

From the President,

November/2016

During October and November continue to perform your hive inspections at the two to three week intervals. Remember your honey bee biology and focus on a queen right condition. During my last hive inspection I was missing a queen in one of my hives and had to re-queen. During this months hive inspection I discovered noted the difference in mood between my new Buckfast and the last of my Italian Carnolians. That Carnolian queen way an egg layer and was destined to swarm and they were more focus on reproduction rather than honey production. The new ones are a definite improvement.

Many beekeepers requeen their hives or perform splits during the fall months. The thinking is requeening and hive splits reduce Spring Swarming and promote strong spring hive for the spring nectar and pollen flow which is usually the strongest honey producer. If you are planning to re-queen in the spring or purchase additional nucs don't forget to place your order early. Most honey bee suppliers sell out of stock in the spring.

Are you monitoring the Varroa Mites in your hives? Are you in the process of acquiring your fall medications? Don't forget to support your local beekeeping supply companies.

As discussed in last month's meeting our club will have an area in the November Volusia County Fair and we will hosting a honey show. I hope to see you there and don't forget to bring your honey or other beekeeping items to the honey show contest.

Bee Healthy, Bee Happy,

Timothy Blodgett President

Hive Management Tasks

October—December ☐☐ Varroa peaks in Aug/Sept. Treat if you exceed the economic threshold. The economic threshold is 60+ mites/ day on a sticky screen or 17+ mites in an ether roll for a colony of average strength ☐☐ If necessary, treat with Fumigillin for Nosema. Colonies may need as much as 4 gallons of medicated syrup to control Nosema cerana. ☐☐ Monitor and control small hive beetles ☐☐ Feed colonies if light on honey stores or nectar source. ☐☐ Treat for tracheal mites if necessary. Treatment option... mix vegetable oil and powdered sugar until doughy (not sticky to touch)... place a pancake sized patty on top bars of brood chamber.

Thanks to Dr. Jamie Ellis of the UF HBREL for this information.

Volusia County Fair and Youth Show November 3rd–13th

This is a great opportunity for the club. It is a chance to recruit more members which is good. It is an even better chance to make more people bee-friendly. Most people who come by will not be interested in keeping the darlings but almost everyone can be educated.

Thursday, November 3

Gates Open at 4:00 pm
DUKE ENERGY & BRIGHTHOUSE
OPENING NIGHT

FREE GATE ADMISSION
Opening Ceremony
Tommy Lawrence Arena 7:00 pm
\$20 Ride Bracelet
Good Until Midway Closes
Miss Volusia County Fair
Tommy Lawrence Arena 7:30 pm
Mr. Volusia County Fair
Tommy Lawrence Arena 8:30 pm

Friday November 4

Gates Open at 4:00 pm
FLORIDA LOTTERY NIGHT
\$20 Ride Bracelet
Sold Until 9 pm
Good Until Midway Closes
Breeding Ewe Show.....7:00 pm
Townsend Livestock Pavilion

Saturday, November 5

Gates Open at 11:00 am
FLORIDA DAIRY FARMERS
and
NEWS - JOURNAL DAY
93.1 COAST COUNTRY BAND
8 pm
Tommy Lawrence Arena
FREE WITH GATE ADMISSION
LIMITED SEATING
\$25 Ride Bracelet
Sold UNTIL 7 pm
Good Until Midway Closes
European/Continental Heifer Show.....3 pm
FL Commercial Brahman Heifer Show..6 pm
FL Dairy Farmer's
Townsend Livestock Pavilion

Sunday, November 6

Gates Open at 11:00 am
DELAND HURLEY DODGE
Family Day
\$20 Ride Bracelet
Good All Day
Purchase Ride Bracelets Before 7 pm
AMATEUR TALENT SHOW 2 pm
Tommy Lawrence Arena
Rabbit & Guinea Pig Contests 11:00 am
Townsend Livestock Pavilion

Monday, November 7

Gates Open at 4:00 pm
McDONALD'S
FAMILY NIGHT
Bring in Three Cans
of Food for
Second Harvest and get
\$2 off admission
\$15 Ride Bracelet
Good From 5 pm To Closing
Market Lamb Show.....7:00 pm
Townsend Livestock Pavilion

Schedule subject to
change without notice

November 3 - 13, 2016



GATE ADMISSION
General Admission (13 & ABOVE) \$10.00
Children (Ages 6 to 12) \$7.00
5 and Under FREE with an adult.
FAIR HOURS
Mon-Fri 4 pm until Midway Closes
Tues. Nov. 8 - 11 am until Midway Closes
Sun-Nov 6 11 am until Midway Closes
Sun-Last Day -Nov 13 11 am - 9 pm
Buildings close Nightly at 10 pm
MIDWAY OPENS 1 HOUR AFTER FAIR
OPENS EXCEPT FOR SENIORS DAY
RIDES OPEN AT 5 pm

Tuesday, November 8

TOTAL COMFORT
HEATING & AIR
SENIOR DAY
GATES OPEN AT 11:00 am
55 AND OLDER \$8.00 GATE
ADMISSION UNTIL 7:00 pm
OTHERS REGULAR PRICE
RIDES OPEN AT 5 pm

