



Photo Credit: MSBA Member Evan Thayer's first swarm. Good job, Evan!



Facebook Page



MSBA Website



Discussion Group

**Our upcoming meeting will be
Tuesday, May 3rd, 6:30-8:30pm
3220 Platt Springs Road
West Columbia, SC 29170**

May Speaker: Nancy Simpson

**Topic: Prepare Your Hive Products: Tips & Tricks from a
Honey Judge**

Members are encouraged to bring in jars of honey, wax or any other product of the hive. Nancy will not judge too harshly! She will bring her own samples of good and not so good entries.

5:59



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Nancy Simpson is a Certified Welsh Honey Judge trained at the Young-Harris Beekeeping Institute in Georgia. A retired psychology professor, she continues to mentor graduate students as the College of Charleston Honey Bee Advisor.

When not judging or competing in honey shows she milks her goats, makes fabulous cheese, tends her bees to harvest their wax, spins, and weaves. She lives with her husband on NannyBees farm outside Charleston, SC.

She is excited to present to local bee clubs her passion for products of the hive and how to succeed in honey show competitions.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS! We have already heard from the State's President that this will be a big event. Thursday will be the kick off for the conference and be a day for kids +

new beekeepers + public. There will be several vendors + wonderful speakers at the conference on Friday and Saturday. Stay tuned for more details!

Midlands Beekeeping Calendar for May

by Red Maple



David MacFawn is an Eastern Apiculture Society Master Beekeeper and a North Carolina Master Craftsman beekeeper living in the Columbia, South Carolina, area. His third book, [Applied Beekeeping in the United States](#) is available at Outskirts Press.



BEES OVER DINNER

BEES OVER DINNER IS A BEFORE MEETING FELLOWSHIP THAT MEETS TO TALK ABOUT BEES OVER THEIR DINNER PLATES. IT RETURNS THIS MONTH AT A NEW LOCATION CLOSE TO OUR CURRENT MEETING PLACE: *NICK'S GYRO'S AND SEAFOOD* LOCATED ON THE CORNER OF WATTLING RD. & HWY. 1. THE ADDRESS IS 3260 AUGUSTA RD., WEST COLUMBIA, SC 29170. IT'S "STRAIGHT FROM THE BEE YARD" CASUAL. ALL ARE WELCOME. COME AROUND 5:30PM FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO TALK BEES WITH OTHERS PRIOR TO THE MEETING.

[A Message from Ben Powell with Clemson University.](#)

Calling all SC beekeepers.

Senate Bill (s.961) proposes to allow exempted honey producers to sell their extracted honey to a bottler/repacker with an RVC without having to have their extraction facility inspected. This bill is set to be heard and voted-on by the senate ag committee on Thursday. Members of the committee need to hear from beekeepers. They are listed at <https://www.scstatehouse.gov/CommitteeInfo/senateagri.php>

Also, you can contact the bill sponsors listed below.

Click here: [Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee](#)

Information will be posted on this page as received from the Committee. Information older than two years has been moved to the Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee Archives page. Notice of Public Input - February 23, 2017 -

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www.scstatehouse.gov

The Clemson Apiculture and Pollinator Program has concerns that this bill was filed without input from the beekeeping community and will lead to conflicts with honey laws in other states and FDA food safety laws and create confusion for SC honey producers. We also have concerns this change will undermine the integrity of SC's honey crop and the reputation of its producers.

Whether or not you agree with these concerns, you are encouraged to contact your senator to voice your opinion. Beekeepers should be a part of this conversation.

BEE CURIOUS!

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Continuing Education



YOUNG HARRIS COLLEGE
UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA



Beekeeping Institute

This marks the 30th year of the Young Harris College / University of Georgia Beekeeping Institute and the best part, we will be meeting in person at Young Harris College! Below is the link to our fabulous program with over over 90 bee related lectures and workshops, improved honey show with \$1000 in cash prizes, local and national vendors, training and certification for the Georgia Master Beekeeping Program, Welsh Honey Judge, and the newly added Honey Bee Control and Removal Operator. This year will also include a Thursday cake and ice-cream anniversary gathering, along with a Friday night social and dinner, with live music and awards, so bring your dancing shoes. We look forward to seeing you this May!

