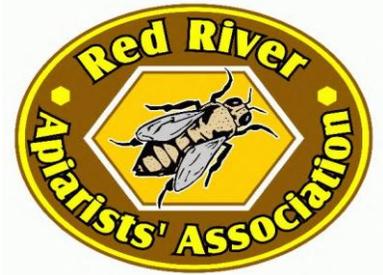


# Red River Apiarists' Association

56 Years



## The Bee Cause

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### On Beekeeping, Friends, and Fellowship

One of the most appealing things about beekeeping is the social companionship and camaraderie of the apiarist community. It comes as a pleasant surprise to the novice when they discover us: A group of friendly, eager to listen and eager to teach people with the same interests. This helps us all so much! We have always tried our best to promote openness and

helpfulness in the RRAA and this makes up so much of the

“glue” that keeps us vibrant and active in the Manitoba beekeeping community. It's normal for the inexperienced to be reluctant to ask what they perceive is a “silly” question, or to share an experience that they perceive a long time beekeeper would view as mundane.

#### But you need to keep the following in mind!! :

- 1) There are no silly, or stupid questions.
- 2) Experienced beekeepers LOVE to see that flash of excitement and discovery! (It's nostalgic!)
- 3) Beekeepers love to talk. Chat, gossip, yak, chatter, preach, ramble, lecture, pontificate, and converse. If it's about bees, you generally need to shoot us to shut us up.

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**Next meeting: November  
12th, 2019**

*Elmwood Legion 920 Nairn Ave. Wpg, Mb*

*Novice Group meets at 6:45 pm **Downstairs***

*Main Meeting: starts at 7:30 pm*

**Social Night!!      Last Meeting of 2019!!**

**Show & Tell for crafters and artisans. Show off your creativity! Gadget night for the clever and inventive. RRAA Appreciation Awards. Bring your appetite, snacks will be served!**

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## Friends and Fellowship ( cont.. ) - J.R.

That's why our November social night is so engaging. I've always said that we could hold an entire meeting consisting of a solid two and a half hours of coffee break. Watching us all catch up with friends, regaling of how our season went, commiserating on our mistakes and celebrating our accomplishments. These are the ties that bind, and the true value of the organization! You, dear members are collectively our greatest resource. Like a colony, we always accomplish more together.

In the spirit of this, Tim Kennedy one of your V.P's and I have enjoyed attending the Brandon area beekeepers and the South Central Beekeepers associations meetings to keep abreast of what's happening outside our stomping grounds. Building bridges and lines of communication with our sister organizations promotes a fellowship in the industry that has long been distracted with infighting and animosity from previous eras and leaderships. Showing by doing that beekeepers of all levels have something to offer and that our combined voice carries all the more weight in addressing concerns on a provincial or federal level.

Hosting high profile speakers, interactive workshops, and social events in 2020 will be geared not only to our members but with invitations sent to all beekeepers. We will adopt a leadership position in encouraging inclusivity, and promoting events and learning opportunities for everyone.

This sounds ambitious to say the least. When you are looking over the hall when we break for coffee and see the positive example of openness and helpfulness we all foster, it just becomes a question of leading by example.

So enjoy each others company! Ask questions, teach when you can, tell tall tales and help one another. I can honestly say I've never been so proud to be among such a great group of people.

