

Kearsarge Beekeepers Association

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello all

As the summer winds down I hope this newsletter finds you all well and happy.

I'm pulling the last of my honey supers and treating for mites. It was a late year for me pulling honey, the rain in July meant the bees did not get out much to make honey, so I left the supers on longer. The good news all the rain in July meant we did not have much of a dearth.

We have decided to have our Harvest dinner on November 19th and we will have Kirk Webster speaking the next day November 20th. Save the date! I hope to see you all there. Please don't forget to bring your honey for the honey tasting contest on the 19th.

The shed building is coming along nicely at the apiary. If you haven't had a chance to go up to the apiary lately we are having our September meeting there on Saturday the 11th. I believe we will be working on the shed that Saturday also.

Be happy, be safe, and I hope to see you all in the near future.

Sincerely,

Randy "Bam" Fleury



Bam sharing his bee knowledge with some friends.



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NEXT MEETING

SEPTEMBER 11, 2021
@ 9:00 AM

In person at the KBA apiary or via Zoom.
Zoom invite to be sent prior to meeting.

- AGENDA TO INCLUDE
- Treasurer's Report*
 - Apiary Committee Update*
 - Harvest Dinner*
 - And Guest Speaker*
 - Old Business*
 - And Other Topics*

2021 HANDS ON WORKSHOPS (HOWS)

There are just a few HOWs left in the season. Make it a goal to get out to at least one, if not more. The remaining 2021 HOWs schedule is below. We'd love to see you there!

Please note that waivers are required to be signed for those visiting the apiary. A copy of the waiver can be found on the clubs website or picked up at the apiary.

Come check out the apiary, share some knowledge and experience, swap some stories and get some tips all while working with the KBA bees. Come and join the fun! (Dates and times subject to change. Be sure to check our KBA-NH Facebook page for cancelation or rescheduling announcements.)

Sep 1	Wed	6 pm	Inspection—Honey Stores for Winter	TBA
Sep 11	Sat	10 am	Inspection—TBA	
Sep 15	Wed	5 pm	Hives Going into Winter	Kevin Sargent
Sep 22	Wed	5 pm	Inspection—TBA	
Nov/Oct		TBA	Winterizing your hive	Dana Ramspott

Note the 5:00 PM start times beginning September 15.

We are still looking for a few folks to lead a HOW. Please email Shreve at shreveosoule63@gmail.com if you would be willing to sign up to be the mentor for one (or more) HOW.

KBA Shed Committee Updates

Progress continues on KBA's new equipment shed!

The next building day is planned for Sept 11th, after the monthly meeting.

Much thanks to all who have helped!



MEET THE MEMBERS—SHOUT OUT!!!

This month's member spotlight starts with a shout out from Sugar River Valley FFA.

I would love to recognize members who have mentored my students as we navigate the art and science of beekeeping... Dana Ramspott, Kevin Sargent and Bam Fleury. Also would like to thank Amelia Lantz and Shane Howard for giving a fabulous presentation introduction to beekeeping and bee colony inspection at Shaker Village for the New England Agriculture Teacher's Conference. The Club's continued support is greatly appreciated! Thank you for all you do! - Deborah Stevens, Sugar River Valley FFA Advisor

There are 93 members in KBA! We started this section of the newsletter as a way to get to know each other a little better. If you are willing to introduce yourself and share a bit about your love for bees, reach out to Marilyn Milne at calico.keeper@gmail.com. We can't wait to meet you!



***** SAVE THE DATE *****

November 19, 2021
KBA Harvest Dinner

November 20, 2021
Guest Speaker
Kirk Webster



2021 KBA Picnic

What a beautiful day! It was so nice to see old friends, meet new friends and share some good times!



CONGRATULATIONS to Troy Hall on winning the smoker contest! Second place was Sandy Joslin.

KBA Pop Up Workshop... Building Your Own Frames

On August 7, Bam Fleury conducted a “Build Your Own Frames” workshop. Those attending learned the pros and cons, and tips and tricks of building their own frames. From wax foundation (which by the way was interesting to work with in the mid-80 degree temps), to tightening and embedding wires. The group appreciated the hands on instruction and opportunity to share bee information. Thank you Bam for putting on such a great workshop!



Those in attendance included (from left to right) Joey Burns, Bam Fleury, Scott Niemyer, Mike Burns, and Matt Tilley. Manuela Lippincott and Marilyn Milne not shown.

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