



THE CARROLL BEE

CARROLL COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION (CCBA)

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Fred Sypher

This is my last President’s message. After four years I will turn the official CCBA crown over to new leadership and resume my seat as just a club member. Darla and I have been discussing how we want to remain involved in CCBA. We decided that we would volunteer to be members of a couple of teams that will be formed. One of the teams will be managing the colonies in the Hashawa apiary. The Hashawa apiary is a wonderful opportunity for new members who want hands on exposure to handling honey bees before they make the investment in their own hives. A number of us learned a lot of good beekeeping at former president Rich Boger’s open hive demonstrations there. I instituted a regular monthly schedule for open hive demonstrations three years ago. I did not anticipate that I would have to take over the regular management of the colonies. I expect there will be a Hashawa apiary team that handles the regular bee hive maintenance as well as the open hive demonstrations. The two activities can easily be integrated, and the best part of maintaining the Hashawa colonies is that you don’t have to spend your own money! Darla and I look forward to being members of the Hashawa team and accept responsibility for mowing and trimming around the apiary.

The other effort Darla and I undertook for years was maintaining the observation hive in the Bear Branch Nature Center. We learned how by helping Rich Boger. Being retired, we worked on the observation hive Mondays or Tuesdays when the nature center is not open for business.

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Carroll County Beekeepers Association meets at 7:30PM on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at Bear Branch Nature Center | 300 John Owings Rd | Westminster, Maryland 21158 | (410) 848-2517

To contact us or to become a member, e-Mail - carrollbeekeepers@gmail.com
Family membership is still only \$15 per year. Lifetime membership is still only \$150

Message from the President, *Continued*

We will gladly become members of the Bear Branch observation hive team so we can pass on what we learned the hard way about maintaining an observation hive. CCBA installed a new observation hive at the Piney Run Nature Center and it will need a maintenance team there, as well.

Over the years the Carroll County Beekeepers Association has accepted invitations and opportunities to educate and inform people about modern beekeeping. The result of this community interest is that we now maintain the Hashawa apiary and the Bear Branch and Piney Run observation hives year round, teach the Beekeeping Basics short course at Carroll Community College in February and March, open hives and talk about beekeeping at Hashawa and Bear Branch Nature Center seven Saturdays a year, set up to sell honey and talk bees at the Carroll Ag Center during the Four H Fair and the Westminster Fall Fest, and provide

lecturers at schools and other venues on an as needed basis. We also support the honey booth at the Maryland State Fair in Timonium. CCBA is now a mature organization that positively affects beekeeping in and around Carroll County.

I am extremely proud of CCBA and glad that I had the opportunity to serve as both vice president and then president for the last five years. I am really looking forward to being able to sit down during the meetings. Speaking of which, our next meeting is the annual pot luck dinner on Wednesday, November 15th. We start that meeting a little early so we can get everything set up and organized, so **I look forward to seeing you at 7pm on the 15th.**

Fred Sypher

MINUTES FROM OCTOBER MEETING

By Terri Hemelt, Secretary

The regular meeting of the Carroll County Bee Association was called to order at 7:30 on October 18, 2017 in Bear Branch Nature Center by Fred Sypher

Club News:

- Fred Sypher welcomed guests to meeting
- Finances are healthy
 - If the club owes you money, see Jody King
 - If you owe the club money, see Jody King
 - Dues are due November 15th for 2018 (\$15)
- Committee leaders needed to lead individual club events
- Short Course
 - What should we do with the extra class, slow class down or add more information?
- Honey for sale
 - A list of club members with honey for sale will be provided on the club website for people looking to purchase honey
 - If you participate in club activities you can have your name included on the list
- Swarm calls
 - A list of club members will be provided on the club website for people to contact the club about swarm removal
 - If you participate in club activities you can have your name included on the list
- Thank you Chris Marsh for setting up the Club Webpage, Great Job!

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OCTOBER MINUTES, CONTINUED

Fred Sypher was our speaker this month:

- Building a Candy Board
 - You need 4 lb. of sugar – nuc. size hive body
 - You need 10 lb. of sugar - standard hive body
 - Ratio 11/1 sugar/water
 - 4 lb. sugar/15 oz. water and 2/3 teaspoons of vinegar (to prevent mold)
 - Mix together with mixer (thanks Darla)
 - Pack into shim with ½” hardware cloth for support
 - Leave holes in corners for ventilation
 - Roll flat with rolling pin
 - Place on hive after December 21st
- Mite Treatment
 - ApiGuard – Use during warm weather
 - Oxalic Acid – Use when it’s cold out
- “Seek” Infrared camera with App for viewing hive during the winter
- Club needs a News Letter Creator or do we want to place that information on the Club Webpage?
- Winter Insulation for hives
 - Newspaper
 - Woodchips
 - Candy Boards
 - Tar Paper
- Mouse Guard
 - 1/4” hardware cloth
 - Metal entrance reducers
- The first regular meeting in 2018 will be on January 17th.

