

Pay attention, what I am  
about to say may be  
considered a myth, untrue,  
dangerous or just best kept  
a secret by some beekeepers!

**FREE  
BEEES**



**SWARM  
TRAPPING  
MY WAY**

# RESULTS MAY VARY



# **Importance of swarms in Ancient Ireland**

**In ancient times Irish beekeeping was so important that 18 pages in their Brehon Law book was dedicated to bees and their language incorporated at least 6 different terms describing bee swarms.**

If you found a swarm around a neighbor's house, and captured it to bring home to your hive, you had to give three quarters of the honey produced by the swarm to your neighbor. But if you found it in a tree, you could keep half of it. The four nearest farms to a domestic hive were entitled to a share of the honey each year, and a swarm of bees every fourth year. There were also specific considerations for wild hives and swarms found on cultivated land and on land not under cultivation. If you found a swarm on common land, you were required to give one ninth of the honey to your local chieftain.

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# Problems with Swarms

- Hotter than August in a bee suit Africanized bees
  - Either requeen or use them until then join the Darwin Club
- Secondary versus primary swarm being small and perhaps with a virgin queen
  - What is your goal and tolerance level
- Requires effort, equipment, patience, persistence and then action
- Mite and disease concerns



# Swarm Positives!!!!

Each and every swarm I have caught contributes to my overall program one way or another!

- Darwin Club bees contribute brood and wax production throughout season (and warm the apiary)
- Colony to merge with rather than making a new queen
- Free bees with queen that was strong enough to complete the biological challenges of the reproductive cycle

# Goal



# Misfire





OMG I  
CAUGHT  
BEE! I  
NOW  
WHAT DO I  
DO?



# TRANSFER TO HIVE

WARNING THE BEES WILL AS LIKELY AS NOT,  
NOT COOPERATE WITH YOUR GOALS TO  
ENSLAVE THEM (FROM *RULES FOR VEGAN  
LIVING*) OR AS WE LIKE TO PHRASE IT,  
PROVIDE A SAFE AND SECURE FOREVER  
HOME WHERE THEY HAVE A PURPOSE

