

## MSBA October 2022 Newsletter

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Our upcoming meeting is:  
*Tuesday, October 4th from 6:30pm-8:30pm*

The Edge Church  
*3220 Platt Springs Road, West Cola 29170*

with Guest Speaker Brad Covin  
*Topic: Apiary Inspection Program at Clemson University*

November's meeting will be at our new location:  
Platt Springs United Methodist Church (across the street from The Edge Church)!

Secretary's Meeting Notes for August 2nd  
*with edited times*

6:30pm - Meeting called to order

\*\*6:31pm - Lizanne Melton demonstrates mite check

6:50pm - Secretary's announcements

- September 6th meeting: Q&A Forum. Got questions? We will answer them at the [September] meeting - Starring Danny Cannon, Todd Shealy and David MacFawn to answer your beekeeping questions
  - Also in this meeting, we will be voting on 2023 officers and board members. We are in need of a President Elect (to serve as President in 2024) and an Director. If you want more information or have questions regarding role responsibilities, please email me:  
secretary\_MSBA@hotmail.com
- Beginning Beekeeping Class- Registration will open mid-October and continue past the New Year. Be on the lookout for the class announcement!
- Also happening in October is the fair! We need volunteers! Shifts are typically 12-5pm + 5-10pm
- A gentleman who lives on Ramblin Rd in West Columbia has expressed interest in having hives on his property. If this is something that interests you, please email the secretary.
- Bees Over Dinner: This is a fellowship dinner before our meeting just to talk about bees. David MacFawn will meet you at 5:30pm at Nick's Gyros and Seafood located on the corner of Watling Road and Augusta Rd/#1.

6:56pm - Treasurer's Update

- Balance \$42,225.64
- Total Expenses: 9435.00 (Main expenses were Diamond Tier at the SC State Conference, Tshirts & Advertisement Items + New Laptop)

6:57pm - Community Outreach Update - None noted.

6:57pm - Secretary announced the Club Librarians, Neal & Jeannine Taylor

- New books available!

6:58pm: Anne Runge introduced speaker: Staci Siler // Reading Frames.

Approx. 8:16pm – Presentation is finished, Q&A time.

8:24pm: Intermission 10 minutes + Raffle

Secretary's Meeting Notes for September's Meeting  
*with times provided by President Fleming Mattox (Secretary was not present.)*

6:30pm – Meeting called to order

6:31pm – VOTING (Anne Runge won President 2023. Fleming presented the vote, Kevin Cullis seconded.

6:41pm – Secretary's Announcements

Edits for August's Newsletter - There will be time corrections for the secretary's meeting notes from August in the next newsletter. Lizanne Melton's varroa mite treatment was not acknowledged. Thank you, Lizanne, for a job well done!

MSBA Executive Committee - We are still in need of a President Elect (To serve as President in 2024) and a Director. If you want more information or have questions regarding role responsibilities, please email me: [secretary\\_MSBA@hotmail.com](mailto:secretary_MSBA@hotmail.com)

Beginning Beekeeping Class – Registration will open mid-October up until the beginning of the class. You must be an MSBA member to register, and prepayment is required. (Jill can send out instructions on prepayment.) No cash or checks will be accepted at the door. Do not wait until last minute to register and pay - We are buying limited books. Be on the lookout for the class announcement mid-October! If you know anyone who would be interested, please refer them to our website or to Jill.

Fair - We still need volunteers to man the booth at the fair. Shifts are typically 12-5pm + 5-10pm but can vary depending on the day. We are looking for TWO people on each shift Monday-Thursday and THREE people on each shift Friday-Sunday.

If you are interested, please let Danny Cannon know, and he will send you the sign up link. You may also click on the fair link in the newsletter. You will receive a reminder email for your shift.

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NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS – We are starting to bust at the seams at The Edge. The executive committee has decided on a new location – right across the street at Platt Springs United Methodist Church in their gym! How convenient!

