



The **BEE CAUSE**

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Important Dates:

Next Meeting Date is:
9 October 2001
7:30 PM Upstairs Meeting Room

Speaker 1: Don Dixon will give a presentation on Over Wintering Honey Bees in Manitoba.

This will be followed by an Open Discussion on various Over Wintering methods used in Manitoba

Meeting Location:

River Heights Community Centre
1370 Grosvenor St.
(Intersection of Oak & Grosvenor
Door Prizes will be offered, Guests are welcome and free coffee will be available.

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President's Comments

Sure was a horrific day for our meeting last month, wasn't it. The mood everywhere was somber and reflective. Now it is time to focus on our normal routines as we prepare for the winter season.

In my discussions and visits to some apiary sites last month it became quite obvious that fall feeding and medication talks are still desired. Some colonies are going into the cool season with little stores and even smaller amounts of pollen than I remember seeing. The warmer weather during September created another challenge for us all. In addition, for those finding Varroa in their hives, it is very important to do a quick count. Ron had an excellent article last month on his experiences with the screen board. Once determining the extent of the infestation, you must determine the treatment. The few days of warm weather during September made it much easier to use the Apistan strips and have good evaporation during the 20 degree days.

Some of you have reported disastrous honey crops due to the rain late in June, causing a very short access to canola flowers. Hopefully you still can set aside some for our Honey Show.

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RRAA will provide the glass jars for your entries, as we did last year. In the last executive meeting I described some new ideas for shelves at the back of the table layout. It would be nice to keep improving the looks of our display. This may stimulate more sales and activities. Your executive will seek helpers at the October meeting. This may be a good time to get involved and have a great time meeting and assisting the public. Last year at St. Vital we had over 3000 people stop to see the bees.

As we move along into October, the scenery around us is changing. Tree leaves are gone, and our bees are still searching for more nectar and pollen, as our colonies cluster for over wintering. Just a reminder again, air circulation is important for the hives, so make sure there is a top air vent for each colony when you do the winter wraps.

Our November meeting is typically a year end wind-up social type event. Watch for some ideas on what this will be like this year. Also, In November we will be establishing a nominating committee for the 2001 elections. If you have a desire to help out with the organization, let me know, and we will work at a plan to get you more involved.

Lets have a great October 9th meeting!!!

Jim Campbell

MEAD - HONEY WINE RECIPE FOR 1 GALLON

Ingredients

3 1/2 lbs of honey
4 level teaspoons Acid Blend
1/4 teaspoon Tannin
1 Camden Tablet (crushed)
1 teaspoon Yeast Nutrient
1/4 teaspoon Yeast Energizer
1/4 teaspoon Ascorbic Acid (optional)
Wine Yeast (Mead, Champagne or All Purpose)
1 Gallon Water
Sterilizer for Equipment

Starting Specific Gravity 1.085

Instructions

Mix 1/2 honey in water and heat to approx 150 degrees F. Skim, pour in bucket. Follow instructions as below. Add remaining honey in 1/3 portions over next week. This ensures all honey ferments and increases alcohol content. You can add honey all at once if desired. When cool mix all ingredients except wine yeast. Cover with plastic sheet. After 24 hours sprinkle wine yeast on top and let stand 3 hours. (I do this after the must has cooled) Then stir yeast in well and cover with plastic sheet (green garbage bag will do) Stir twice daily for 3 to 4 days.

When vigorous fermentation slows down after approximately 5 to 6 days (S.G 1.025) siphon into sterilized secondary container gallon jugs or carboys and attach fermentation lock. Make sure containers are topped up to within 3 inches from top. (use cooled boiled water if required)

Rack in one month and again in three months. When wine is clear and stable add 1 crushed camden tablet per gallon and bottle. This acts to stop fermentation. An addition of ascorbic acid may be added to preserve colour and flavour. (I didn't add anything)

If sweeter wine is desired sweeten with Honey adding 1 teaspoon Stabilizer powder per gallon to prevent renewed fermentation.

For variation 12 ounces of apple juice or 8 ounces of Grape concentrate may be added at the beginning reducing honey by 1/2 lb. I tried red grape juice. It gave it a nice red colour. I was surprised to find how easy it was and was pleased with colour, clarity and taste.

Always sterilize equipment.
AGE AND ENJOY

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Items for Sale

For Sale: A two frame non-reversing extractor \$75.00. Two electric uncapping knives with 6" blades \$30.00 each. Owned by Joan Pink former beekeeper. Call Jim at 467-5246.

For Sale: Tentest and Astrafoil winter covers \$3.00 each. Astrafoil wraps in 6 ft. lengths \$3.00 each. Contact Dennis Ross at 878-2924 or rosskr@mb.sympatico.ca

Editor's Comments

You will notice that the Newsletter is rather small this month due primarily to a lack of articles to publish. So if you have any news relevant to RRAA members please send it to me.

A list of current members is included. Please check your information and advise me or Dennis Ross if any changes are required.

I have included a recipe for Mead that I personally made about 5 years ago so I know it works although I haven't made it since. So, if you're interested in this sort of thing then give it try, I may try it again myself.

I haven't had many requests to place ads for items for sale. This must be a reflection of good times in the business as everybody is holding on to their gear. If you want to place an ad please call, fax or email me with the details.

If you have any recipes for cooking with honey please forward them to me and I'll include one or two each month.

Doug

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