The Bee Line

Pineywoods Beekeepers Association
Next meeting September 11, 6:30 pm
Lufkin VFW Post 1836
1800 Ford Chapel Road, Lufkin
https://www.pineywoodsbeekeepers.org/

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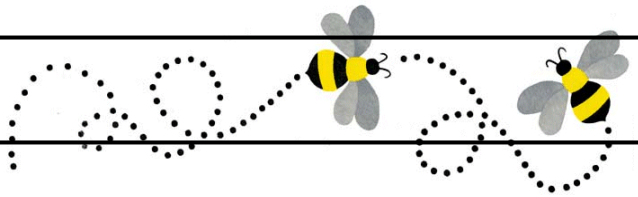

September Program

This month's meeting will be about fall pest control. Bob Love and Terry McFall will discuss their methods, and Don Lymbery will discuss his more natural methods.

What's Buzzing

10/4 – Nacogdoches Farmer's Market Fall Fling, 10am-1pm. Local products and family-friendly crafts, activities, and entertainment. If you'd like to man a table for PBA (and sell PBA honey?), see Rachel.

10/4 – SFASU Fall Plant Sale, Pineywoods Native Plant Center, 9am-2pm. Further info, including a plant list, at https://www.sfasu.edu/gardens/events/plant-sale.

11/20-22 – Texas Beekeepers Association Annual Convention, Waco. Lots of speakers, lots of topics, Texas Honey Show, Texas Master Beekeeping testing. https://texasbeekeepers.org/annual-convention-2025/

Free beekeeping class – 1st & 3rd Sundays at 5:30 pm at Nacogdoches Seventh Day Adventist Church playground April 15th – Nov 15th. Facebook post by Vasiliy Osadchuck from Ukraine with over 40 years' experience. Theory and hands-on for beginners plus advanced discussions for the pros.

At-Home Beekeeping Series presented by the Lawrence Co. Alabama Extension Office. 6:30-7:30pm. Recordings from this series are available **for only two weeks** after each session on the Lawrence County Alabama Extension Office Facebook page. https://www.aces.edu/blog/topics/bees-pollinators/at-home-beekeeping-series/

2025 Dates and Topics
September 30 — Using Nucs in Your Beekeeping Operation
Jamie Ellis, University of Florida
October 28 — Flower Power: Establishing Pollinator Habitat
Tammy Potter, Kentucky State University
November 18 — Record Keeping: Finding the Method that Works for You
Julia Mahood, Georgia Beekeepers Association
December 30 — No Session

2026 Dates and Topics
January 27 — Using Oxalic Acid Effectively
Cameron Jack, University of Florida
February 24 — Treating Newly Split Colonies with Organic Varroacides
Dan Aurell, Auburn University
March 31 — Queen Concrete versus Proxy Measurements
Elizabeth Walsh, US Department of Agriculture Agricultural Research Service
April 28 — TBD
Esmaeil Amiri, Mississippi State University Extension
May 26 — TBD
Michael Goblirsch, US Department of Agriculture Agricultural Research Service
June 30 — Queen Management Essentials
Juliana Rangel, Texas A&M University

Seasonal Tips
Robert Jones

September is another normally hot month but proves to be a transition time from no nectar flow to the fall weed flow at about the third week of the month in Deep East Texas.

The last queens and splits should be finalized and completed before the third week. Anything that is bad or not quite right should be remedied by removal of the queen. You only want good thriving queens going into this final phase before wintertime.

Complete all evaluations of every hive and be satisfied with your evaluations. The last look will come at the end of the weed honey flow and you may need to stack together some more supers at that time.

Get an extra super on everything before the third week to capture 40 to 60lbs of honey for wintering for every hive. The resources and the number of bees going into the winter will decide if they make it or not through the coming winter. Every hive, at a minimum, will need a medium honey super, or at best, an extra deep super to have enough resources. This should be your goal for every hive.

Comb-Grown Goodness

Honeydew Sorbet
(I think this is from a Kroger coupon and recipe magazine.)

4 c cubed honeydew
2 T honey
1 T grated, fresh ginger

Line sheet pan with parchment paper. Add honeydew in even layer and freeze 4-6 hours. In blender, add frozen honeydew, honey, and ginger; blend until smooth, adding water as needed. Transfer mixture to loaf pan and freeze 30 min.