



Elm Fork

Beekeepers Association

General Meeting Agenda, May 17, 2018

Mission: To share information and provide education to our members and community about bees and beekeeping. To promote responsible beekeeping practices, through training and education, resulting in effective management of diseases, pests, and other environmental issues.

- **Welcome and Introduction to meeting**
 - Jan Hodson – President
 - Pat C de Baca – Vice President
 - Secretary – Open
 - Treasurer – Open
- **Need other board members and committees**
 - Hospitality – Doris Floyd
 - Communications
 - Webmaster
- **Goals**
 - TBA Membership - Complete
 - EIN - Complete
 - Monthly Speakers June: ?
 - Training Classes (Saturday Sept 15 - Basic Beekeeping, Oct 20 - Hive Management, Nov 17)
 - Mentor program
- **May Monthly Tips**
 - Check for swarm and supersedure cells
 - Install new packages, nucs, or make splits
 - Replace non performing/old queens
 - Check honey, pollen and brood pattern
 - Add box if brood is congested
 - Reverse hive bodies if bottom box is not being used for brood
 - Feed syrup if needed to draw out super foundation
 - If you use a queen excluder, do not add it until after the bees start to draw out comb in super.
 - Watch out for robbing!
 - Have supers on hand, nectar flow has started. Supers can fill fast!
 - Do not medicate hives during honey flow
 - Order supplies and containers for extracting honey.
 - Capped honey may be harvested and the empty frames returned to the hive.
 - Check for other pests (starting to see SHB, moths, roaches, ants), strong hives will keep pests in check.
 - Provide a close clean water source.

- A few currently blooming nectar plants:
 - Honey Mesquite
 - Black Berries
 - Rough Leaf Dogwood
 - Gulf Coast Penstemon
 - Green Milkweed
 - Salvias and Sages
- Handy Tips and Tools:
 - Place your hive on a stand.
 - A big wagon will save you trips back for that thing you forgot.
 - A folding TV table will save your back.
 - Make your own screened inter-cover(s) this month. Install when it gets hot and humid at night. If you see a large number of bees hanging on the exterior of the hive they could use some ventilation.
 - Drill vent holes in new deep hive bodies. I use 5/8 in bits. I get corks at Hobby Lobby.
 - Use a journal
 - Have a box/bucket handy to dispose of burr comb and debris
 - Door prize drawing (need donations)
 - Program on Doom and Gloom - Diseases and Pests
 - Meeting Close

Next meeting June 17th, 6 pm social, 6:30 meeting, Landmark Bank

Websites:

<https://carolinahoneybees.com/essential-oils-honeybees/>

Barnyard Bees videos

Scientific Beekeeping – Randy Oliver

Bee Culture magazine's website

Apps:

BeeSmart – Pollinator partnership, pollinator.org, lists plants per ecoregion

Bee Health – [http: agriculture.alberta.ca/bees](http://agriculture.alberta.ca/bees) Lists pests and diseases, symptoms list to find possible problems

Beekeeping – Geek Zeek apps, book on beekeeping

Apiary book –Creative Software Grup, hive management tool

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