



HONEY GUIDES

The Newsletter of the
Pikes Peak Beekeepers Association

www.pikespeakbeekeepers.org

July 2021

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 probably again in October 2021. The Zoom meeting links will be listed in the newsletters as well as emailed out to all current PPBA members.

Thursday, July 15th, 7pm: GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Zoom meeting room will be open at 6:45pm – with the formal meeting starting promptly at 7pm. Please ensure you are in the Zoom room by 7pm!

Zoom Meeting link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89774106700?pwd=ZW9aeFp3cW1qM1VkQ3kzYnFGZXBNU09>

Meeting ID: 897 7410 6700

Passcode: 331041

The main topics for July are: re-queening before winter, combining hives, and feeding (especially pollen and protein feeds). This meeting will be open discussion led primarily by our more senior beekeepers. Bring your questions!

2021 MEETING AND EVENT DATES



July 15 th	General Membership Meeting
Aug 21 st	PPBA Picnic at Black Forest Regional Park
August 28 th	Bear Creek Honey Festival and Extractor Demo
September 11 th	Tentative – Fall Bee Yard Visit (watch your emails for details)
October 21 st	General Membership Meeting

HELP OUT PPBA – VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

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



SEE ATTACHED FLYER! PPBA Summer Picnic. Mark your calendars now! We're planning the PPBA Summer Picnic for August 21st and need your help to make this a success! In addition to a fun day with fellow beekeepers, we will be holding a Beekeeper Rodeo (guess the hive weight, keep your smoker going, etc) and Cooking with Honey contest. Contact Sandy Halby (719-528-5483, mandshalby@comcast.net) to volunteer to help with organizing the event, setting up, recording Cooking with Honey entrees, counting votes, clean up, etc.

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!



BEAR CREEK HONEY EXTRACTING DEMO! If you can help out on August 28th, 10am to 1pm, at Bear Creek Nature Center's 'Honeybee Celebration Day' and honey extraction demonstration, please let Sandy know! We need volunteers to help with this one!

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 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.

WHAT'S THE BUZZ?

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 Sandy at mandshalby@comcast.net for more info!



PPBA ON FACEBOOK! Pikes Peak Beekeepers actually has two Facebook pages. The first – called Pikes Peak Beekeepers – has people who are beekeepers but not necessarily members of PPBA. The second FB page for our group is called **PPBA** and is strictly limited to **current PPBA members only**. If you'd like to join either or both groups, search them on FB. If you cannot find them, contact Sandy at mandshalby@comcast.net for a direct link.

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 website: "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!!**



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. Here's the direct link to the updated version of the booklet: [CO-IHM-Book-for-Print-2020.pdf \(colostate.edu\)](http://colostate.edu/CO-IHM-Book-for-Print-2020.pdf)

DRIFTWATCH: FYI, there's a website out there called Driftwatch.org. According to their website: "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).



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.

WHAT'S THE BUZZ? (continued)



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 website to a video about cleaning the extractor.

PPBA WEB SITE!! Please visit www.pikespeakbeekeepers.org to see our website. 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 website.

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BEES ON THE INTERNET

Here's some links to websites that contain information or entertainment about bees, beekeeping, and honey. There are more links on our own webpage, 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.beeeculture.com and Bee Journal magazine is: www.dadant.com/journal

University of Minnesota Bee Lab: <https://www.beelab.umn.edu/> Dr. Marla Spivak and Gary Reuter have a great website, full of super links, on-line courses and information.

Randy Oliver's website is: www.scientificbeekeeping.com

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

BEES IN THE NEWS

Click on these links for complete articles -

[Scientists evolve a fungus to battle deadly honey bee parasite | Science | AAAS \(sciencemag.org\)](#)

[Honey bees are still dying at high rates | MPR News](#) "An annual survey of beekeepers shows honey bees continue to die at high rates. Between April 2020 and this April, losses across the country averaged 45.5 percent according to preliminary data from the Bee Informed Partnership, a collaboration of researchers that has conducted the annual bee loss survey for 15 years. ... "

[Have You Noticed Fewer Bees In Colorado This Year? You're Not Alone | Colorado Public Radio \(cpr.org\)](#)

PIKES PEAK BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

e-mail: _____

Phone: _____

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

Mail to: Sandy Halby, PPBA Treasurer
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COME CELEBRATE THE SUMMER OF 2021

**PIKES PEAK BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL PICNIC,
BEEKEEPERS RODEO AND "COOKING WITH HONEY" CONTEST**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21ST
RSVP TO SANDY AT mandshalby@comcast.net
for a headcount!



WHEN: SATURDAY, AUGUST 21ST, STARTS AT 10AM

**WHERE: BLACK FOREST REGIONAL PARK, 4800 SHOUP ROAD, COLORADO SPRINGS
PAVILLION #2 - SEE ATTACHED MAP**

WHAT YOU SHOULD BRING:

- SIDE DISH TO SHARE (EXCEPT POTATO CHIPS)
- "COOKING WITH HONEY" ENTRY (OPTIONAL)
- SIX PACK OF BEVERAGE TO SHARE (SORRY, NO ALCOHOL IN THE PARK)
- YOUR SMOKER, IF PARTICIPATING IN THE RODEO EVENT

PROVIDED BY THE CLUB:

- PAPER PLATES, PLASTIC UTENSILS, NAPKINS
- HAMBURGERS, HOT DOGS, BUNS, CONDIMENTS
- ASSORTED POTATO CHIPS
- CHARCOAL
- ICE AND WATER

AVAILABLE AT THE PICNIC GROUNDS:

- ELECTRICAL OUTLETS (FOR CROCK POTS, ETC)
- PLAYGROUNDS
- HIKING TRAILS
- GRASSY AREA

PLEASE BRING

- ICE CHESTS FOR BEVERAGES
- CORNHOLE AND OTHER LAWN GAMES IF YOU'D LIKE!
- GRILLING TOOLS