Open Discussion:

- Suggested Subjects for next year
 - Mite Control
 - Spring Management
 - Pre Spring Management
 - Propolis

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 by Fred Sypher. The next general meeting will be at **7:00 on November 15, 2017**, at Bear Branch Nature Center.

SAVE THE DATES

Check out *Upcoming Events*:

<http://www.carrollcountybeekeepers.org/>

Wednesday November 15, 7:00 PM - Pot luck dinner and elections. Watch for an email with a link to sign up.

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CCBA DIGITAL LIBRARY

By Larry Fritz

Over the years I have collected a bunch of beekeeping articles that I found helpful. Some of my collection is now available on the CCBA Google Drive and can be accessed here: <http://drive.google.com/open?id=0B4uCC3CyQd7kNlIWxzhaCV9vSkk>

Articles can be read online and/or downloaded to your PC. File names were assigned to function as a table of contents. Each month I will reference pertinent articles for our enlightenment. If you have articles that should be added, please let me know.

To change the way the list is viewed, click the icon on the top right side of the page to the left of the lowercase i in the circle.

Relevant Articles:

- How to make a candy board feeder: "Equipment - Candy Bd Feeder.pdf"
- Which pollen substitute comes the closest to the real stuff? – Mann Lakes UltraBee is the best substitute
 - <http://scientificbeekeeping.com/a-comparative-test-of-the-pollen-sub/>
- Winter preparation articles written by the experts. Take the time to read these and then decide which tips will work best for you. **The hives you save could be yours!**
 - "Winter Prep - Allen Hayes_2015.pdf"
 - "Winter Prep - by Phil Craft.pdf"
 - "Winter Prep - Frame Arrangement_ABJ 2016.pdf"
 - "Winter Prep - Lawrence Conner.pdf"
 - "Winter Prep - Randy Oliver.pdf"
- Don't use commercial fondant – make your own "Bee Candy"
 - "Feeding - No Cook Bee Candy Recipe.pdf"
- To insulate or not to insulate, that is the question
 - "Winter Prep - Insulation.pdf"

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JOIN THE MARYLAND STATE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

As well as belonging to an association of fellow beekeepers of all ages, backgrounds and experience, there are a number of tangible benefits to this membership:

- Several (FREE) association meetings each year where experts from across the country make presentations on a diverse range of subjects including beekeeping, bee biology and genetics as well as a host of other related topics.
- Regular publications of the association's newsletter, the '*Beeline*', keeping you up to date with beekeeping news and events

The cost is \$10/year. Click [here](#) for the membership application. The application also gives us an opportunity to donate to MDA's Apiary Inspection Fund. Donations will help to cover the expenses of our state honeybee colony inspectors who work long hours for low pay. These folks are a beekeeper's friend! Many other states charge us for their services, but in Maryland it is still free of charge. Our contributions demonstrate to the MDA how we feel about this valuable service, and encourages MDA to retain state funding



SUBSCRIBE TO AMERICAN BEE JOURNAL

One year-\$28. Mention that you are a member of CCBA and the discount price is \$23. This applies to renewals as well as new subscriptions. Stop by the Carroll County Public Library for a look at this excellent magazine.

Phone 888-922-1293 <http://americanbeejournal.com/>

SUBSCRIBE TO BEE CULTURE MAGAZINE

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Click [here](#).

APIARY MAPPING SITE

By Larry Truchon

We are building an apiary mapping site for our club members. It will show the appropriate location of participating member's apiaries with one, two and three mile rings. Only participating members will have access. To join please send:

- Apiary name (example: Wild Acre Apiary)
- Closest cross streets
- Number of colonies (not Nucs)
- Zip Code

Send above data to larrytruchon@gmail.com

If you are a first year member without bees this year, send info with 0 number of colonies.

You will be sent login info after you are entered into the database.

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FOR SALE - CCBA T-SHIRTS

(Navy Blue shown)

Short-sleeved navy blue club t-shirts will still be available at meetings or by arrangement with Anna Prior if you can't make it to the meeting.

Long-sleeved options are also available.

The special order color choices are as follows:

Short-sleeve - Heather Cardinal <http://www.customink.com/lab?PK=04661>
and Prairie Dust <http://www.customink.com/lab?PK=04625>

Long-sleeve - Navy (same as our short-sleeve club shirts) and Military Green
<http://www.customink.com/lab?PK=06133%20> (a darker version of Prairie Dust)



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CCBA FACEBOOK PAGE

Check us out on Facebook by searching for **Carroll County Beekeepers Association**. Join the page to post photos, articles, ask questions, etc. Anyone can view.

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