

Meeting; June 17, 2013

Bee yard; 6:00 pm. John McKay residence 13320 Two Mile Rd. Brainerd, Mn. 56401---East of 25 and 18 junction on 18, first rd . South (right) second driveway East (left) follow road to hives.

MEETING: Annual potluck (picnic) Northland arboretum 14250 Conservation Dr. Baxter, Mn. 56425--- East past Mill's Fleet/Farm thru four way stop, around S curves, turn right, up the hill.

Special: Emily Campbell: NATIONAL HONEY PRINCESS, Our Member and Queen from Aitkin will be at the meeting to give a report on her activities. Come and show her how proud we are of her and her accomplishments!

Serving committee; YOU!! Bring your plate and silver plus a dish to pass and share. Club will furnish some thing to drink and cup.

The dish you bring to pass doesn't need to be a HONEY recipe but that would be real nice. You don't have a favorite honey recipe? See Rose Zak and purchase a NCBC cookbook. There are a lot of real good honey recipes and hints for using honey inside. Still only \$10.00 a real bargain!

Members/Friends, I am setting here writing this newsletter because it has to be done so that you receive it in time before the meeting and it is raining again. This is your newsletter and can only be as good as the input that you give me. I have about run out of ideas as to what you would like to read in this newsletter. Currently Don Jackson is the only one who contributes anything to me, surly he is not the only one who works with bees. We have several very experienced beekeepers from

long time hobbyists to full time commercial people who make their entire income from bees and hive products. Ask me questions, Tell me what you want to know and I will try to poll the more experienced to get the answers. You more experienced people let me know of experiences either good or bad to pass on and help less knowledgeable learn without making all the mistakes. This is a real challenging time in beekeeping lets help each other out someone may have the answer that YOU need.

Bee Yard report; May27,2013

Four beekeepers showed up to check the bees (it couldn't be done on May 20 because of heavy rain). All got hands-on experience in everything from lighting the smoker, how much smoke to use, how to examine the brood with the least disturbance of the bees, how not to "roll" the queen, what good brood patterns look like, and how to find fresh eggs (and thereby know if the queen is OK without actually having to find her). All brood was found in the second stories with none in the bottom boxes, though several were storing fresh honey there from the dandelions. How to know if there is fresh nectar coming in was demonstrated and all questions were answered.

The grass needs to be cut under the fence as it is shorting out the electricity. In three weeks the hives will also need evening up (before the picnic meeting). The brood boxes will also need reversing by that time.

Evaluations:

#1. Very weak colony – The queen is failing. These bees may have mites and/or nosema ceranae. We put in a frame of emerging brood from another hive, and as soon as it is strong enough it would be good to requeen.

#2. Excellent colony.

#3. Excellent colony.

#4. Excellent colony (had been #7 as it was a split with the old queen).

#5. Excellent colony.

#6. Did not winter – no colony left.

#7. Good hive, but seems to have lost its new queen. It raised another the new queen had started up an excellent round of brood before disappearing.

#8. The new queen is gone – has hatched a virgin. Just in case if needed, we added a frame of eggs. Hive is weak, though the new queens brood is hatching out (after she has disappeared).

All hives were given HOPGARD and will need another treatment in a week to 10 days. See what you missed in your chance to gain experience in beekeeping if you weren't there?

Don Jackson:

In the future we will have a demonstration on solar wax melters when it can be scheduled. Last meeting there was a discussion on the use of queen excluders, what else do you want or need information on? Let us know.

Classified: free to members;

HANDMADE BEE EQUIPMENT

Gilbert Frank; 31979 – 456th. Ave. Aitkin, Mn. 56431

320-241-0549 – 320-292-2452

REPAIR OLD EQUIPMENT as well



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Northcentral Beekeepers Meeting is June 17,2013

Northland Arboretum Brainerd, Mn. 56401 7:00pm.

Annual Pot Luck Picnic.

Work in bee yard 6:00pm. Bring your veil

All members and friends welcome !!

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