

LCBA meetings

Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of each month, January through October

At

Pulaski County Extension Office
(basement meeting room),
Off Tigers Way,
Somerset, KY

6pm: Doors open for informal discussion, questions and advice.

6.30pm: Brief business meeting

7.00 pm—8.30 pm: Guest presentation. A different bee-related topic is covered at every meeting. Details of topics are posted on the LCBA website at www.lakecumberlandbeekeepers.com.

Never kept bees, but interested in learning more about bees and beekeeping? Joining your local beekeepers association is the best way to get started!

For a listing of beekeeping associations in your area, visit the Kentucky State Beekeepers website at

ksabeekeeping.org

click on “Local Beekeeping Organizations”

LAKE CUMBERLAND BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION (LCBA)

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The LCBA observation hive on display

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LCBA members at the association's information table

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LCBA Mission Statement

Lake Cumberland Beekeepers Association was chartered in 2004 by a small group of Pulaski County beekeepers. The group now includes over 50 beekeeping members.

LCBA has the following objectives:

- To inform members about honeybees and beekeeping.
- To provide a forum for training in the art of beekeeping, the production of honey, and making of other hive products.
- To inform the public about the importance and contribution of honeybees to the welfare of all people.
- To encourage others to become members of Lake Cumberland Beekeepers Association or "Friends of Bees".
- To further the advancement of scientific and practical apiculture.
- To promote legislation and controls to protect and assist beekeeping as an industry and/or hobby in KY.

Members meet at 6.30pm on the 3rd Monday of all months except November and December in the basement of the Pulaski Extension Office for educational programs to enhance their beekeeping skills. Doors open at 6pm for an informal question/answer session when new beekeepers are encouraged to talk over any beekeeping problems.

Facts about honey bees

- A honey bee flies at speeds up to 15 miles an hour and will visit between 50 and 100 flowers on one trip.
- The average bee will produce approximately one-twelfth of a teaspoon of honey during her lifetime.
- Her wings beat 11,440 times per minute.
- Honey never goes bad. A jar of 2,000 year old honey found in an Egyptian tomb was said to taste delicious.
- A colony of bees consists of one queen, tens of thousands of female worker bees, and sometimes a few male bees called drones.
- The queen lays up to 1,500 eggs a day during the warm season, or about 200,000 eggs in a year.
- To make a pound of honey a colony of honeybees collects nectar from over a million flowers and flies more than 55,000 miles
- Flower foragers die when their wings wear out after 500 miles of flight. This is usually when they are 4-6 weeks old.
- Bees sting to defend their hive (brood and food) and so it is best not to go near a hive without protective clothing. You can watch bees on flowers gathering nectar, pollen, or water without fear. Once a worker bee uses her stinger, she will die. Drone bees have no stinger and the queen uses her stinger only to kill another queen.
- Winter bees live up to 5 months during the winter resting period.

Find out about beekeeping

We have fun talking about bees and beekeeping!

LCBA meetings are free, and open to the public. If you are interested in learning more about bees and beekeeping, you are welcome to attend and find out for yourself what all the buzz is about!

Like to join the club and become a member of LCBA? Dues are only \$10 per year per beekeeping unit. A membership form and more details about LCBA may be found on the LCBA website, www.lakecumberlandbeekeepers.com.



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