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APRIL REPORT

Once again we meet, and I am happy to report that 89 interested persons were present at the last meeting. Thanks to all that came and a BIG THANKS to all who work to make these meetings possible, and a special Thanks to our coffee lady.

As usual there is a lot going on this spring, our weather has been close to normal, queens are laying like crazy, lots of pollen coming in and soon the nectar will follow. Of course also comes the good and the bad..... Swarms and more Swarms. It is BAD if they are coming from your hives but GOOD for all bees, as God intended it to be, for bees in general. Swarms also bring in more bees in structures where they are not wanted. There is a good demand for bee removable. If interested please call me.

Our club is looking for beekeepers that would like to mentor beginning beekeepers. If interested please call me. We also would like to have a summer clinic, picnic at someone's place this summer.

Have checked on Jim Lathem, he still needs your prayers for his health, also take time to call and check on Jim.

“The Buzz About Bees: Biology Of A Superorganism.” is a super book, very interesting, informative, and well researched. Information about the book will be available at this meeting. See Vi Bourns

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Well folks, this is it. The honey flow has officially begun. I do hope you have some strong hives with some supers on so the honeybees may begin the wonderful process of honey making. As I write this we have had some rain and more to come. I do hope that this year that there is some time in between rains for the foragers to gather nectar. What a great crowd we had at the last meeting. All the people are hungry to learn more and more of the wonderful little creation called the honeybee.

There is so much involved in the many aspects of the apiary that if you read all the books and all the publications that have been printed you still know just a little about Gods amazing creature. The reason I got started with bees in the first place was from reading the Bible. Proverbs 24:13 My son, eat thou honey, because it is good; and the honeycomb, which is sweet to thy taste: . Now when I read that I said to myself, self, you need to get some honey. I was working by a place that had quart jars for sale and I was buying 3 or 4 jars at a time. Meanwhile I was also reading a book called " Back to Basics" about how to live off the land and stuff. Well it had a section on honeybees and how you can get enough honey to feed

The Buzz from Over Here

by Eddie Collins

DICK'S NOTE:

“COOKING WITH KELLIE”

This is Kellie's first recipe which she will be bringing to our April second meeting !!! ENJOY .

HONEY BARS

INGREDIENTS: 3/4 CUP Crisco oil, 1/2 cup honey, 1 cup sugar, 2 cups flour, 1 tsp soda, 1/2 tsp salt, 1-1/2 tsp cinnamon, 1 egg, 1 cup chopped nuts.

GLAZE: 1 cup powdered sugar, 2 Tbsp water, 2 Tbsp mayonnaise, 1 tsp vanilla.

Combine all ingredients and mix well. Press into a greased and floured 10 x 15 pan. Bake at 350* for 20 minutes For the glaze: Mix ingredients with a mixer until smooth. Spread on the hot bars. Cut immediately. Kellie

The recipe book, “Cooking With Kellie and Members of ETBA” has sparked some interest, so Vi has ask one of our new members, Judy Giles, to chair a committee to gather your recipes and assemble it.. We need volunteers to pull it together. This will be a fund raiser for the Honey Queen Program.

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We are asking everyone that is on the net to switch to receiving the newsletter via e-mail. To do so send your e-mail address to honeyguy@hughes.net . By doing so the club will save the current 25% (last year \$640) on printing and postage. That's money that could go to our Queen program.

This note from Don Johnson:

We have not put up the roster on the web in years because of spam abuse. With the password protection we could put it up again and indicate who has paid and who has not. This might help them keep their dues paid and there would be no question if they had paid or not. That would also eliminate the cost of commercially printing a master list each year and then printing updates each month. If the roster is on the web, we would only need a few hard copies of the complete roster each month. I will ask the Directors to put this item on their agenda.

Our new member Jerry Lopez is interested in making a new EAST-TEXAS FAIR display, with honeycomb design of plastic cells to display on a lighted stand. If you are talented in this type of thing we need your help.

Don't forget we are having a booth in the Wills Point Blue Bird festival on April 25th. We need you to come help out, bring your family for a great outing. There will be some honey for sale and you may bring yours to sale. You only need to make a small donation to the club.

your family and again self was told to check it out. I put an ad in the trader for help getting started with bees. That is when I met Mr. Win Day from Center, Texas. He helped me as he had others to obtain boxes, bees, equip. etc. My first bee meeting was the State Convention being held in Tyler in 1999. My first honey harvest was in the spring of 2000 and I still have a small jar of that honey from that year. I thought it would have crystallized by now but it hasn't. Since then I have met many wonderful, nice and helpful mentors along the way. I can call Mr. Dick Counts any time and he is ready with an answer, suggestion, or helps. I'm sure that many others can say the same, not just about him, but many others in the ETBA. It has been a great experience being in the beekeepers group. I look forward to the meetings, and I look forward to checking out my bees to see if they got those supers full yet! But they will be left alone for a few days. Meanwhile we better be getting ready for swarm season. Remember what I wrote last month about expanding your apiary with free bees? Well they are not quite "free" but cheaper than what you can buy at the bee store. Please bring some good stuff for the auction and some cash to buy some. I can tell you for sure that there will be some more delicious goodys brought for all to enjoy and to this I say THANK YOU, thank you very much. See Yall on the 2nd of April the Good Lord willing. Joe Moench

As you remember from our last meeting we are having our annual election this meeting. We have someone nominated for all positions except Secretary. We have a person interested in sharing these duties with someone else, if this would be good position for you please call me.

Also I need two or three people to form a mini board to help coordinate the ET STATE FAIR project.

A few words about our HONEY QUEEN PROGRAM. We have agreed we would back this program by donations and in partly by our Raffle/Auction moneys. We also have a donation basket in the form of a honey bear, he is black and yellow an can be found on the goodies table. Last month we found \$125.50 had been left in the basket. At this meeting we have Queen brochures for you. We found a great buy of 500 copies for \$238.00, including tax Kellie's picture is in color. Please give Vi Bourns a THANKS for the job she has done.

**APRIL IS
OUR
ELECTION, RAFFLE/
AUCTION MONTH**