

# Kearsarge Beekeepers



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## Next Meeting-

September 12, 2008

Time- 7 pm

Place- Pillsbury

Library in Warner,

NH

## Topic- Guest

Speaker, Rick

Reault will be

talking on Package

Bees

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## Don't forget to get

your apples at the

Highland Apple

Orchard's Apple

Fest on Sept 27

& 28

## This Month's Meeting

This month we are having a special guest speaker to discuss package bees, where to get them, the problems beekeepers have been having in obtaining them and any questions that you may have.

We will be having a raffle for postage this month so bring in your items to the meeting. Also if some could bring in goodies and some drinks to share for the meeting that would be great as well. See back for map to the library if you aren't sure on how to get there.

## Minutes From Last Month's Meeting

Last month we met at the home of Sally and Al Carruth for our Annual Picnic. The weather cooperated as it had been raining lots this summer so that everyone had a good time. We all enjoyed that fruits of the season including eating berries at Sally and Al's. We walked thru the gardens and learned about the different practices that Sally is using to grow her food without the dependence on chemicals. She is doing a couple of techniques that I would like to try next year and I am sure that many others came away with ideas that they want to try.

We had a short meeting during the picnic on the following subjects:

-Bee school: Should we have it? If so, then for how many days? We need help to prepare and to conduct bee school so we are looking for anyone to help. Please call your officers or let us know at the next meeting your thoughts on bee school and/or if you are able to help. We need to decide ASAP so that we can get the announcements out and advertise it. We have some of the notes that we have handed out in the past that we can draw on for bee school.

Peter found a book on beekeeping that he thought was better than the Beekeeping for Dummies book that we have been using. Check out the following website for information on beekeeping :

www.maarec.cas.psu.edu. This is where the book that Peter likes is developed.

-Mike Bellino has a email group set up for KBA that is free. No Yahoo address is needed. Mary Lloyd-Evans as well as Lee and I have having trouble trying to get on. Email Mike at

mike\_bellino@yahoo.com to get help to get on the KBA group.

-Keith Cutting brought up the important fact that KBA is not a registered name with the state. The club ask Keith to look into the expense and paperwork involved and register the name of Kearsarge Beekeepers Association. Registering our name with the state will insure that on one else will be able to use Kearsarge Beekeepers Association.



Keith also brought up the fact that the club should have insurance to cover the club and it's officers. Years ago the state had paid for the insurance and KBA sent in money to help cover the costs of insurance. Cynthia Hayes was given the name of someone in the state to contact to get more information on this. It will be far cheaper if KBA can still be covered under the state's policy than getting insurance on it's own.

Keith is also getting 501.c3 (nonprofit status) with the state. Cost was around \$25 along with paperwork to fill out.

-Peter suggested that the club make a donation to the Pillsbury Library for the use of their room for our meetings. David Hartman made to motion to make a donation to the Pillsbury Library and I forgot if we decided on an amount. Lee Booker seconded it and the motion carried.

We had one of Richard Brewster's famous hive raffles complete with the deck of cards. This time he had 2 hives, some old parts and some new parts that were donated by Tom Miller of Miller Plumbing in Elkins, NH. The only request that Richard was for the winners to write Tom a thank you note in appreciation for donating the hives. Thank you Tom.

Be sure to check out the pictures on page 3 from the picnic and see if you can spot yourself in them!

## Thank You's

to all who brought in the wonderful dishes to share at the picnic

to Richard Brewster for painting the hives for the raffle

## And Special Thanks to:

Sally and Al Carruth for opening up their home for the club,

And Tom Miller for the donation of the two hives for the raffle.

## Club News & Other Events

At the picnic, Richard Brewster sold small quantities of Fumagilin-B to those that did not need the whole bottle. I have included the instructions in the newsletter in case someone didn't get the instructions or have misplaced them. Thank you Richard

I have also included three different hive reports for you from new KBA member and beekeeper, Roger Naylor. He was playing around with some of the reports out on the internet and thought that these three may be of interest to the members. Thank you Bob

### Pictures from the Picnic

As you can see we had a good time and had quite a show and tell at the picnic. Peter brought in the hive with the most unusual way of setting up housekeeping. I forgot who brought in the branch with the comb on it but it sure was a hit with the members. Ah the oddities of Nature.....