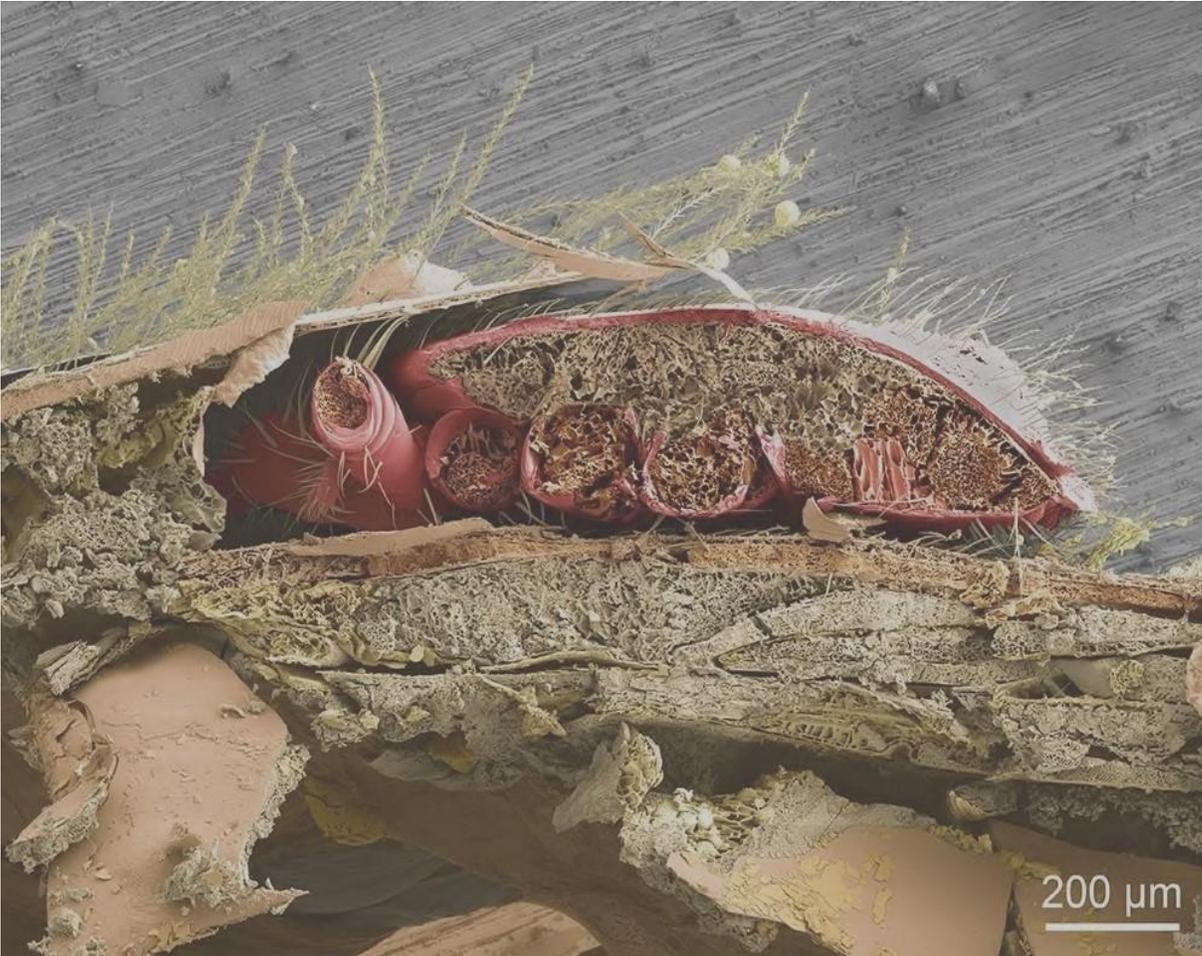
-J.R

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Both frightening and amazing, these images obtained by an electron microscope give an excellent close-up of a varroa mite feeding on an adult honeybee.



This image shows a

crosssection of both bee and mite. For a full size image, send you request via email the editor.



## **Prison honey bee program a sweet success**     Amanda Pfeffer —CBC News (abridged)

Samantha Davidson, introduced two hives of her own bees to Collins Bay Institution in the summer of 2018 after receiving a grant through Carleton University to research the potential benefits of beekeeping for prisoners. The inmates took to it right away, she said. "I was really surprised last year about how enthused the inmates really were. I brought my collection of beekeeping books with me and I left them here for the summer, and they read them cover to cover, and every week I came back they had more questions."



Her project has now turned into a formal program, and was expanded to Joyceville Institution this summer. Between the two institutions, 16 inmates now tend to 20 hives.