[Click Here to Download Conference Program and Speaker List](#)

More Information & Resources

Since we started the Facebook Discussion Group, we've always maintained that members won't miss anything if they can't or don't want to join Facebook. That's still true. Facebook isn't our primary means of communicating with our membership. But if you want more bee talk and friendly advice from over one-thousand of your peers, it's available as another option to gather Midland's beekeeping information.

Facebook Discussion Groups:

[SC Mid-State Beekeepers:](#) **For general Midlands beekeeping discussion.**

[SC Mid-State Beekeeping Buy, Sell, Trade:](#) **Midlands For Sale Beekeeping items, including bees, queens, woodenware, nucs. etc.**

[SC Mid-State Beekeepers Public Announcements Page:](#) **General Announcements to the Public Page.**

For Sale and Things You Need to Know

Extraction Services:

Member, **Danny Cannon**, located at 1437 Jessamine Rd in Lexington will extract honey for beekeepers for \$5 per box with a \$20 minimum. Call Danny to schedule when to bring your boxes to be extracted. 803.600.4576.

A checklist for every Beekeeper... especially newcomers

- a 2 gallon feed pail/bucket. we need to start feeding sugar syrup \$8-\$10 + shipping (Betterbee has them). I would get 2 buckets. This is a better solution than internal frame feeders or boardman feeders that fit into the hive entrance, especially in the winter.

- a metal smoker box about \$35 + shipping to put your lighted smoker in after use. You also need to get a cork (Lowes or Home Depot in their hardware drawers) or rag to plug the smoker so you will have charred pine straw that is easy to light (W.T. Kelley makes them)

- some folding veils (easy to store) with the long strings and helmets about \$25 for a veil + \$15 for the helmet. (Dadant carries them).

- some long sleeve bee gloves (Buck o has them for about \$12 a pair) of the correct size

- get a canvas/cloth large laundry bag (Wal Mart or on-line Amazon) to put pine straw that has been mowed/run over to make soft for your smoker fuel. This should be stored in a very dry place so it lights easy.

- a paint brush (2" or 3") and a double boiler or crock pot to melt beeswax and coat the frames after scraping in that dead out. We will need the frames and extra equipment end of Feb/2021 when I give you a split of bees. You need a double boiler or crock pot since beeswax is very flammable.

- some beeswax. I use about 2/3 pound of wax for 8 medium frames. You have deep and medium frames. about \$8/pound at Dadant

- some high quality paint to put on the dead-out and active hive. You only paint the outside and leave the inside for the bees to coat with propolis.

- Make sure everyone wears light colored clothing. Blue jeans are ok. White socks preferable; no dark fuzzy socks. Long sleeve shirts. Do we have veils and gloves for everyone?

- If the beekeeper wears blue jeans and a tan/light long sleeve shirt with a collar, white socks with covered toe shoes/boots, you will only need the veils/gloves. This is cheaper than the bee suits with attached veils.

MSBA Extractor Rental


Harvesting Honey?

Mid-State Beekeepers Association has a powered extractor for use by members.

Rental is \$5 per day with a two-day minimum. A \$50 refundable

cleaning and damage deposit is required on pickup. The additional honey this powered unit will extract from the comb more than pays its rental fee. A heated capping knife, and strainers are also available with the extractor if needed.

Members will need to obtain their own food grade buckets. We can direct you to these locally or you may be able to get them at local bakeries, food service establishments, etc. The quartermaster for the MSBA extractor is Jeannine and Neal Taylor-To reserve the extractor, you may click here to email them directly: nealtaylor@gmail.com

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