





## JULY 18TH, 2016

Meeting @ 7:00 p.m-

Buster Lane Feeding your Bees



Tara Beekeepers Association



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Check out the web site Tarabeekeepers.org

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http://www·beeseech·org to plant specific native flowers highly beneficial to the bees in your neighborhood

-Jeremy Hughes





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www.tarabeekeepers.org

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www.ent.uga.edu/bees



## TOOL TALK

July 2016

Yesterday it was 100. My bees were bearding. My housekeeper sent me a picture cause she was worried about them. Normal behavior for this time of year. I watch with anticipation for the rain prediction. We had 100% last nite for about 30 minutes. This whole past week though has been very dry.

The Eastern Apiculture meeting is this month in New Jersey, hope it is cooler. Last year in Ontario it was wonderful weather, I had to bring a sweater as it got to the 50's in the night. Here in Atlanta the air is hot, heavy and yes humid.

I am pulling frames this weekend and am increasing supplementing. I am using the honey bee healthy vitamins and amino acids. Seems to work. So far, I have had one hive get robbed out. But I took the advice from Jim Tew from Young Harris and opened my hives, so it did help stop it, but I think I got their too late. July is one of those months that we should be preparing our hives for winter. If you are going to treat for Varroa now is the time. I don't treat, I am just going to increase the supplementing and check to see if it is ok for another round of probiotics before the Fall. I am investigating now and will let you know. I do know that I only lost one hive over the winter and this was my first year that I used probiotics.

Hope to see you all at the meeting. Keep your tool hive handy and your fire extinguisher near.

- MARY

### 2016 TARA CALENDAR

July 18th Meeting @ 7:00 p.m-Speaker:Buster Lane-Feeding your Bees

**July 19st** Board meeting @ 6:30 p.m-Pot luck Dinner

August 15th Meeting @ 7:00 p.m-Speaker:Keith Fielder-Ten most common mistakes

made by beekeepers.

**September 19th** Meeting @ 7:00p.m-Speaker-Debbie King-RN

September quarterly raffle prize-Smoker

October 15th Annual Tara Picnic at Rick & Joann Minters Farm 11:00 a.m.

October 17th NO MEETING THIS MONTH

October 18th Board meeting @ 6:30 p.m-Pot luck Dinner

November 5th Short course @ 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m-Kiwanis club Building

November 21st Meeting @ 7:00 p.m-Speaker: Jerry and Jeanie Edwards- How to make lip balm and

lotion with the honey and beeswax you have

Honey show and Officer Elections

December 5th Annual Christmas Party @ 5:45 p.m-Kiwanis club building

December quarterly raffle prize-\$250.00 cash-A Hive-donated by P.N. Williams

# WENEED YOUR HELD PL

Our Board of Directors is still looking for members to step up and TAKE OWNERSHIP OF YOUR CLUB.

Please volunteer to help with any of the club's various

Jobs, committee positions, and service project assignments

The Club needs volunteers to

Take a turn bringing a dish to our monthly meetings in 2015

Please help with this important effort; our socials following the monthly meetings offer opportunities to mingle with your fellow beekeepers and foster cohesiveness in our group.

Here are some other great jobs and positions (to inquire, simply send an e-mail to president@tarabeekeepers.org):

#### **PROJECTS:**

#### - Hive Inspection Leader

#### **JOBS:**

- Webmaster
- -Website Contributor
- -Newsletter Editor
- -Newsletter Contributor
- -Club Librar-
- -Cookbook Contributor

#### **COMMITTEES:**

- -2015 Picnic
- -2015 Audit
- -2015 Beekeeper of the year
- -2015 Christmas Party

#### **SERVICE:**

- Public Speaker in Community

## CATCH THE BUZZ – Honey bee circadian rhythms are affected more by social interactions



Circadian rhythms are internal clocks that determine many of an organism's daily rhythms, for example sleep-wake, feeding, urinary output and hormone production. Aligned with the environment by external forces such as sunlight and ambient temperature, circadian rhythms are important for animal health and survival. Disturbances of the circadian clock are associated with a variety of diseases in humans and animals, including cancer, mental illnesses and metabolic disorders, such as diabetes and obesity.

The dominant role of light in adjusting the circadian rhythm to the local environment has consistently been emphasized in studies on individually-isolated animals in laboratories. Interactions with others of the same species, while very important for animal survival and fitness in nature, are not considered important external stimuli that affect the animal circadian clock.

Now, a study conducted by researchers from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and published in the journal Nature Communications challenges this view.

The researchers performed a set of large scale experiments in which they manipulated social interactions and light exposure for more than 1,000 honey bees in cages, or in freely foraging colonies housed in ob-

servation hives, allowing research in an ecologically relevant context. Every experiment was repeated two to four times, each with bees from a different source colony (which were genetically different).

"We show for the first time that social time cues stably adjust the clock, even in animals experiencing conflicting light exposure and social cycles," said Prof. Guy Bloch from the Department of Ecology, Evolution & Behavior at The Hebrew University's Alexander Silberman Institute of Life Sciences, who led the study.

The data showed that resetting the circadian rhythm by manipulating the social environment had a robust and stable effect for several days even for 2-day-old bees, which are typically active around the clock with no overt circadian rhythms. Remarkably, young bees that experienced conflicting light and social cycles showed a phase that was more similar to the social cycle. When removed from the hive and monitored individually in constant laboratory conditions, they maintained the phase of the social cycle, meaning this potent social factor does not depend on physical contact with other bees in the colony.

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Social insects are ecologically important and offer attractive model systems for studies on the interplay between social behavior and circadian rhythms. The best evidence for the influence of social activity on the internal clock is found in dark cavity-dwelling social animals, such as bees and bats. These species may be especially responsive to social influence, because individuals may not experience ambient conditions directly, but rather rely on information received from

group mates that forage outside their domicile.

This study adds to recent research showing the circadian rhythms in complex natural environments may profoundly differ from those in controlled laboratory conditions. "Studies in the real world will provide a better understanding of the function and regulation of biological clocks," said Prof. Bloch.

The study also indicates that social signals may be important time-givers for the clocks of other animals, including mammals, and could contribute to the research on sleep and behavioral disorders, as well as for the understanding of the complex life of bee societies.

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