While the inmates are fascinated with the bees and the technical skills involved in taking care of them, Davidson said they also reported a positive impact on their own mental health. "I think that a lot of the inmates felt like once you could get past that initial fear of sticking your hand into a box of 70,000 bees, there is actually something quite meditative about it,"

Davidson said. "The smell, the sound, the vibration, and then also just having to be so present in the moment, you really have to be working slow and carefully." Davidson, who had never worked with inmates before, has now completed her master's degree in social work and plans to publish the results of her research later this year. "One of the things that the participants reported was that they felt so present, that they really left where they are and left the reality of prison behind for that time," she said.

Brian Martin, an inmate and [participant] agreed the program has had a big impact on how he deals with conflict. "The anger management and the patience, those are the two big ones right there," he said. "The more aggressive the individual, the better the opportunity for them here because you're not going to intimidate a bee and you're forced to learn."



Chris Stein, operations manager for CORCAN, Correctional Services Canada's rehabilitation program, calls the beekeeping experiment a "win-win" because of its rehabilitative and vocational benefits for inmates. "I think that there is a whole field of research that we need to tap into and find out more about the positive effects that working with bees may offer these individuals," Stein said.

Joslyn Rose Trivett, outreach manager with the Sustainability in Prisons Project, which helps run co-operative conservation programs with The Evergreen State College in Olympia, Wash., said "serious and violent infractions" dropped to zero among the inmates participating in the state's bee program. "Absolutely, it makes things safer," said Trivett, who added recidivism among those inmates has also dropped. "We can't claim that the programming is what caused that, but we have seen a pattern."

## A Way To Store Your Comb      By Gene Rene' (abridged)

Here is a good way to store your comb for the next year. It saves the bees energy and resources if they do not have to build as much comb. Remember it takes approximately 8 lbs of sugar for bees to create 1 lb of wax. Good comb is especially useful for a brand new nuc or a newly started package. The bees go right to work cleaning it up and getting it ready for whatever they sense they need whether it's comb for the queen to start laying in, or for food storage – they will be eager to get to work on it pronto!

Because the wax moth is really the biggest threat to storing your comb, I thought about using cedar shavings mixed in with my wax comb stored in supers. I generally will put 2 or 3 fewer frames of comb into a super than what it is designed to hold. So, if I'm storing frames of comb in an 8 frame super, I will only put in 5 or 6 frames in, so the cedar shavings will fill in around the comb I want to save. You only need about 2-3 handfuls of cedar shavings per super and you'll have all the protection you need to keep your comb pest free until next spring. You can stack the supers up as high as you want. I use a bottom board and a lid just to keep everything all together nice and neat. You can stack them as high as you can reach and keep them in your garage or barn. I get my cedar shavings from the local feed store and whatever I don't use for the bees, the dog gets to keep in her dog house as winter bedding.

Ensure you are baiting your storage area for mice as well, as they do serious damage to stored supers.      –G

### **YOU ARE NEEDED!!**

***What makes a great association great? Involvement, and contribution! If everyone does one small task, gives up one HOUR a month to help the RRAA, then we all benefit!  
( Call 204-612-2337 to lend a hand.)***

***WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE: Mentoring- a novice beekeeper, join a RRAA committee, bring a toonie draw prize, submit an article or a book review for the newsletter, bring cookies for our coffee break, share experiences and advice with new beekeepers, help at the Honey Show, or Day of The Honeybee, network with novices to source Manitoba bred bees and equipment, Teach a class!***

***TALK TO AN EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR MORE DETAILS***

◊◊◊◊◊ **President's Message** ◊◊◊◊◊

*-John Russell*

The bees are in bed, the work is done. Time now for rest, education, and the sharing of our season experiences! Plans for spring, goals to choose, problems to solve, and time for reflection is the beekeepers winter. We are an education based organization, and with that in mind we try to be as receptive to problems and challenges that all of our members experience.

We strive very hard to not to be judgmental with others missteps when they approach for advice. There is a tendency in beekeeping to be ashamed of your failures and shortcomings, and this is such a wrong and destructive mentality. Acknowledging our errors, and asking for help is a key component of becoming a better apiarist. Sharing openly our past blunders encourages other to talk about their own, and collectively we can learn from the honest sharing of experiences and information. So be blunt and honest with your successes AND your failures, and encourage your fellows to do the same. Solutions and alternate methods are out there for the asking we all learn better together. Hiding our losses and feeling shame or inadequate is not the path to growing our skills in the bee yard. Being overly critical drives away the novice. Foster open communication, and we all grow better together.