Our October meeting will be at The Edge, but our November meeting will be at the new location. We will have the space from 6-9pm. Jill will email an announcement closer to that time. We will have our beekeeping classes at this location as well.

STATUS OF ORDERS IN STORE - The secretary will be changing the status of all "store" purchases (ie: packages/queens/NUCS, etc) to 'Fulfilled' in Wild Apricot (our "store". Administration is only able to view this.) Changing the status will produce and

send an email to the "payee" – if you get an email, please stay calm and don't worry!

6:45pm - Treasurer's Update. Terrell may give you a piece of paper with all the information on it.

Bank of America Balance + Total Expenses - Info available in November's newsletter

6:47pm – Community Out Update

6:50pm – Fleming Introduces "Speakers": Danny Cannon + Todd Shealy + David MacFawn

(Anne Runge was the monitor)

7:35pm – Q&A Forum is finished.

7:38pm - Intermission 10 minutes + Raffle

8:00pm - Meeting is adjourned



*Be on the lookout for an event announcement early next week!*  
Specific topics include mite inspection + treatment

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## Midlands Beekeeping Calendar by Red Maple



As always, All beekeeping is local. Here's my offering for the beekeeping calendar for the South Carolina Midlands for the month of October:

Plan on checks once or twice this month but otherwise do not work unless necessary to prevent the triggering of robbing behavior. Try to not be too disruptive in order to allow them to get their house (brood box) in order for winter.

If you have not yet treated for varroa it's important that this is done before your winter bees are exposed to the smorgasbord of viruses that varroa transmits when it feeds. Also, it's not sufficient to just treat. You also need to have some idea that the treatment was effective in reducing the numbers of varroa in the colony.

To read the entire article, [click here](#).

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### **South Carolina Statewide Honey Pollen Analysis**

**By: David MacFawn**

In early 2021, South Carolina Beekeepers Association (SCBA) began thinking about conducting a South Carolina statewide honey pollen analysis. Work on the Congaree River basin honey pollen analysis (Melissopalynology) was completed in 2021 and an article was submitted to *Palynology*.

For the Congaree River basin, we collected fresh honey during 2020 and analyzed the pollen in the honey to determine what nectar sources were contributing to the honey. The Congaree study was extremely successful, and we decided to replicate the Congaree study on a South Carolina statewide basis. South Carolina is the first state to do a honey pollen analysis on a statewide basis to determine what comprises our honey. The analysis will also help determine what to plant in the various parts of the state when bees forage. We will also observe what plants are blooming when we collect the weekly nectar. This will help the universities quickly identify the pollen

sources.

To read the entire article, [click here](#).



**We have filled all the volunteer slots!**

**Please plan to attend the Oct 4 MSBA meeting to pick up your fair ticket (and volunteer tshirt).**

***Please be aware that you will need to pay to park as the parking lot is run by a different company other than the fair.***

**Danny Cannon is the primary point of contact for our booth.  
If you have questions, contact him here: [dannycan68@gmail.com](mailto:dannycan68@gmail.com).**







**2023 BEGINNING  
BEEKEEPING CLASS**



Interested in beekeeping?  
Perhaps you just want to know what this hobby entails  
before jumping in feet first?

This course is a bargain at \$75 which includes  
2 full days of quality classroom instruction +  
a visit to a bee yard with hands-on instruction, snacks,  
study guide + the book 'First Lessons in Beekeeping'.  
Class dates: Saturdays, January 21st & Feb 18th + Bee  
Yard Day March 18th.

Classroom location: Platt Springs United Methodist  
Church: 3215 Platt Springs Rd, West Columbia.  
The bee yard is in off Hwy 1/Augusta Rd in Lexington.

*Experience has shown that the course is suited for  
ages 12 and up.*  
Registration starts mid-October through  
the beginning of the year.

