

MIAMI VALLEY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

April 2007

Meeting Notes and Agenda:

To Be Announced



Important Bees-ness: One-Liners



Attending classes and reading up on the latest techniques and points of interest are important parts of beekeeping. As much as I respect all the of teachers and authors, sometimes they do drone on and on. I like the short one-liners, the Rodney Dangerfield's of the group. Short, to the point, and truly helpful when I'm out in the beeyard. So, here are some of my favorites:

- If bees are bringing in pollen, the queen is laying eggs
- Keep hives off the ground
- Join a the Miami Valley Beekeepers Association--get discounts on beekeeping magazines
- Always have your smoker lit and ready to go
- Weather and behavior : nice weather = nice bees
- Bees don't follow any rules
- Bees need ventilation - cold doesn't hurt bees, but cold and wet will kill bees
- Check out beekeeping books at the library and the beekeeping videos at Brukner
- Don't even consider splits if you don't have drones flying
- Always have extra equipment on hand – you never know when they will swarm
- You don't have to see the queen—if you have eggs (1 per cell) she was there recently
- Don't let bees get crowded- when 7 of the 10 frames are filled with brood, give them another box
- When you inspect a frame, keep it over the box (you don't want the queen falling into the grass)

Come to our meetings or visit our website:
www.mvbeekeepers.org for more information

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Bee-ing A Step Ahead:



Reminder:

Mail in your Application for Apiary Registration form, along with payment

- Saturday, April 14: ****MVBA Hive Work Day, Brukner Nature Center 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.**
- Saturday, April 28: ****MVBA Hive Work Day, Brukner Nature Center 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.**
- Sunday, April 29: Honey Creek Watershed Festival-- volunteers needed, St Rt. 202 —
[set up: 12:30, festival 1-7pm, take down 7-7:30pm]

**** Hands-on learning sessions. Sign-up sheets will be available at the April 2 meeting!**

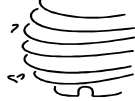
Recently added to our website: [National Honey Board Web Site: http://www.honey.com/](http://www.honey.com/)

My honey has become solid (crystallized), is it still good?

Crystallization is the natural process by which the glucose in honey precipitates out of the liquid honey. If your honey crystallizes, simply place the honey jar in warm water and stir until the crystals dissolve. Or, place the honey in a microwave-safe container with the lid off and microwave, stirring every 30 seconds, until the crystals dissolve. Be careful not to boil or scorch the honey.

Also keep in mind that you can eat the honey in a crystallized form. Just scoop out of the jar and spread it on your toast or drop it in your tea!

Miami Valley Beekeepers Association
Terry Lieberman-Smith, Editor



Our next meeting: Monday, April 2nd, 7 p.m. at Brukner Nature Center!