So in our socializing, remember to be open and helpful when talking bees to our novices and colleagues! Building better beekeepers is in part why we are here, and positivity and openness fosters healthier bees, and beekeepers! **- J.R.**

## **Western researchers helping honey bees with probiotics** from CBC News

A new study by researchers at Western University and the Lawson Health Research Institute shows how probiotics can be used to fend off a common bacterial hive infection called American Foulbrood.

As the world's bee population faces continued threats by viruses and bacteria that infect their hives, the findings of the research is showing the introduction of microorganisms beneficial.

Gregor Reid, a professor at Western's Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry and Endowed Chair in Human Microbiome and Probiotics at Lawson, teamed up with Graham Thompson, an associate professor in the Faculty of Science at Western who studies the biology and social behaviour of bees, for the study.



"Probiotics aren't just for humans," said Reid. "Our idea was that if you could use beneficial microbes to stimulate the immune response or attack the pathogens that are infecting the hives, then maybe we can help save the bees."

Based on previous research into fruit flies, the team determined the best combination of probiotics for honey bees and fed it to them in the form of a BioPatty. Feeding bees a protein patty is common practice for bee keepers during times when their natural food source is scarce. For the study, they also had a hive with a BioPatty with no probiotics and another with no BioPatty.

Researchers introduce probiotics to a honey bee hive at Western University using a BioPatty. (Submitted)

About a week into the experiment, the hives in the experimental apiaries were unintentionally infected with American Foulbrood.

"Bee colonies are really interesting little microcosms of biology. There are lots of individual bees, but they are all genetically related and they are living in a close confined space," said Thompson. "They are all very susceptible to contagious disease and they are demographically disposed to outbreaks."

When a hive is infected with American Foulbrood, the normal course of action is immediately burn it down. Instead, researchers collected data from the hives over a 24-hour period.

The results showed in the hives treated with probiotics a 99 per cent reduction in pathogen load and an increased rate of survival. They also found the bees treated with probiotics had an increased immunity to the bacteria that causes American Foulbrood.

The research also showed that bees who were given a BioPatty without probiotics were more susceptible to the bacteria than bees who were given nothing. That suggests the practice of using BioPattys could actually be more harmful as it could cause the pathogens to multiply.

"Long term we hope to add a viable, practical and available treatment alternative to chemicals and antibiotics that beekeepers can readily adopt into their bee-keeping habits to help prevent colony collapse," said Thompson.

Additional probiotic testing is now being done at a number of apiaries in southwestern Ontario, California and Detroit.



## **RRAA Meeting Minutes for May 14th 2019** - Recorded by Monica Wiebe

Oct 8th 2019. RRAA Meeting

Minutes from May excepted. Moved by Armand St. Hilaire Seconded by Justin Kolawn (sp?)

New Bee Keepers 6:45 – 7:20 Feed options if you started feeding too late. Mites, bears and mice are all issues this year. Wrapping folks some now but most around Nov. 11. Oxalic Drizzle around 10 degrees.

Treasurer John Speer: Balance \$3843.21

Extra News Letters available

Honey Show – Forks not community minded at this time. Honey show 2020 may be at St. Vital. Looking for a volunteer team leader to step forward.

Positions available coming up in January.

MBA. Marg: Convention Feb. 28 + 29. Block of rooms set aside. Speakers are still being approached. Some had attended worldwide convention in Montreal and it was well received.

Work being done on KRPT (Knowledge Research Transfer Program)

Fumigillin will be manufactured again and it can be used for nosema, it had been withdrawn for a time

Next meeting in Nov. 12, 2019 Social Night, - food, gadget night, show wares – candles, food wraps, woodenware, Waldemar and the Bee Yard

Done in the yard. Internal and external feeders Pails – screen clean if you use a pressure washer. Screen allows for 2 liters per day, so change pails (or fill them) every 10 days. Temp fluctuation may cause leakage. Put date with dry erase, Lids pressure washer Cheapest feeder, mason jar. As many holes as you want, Hive top feeder, Finland feeder, some drowning and some fermentation – painting recommended. Frame feeder – pluses and minus, feeding screen must be closed to prevent drowning. Good for spring. Propolis is a natural antibiotic.

