



HONEY GUIDES

The Newsletter of the
Pikes Peak Beekeepers Association

www.pikespeakbeekeepers.org

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING INFORMATION



The PPBA generally meets on the third Thursday of the months of January, April, July and October. Due to Covid-19 Coronavirus restrictions, we will be using Zoom to meet in July and October. The meeting links will be listed in the newsletters as well as emailed out to PPBA members.

Thursday, July 16th, 7 pm: GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

July PPBA General Membership Meeting: Jul 16, 2020 7:00pm Mountain Time (US and Canada)

The Zoom meeting room will be open at 6:30pm – with the presentation starting promptly at 7pm. Please ensure you are in the room by 7pm! Also - please make sure your last name is displayed as we will be checking to make sure all attendees are current PPBA members.

Join Zoom Meeting via direct link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81336258245?pwd=TIFsMGc1UVhmQ0NvZE15cDY1MGtrQT09>

Meeting ID: 813 3625 8245

Password: 744417

Our guest speaker in July will be Matt Hoepfinger, a Tech Team member with Bee Informed Partnership (BIP). Matt will be speaking to us primarily about Varroa mites. Below is Matt's biography:

After receiving a Master's degree in computer science from Michigan State, Matt moved to Golden, Colorado where he worked in the telecom industry as a software engineer for 25 years. He started keeping bees at the hobby level in 2011, which quickly became his passion (some have called it his obsession). He serves as director of Mountain High Beekeepers Cooperative and after playing an essential role in founding the Colorado Professional Beekeepers Association, he continues to provide support for the group. Matt joined the Tech Transfer Team in California in 2019 where he works closely with commercial beekeepers in the region to assist with colony assessments, disease monitoring, hygienic testing and sampling for *Varroa*, *Nosema*, pesticides, and viruses. He then uses the information collected to work alongside beekeepers by acting as an interpreter of colony data to improve survivorship. He is excited to expand his knowledge in evidence-based beekeeping practices and grow his understanding of honey bee health.

2020 MEETING AND EVENT DATES

October 15th, 7pm: Guest Speaker is schedule to be Kamon Reynolds of Tennessee Bees (via Zoom). Look him up on YouTube – he's done quite a few videos!

ABOUT YOUR PPBA DUES!

PPBA MEMBERSHIP DUES. Due to the Covid-19 Coronavirus and our limited activities, the PPBA Board decided that all PPBA members current as of mid-March 2020 will receive one year free dues. PPBA members who paid their 2020 dues prior to mid-March will have their PPBA membership extended to the end of 2021. Those members who had not paid their 2020 dues as of mid-March will have their membership extended to the end of 2020.

PPBA annual dues are \$15.00 per family (non-prorated, payable by cash or check by March 31st each year). Please mail your dues to Sandy at the address on the last page of this newsletter.

HELP OUT PPBA – VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

We need volunteers to help with the following PPBA activities and projects!

PPBA Meeting Program Assistance. Would you be interested in getting guest speakers for our General Membership Meetings? We need a program coordinator! If you have ideas and are willing to contact professional beekeepers (writers, speakers and researchers) and assist in arranging dates (and transportation and lodging, if necessary), please contact Rebecca Sunderlin (719-352-8311 or rebecca.sunderlin@dhs.gov) or Mike Halby (719-528-5483 or mandshalby@comcast.net)



PPBA Guest Speakers. PPBA gets lots of requests for guest speakers at schools, service organizations and local expos or events. Most speaker requests are just for a one-hour long presentation on beekeeping. If you could speak about beekeeping to a school or group, please contact Sandy at 719-528-5483 or e-mail mandshalby@comcast.net.

MENTORING!! We need mentors! If you've been a beekeeper for a while and would like to be a mentor, contact Sandy to update the roster and get hooked up with a beekeeper who may need some help!

WHAT'S THE BUZZ?

WATCH WHERE YOU ARE GETTING YOUR BEES AND QUEENS FROM!! PPBA members - just a reminder: please use caution when ordering queens and bees ... please ensure they are NOT from the southern tier of states (including Texas, southern California, Arizona, New Mexico and Florida). There have been reports of "hot" queens (Africanized) coming out of those states. As one queen producer states on their web-site: "Inter-breeding with feral Africanized bees does undoubtedly continue but we take measures to minimize their influence." They try to make sure their mating yards are primarily "safe" drones, but as you can imagine, there's no guarantee that Africanized drones are not present and are not mating with their queens. We want to prevent importing any Africanized bees into Colorado. **Be sure you know where your bee supplier is getting those bees from!!**



HOSTING BEEHIVES! If you want to put a hive on someone's property – we have people who want bees but don't want to be the beekeeper! Some are in town (Colorado Springs) and some are east. Contact Mike or Sandy at mandshalby@comcast.net for more info!

