

CCBA NEWS

Regular meeting is 3rd Wednesday of month at 6:30 pm **

Clark County Indiana Fairgrounds Food Building

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Next meeting's agenda

April 15 @ time to be determined

Field trip to Randy Lynch's bee farm.



Meeting Minutes

20 members were present

Mike started the meeting talking about getting ready for spring bees and swarms. He mentioned the Indiana bee school, held last month in Indianapolis, where there was a great deal of attention given to dealing with the Varroa Destructor mite.

Dale demonstrated how to handle installing package bees. He presented several methods of installing the package of bees. Packages generally arrive in April and nucs are ready in May.

A general discussion of this and several past topics was made by several members. Several members offered their experiences with feeding and handling bees.

April 15th possible field trip to Randy Lynch's bee farm. Bring your own bee suits, veils, and gloves. Meet at the Clark County fairgrounds. Time will be announced as details are finalized.

*** Note, April's meeting is moved to April 15th. Since parking at the farm is limited, we will meet at the Clark County Indiana Fairgrounds and car pool to Randy Lynch's bee farm in New Albany, Indiana. An email will be sent prior with the time for this event. There will be no Thursday meeting in April . See you on April 15th for the field trip.*

Simon Kafari presented additional information (see attachment) on this year's Clark County Extension Beekeeping Workshop. The Clark County Extension is sponsoring a beekeeping workshop in March and April. Beekeeping experts and beekeeping supplies companies including Purdue University, Dadant & Sons Inc., Bastin Honey Bee Farm, LLC, New Albany Honey & Apiary and the Beekeepers of Indiana will teach these classes.

For more information, see:

Clark County Extension website - <https://extension.purdue.edu/clark/Pages/default.aspx>

Clark County Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/PurdueExtensionClarkCounty/?fref=ts>

Clark County Extension Ag Advisory Council Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/ClarkCountyAGCouncil/>

Simon made several catalogues of beekeeping supplies as well as flyers and product cards from local bee suppliers available for the members. Also available was information from Purdue regarding transport of farm supplies and produce.

The new donation box was again well received. Thanks for the donations. This money will be used to enhance the meetings, club activities, as well as a good start on legal and insurance fees.

Tentative future club meeting agenda include:

- Field trip to Randy Lynch's bee farm.
- installing bees in a hive
- hive check

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Beekeeping Workshop - The Purdue Bee Program!

When: March 21, 2017, 6:30pm

Where: Food Stand, Clark County 4-H Fairgrounds (9608 Hwy 62, Charlestown)

Are you an experienced beekeeper or a beginner beekeeper eager to learn more about the Purdue bee-breeding program? Then come join us at the Clark County Extension on March 21 for a talk on the Purdue bee program. This is the 3rd of the 4-class series workshop put together by the Clark County Extension.

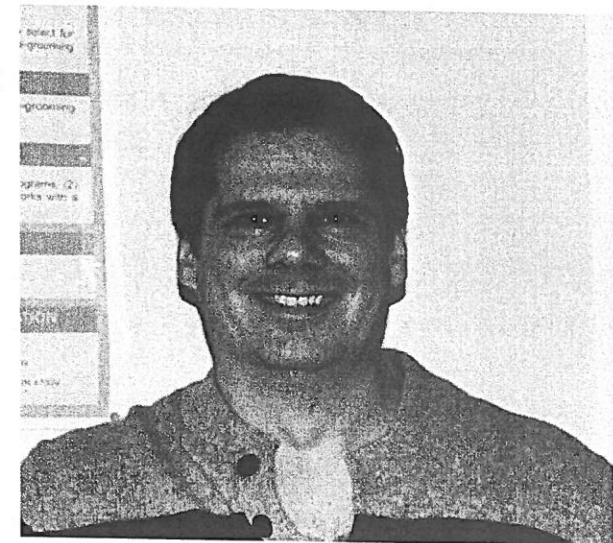
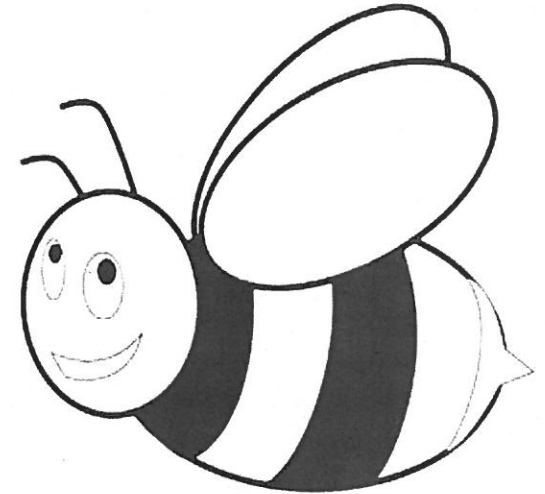
Krispn Given will be the guest speaker for the evening. Krispn is an Apiculture Specialist, with Purdue University, Department of Entomology who has worked for the past twelve years with Dr. Greg Hunt at Purdue University. His responsibilities include, maintaining the 120 research colonies, running the Purdue honey bee breeding program and teaching an annual queen rearing short course. He also manages the honey bee laboratory and extension activities. Krispn also teaches the instrumental insemination class each year at the university, annually gives lectures to beekeepers around the country. Krispn's current breeding focus has been on selecting for behavioral resistance to varroa by selecting bees that chew the mites and grooming behaviors. Dr. Greg Hunt and Krispn Given developed the new "mite-biter bees" strain of bees that is starting to generate much interest around the country for beekeepers and breeders of honeybees. For the evening, Krispn will talk on two topics - "Selecting for Behavioral Resistance to Varroa Destructor" and "The Honey Bee Society".

If you have questions about this event, or want to register for the event, please contact the Clark County Extension Office at (812) 256-4591 or email Simon Kafari at skafari@purdue.edu. If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate, prior to the day of the event, please contact the Extension office. Walk-ins are also welcome.

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