Rheal Lafreniere. Provincial Apiarists

Changes in Beekeeping

2009 Beekeeping in Canada – Challenges and opportunities, Beekeeping Evolution ,What impacts 2009-

2019 APIModia 4000 attendees from all over the world

Canada 2009                      Manitoba 2009

7,028 beekeepers                474

592, 120 Colonies              70,000

Canada 2018 + (+35%) Manitoba

10 629 beekeepers.            834

796, 764 Colonies              114,000 + colonies

The impacts to beekeeping -the Big 'als". Political, Environmental, Biological, Economical, Technological Are the 2009 changes still pertinent?

Rheal share the follow thoughts to the word "IMPACTS"

I: Insecticide, Imidacloprid, Insecticide "Neonics" restrictions, IPM is back in fashion, Importation and restriction. Aquatic systems drove decrease of neonics. M: Mites, Miticide resistance, Mite Migration "Mitebomb". Mite Control Regulation P: Pests & Diseases, Pesticide-Pest interaction (fungicides and insecticides), Probiotics & Nutrition Supplements A: Antibiotic Resistance, Antibiotic Residues, Adulteration, Antimicrobial use regulation C: Country of Origin Labelling, Competitive Pricing, Cost of Production, Citizen Science T: Trade Barriers, Traceability, Tariff, Treatment free beekeeping, Tech-Transfer S: Succession planning, staffing shortages, self-sufficient, self diagnosis, safe farming Our Future Involves understanding our past Thanks to all who contributed to the looney draw. \$69.80 was raised.

Respectfully submitted by

Monica Wiebe



## **CAN YOU CALL YOURSELF VEGAN IF YOU EAT HONEY?** - Charlotte Pointing

*Editors note: The following is an interesting abridged article on the view from the vegan dynamic of our honey (potential?) consuming customer base. -John R.*

Humans have consumed honey for centuries. Bees have been making it for even longer. The insect first started making honey around 200 million years ago, long before humans even existed on planet Earth.

Honey is loved the world-over, but there's one section of society who aren't always comfortable with its consumption: vegans. If you do still eat honey, can you call yourself a vegan?

It's long been debated as to whether or not [honey](#) is actually vegan.

Meat, dairy, and eggs are easier to place into the "not vegan" category. Saying that, some people eat backyard chicken eggs and adhere to a plant-based diet the rest of the time. People who do this may still call themselves vegan because they don't feel they are harming chickens.

The Vegan Society defines veganism as *"a way of living which seeks to exclude, as far as is possible and practicable, all forms of exploitation of, and cruelty to, animals for food, clothing or any other purpose."*

If you're not causing any harm to the chicken by eating its eggs, by definition, are you still vegan? Perhaps. It depends on your point of view. The same goes for honey.

The Vegan Society believes that honey is not vegan. It states on its website, *"honey is made by bees for bees, and their health can be sacrificed when it is harvested by humans. Importantly, harvesting honey does not correlate with The Vegan Society's definition of veganism, which seeks to exclude not just cruelty, but exploitation."*

In commercial honey production, the queen bee can be artificially inseminated and have her wings removed to prevent her from leaving the hive and colonizing a different one. Some beekeepers will also



take all of the honey, enabling them to sell it for a profit. It could be argued that this is then exploitative and therefore does not fit with The Vegan Society's definition. But some vegans do use bee products.

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## **CAN YOU CALL YOURSELF VEGAN IF YOU EAT HONEY? (CONTINUED) -C.P**

The issue is not black and white. Like with anything, there are grey areas. As with backyard chickens, some argue that locally-produced honey from a small beekeeper is ethical to eat.

