



Newsletter

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“One can no more approach people without love than one can approach bees without care. Such is the quality of bees...”

— Leo Tolstoy



Welcome New Beekeepers -

The MCC Bee Club will has started its third year, sadly it is without our Founder, Francois Faloppa. The season is already underway with bee classes going strong and members (1-2 yr. and new members) prepping for the bees. Unfortunately the club lost all of its remaining hives in March this year. The hives did produce some honey for the club to sell and club members learned how to extract our remaining honey, I think we ended up with about 7 Gallons from that extraction. We are anxious to start the new season.

What's New -

We will start the new season with 5 hives, 2 pkgs. And 3 NUC's. One pkg. should arrive on Friday the 14th with an install on the 15th, and the second should arrive on May 5th, with a may 6th install (**this is all weather permitting**). The NUC's should arrive around the 15th of May.

Rich Wieske an MBA (Michigan Beekeepers Association) board member recommended I send a letter to the MBA requesting a donation for more bee pkgs. for the club. The MBA has funds for new club to help with start-up, maybe we can get a few more hives going.

Last season the college rototilled an area in front of the hive so we can plant wildflowers (25' X 100'), since then we have been approved to plant up to an acre. I found a grant program online from Bayer (**Feed a Bee Pollinator Health Forage Initiative Proposal**). I submitted a proposal for \$2500 to prep and plant wild flowers and fruit trees for a one acre area buy the bees. The Grants will be awarded in May if we are chosen.

The club is expanding, so we are looking at purchasing another 9 frame extractor for the club to speed up our extraction process even more.

I am happy to Welcome the New members from the Bee-Ginners Beekeeping Class, and from the community.



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The New MCC Bee Club label has been ordered, we will bottle the honey we just extracted as soon as they come in. They are clear labels that will go on our Hexagon jars



Extraction Pictures...