### Calendar of Events

-Sept 12 KBA regular meeting with guest speaker, Rick Reault at the Pillsbury Library in Warner at 7pm  
-Oct No Meeting  
-Oct 5 Musterfield Farm's Harvest Days in North Sutton. I will be set up with a display for KBA along with NOFA-NH and Raw Milk 10 am to 4 pm  
-Nov 14 is KBA's Annual Holiday Get-Together

-Dec No meeting as everyone will be dealing with snow (if last year was any indication) and the officers hope you and your family have some great holidays!

### Catch A Mistake

We try to include something for everyone. Since some people enjoy finding errors, we regularly include some in the newsletter.

### Looking For...

The club is always looking for ideas for topics and speakers for our meeting. We are also looking for new places to meet. If your town has a library with a meeting room in it, consider booking it for a club meeting. If you have any ideas be sure to let your officers know

about them.

The club is looking for someone to host the November meeting for our Annual Holiday Get-Together. Everyone always has a good time at this event so consider the use of your home and kitchen. The club will provide the meat dish while the members bring in dishes to share.

The library is always looking for a few good books to buy or DVDs or whatever else be related that the members would do well in checking out. Please contact Cynthia Hayes if you have a book or whatever to donate or a title that the club should purchase or if you just want to borrow from the library. She will be happy to help you out. See you number on the front page along with the other officers.

The newsletter is always looking for articles, recipes, cartoons, pictures or whatever else you may find that other beekeepers would be interested in.

### We Saw YOU

-Fred Creed at the Hopkinton State Fair helping to judge the 4-H vegetable exhibits  
-Randy Fleury at the Bradford Community Market supporting local farmers

-Myra and Robin have also been seen at the Bradford Market supporting their local farmers  
-Ben and Bev Chadwick at the Hopkinton State Fair selling their honey and honey products

### Notes From Ben Chadwick

Lee was able to visit with Ben and Bev Chadwick at the Hopkinton State Fair for a few minutes. They lost 100 hives last fall, 100 hives over winter, and 35 in the last 2 months. There has been no rhyme or reason to the losses. Some hives are full of honey, some have a little, and some are empty. There is no obvious problems that Ben can find.

### Recipe Corner

Cornmeal Muffins  
1 cup of yellow cornmeal  
1 cup whole wheat pastry flour  
1 tsp baking powder  
1 tsp baking soda  
½ cup vegetable oil  
½ cup honey  
2 large eggs, beaten

1 1/4 cup buttermilk

In a large mixing bowl, stir together the cornmeal, flour, baking powder and baking soda. Make sure there are no lumps of baking powder! In another mixing bowl, combine the oil, honey, beaten eggs and buttermilk. Make a well in the center of the dry ingredients and pour in the honey batter. Stir very gently with a large spoon until ingredients are moistened. Be careful not to over mix. Spoon the batter into buttered muffin tins. Bake in a preheated 375 degree oven for about 20 minutes or until lightly browned. These are especially wonderful when served warm with a touch of golden honey. Yield: 12 muffins. From the Joy of Honey cookbook by Doris Mech.  
*Editor's Note: I have been taking these muffins to several pot lucks and have received rave reviews! Enjoy!*

### Carob-Chip Zucchini Cake

½ cup butter softened  
1/4 cup vegetable oil  
1 cup honey  
2 eggs  
1 tsp vanilla  
½ cup sour milk  
1 cup whole wheat flour  
1 ½ cup white flour  
1/4 cup carob or cocoa powder  
½ tsp baking soda  
½ tsp cinnamon  
½ tsp cloves  
2 shredded zucchini  
1/4 cup carob or chocolate chips  
In a large mixing bowl, cream together the softened butter with the oil, honey, eggs, and vanilla, beating until light and fluffy. Add the sour milk and mix well. In a separate bowl, stir together all the dry ingredients, mixing very thoroughly, making especially sure to break up any lumps of carob powder. Stir in the dry ingredients into the honey mixture, then mix with your electric mixer for about 2 minutes. By hand, stir in the zucchini. Empty into a greased and floured 9X13 inch baking pan. Sprinkle the batter with carob chips. Bake in 325 degree oven for 40 to 45 minutes or until done.