There are a number of different types of beekeeping. In “balanced beekeeping,” only excess honey is removed from the hive. There is also “natural beekeeping,” where keepers leave the hive alone, allowing the process to be as natural as possible. Whether a vegan who eats honey from a balanced beekeeper is still a vegan is entirely down to perspective.

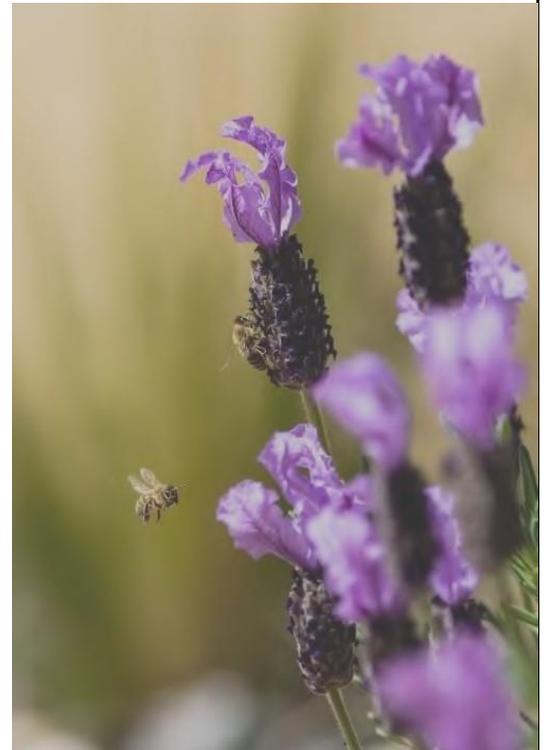
Vegan journalist Aine Carlin writes , *“while I personally don’t consume honey and haven’t done for years, I can wholly understand why some self-proclaimed vegans have no issue in purchasing local, raw honey. Of course this is a hugely contentious issue that evokes strong emotions but for me this is about making a personal, informed decision not driven simply by the definition of a word.”*

Infighting in the vegan community is not uncommon. Impossible Foods’ “bleeding” Impossible Burger sparked backlash from some. Some believe that heme, a key ingredient, isn’t vegan because it was tested on animals. Heme was not used in food prior to the development of the Impossible Burger. The company faced the agonizing dilemma of testing it on rats in the hope of earning FDA approval. It did earn approval, and Impossible Foods justified its decision by drawing attention to the potential billions of animals that could be saved by producing the beef-like Impossible Burger for the masses.

The situation with honey isn’t identical to that of the Impossible Burger, but there are some parallels. If we are too strict with the rules, doesn’t it just make the movement seem unattainable for the masses?

It’s a fact that honey consumption is not always ethical. It doesn’t always, if ever, fit with the definition of veganism. But most would agree that the main focus of the vegan movement is to promote the accessibility of plant-based foods. It is also to save the billions of factory-farmed animals who are slaughtered every year.

Focusing our efforts on whether or not some people occasionally consume honey from balanced beekeepers seems an ineffective use of valuable time. –C.P





## **A Story for David Dawson**

I was sorry to learn of David Dawson's passing; he was a lovely man with a hint of mischief in his eyes. We would often enjoy a good conversation at our bee meetings and he was forever teasing me about getting more involved with the club by writing for the newsletter. He was a writer himself and would periodically send some of his stories my way, hoping to encourage me to do something. His personality showed through in his writing — always full of quirky anecdotes, quotes and detailed descriptions. So, I'm writing a story for the Bee Cause for David. He's likely grinning from ear to ear, gloating with pride that he finally got me to write something!

## **Frenzied by a Frenzy - by Rebecca Krowelski**

During my short time as a beekeeper, I've had many experiences that feel disastrous in the heat of the moment. With the risk of embarrassment, I'll share one - for the sake of a laugh.

This incident took place near the end of my second season, when robbing can be a problem in the bee yard. Earlier in the day, I was visiting my mentor, Ted Scheuneman, and had picked up a few supers with empty frames of drawn comb from a recent extraction. I was planning to have the bees clean off the last of the honey by placing the boxes on top of the hives.

