

# The Bee Line

**Pineywoods Beekeepers Association**

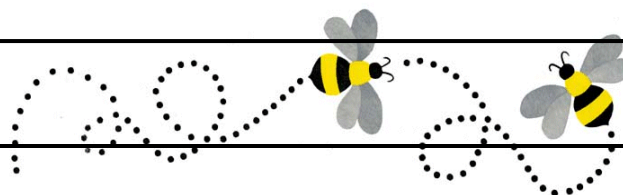
Next Meeting Thursday, July 14, 7:00 pm

Angelina Co. Chamber of Commerce

1615 South Chestnut, Lufkin

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## June Program

It's that time of year we do not hold a regular meeting, rather we relax and have fun! You're invited along with family and friends to our **Annual Summer Picnic** on Saturday, June 4, at Ginger and Don Lymbery's (PBA Moffett Apiary Manager) home for a Noon Covered Dish Buffet! The day's festivities also include an optional 10 am Field Day (bring protective gear/limited gear to borrow) with discussion of "Surplus Honey Super Manipulation & Harvesting," and we may hold Relay Games for the younger set back at the house. PBA provides the brisket and beverages – please bring a side dish of salad, veggies, or dessert and the utensils to serve them, and chairs, and any musical entertainment or lawn and board games. Honey bee or summer-themed door prizes are also welcome!

Directions to 365 Attaberry Road, Lufkin, 75901 - 936-637-9046

From Lufkin Loop 287 east side,  
take TX Hwy 103 East for ~0.6 mile to LEFT on FM 842/Moffett Road,  
then ~4.2 miles to LEFT on Lightfoot Road just past Mt Zion Church,  
then ~0.25 mile to first RIGHT on Attaberry Road,  
then ~200 yards to dead end at Hidden Valley Ranch,  
then LEFT at dead end and proceed up driveway.

## You're the Bee's Knees!

5/14 – Maggie Forbes, David Gallager, and Rachel Payne for cleaning up the bee yard at the Pineywoods Native Plant Center.

5/21 – Member teamwork again for our successful PBA Bee School Bee Yard Day -  
Don Lymbery, Marie C. Kocyan, Rodger Floyd, Robert Jones, Scott Martin, Bob Alexander, Terry McFall, Jesus Vazquez and Bob Ham!

## Assorted Buzziness

**PBA 2016 Youth Program** – Our four Youth Program beekeepers will be assembling and painting their hive components, then picking up their starter colony nucs of honey bees soon! We thank Rodger Floyd for raising the nucs, and Scott Martin and David Gallager for volunteering as mentors this year, and look forward to youth updates on their colony progress.

## Buy and Sell

Wanted: Used hive components - two deeps, two shallows, bottom board, queen excluder, etc. Also seeking honey bee colony. Gerald Reichl, Houston County [keystonecasey78613@yahoo.com](mailto:keystonecasey78613@yahoo.com) 936-333-5995

Wanted: Jesuz Vasquez would like to buy several medium surplus honey supers. 409-594-4251 (cell)

Wanted: Pam Reader would like to buy honey by the gallon. 409-579-3232 (cell)

Beekeeping Supplies now available at Atwoods in Nacogdoches, Lone Star Farm & Home Center in Nacogdoches and Corrigan, Lufkin Farm Supply & Nursery in Lufkin, and Circle Three Feed in Jasper.

Ongoing bulk white granulated sugar source in Tyler – approx 35 cents/lb by the 55-gallon drum or smaller portions to your container. Les Jeske 903-561-2085 PM 4011 Birdwell Drive, Tyler 75703.

## What's Buzzing


6/9 – The SFASU Les Reeves Lecture Series is usually held the same evening as our meetings, so take advantage of no meeting this month to attend their June program, “Show Me Your Garden and I Shall Tell You What You Are - Twenty Years Creating One View,” by Greg Grant, Pineywoods Native Plant Center Research Associate, at the Ina Brundrett Conservation Education Center, 2900 Raguet Street, Nacogdoches, TX 75962. 6:30 PM Refreshments & Social, 7:00 PM Lecture then Plant Raffle!

