



Dear Beekeepers

Hello Again!

We hope this finds everyone and their bees warm and safely tucked in their hives. We'd like to remind you of some upcoming events and new ideas covered at the January meeting.

Here are the next three meetings for the YCBA:

Thursday, Feb 28 - 6:30 pm, Bees in the Garden by Jeremy Barnes, York Toyota Arena.

Saturday, March 1 - Beekeeping Short Course by Jim Bobb at Nixon Park.

9:00 – 4:00pm \$15, (which includes lunch)

For nu-bees and more experienced beekeepers

9:00 – 12:00 pm for those interested in but not yet keeping bees.

Thursday, March 27 - The State of the Bees Address, Richard Payne, York/Adams Co Bee Inspector

He'll be talking about some of the things he saw in the course of his inspections last year.

Rita Hovemyr is willing to be the librarian. In an email to Jeremy, Dave Papke offers this advice and example on the Central Maryland Beekeepers website www.cmbeea.org

"Yes, I started a library for the Central Maryland Beekeepers Association back in 1996 and served as the librarian until a couple of years ago. We have A LOT of books and videos members can check out and return to the next meeting. We are fortunate to have the resources to buy the materials for our library. The only downside is we have no permanent place to house them (ORNC has their own library) and someone has to schlep them back and forth to our meetings but it is a great adjunct to our educational mission. We also have materials members can check out if they are going out to speak or make a presentation about bees. As far as structure, we keep it simple. Just a box of 3x5 cards with the name of the book's author and title. To check out a book someone signs their name and phone number so we can keep track of where the materials are, but returning materials is strictly on the honor system and we have "lost" some things over the years. But mostly it works, most of the time."

If anyone would be prepared to donate journals, books, videos, or has a shelved cart on wheels this would help start the library. Our idea is to have a moveable cart which we could store at the Extension Offices and wheel in to each meeting.

Bee Tees and Hats

We're looking for those with interest in purchasing shirts or hats (\$15 or less) with the YCBA logo on them to email or phone Jeremy babathemba@mac.com or 428-1144.

Field trip

Also from Dave Papke and the CMBA is the opportunity to join them in a trip to the Bee Research Lab for their Open House June 27th. Interest can be expressed to Jeremy.

Anyone interested in new websites for beekeepers and the plight of the honeybee here are three new ones including our own www.ycba.org, please check on it often and let us know what you think. Then there's <http://forum.beemaster.com>, where beekeepers from all over meet to exchange their experiences. Lastly there is Haagen Dazs Ice cream's site <http://helpthehoneybees.com/>.