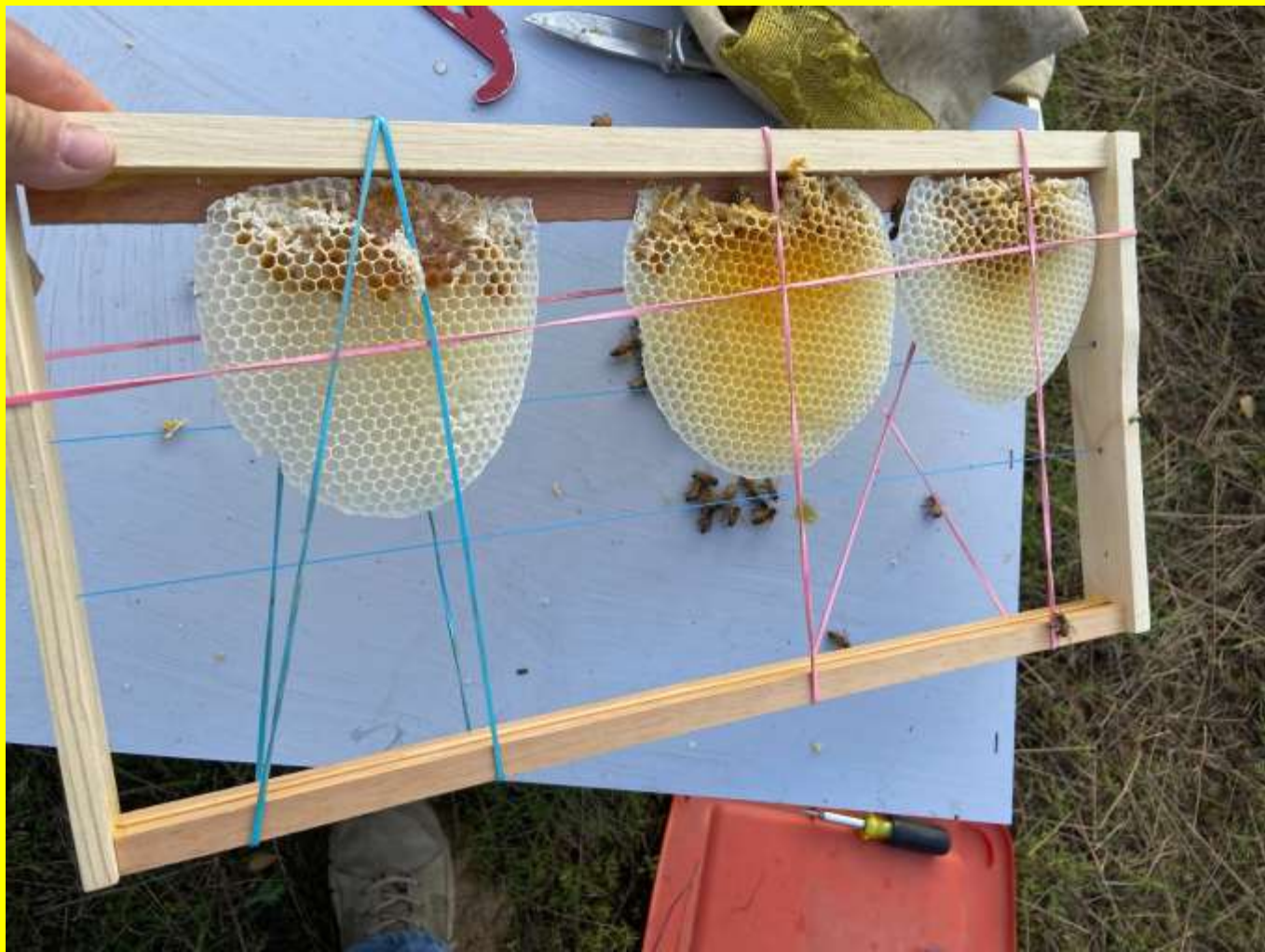


**TAKE A DEEP BREATH  
AND RELAX, IT'S ABOUT TO  
GET MESSY AND LOUD**

**You will probably need some large rubber bands, a knife, screw driver, work platform plus equipment you are transferring your free bees into.**









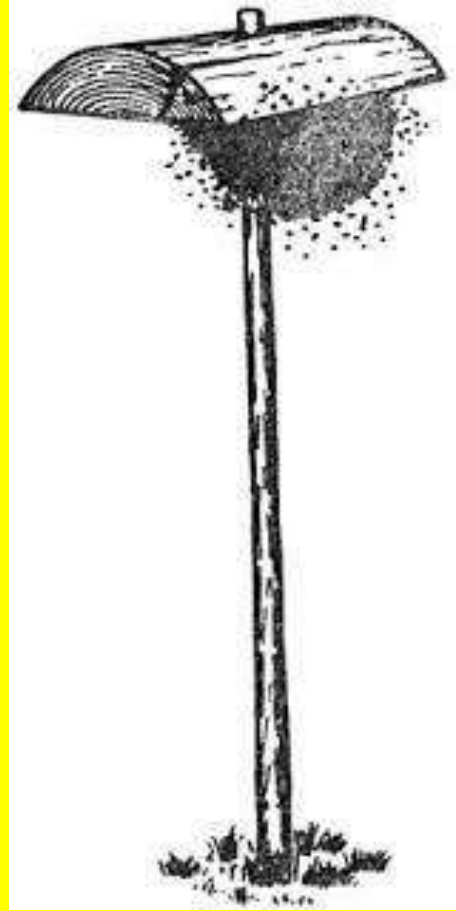
I DO NOT  
CARE WHAT  
BAIT YOU  
USE! THIS IS  
WHAT I  
RECOMMEND  
AND  
NOTHING  
ELSE!!!!!!





# RUSSIAN SCION

[sassafra-beefarm.wordpress.com/2017/01/20/the-russian-scion/](http://sassafra-beefarm.wordpress.com/2017/01/20/the-russian-scion/)









COMBINE THESE TWO IDEAS AND YOU REALLY  
HAVE SOMETHING IN MY HUMBLE OPINION AND  
CONSIDER MODERN ALERT SYSTEM

