

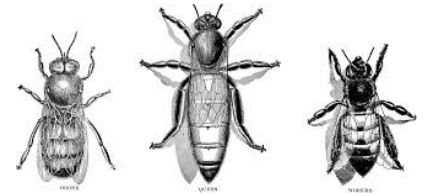


MCC BEE SQUAD

"The only reason for being a bee that I know of is making honey....and the only reason for making honey is so I can eat it." -Winnie the Pooh

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HOME SWEET HOME



The MCC Bee Squad

met today to install 3 Nucleus (Nuc) boxes of bees the clubs 3 hives. Francois held a brief meeting on some of the beekeepers equipment that he/she would have to be safe when handling the bees. The cotton beekeepers jacket with veil was the most important piece of equipment we used today. Then there is the goatskin gloves

which are soft and have long sleeves to cover quite a bit of your arm but still inhibit movement in the fingers, you can also use the nitrile gloves either 3 or 5 mm thickness which will give a little more dexterity. The smoker is an important tool, especially if the bees are aggressive when you are checking on them. We discussed some of the different smoker fuels to use like pine needles, wood shavings, and even rabbit food is good and will smolder for a long time. Some other tools are the hive tool, the bee brush and the frame lifter.

Did You Know...

The **Langstroth bee hive**, patented in October 1852, is the standard beehive used in many parts of the world for beekeeping. The advantage of this hive is that the bees build honeycomb into frames, which can be moved with ease. The frames are designed to prevent bees from attaching honeycombs where they would either connect adjacent frames, or connect frames to the walls of the hive. These are



The Nuc Box



Safety First

Professor Einstein, the learned scientist, once calculated that if all bees disappeared off the earth, four years later all humans would also have disappeared. Abeilles et fleurs, June, 1965.



DRESSED FOR SUCCESS



READY, SET GO!



SUITING UP



THAT'S A WHOLE LOT OF BEES



KEEPING THE NEW COLONY IN ORDER



Did You Know...

A deep super filled with honey weighs about 90lbs, A medium weighs about 60lbs, and a small



FINDING THEIR WAY HOME!

THE 1ST BEE SQUAD PHOTO SHOOT



HEY! WE'RE MISSING A FEW



WE'LL BE LOOKING TO NAME EACH COLONY...

In our next issue, "The 1st Hive Inspection" we should see some real progress within the bottom brood chamber and possibly we will be adding another hive box