INTEGRATED HIVE MANAGEMENT FOR COLORADO BEEKEEPERS. This booklet is published by Colorado State University and just become available on-line! The sub-title is "Strategies for Identifying and Mitigating Pests and Diseases Affecting Colorado's Honey Bees" and it covers everything from mice to mites! Check it out on this link. BTW - We also have two hardcopies in the PPBA library for check-out.
<http://www.cepep.colostate.edu/Pollinator%20Protection/CSUBeeBookInteractive%20Adobe.pdf>

DRIFTWATCH: FYI, there's a web-site out there called Driftwatch.org. According to their web-site: "DriftWatch™ is a tool for identifying specialty crop sites and to further enhance communications between producers of specialty crops and pesticide applicators that promote awareness and stewardship activities to help prevent and manage drift effects that sometimes occur from spray operations." You can register your beehive location and they will notify you before any pesticides are applied (in rural areas; not intended for sites less than ½ acre).



EXTRACTOR RENTAL: To rent one of the PPBA extractors (we have four manual extractors and most of the other extractor equipment you'll need), visit www.pikespeakbeekeepers.org, select the "Extractor Rental Info" tab and follow the instructions there. **Remember, the extractor and equipment will be clean when you pick it up and it will need to be cleaned prior to return or you will forfeit your deposit.** Hot water and soap at the coin operated car wash is the quickest and easiest method for initial cleaning. Then, thoroughly rinse with clean water at home. There's also a link on the web-site to a video about cleaning the extractor.

PPBA WEB SITE!! Please visit www.pikespeakbeekeepers.org to see our web-site. The web-site features meeting information and calendar, newsletters, and beekeeping links. There's also a page for members to advertise "For Sale" or "Wanted" beekeeping equipment and beekeeping items. If you have a favorite beekeeping link, please let Mike or Sandy know about it so they can include a link from our web-site.



BEAR DAMAGE!! If you have bear or wildlife damage to your hive, contact the Colorado Division of Wildlife at www.wildlife.state.co.us for information about filing a claim.

PPBA ON FACEBOOK!! PPBA is also on Facebook! If you're a Facebooker – search Pikes Peak Beekeepers and we should pop up. If not, contact Sandy at mandshalby@comcast.net for a direct link.

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BEES ON THE INTERNET



Here's some links to web-sites that contain information or entertainment about bees, beekeeping, and honey. There are more links on our own web-page, www.pikespeakbeekeepers.org

Colorado State Beekeepers Assn (CSBA): www.coloradobeekeepers.org

Colorado Professional Beekeeping Association (CPBA): www.coloradoprobeekeeping.org

The National Honey Board: <http://www.honey.com>

The Honey Locator: www.honeylocator.com. The Honey Locator is a service provided by the National Honey Board. It's a database-driven Web site which allows you to search for honey and honey suppliers in many different ways.

Bee Culture magazine is at www.beeculture.com and Bee Journal magazine is: www.dadant.com/journal

University of Minnesota Bee Lab: www.extension.umn.edu/honeybees/index.html Dr. Marla Spivak and Gary Reuter have a great web-site, full of super links, on-line courses and information.

Randy Oliver's web-site is: www.scientificbeekeeping.com

And, general information for beekeepers is: www.beesource.com

HONEY COLLECTOR WANTS YOUR HONEY!

Cassie Olgren, local bee lover and honey enthusiast, enjoys collecting honey from diverse sources. Contact her if you have honey to sell. Colgren@outlook.com She would like one jar for her shelf and a second to taste!

BEES IN THE NEWS

Global Trade Magazine, July 1, 2020: Honey Bees Pollinate Trade Opportunities

<https://www.globaltrademag.com/honey-bees-pollinate-trade-opportunities-2/>

USA Today, Jun 22, 2020: Honeybees in America are doing better after a bad year, survey shows

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2020/06/22/honeybees-us-doing-better-after-bad-year-survey-shows/3239303001/>

PIKES PEAK BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Annual dues - \$15 (Please make check payable to: Pikes Peak Beekeepers Association.)

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