When we arrived home, I took the supers out of the van and put them in the bee yard. Before I set them on the hives, I figured I would get the other stuff from our errands in the house. It wouldn't take me long, and besides, what could happen in that short period of time?

What a shock to the system when I went out and saw the frenzy in full swing! So many aggressive bees EVERYWHERE, including all over two of my hives. I called Ted immediately and he calmly gave me some sound advice, most importantly to move the supers away from my hives, reduce the entrances and cover them with a damp sheet. I followed his direction, but it didn't seem to help, the bees were ALL OVER and more were coming! I felt like my house was on fire and there was nothing I could do but sit there and watch it burn.

I concocted an idea and out I went with another sheet and cardboard box in hand. My master plan was to replace the damp sheet on the hive (which was covered in bees) with the fresh spare sheet, then slide that bee covered sheet into the cardboard box and run like hell to shake them off as far away as I could.

I spent the next few hours (or more) trying to save my bees with this new technique. During the confusion, I realized how ridiculous I looked running around like a mad woman shaking sheets of angry bees into my backyard, repeatedly.

It was after dark when I came inside to get the kids to bed. They had watched me running here and there and everywhere - in a frenzy myself. They hugged me hard and told me they knew I tried my best to save our hives. It gave me a lump in my throat.

All told, both hives survived! Not sure that all my work did one bit of good, but at least I felt like was doing something. Bees can cause worry and stress - like this ordeal did - but I love this hobby and wouldn't trade it for the world.

So, there you have it! I will miss David Dawson. He was a special man. I sure hope someone told his bees about his passing.







## Melissa's Musings

-Mary Chown

Here's a strange story about bees and snakes and the importance of keen observation. In ancient times, Minos was the king of Crete. He was the famous king who had the labyrinth constructed to hide one of his sons who was part human and part beast. He hired the architect Daedalus to design and build it. Well, Minos had another son, called Glaucus. When Glaucus was a young boy, probably 4 or 5 years old, he wandered off while playing, and fell into a jar of honey. This wasn't a small jar like we have today, but rather a large storage jar, made of clay. To all intents and purposes, he simply disappeared, for no one saw this happen and so his parents were desperate to find the boy. Being ancient Greeks, they consulted an oracle. The oracle consulted the god Apollo and was told that a strange event had occurred in the kingdom. "Whoever can discern the meaning of this event shall restore your son to you."

King Minos searched among his land for a strange event. He searched for days and finally found out that a calf had been born that was able to change its colour every four hours. It started each day being white, then became red, then finally black. What on earth could this mean? Who could interpret this strange happening?



Then Polyidus, a young man very wise for his years, visited the king and explained that the calf was like the mulberry tree, whose fruit was white at first, then red, and when fully ripe it was black. Never having seen a mulberry fruit, I can't attest to this being true, but it is part of the story. King Minos merely said, "Then you are the one who will find my son." Polyidus wandered around, looking everywhere and as luck would have it, he noticed an owl trying to frighten away some bees from the top of a large clay storage jar. He looked into the jar and pulled out the lifeless boy. Then King Minos said, "If you can find him, you can restore him to life."

When Polyidus protested that it was impossible, the king had him and the boy shut up in a tomb, with nothing but a sword with him.

Now we get to the snake's part in the story. While they are laying there in the tomb, a snake slithers in and Polyidus kills it with the sword. Another snake then comes in looking for its mate and sees the dead snake. As Polyidus watches with fascination, the second snake immediately slithers off and returns with some herbs in its mouth. The dead snake is given some of these herbs and is restored to life. So, having nothing to lose, Polyidus feeds the remaining herb to the boy and he comes alive. They shout until a passer-by hears and tells the king. Both are freed from the tomb, and Polyidus is richly rewarded for his efforts. -M

## Editorial Notes

### \*\*CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS\*\*

Have you come across an interesting article? Would you like to share an observation? Share an anecdote or an observation from your own beekeeping experiences?

Do you have an opinion you want to voice to the beekeeping community? Seen a video you found informative or would like a topic researched?

Send it in to the Editor!

Taking all submissions at: [honeyb@mymts.net](mailto:honeyb@mymts.net)



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### WE NEED COOKIES!!!!

