PN and Evelyn Williams Home

April 20th, 2015 - Meeting @ 7:00 pm- Margo Wimbish Children's education

May 18th, 2015 - Meeting @ 7:00 pm- Mary Cahill Roberts Hive inspection

May 30th, 2015 - Children short course Reynolds Park - 9:00 am until noon

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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President Emeritus, PN Williams
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April 18th, 2015

Board Meeting- 9:00am coffee and donut
PN and Evelyn Williams Home

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

CATCH THE BUZZ

Oxalic Acid registered as a varroa mite control

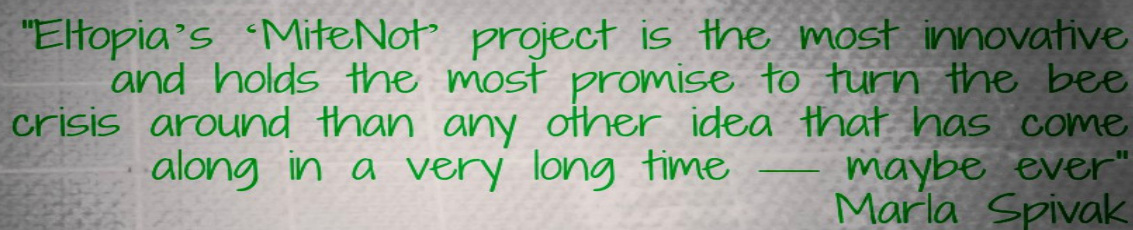


Over 250 letters were received by EPA when we asked for beekeeper input. The response was overwhelmingly positive and EPA, working with Canada's Regulatory organization feels Oxalic Acid, when used in accordance with label instructions, is safe for bees, beekeepers and the environment. It will be available to treat packages, colonies as an additive to sugar syrup or as a fumigant.

<http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0043-0119>

CATCH THE BUZZ

Codenamed 'MiteNot'. This technology is a simple, compostable and pesticide-free way to sterilize Varroa destructor mites.



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Marla Spivak

Eltopia is in early stage development of a simple, pesticide-free way to remove varroa destructor mites in bee hives. Groundbreaking new technology, code named 'MiteNot', will sterilize mites thereby eliminating them without harming the bees. The 'MiteNot' is currently in research, development and testing with the University of Minnesota Bee Lab.

"To save the bees, beekeepers and bee researchers need a new, non-chemical way to control mite parasites in honey bee colonies. Eltopia's 'MiteNot' project is the most innovative and holds the most promise to turn the bee crisis around than any other idea that has come along in a very long time -- maybe ever." – Marla Spivak, Distinguished McKnight University Professor Apiculture/Social Insects, University of Minnesota

Varroa destructor mites exist in almost all hives in North America. If left untreated, evidence supports mites kill honey bee colonies and may be a factor in colony collapse disorder. 'MiteNot' uses a compostable circuit board that senses the stages of the bee broods reproductive cycle and applies heat at a specific temperature and time to sterilize the mites. The heat is applied when the honeycomb cells have been capped and the temperature stabilizes. This is the approximate time when female mites lay eggs but before the male mites can fertilize, thus interrupting the mites' lifecycle.

Although this is a complicated process, 'MiteNot' is very easy for beekeepers to use. Just one frame per beehive needs to be swapped for a 'MiteNot' frame. Eco-conscious and well-engineered, 'MiteNot' is housed within a frame and wax covered compostable circuit board. The circuit board is created from renewable resources, such as cornstarch. The circuit board is covered in wax making it undifferentiated in use and appearance compared to a standard honeycomb foundation. Beekeepers can continually reuse the 'MiteNot' frame and have the ability to insert a new wax covered circuit board as necessary.

"We are confident that we will bring the 'MiteNot' to market. We are on target to deliver an effective, affordable and non-toxic solution to both commercial and hobbyist beekeepers to control varroa destructor mites. Additionally, we are excited about the other potential applications of our compostable circuit technology to solve other colony challenges. The applications of this technology extend within and beyond agriculture." – Will MacHugh, CEO Eltopia
'MiteNot' is currently in research, development and testing. Eltopia is looking for commercial beekeepers and academic institutions to participate in additional testing. If the testing continues to be positive, Eltopia hopes to make this a simple, non-toxic way to eliminate varroa destructor mites. Eltopia is targeting market availability by fall 2015.

Editor's Note

If you have an E-mail address, Please send it to me so we can get it in the directory.
Monthly Tara Newsletters are also sent to members by the Internet.

Send me your articles, classified, comments and suggestions.

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