

WARREN COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION
December 2008



MEETING NEWS

The next meeting will be Sunday, December 14th at 1:30 PM and is our annual Christmas potluck dinner at the Hopkinsville Community Center Building on Rt. 22/3 near the intersection of Rt. 22/3 and Rt. 48.

Meat and drinks will be provided. Bring an appetizer, salad, vegetable, or dessert.

The program will be a history of the WCBA by Oscar Brown.

Elections will take place after dinner. Nominations sent to Roger at 513-677-1255 or rogerebarton@yahoo.com.

BEEKEEPERS CALENDAR

DECEMBER AND THE BEES: The bees are happily clustered in the hive keeping warm having fond memories of how well you took care of them during the season. They will only leave the hive to take cleansing flights on warm, sunny days. Naturally dying bees will pile up at the door of your hive or in front of the hive if it warms up enough for other living bees to carry them outside.

DECEMBER AND THE BEEKEEPER: Relax and review our bee lessons for Spring! Order your equipment so that you can have it ready. Enjoy celebrating Christmas. Stay warm and keep the snow away from your hive entrance. Consider expanding your apiary.

Fun Facts: Did you know...

A honeybee has to travel over 55,000 miles and visits approx. 2 million flowers to make 1 pound of honey.

A honeybee can fly approximately 15 miles per hour.

Honeybees are the only insect that produce food for humans.

Honey is the ONLY food that includes all the substances necessary to sustain life, including water.

Approximately 7-8 pounds of honey are consumed by bees to produce 1 pound of beeswax.

Honeybees are a great scientific mystery because they have remained unchanged for 20 million years even though the world has changed around them.

Honeybees will usually travel approximately 3 miles from their hive.

A single honeybee will only produce approximately 1/12 teaspoon of honey in her lifetime.

A honeybee will flap its wings about 11,400 times per minute creating the "buzz" that you hear.

Honeybees are the only bees that die after they sting.

Honeybees are entirely herbivorous when they forage for nectar and pollen, but can cannibalize their own brood when stressed.

Honey speeds the healing process and combats infections.

Honey never spoils.

It would take about 1 ounce of honey to fuel a honeybee's flight around the world.

Honeybee colonies have unique odors that members flash like ID cards at the hive's front door, so the guard bees can recognize the entering bees.

Honeybees are responsible for approx 80% of all fruit, vegetable and seed crops in the U.S.

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