MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT
SEPTEMBER 6, 2023

Hello to All,

As the beekeepers' picnic has come and gone and the summer slowly slips away, we are now thinking of the fall honey crop, winter preparations, and maybe football. Let me outline our fall schedule to give you something else to think about. We have a full slate ahead of us.

We start at the September 21 meeting with Connie Skolnicki of northern Ohio demonstrating sting therapy, using her husband as her willing accomplice. This is followed at the October 19 meeting with a presentation from beekeeper/citizen-scientist John Rose who has done experimentation in overwintering colonies. We conclude the season at the November 16 meeting with a visit from the WV State Apiarist, Shanda King. Among other topics, Shanda will be introducing you to the benefits available to you as a WV beekeeper.

In addition to our own lecture series, the WV Beekeepers Association is presenting a Zoom conference on Saturday, October 21 featuring Jerry Hayes, the Senior Editor of *Bee Culture* and longtime contributor to beekeeping. There will be no cost and you will receive an email notice and invitation from the Association as the date approaches.

In the past, testing for the Master Beekeeping Program has been conducted at the Fall Conferences, but without the in-person conference, we have arranged to administer the testing on Saturday, September 23, 2023 at 9:00am at Jackson's Mill, 160 Jackson Mill Road, Weston, WV 26452-8011. Both the written and practical portions for each level will be given as well as the open hive component of the Apprentice level test if the weather permits. I again encourage you to participate in the program. Preregistration is required using the form found at [Testing Registration Form](#).

So, as you can see, we have a lot to look forward to this fall, and I am really looking forward to seeing everyone again and hearing stories about your beekeeping experiences, especially the stories that I couldn't believe a person could tell or make up. See you all then!

Steve