Registrants *must* be an MSBA member and  
prepay online prior to the first class.  
Annual Individual Membership: \$10. Family Membership: \$15.

*Questions? Contact our secretary:*  
secretary\_MSBA@hotmail.com

Visit our website for current news and announcements:  
**[www.scmidstatebeekeepers.org](http://www.scmidstatebeekeepers.org)**

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An event announcement is set to go out mid October.

**VARROA MANIA!!**  
**with Guest Speakers Dr. Dewey Caron, Dr. Larry Connor**  
**and Dr. Zachary Lamas**

**Date and Time: October 22nd @ 9 am // Location: The Citadel: 171**

**Moultrie Street, Charleston, SC**

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED! LIMITED SEATING!**

**\*\*For the benefit of the speakers, please arrive no later than 8:30AM.**

In the afternoon, from 1:30pm -4pm, we will be holding an outdoor BBQ and Q&A with the speakers, so bring an appetite and a bunch of questions!

Cost: \$40.00 (Includes lectures and ticket to BBQ).

Please join us for a symposium dedicated to the evil Varroa destructor. Doctors Dewey Caron, Larry Connor and Zachary Lamas will be discussing a broad range of topics on the Varroa mite, including the most up to date, unpublished findings on Varroa (compliments of Dr. Lamas research).

Please email Jim Strohm at [jimpam4950@aol.com](mailto:jimpam4950@aol.com) to reserve a spot and receive details

**\*\*This engagement will have limited seating, advance sale only (NO at the door registration) so spots will be offered on a first come/first served basis.**

We are so lucky to have these accomplished beekeepers visit us in the Charleston Lowcountry!

Thank you.

Jim Strohm, President

Tim Liptak, Director

Charleston Community Bee Gardens

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## **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.



YOU & YOUR FAMILY ARE INVITED TO A

# CHRISTMAS PARTY

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

Would you be interested in joining us for a Christmas party?  
The party would take the place of our December meeting.  
MSBA will provide the meat.

Please email the secretary with a headcount:  
[secretary\\_MSBA@hotmail.com](mailto:secretary_MSBA@hotmail.com)

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[Beekeeper's Checklist](#) + Things to Know

**Extraction Services:**

MSBA 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 a time to bring your boxes to be extracted. 803.600.4576.**

*A checklist for every Beekeeper... especially new beekeepers!*

- Local Beekeeping Stores:

\*Blythewood Bee Company: 227 Mclean Rd, Blythewood, SC 29016 // 803.754.7577

\*Johnson's Bees and Supplies: 744 Tinker Creek Road, Williston, SC 29853 // 803. 645.6725

- A 2 gallon feed pail/bucket - We need to start feeding sugar syrup: \$8-\$10 + shipping (Betterbee has them). We recommend buying 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. This is to put your lighted smoker in after use. You also need to get a cork (Lowe's 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)

- Folding veils (easy to store) with the long strings and helmets - \$25 for a veil + \$15 for the helmet. (Dadant carries them). Long sleeve bee gloves (Buck o has them for about \$12 a pair) of the correct size

- Buy a canvas/cloth large laundry bag (Wal Mart or 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 easily.

- A 2" or 3" paint brush and a double boiler/crock pot to melt beeswax and coat the frames after scraping dead bees out. *Note: Beeswax is very flammable!* We recommend 2/3 pound of wax for 8 medium frames. You probably have deep & medium frames - about \$8/pound at Dadant.

- Use high quality paint your hive(s). **Paint only the outside** and leave the inside for the bees to coat with propolis.

- Make sure everyone wears light colored clothing. **No dark fuzzy clothing!** Blue jeans are ok. Long sleeve shirts. Do we have veils and gloves for everyone? \*If an experienced 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. *New beekeepers are encouraged to buy the jacket with veil until they feel comfortable enough to not need it.*

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## More Information & Resources

Facebook isn't our primary means of communicating with our members; however, 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.



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