



Jackson County Beekeepers Monthly Newsletter

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# 2022 Club Picnic



August 20, 2022

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TOP NEWS

## 2022 Club Meetings

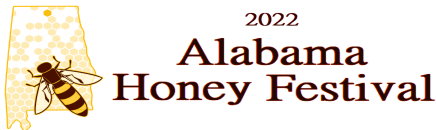
**Club meeting on Thursday, September 1, 2022**, at the ALFA building on Hwy 72 in Scottsboro. The meeting will start at:

- **6:00 PM.**
- **PLEASE NOTE: We don't have an agenda, but we'll open up the floor for general question and answer sessions, or pull up some great videos from the Internet to generate topics for discussion.**

## 4th Annual Honey Festival - October 2nd

🐝 This is an invitation and reminder to please sign up for the 4th Alabama Honey Festival in Hampton Cove. Your fees are waived for educational/non profit associations. However, we have space limitations. Please join us sooner than later.

Questions can be directed to Keith Fletcher (703) 887-6071 or Marguerite McClintock (256) 658 2234



Here is a link to the Vendor information page: [Vendor Link](#)

## Current Management (year 2)

February is traditionally our changing of the Guards so to speak, and as of February 4th, 2022 our leaders are:

- Ray Latham - President
- Keith Fletcher - Vice President (Acting president while Ray has surgery)

- Dustin Davis - Secretary
- Meindert Dijkhuis - Treasurer/editor

Current directors are:

- Lane Walden and Jeremy Mulkey will be up for re-election since their 1-year term is up this year. (They fulfilled the remaining term of 1 year left vacant by Ray Latham and Keith Fletcher when they were elected President and VP last year).
- Rob Woody and Charlie Smith were elected for the full 3-year term. (This is year 2)
- Terry McClendon will continue to serve the remainder of his term. (year 3)

**Deb Davis has requested to be dismissed from her duties. (This was her last year too) We're looking to fill her spot. Let us know if you like to volunteer. (Calling all ladies!!!! This is your chance.)**

## Club Resources you can use!

- If you want to use any equipment, like the extractors, or EZ-Vape, for instance, CALL or TEXT Keith Fletcher at (703)887-6071 and reserve whatever you need.

## 2022 Membership Renewal Continues

February is traditionally the month to renew your membership. Although we voted to have monthly face-to-face meetings again, some of you may not feel comfortable to join in person. The Board would like to encourage you to renew your membership by mail instead.

Please forward your \$10.00 membership payment (remember, it covers your whole household) to:

- **JCBA, attn Treasurer Meindert Dijkhuis, 794 Hendrix Rd, Sylvania, AL 35988.**

Please include your Name, Address, Phone-number, and eMail. You will receive your proof of payment in return mail.

## Be a Contributing Editor.

If you have ideas, articles, YouTube video links, or subjects you would like to share with our Club Members, please let me know by sending me an email to [meindertdijkhuis@gmail.com](mailto:meindertdijkhuis@gmail.com)

Feel free to write something, and I'll be glad to add it. We want to share information.

# Let's Talk Bees!

I am sorry, but I don't have anything to report this month. I was on vacation most of the month of August. One good thing; while I was away we finally started getting rain, and when I got back home, everything looked greener.

My bees seemed to have survived the hottest period of the year, and I was glad to see the Goldenrod bloom. We also have a bunch of Crepe Myrtles blooming in various stages, and the bees seem to like them as well. Although they prefer the white version.

I need to start thinking about winter preparation soon. I use the 2 brood chamber box system, and need to plan for reducing that down to one brood box and one honey box. From what I can tell, bee colony sizes are still strong, so I'll have to wait a little to reduce the colonies down.

How are all of you approaching this? Maybe a good thing to discuss at tomorrow's meeting.

## CALENDAR

Based on the Beekeeping Calendar for our climate zone, we should: (Covers June-August)

For July and August, address the following:

1. Check ventilation. Use popsicle sticks to raise the cover slightly to improve airflow, for instance.
2. Check for surplus honey. This may be the start of harvest season. (July 4th weekend)
3. In Alabama, we may see a dearth during the hot summer months. Bees may start feeding on the honey they already collected.
4. Start putting out communal feeding areas. For instance, I keep a feeding table out near my apiary and feed sugar syrup. I also noticed bees heavily foraging on water. I have a pond nearby, and the bees use certain spots to collect water.

For September address the following:

1. Check for the queen, and see if she's still producing eggs
2. It's time to add a mouse guard
3. Medicate for AFB, EFB and Nosema
4. Medicate for Varroa mite if needed

5. Medicate for tracheal mites
6. Check for hive beetles, and remediate if needed
7. Check for surplus honey: harvest or redistribute to hives with low stores

For October address the following:

8. Check food reserves, and feed colony if reserves are low
9. Prepare hives for winter

(From *Beekeeping for Dummies*, 3rd edition by Howland Blackinton)

## Favorite Book List

### ***Keeping Bees in Horizontal Hives: A Complete Guide to Apiculture***

Georges de Layens & Gaston Bonnier

Dr. Leo Sharashkin (editor)

374 pages, 250 ill.

\$39.95. ISBN 978-0-9842873-6-9

Deep Snow Press, 2017

### ***Keeping Bees With A Smile: A Vision and Practice of Natural Apiculture* ( I Like!)**

Fedor Lazutin

Dr. Leonid Sharashkin (editor)

402 pages, 140 ill., 32 full-color photos

\$24.95 (on sale). ISBN 978-0-9842873-5-2

Deep Snow Press, 2013.

### ***Honeybee Democracy Hardcover – Illustrated, October 10, 2010***

by [Thomas D. Seeley](#) (Author)

Can be purchased Used for \$14.00. \$22.00 on Amazon

Honeybees make decisions collectively-and democratically. Every year, faced with the life-or-death problem of choosing and traveling to a new home, honeybees stake everything on a process that includes collective fact-finding, vigorous debate, and consensus building. In fact, as world-renowned animal behaviorist Thomas Seeley reveals, these incredible insects have much to teach us when it comes to collective wisdom and effective decision making.

### ***Raising Honeybee Queens***

by Gilles Fert (Author) Dr. Leonid Sharashkin (editor)

144 pages, 150 full-color illustrations

\$29. ISBN 978-0-9842873-8-3

Deep Snow Press, 2020

**Note: The above books are available in the JCBA Library.**