

Lake Cumberland Beekeepers Association



LCBA meeting August 19, 2019

LCBA monthly meeting will be held on Monday August 19, 2019

+

6.30—8.30pm. Doors open at 6pm.

We will be discussing Pesticides and issues surrounding that topic. Speaker will be **Rick Bessemer** an entomologist from UK.

Venue: Pulaski County Extension Office, Somerset Ky.

Greetings from LCBA President Roger Baird

Hello everyone

Hopefully had good honey harvest this year, if not we always have next year to look forward to. This month we are having Rick Bessemer as our guest speaker. Rick is an entomologist from UK and will be speaking on how chemicals are affecting honeybees. I am really looking forward to this topic as I hope everyone else is to. It is a very important subject for beekeepers We will have an update on the park project this month as well. Our speaker for next month is Laura Rogers and she will be speaking on fall management. Kentucky State has finally hired someone to drive the autoclave and we are trying to get a date for it to come down here for anyone who wants to get any equipment sanitized.

Looking forward to seeing everyone Monday night.

Sincerely Roger Baird.

Report on July LCBA MEETING

LCBA's President Roger Baird called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M June , 2019 After business was discussed and previous meeting was put into the record, discussions were had about the wild flower garden projects we have been working on. The county executives have given the approval of enhancing our parks with wild flowers which makes for a good community-wide project. So, now we need money. We need to discuss various ways that we can start raising money for this important project. The club approved a day for setting up at Lowes on a Saturday.

Roger, Beth, Mike and Pat have agreed to man the booth.

Pat Rizenbergs , a long-time member, and past officer of the club, gave a presentation on Varroa Mites; their problems to bees, and different methods of treatments. She also discussed some different ways of determining how to check for the hive population of mites. Sticky boards, sugar shake method and also alcohol bath; checking of approximately 300 bees.

David Gilbert, past president of the club, presented a video of the oxalic acid treatment using a battery powered vaporizer.

Monthly LCBA Newsletter

It may seem a little early to be talking about getting your bees ready for winter, but I see some Goldenrod coming on strong so fall has to be almost here. We know that the three most important things a beekeeper can do are: 1. Go into winter with a strong hive colony. Combine weak hives as needed. 2. Make sure your bees have enough food stored for winter. Start feeding as soon as you discover the hives are light. 3. Check for mites, hive beetles, and any other problems.

It is a good idea to do the following now:

Check for laying queens. Check food stores Install entrance reducer

Adjust frames so honey is near the cluster

Add winter patties as you deem necessary.

These things will help to insure a good start in February. The best spring management starts in the fall

Mikes Ramblings: A note from LCBA Vice President Mike Wooton

Mike's Ramblings

Since I have been involved in beekeeping and our LCBA club, my experience has had its ups and downs. My first year I lost one of two hives due to cold temperature and a moisture problem in the hive that died. I had a plastic cover on the hive and the condensate, with the cold weather killed the bees. They had plenty of food storage. Since that time, I have lost colonies for variety of reasons. Whether it was mites, pesticides, poor food sources, or any number of other problems, I can't seem to keep from losing a hive or two each year. We know that mites are the number one killer of colonies so diligent monitoring and treatment of each hive is a major necessity. Now is the time to test and treat.

So far, all my hives are doing good; with a few doing better than others. I may have to combine one weak hive in order to have a good number of bees going into the winter.

I am thinking of getting our club to concentrate next year on improving habitat for our bees.

I recently read of a town in London England that commissioned flower strips in parks and roadside areas in an area seven miles long. A London council is growing a seven-mile long "bee corridor" of wildflowers in an effort to boost the numbers of pollinating insects. The council in north London is sowing 22 wildflower meadows in the borough's parks and open spaces, which together will form 50,000sq m of new flowering spaces and stretch seven miles in length. I think our roadways could be a good place for wild flowers; both for beauty and to cut down on mowing and spraying.

We have been working with the county officials here in Pulaski county for the possibility of wild-flower gardens in our parks. We should encourage anyone who has an interest in pollination and bee rescue to plant various flowers and trees that benefit us all.

Have a good fall and start making sure we go into winter with healthy strong colonies.

Come and join us for our monthly meetings. Everyone is welcome to ask questions and to discuss their problems and successes. We encourage participation.

Everyone is welcome.

BEE KIND TO OUR BEES!!!!

Mike Wooton
Vice President, LCBA
Mikewooton@hotmail.com
[606\(492-5228\)](tel:6064925228)