



Next Meeting:

Thursday, May 20th at 7 pm

Speaker:

Harlen Breeden

Upcoming:

Mid May the Package Bees should be in. If you ordered them, you will be notified when to expect them.

Clinch Valley Beekeepers Association meets every 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm at:

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Bee Funny

What do you call a bee with messy hair?
(Answer on page 5)

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May Meeting

We will meet in May as scheduled. If you are sick please stay home. Masks are optional but highly recommended. No food will be served.

Please help clean up after the meeting.

Notes from April Meeting:

I am sorry I had to be out of state on the date of the April Meeting. I will try to have my notes for the May meeting next month.

Recipe of the Month



Grandma's Honey Muffins (Taste of Home Recipe)

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 large egg, room temperature
- 1 cup 2% milk
- 1/4 cup butter, melted
- 1/4 cup honey

Preheat the oven to 400°. In a large bowl, combine flour, sugar, baking powder and salt. In a small bowl, combine egg, milk, butter and honey. Stir into dry ingredients just until moistened.

Fill greased or paper-lined muffin cups three-fourths full. Bake until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean, 15-18 minutes. Cool 5 minutes before removing from the pan to a wire rack. Serve warm.

Freeze option: Freeze cooled muffins in freezer containers. To use, thaw at room temperature or, if desired, microwave each muffin on high until heated through, 20-30 seconds.

Nutrition Facts

1 muffin: 179 calories, 5g fat (3g saturated fat), 29mg cholesterol, 242mg sodium, 31g carbohydrate (15g sugars, 1g fiber), 3g protein.

Beekeeping in May
(Piedmont, NC Beekeeping Calendar)

The Bees:

Now the hive is really buzzing. The nectar and pollen should begin to come into the hive thick and fast. This is the peak of the egg laying season for the queen. The hive should be bursting with busy buzzing bees.

The Beekeeper.

Inspect the hive weekly.
Attend your bee club meetings and any workshops you can find.
Swarming may occur this month.
Be sure to give your bees a new box when all but 2 frames are drawn out.
Keep your fingers crossed in anticipation of a great harvest.

This month Privet, Persimmon, and Sweet Clover will be in bloom.

Support The Club

2021 Calendars

Cindy Barnett has a few of the new calendars available. She will print more as needed.

Clinch Valley Beekeeper Association Hats, T-shirts, and Cookbooks

T-shirts are \$10, \$12 for XXL+ sizes Hats are \$8 Cookbooks are \$10.

Club Membership

CVBA dues are still \$10 a year for a single and \$15 for a family. See a CVBA officer to complete a new membership form. You may pay your dues directly to one of the CVBA officers or mail them (please include your phone # in case we need to reach you) to the following address:

Clinch Valley Beekeeper Association
C/O William Barnett
4853 Highway 31
Sneedville, TN 37869

If any of your information (address, phone#, email, etc.) changes, please let us know. We want to make sure you are able to stay connected with the club to help you get the most out of your membership!

Clinch Valley Beekeepers Library

Check out the selection of books and DVDs we have available. If you have a book or video checked out, please return it at the next meeting. Books can be returned to the Club Librarian, President, or Secretary. If you have an idea for a book or dvd you think would be good for our library let us know.

Bee Insights:

How to Tell if a Hive has Already Swarmed (Cookeville Bee Association Website)

Honey bee colony populations can increase so rapidly just before swarming that it may not be apparent that a hive has swarmed just by population or entrance activity – although usually both are reduced somewhat. Upon inspection of such a hive you will usually find queen cells along the bottoms of combs (swarm cells) – probably opened where the queen(s) have emerged. There will not usually be a lot of brood in the hive right at the time of swarming because the queen typically runs out – or nearly out – of room to lay eggs in during the run up to swarming. You may find several recently emerged brood cells – which may be filled with nectar. But the main sign of a hive which has recently swarmed are opened swarm cells.

So, what if anything should you do? If there are a lot of unopened swarm cells scattered through the hive you should remove most of them from the hive one way or another. A hive which contains many widely scattered swarm cells is likely to cause multiple virgin swarms which can seriously deplete the hive population.

You can destroy most of them leaving only a few on one or two adjacent frames – so that the first virgin to emerge will kill the remaining ones.

Or you can make up mating nucs with some of them by putting a frame with a queen cell and a frame of stores along with all the clinging bees into a nucleus hive – good insurance in case another hive becomes queenless. Shake in enough extra bees to cover the frames, and of course fill the box up with frames of comb or foundation.

Either way, do not leave a big strong hive full of unopened swarm cells.

Once you have taken care of that – if it was called for – be sure to inspect the hive every week to monitor its condition and ensure that it is not going to become or remain queenless. If at any time you do not see eggs or very young larva in the hive, then give it a frame of young open brood and eggs from another hive. If on your next inspection there are queen cells on that frame, then the hive is queenless. You can either let them make a queen from the cells they have started, or you can go ahead and give them a queen if you have one.

If you let them make a queen, then you need to continue to monitor the hive to make sure that it does not start to get weak – if it does you need to reduce its volume by removing frames or giving frames of stores to other hives. If it does not have a laying queen by a month after you discover it is queenless the hive will be in danger of being overrun by hive beetles, wax moths, robber bees – and ultimately collapsing. But that will not happen if you do your inspections and take timely action to remedy queenlessness.

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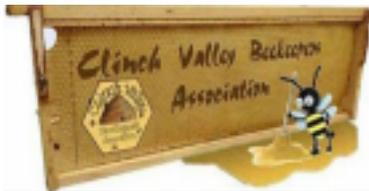
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There are many books, websites, and videos that are available. We encourage each person to expand their knowledge of bees and beekeeping.

We also encourage everyone to have a mentor, especially if you are new to beekeeping. If you need a mentor please let us know at the next meeting and we will try to find one that is close to you and/or your apiary.

Remember all apiaries must be registered with the State of TN. Forms are available at the meeting or they can be downloaded from the internet. <https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/businesses/bees/forms.html>

We also encourage membership in the Tennessee Bee Association. Forms are available at the club meetings.