Info: [sfagardens@sfasu.edu](mailto:sfagardens@sfasu.edu) [ggrantgardens@yahoo.com](mailto:ggrantgardens@yahoo.com)

*Editor's note: If you've never heard Greg Grant speak, don't miss this opportunity! He can make ANY topic entertaining!*

“Many think that local honey contains the pollen granules that trigger allergies, and that consuming it builds a natural immunity. But many studies have found that honey has no such effect, primarily because bees do not forage the light, airborne pollens to which humans are allergic. But it turns out that honey does help with allergies – just in less obvious ways.” Briefly, honey contains several constituents that enhance the immune system. Also, a Penn State College of Medicine study found honey to be a more effective cough suppressant for children than the active ingredient in most cough medicines.

[http://www.rodalorganiclife.com/wellbeing/the-real-deal-on-using-honey-to-cure-allergies?cid=soc\\_Rodale%27s+Organic+Life++RodalOrganicLife\\_FBPAGE\\_Rodale%27s+Organic+Life](http://www.rodalorganiclife.com/wellbeing/the-real-deal-on-using-honey-to-cure-allergies?cid=soc_Rodale%27s+Organic+Life++RodalOrganicLife_FBPAGE_Rodale%27s+Organic+Life)




**TEXAS BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION**

### Summer Clinic 2016

Saturday June 18th

Lone Star Convention & Expo Center  
9055 Airport Road, Conroe, TX 77303

**Building the Future of Beekeeping Through Education**



Featuring Guest Speaker:  
**Ross Conrad**

Author of: *Natural Beekeeping: Organic Approaches to Modern Apiculture*

Classes Available for ALL Levels of Beekeeping

Bee Biology and Behavior Getting started with Beekeeping Pest Management (Varroa) Swarm Capture Top Bar Hives Making a business out of a hobby! Raising Queens Queen Breeding and Sperm Viability Drones Marketing your Honey And more...	<b>Live Hive Inspection</b> <b>Honey Extraction</b>
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Vendors and Exhibitors  
Selling and Displaying  
the Newest Innovative  
Beekeeping Supplies

Register at [texasbeekeepers.org](http://texasbeekeepers.org)  
\$50 per person, \$90 per couple, \$25 for age 15 and under  
(Includes Lunch)

Dr. Roman Linhart of the Czech Republic has created the Thermosolar Hive. Consisting of an outer cover, thermosolar ceiling, thermosolar super, and Varroa bottom, it is supposed to eliminate the Varroa mite. It also claims to speed up spring expansion of bee colonies, save winter honey stores and stores throughout the season, increase flight activity of bees, increase honey collection potential, and save the beekeeper's time.

“During the treatment the beekeeper removes the outer cover of the hive and the thermosolar ceiling is exposed to the sun. The increasing temperature is monitored on the built-in sensors. Once the temperature reaches 47°C in the upper part of the hive, the beekeeper ends the treatment by putting the outer cover back on. Thanks to the unique technical solution the temperatures within the hive even out and keep over the healing limit for more than 2 hours later. That is sufficient to kill the mites hidden inside the brood. Bees, bee brood, and the combs tolerate such increased temperatures without any problems. Most of the Varroa mite is killed; only those mites attached at the moment to the bees outside the hive survive. The remaining mites move from the old bees on the larvae during the following 10 days. So it is perfectly sufficient to repeat the treatment once again, and the Varroa is exterminated completely.”

<http://thermosolarhive.com/en/homepage/>

“While bait hives and swarm traps are often used to woo swarms that are looking for a permanent home, a swarm seducer is meant to provide a temporary resting place for a swarm that has just left its hive.” The friend of the author “melts down old brood combs, the blacker the better, and dips rags or scrap fabrics into the liquid wax. He takes these saturated rags and pins them by one corner onto a branch or clothesline until they harden.

Next, he connects a tossing line (string or twine) onto a rock so he can throw the string over a branch, and then he uses the small line to haul up a rope.

Once he has a long rope over a branch, he attaches the swarm seducer and hauls it up the tree and ties it off. Honey bees are incredibly attracted to the scent of old brood comb. When a swarm lands on the seducer, he gently lowers it down until he can drop the swarm in a cardboard box.”

