



Piedmont Bee Bzzz-ness

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Mystery Beekeeper



The mystery beekeeper for this month is an animal lover married to another animal lover. (They have horses, a donkey, chickens, 2 dogs, 4 cats, 2 rabbits, birds and fish.) She is from Altavista. She defied convention by following her husband to Lynchburg where he had a job opportunity. © While managing his office, she took classes on native pollinators and discovered the massive kills of honeybees from pesticides. She started out keeping bees as a way to help the environment. Her advice to anyone who wants to get into beekeeping is “to take the class offered by PBA, join the club and start helping someone who has bees.”

Her most entertaining bee experience involved a trip to Scottsville Supply Co. to pick up packages of bees for her and her girlfriends. “I had no idea that there

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What's Buzzin'?

President's Corner Mark Smith

Hope this message finds everyone with a queen-right hive full of honey ready to be extracted! This has been a busy month checking hives, adding supers, removing capped frames, and helping others with hive inspections.

I feel that the amount of spring rain has decreased my honey production a little, but the warm weather now is allowing the bees to make good of what flow we have left. If you extract honey after the spring flow, remember to leave your bees plenty to make it through the upcoming dearth and if needed, enough to feed back if there is a weak fall flow.

Thanks to Ann Z for providing a slide presentation on hive splits at the May meeting. Since that time, we have been busy working on the PBA website, organizing the honey extraction demo at the end of June, planning for the picnic in July, and coordinating for the bee disease workshop in August. We are looking forward to having James Wilson from the Virginia Tech Department of Entomology as our guest speaker at the June meeting.

If you cannot make this month's meeting and are interested in attending the honey extraction demo in June or Bee Disease workshop in August, please email me and I will add you to the list. Hope to see everyone at the meeting Thursday

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This Month's Meeting:

Thursday, June 16 at Lynchburg Public Works meeting room, 1700 Memorial Ave. Informal get-together at 6:30; meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

Program:

James Wilson, Virginia Tech Department of Entomology, will be our speaker.

Upcoming PBA events:

Save the dates:

Saturday, July 22,

PBA annual pot-luck summer party.

at the home of Clay & Melaney Davis, 1615 Goode Sta. Rd., Goode. Details to follow, with further planning at this month's meeting.

Saturday, June 24

Honey extraction demo/workshop

August, date .T.B.A

Keith Tignor will host a disease workshop.

Other upcoming Meetings & Events:

Virginia State Beekeepers (VSBA)

Spring meeting:

June 16 & 17, 2017

Ferrum College,

215 Ferrum Mountain Road, Ferrum, VA

More info at:

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

Eastern Apicultural Society (EAS)

Annual Conference

July 31 - August 4

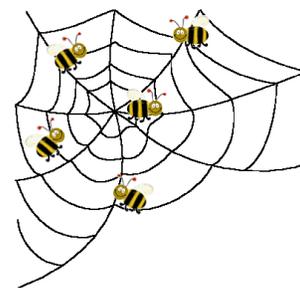
University Delaware, Newark, De.

This is *the* conference to go to! Go for the whole week, or as many individual days as you'd like..Short courses, internationally renowned speakers, hands-on apiary sessions, Master Beekeeping program, social events, and Much More!

Info at: <http://easternapiculture.org/>

PBA: Bees on the Web:

We're thrilled to announce that PBA is finalizing a web presence. Many thanks to Mark Smith for making this happen



Check out the beginnings, at PiedmontBeekeepers.com. But to really make a good site, we need lot of good content, and feedback from YOU, our members. If you would like to offer suggestions, be on a swarm or cutout list, contribute photos, have requests for by, sell, swap, please contact Mark at PiedmontBeekeepers@Outlook.com

MARKETPLACE BUY-SELL-SWAP

Wanted to buy:

Child's bee suit or jacket/veil combo,
size approx 8-10
contact Sandee Rose,
434-329-1717, or brosesrose@gmail.com

For Sale

Brand New:

Medium Frames with wax-coated Plasticell foundation - Pre-assembled. 20 +frames -
Brushy Mountain's list for these is over \$78.00!

Will sell for \$55.00

1 Case (24) Glass Queeline jars
(Brushy's list is about \$18.00) -
will sell for \$15.00

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Spice-Crusted Salmon with Orange-Honey Glaze

Orange-Honey Glaze:	1-1/2 tsp cornstarch, mixed
3/4 cup orange juice	with 1-1/2 tsp water
1/4 cup honey	Salt and black pepper
2 T. lemon juice	2 egg whites
1 tsp grated ginger	2 T. cumin seed
	2 T. whole coriander
	2 T. fennel seeds
	2 T. vegetable oil
	4 (4-oz.) wild Alaska salmon or halibut filets, skin on

Make Orange-Honey Glaze: In a small nonreactive saucepan, whisk together orange juice, honey, lemon juice and ginger. Bring to a simmer over medium heat; whisk in cornstarch mixture and simmer 1-2 minutes, whisking constantly, until mixture thickens. Season with salt and pepper. Keep warm.

In a shallow bowl, lightly whisk egg whites until foamy. In an electric spice grinder or a blender, grind spices to coarse powder and spread on a plate. Dip flesh side of filets first in egg whites, then in spice mixture. In a sauté pan, heat oil over medium heat until hot. Place filets in pan, skin side up, and cook about 5 minutes or until a medium brown crust forms on the flesh side, being careful that spices do not burn. Carefully turn with a spatula and cook on skin side about 5 minutes or until a small sharp knife feels no resistance when pushed into the flesh. Place the fish, crust side up, on a warm serving platter or on individual plates and drizzle with Orange-Honey Glaze.

Makes 4 servings

would be loose bees on my packages!" It was raining like crazy and I'm going down the road with bees flying around my head for almost 2 hours without the windows being down. I became a crazy bee keeper that day!" In the short time since that day, she's had loads of other "unplanned" surprises.

She wears coat, veil and gloves while playing with her bees.

Other things she enjoys doing? She is a quilter, and her husband enjoys canoeing and woodworking.

If you have not yet guessed the identity of this month's mystery beekeepers, here is one last hint. With the loopy new regulations, if you suspect your hive may have an infection, there is a chance you may have to pack up a bunch of bees and cart them over to his place for medical evaluation. (Okay, well, maybe not. ☺) But,

he is definitely the man to see. He did his latest continuing education at Va. Tech on bee veterinary medicine.

Haven't guessed yet? Well, This month's mystery beekeepers are Charlotte and Dr. Scott Miller of Rustburg. Wanna have some fun with Charlotte? Ask her what happened in class when she asked the "simple" question: "Well, what should you do when you see queen cells in your hive?" - Just be sure you have a few hours to listen to the answer!



Charlotte & Scott Miller
Class of 2017

Unsolicited Letter to the Editor:

Dear Humble Editor,

My name is Queena Beay, and I am responding to the ridiculous characterization of mystery beekeeper for June. Your publication implies that Charlotte and Scott are taking care of us. It is true, they are good landlords. They keep our hives freshly painted and let us pay our rent in honey. But please do not insinuate that they are in charge around here!

I am! I have 50,592 bee souls at my beck and call. Well that is not quite true. Not the drones. It is just like my mother, Melissa Beay (bless her polyandrous heart) said, "they have one thing only on their minds ..and to add insult to injury, when they are not doing that, they are just lying around drinking nectar that Charlotte and Scott leave for the working bees, which they emphatically **are not!**" At any rate, I will thank you to give credit where credit is due. **I am the beekeeper, and don't you forget it!** They might mean well, but are no more than landlords.

Regally yours,
Queena Beay





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