Our influx of new members are finding us running short at coffee break! Please consider bringing a little contribution to the next meeting!!



The RRAA , the Bee Cause, for you and through you:

The Bee Cause is the official publication of the Red River Apiarists' Association for distribution to its members and their colleagues in the beekeeping industry. It is published eight times a year on a monthly basis except December and the summer months of June, July, and August when membership meetings do not occur.

Articles can be best submitted in word documents as email attachments. Though they may be edited for spelling and basic grammar, no changes will be made to their contents, message and opinions without the authors' written & expressed consent. They are those of their originator and not of the Red River Apiarists' Association.

Deadline for any submission to this newsletter is the second Sunday preceding the membership meeting to allow for publishing and mailing delays and the legal obligation to allow membership to review last meetings' minutes for errors or omissions before next meeting. Regular membership meetings are normally scheduled 7:30 on the second Tuesday of every month at the Elmwood Legion 920 Nairn Avenue in Winnipeg excepts months noted above.

The Red River Apiarists' Association, formed in 1963, represents the beekeepers of the Red River Valley and environs in southern Manitoba. The association provides a forum for the promotion of sound beekeeping practices through education, networking opportunities, meetings, field days, workshops, presentations by local apicultural experts, as well as the dissemination of this monthly newsletter.

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# R.R.A.A. Classifieds: (continued.....)



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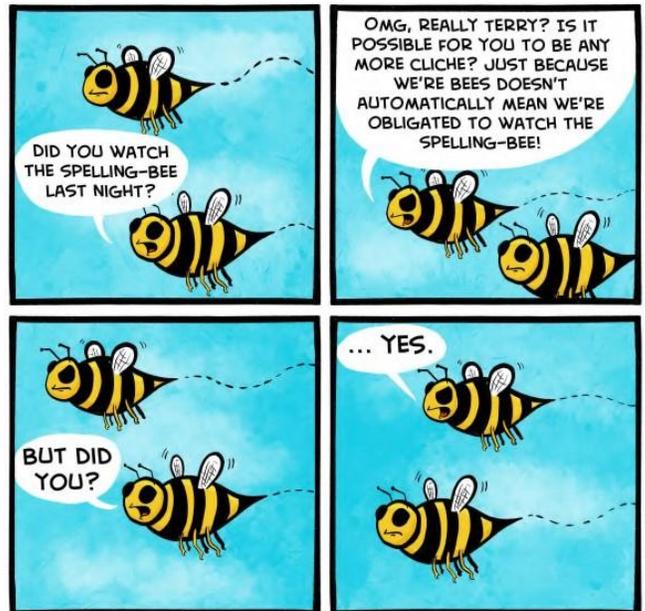
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## REMINDER!

RRAA NOVICE MEETING  
STARTS AT 6:45pm SHARP!

DOWNSTAIRS! NOTE THE CHANGE!!

**For Sale: Silver Queen  
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*Ideal for the serious  
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or semi-professional  
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All members not attending are asked to wait upstairs in the legion hall until 7:30

Have a beer, or a coffee and socialize, but please do not disturb the novice class.

**Respect the Legion Rules:**

- No outside beverages.
- Remove your hat upon entering - Sign in at the Bar.
- Do not take purchases downstairs at 7:30



**Red River Apiarists' Association Membership Application**

*The RRAA membership extends for one calendar year. Renewals are due in January and includes access to 8 monthly issues of the RRAA BeeCause newsletter.*

I hereby apply for membership to the RRAA .....\$35.00/year

\*Optional: Beekeeper Liability Insurance - \$65.00 + \$5.20 HHHH.... \$70.20/year

**Total Payment \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

*\*Note: Liability Insurance fees must be submitted before April 1st.*

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Prov: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one of the following:

- New Member
- Renewal
- U of M Student Beekeeping Course (free first year)
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Payment Method:

- Cash
- Cheque
- E-Transfer
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***Completed form and payment may be brought to a RRAA regular meeting or mailed to:***

**John Speer, RRAA Treasurer  
24063 Oakwood Road  
Sunnyside, MB  
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