<http://honeybeesuite.com/seducer-swarm-maybe/>



### **From the Hexagonal Office**

by Mike Bordelon

Bees are in full swarm mode. I am getting calls every day regarding swarms. Most are in trees or 20 feet up under the roof overhang. I refer most calls to area beekeepers. We have not been successful on many attempts. Most leave in a day or so. On one attempt, I put a piece of queen excluder on the

entrance. It did not work; the queen found a way out within 3 days and they were gone. The most interesting swarms have been the two swarms that landed on a working hive full of bees. James Dotson and I visited Rodger Floyd and picked up 6 nucs. I installed those in boxes that I provided for 3 new beekeepers in the area. All 3 visited my bee yard, and we inspected each frame prior to loading them up for the trip to their new home.

President's Project – Long hive is almost completed. I will install the first week of June. I should have pictures to share for the July meeting.

#### BEE AWARE FOR JUNE

Inside the hive, drones appear lethargic and sluggish, but outside they are artful fliers — fast and assertive. Drones make their way to flight areas called “drone congregation areas,” where they await the rare arrival of an unmated queen. It has been estimated that only one percent of all drones ever successfully mate with a queen. After maturity, drones are not specifically assigned to a single colony but may drift from colony to colony.

### Comb-Grown Goodness

#### Honey-Glazed Roasted Carrots

<https://www.azurestandard.com/healthy-living/roasted-ginger-honey-carrots-recipe/>

1 ½ pounds carrots, peeled (thick carrots should be halved first)

2 Tbsp olive oil

Pink Himalayan salt

Black pepper

1 inch finger of ginger, peeled and grated

1-2 Tbsp honey

2 tsp toasted sesame oil

2 tsp sesame seeds, for garnish

1 Tbsp of finely chopped chives

Preheat oven to 450° Fahrenheit.

On an oiled rimmed baking sheet, toss carrots with oil and ginger to coat.

Season with salt and pepper.

Roast, stirring and turning once, for about 20-35 minutes, depending on size of carrots.

Remove carrots from oven and immediately pour honey and sesame oil over. Toss to coat.

Sprinkle with chopped chives and sesame seeds to garnish. Serve immediately.



## Lavender Lemonade

<http://www.healthy-holistic-living.com/make-lavender-lemonade-get-rid-headaches-anxiety.html>

1 cup raw honey  
5 cups pure water  
¼ cup dried lavender ( or 1 drop lavender essential oil)  
Approx. 6 lemons, peeled and juiced  
Lavender sprigs for garnish

Pour ½ the water in a pan, bring to boil, and remove from heat. Add honey and dried lavender and let steep for approximately 20 minutes. Strain mixture and pour into larger container. Add lemon juice and the remaining water. Stir well. Refrigerate.



## Meet the Members



### Roy Stark

Roy is an intermediate beekeeper, going on his third year. He's a hobbyist for now and is getting ready to expand to approximately 10 hives. He started keeping bees because his fruit tree orchard was not getting pollinated because of a lack of bees. His best beekeeping experience has been the sheer wonder of honey bee world as a whole. Also his friendship with his mentor, Terry McFall, saying, "I am truly honored to call Terry FRIEND now." He is changing from 10-frame to 8-frame hives and is also working to raise his own queens no later than 2017. He attended the A&M queen rearing class and is going to attend the summer clinic concentrating on queen rearing. He just re-queened using VSH queens from Wildflower Meadows and will be analyzing all his hives continuously.

Roy's best advice is to study the craft of beekeeping. There is a huge inventory of written articles and film work about beekeeping. Utilize books, magazines, and you tube. And don't forget to ask your mentors should you need a question answered. He says, "Thank you all for your kindness and information sharing attitudes. I am always open for networking and knowledge sharing when it comes to beekeeping."

Roy grafts fruit trees on the best rootstocks for southeast Texas. He raises British Labrador Retrievers. He loves to hunt and fish and is also a predator hunter (coyotes).





Willow Perry drew numbers for door prizes at our May meeting. President Mike Bordelon holds a “Miller frame” during his presentation, also at the May meeting. Jesse Payne takes a look at a swarm in their peach tree. Chris Morgan helped Bob Love with a removal. A small swarm was starting to build comb on a sign across from Lowe’s in Nacogdoches.