Sha Na Na
IN CONCERT

4 pm & 7 pm
FREE WITH GATE ADMISSION
TOMMY LAWRENCE ARENA
LIMITED SEATING
Student Day
Free Gate Admission
18 & Under
with proper I.D.
4:00 TO 7:00 pm ONLY
\$2 RIDE NIGHT
RISE ALL RIDES FOR \$2 PER RIDE

Market Swine Show6:00 pm

Wednesday November 9

GATES OPEN AT 4:00 pm
VOLUSIA RECYCLES NIGHT
BRING A RECYCLABLE CAN or
PLASTIC BOTTLE AND RECEIVE
\$1.00 OFF OF YOUR GATE
ADMISSION
\$18 RIDE BRACELET
GOOD UNTIL MIDWAY CLOSSES
Market Steer Show7:00 pm
Prospect Steer Show.....8:00 pm

ALL ENTERTAINMENT AND
DAILY ACTIVITIES
FREE WITH GATE ADMISSION
MODEL RAILROAD DISPLAY
DENNIS LEE SHOW
MIKE BISHOP COMEDY HYPNOTIST
HANSEN'S SPECTACULAR ACROBATIC
SENSATIONS
BUFORD BEAR & HIS MINIATURE TRUCK
GREAT AMERICAN PETTING ZOO
ROBOT & CARS - TRANSFORMERS
DISCONNECTED K9S
KANDU MAGIC SHOW
AG VENTURE LAND
JESSE - MONKEY MAN MOORE
JESSE THE PIG
SALLY ANN
MICHELLE MARIE

Stroller & Wheelchair
Rentals Available

Thursday, November 10

Gates Open at 4:00 pm
Coca-Cola
NIGHT

Students 18 & Under
with proper I.D.
Admitted Free
With an empty Coca-Cola Product can
4:00 to 7:00 pm ONLY

\$20 Ride Bracelet
Ride until Midway Closes

Livestock Auction 6:00 pm
Lamb, Steer & Swine
Townsend Livestock Pavilion

Friday, November 11

Gates Open at 4:00 pm
FLORIDA PUBLIC
UTILITIES NIGHT
Veterans & Servicemen/Women
Admitted Free with Identification
\$20 Ride Bracelet
Sold Until 9:00 pm
Good Until Midway Closes
Goat Showmanship Show....7 pm
Townsend Livestock Pavilion

Saturday, November 12

Gates Open at 11:00 am
TOTAL COMFORT
HEATING & AIR
Chase Bryant
IN CONCERT
8:00 pm
FREE WITH GATE ADMISSION
TOMMY LAWRENCE ARENA
LIMITED SEATING
\$25 Ride Bracelet
Sold Until 7:00 pm
Good Until Midway Closes

Breeding Goat Shows:
Dairy Goat Show.....12:00 PM
Dwarf Goat Show.....1:00 PM
Meat Goat Show.....2:00 PM
Market Meat Goat Show.....3:00 PM
Goat Costume Show.....7:00 PM
Townsend Livestock Pavilion

Sunday, November 13

DELAND MOTOR
SPORTS, KYMCO,
SUZUKI DAY

FINAL DAY OF THE FAIR
Gates Open at 11:00 am

\$20 RIDE BRACELET
Good Until Closing at 9:00 pm

Poultry Contests.....11:00 am
Townsend Livestock Pavilion

FAIR CLOSSES at 9:00 pm

MORE INFORMATION AT:
www.volusiacountyfair.com

Reprint of 2010 article regarding purity of and definition of honey in Florida:

The following report is of great interest to people who support natural, local, raw honey. I've excerpted key points of these new regulations. One of the most interesting is that it cannot be heated. I'm sure that 90% of all commercial honey on store shelves today has been pasteurized for as an anti crystallization, clarification, and shelflife enhancer. Technically this can no longer be labeled as honey in Florida. It is deemed contaminated. Also, good-bye Fumaligen-B. Get ready for 'extra nifty pasteurized antibioticly enhanced honey-like food stuff ' to come your local super market soon. Here are the highlights of the new regulations with important points in red . A link to full announcement is also provided below. If the product includes sugar water, flavorings, antibiotics sprayed into hives to keep bees healthy or anything else that is not honey produced by bees, it cannot be sold as honey in Florida."We want to assure consumers that the product that they are buying is pure," Bronson said in a news release about the regulation. "Too often in the past, honey has been cut with water or sugar, and sometimes even contaminated with insecticides or antibiotics. In the future, when you're paying for honey in this state, pure honey is what you will get." Malcolm Sanford said some other honey-producing nations use chemicals inside hives to kill pests and destroy diseases Under the new regulations, "honey is pure honey. It may have been filtered, but it has not been heated and has no additives," McChesney said The result was the regulation that takes effect today and is being watched by other major honey-producing states, Bronson said. Florida has enacted what is being touted as the first regulation in the nation requiring that any product that is produced, processed or sold in Florida as honey must be "natural food product resulting from the harvest of nectar by honeybees." | Gainesville.com

Next Meeting

Wednesday October 27, 2010 6:30 PM

Volusia County Agricultural Center Auditorium, 3100 E. New York Ave., Deland