

## **Beekeeping Presentation Topics – Updated 5-31-25**

1. **“Beekeeping Ain’t That Hard!” Audience: New – ancient beekeepers**

No A/V equipment needed

A 30-60 minute presentation on the barriers that make beekeeping difficult for new beekeepers and how to avoid them.

2. **“Beehive Winter Survival” Audience: New – ancient beekeepers**

A/V Needed

A 45-75 minute presentation on the physics of beehive winter dynamics and methods for getting bees through winter.

3. **“Beekeeping Ain’t That Hard! – Varroa Control for the Busy Beekeeper” Audience: New – 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Beekeepers**

A/V Needed

A 60-90 minute presentation on varroa control with minimal or no testing needed. Aimed at first- and second-year beekeepers who haven’t perfected the skill of alcohol wash testing for mites. Best presented in early spring or as part of a new beekeepers course.

4. **“Making Beekeeping Simpler – A new Approach” Audience: New – ancient beekeepers**

A/V Needed

A 40-60 minute presentation aimed at clubs and club mentors to better structure how they guide new beekeepers to being successful. Very blunt.

5. **“Swarm Prevention & Queen Evaluation – Your Second Year” Audience: 2<sup>nd</sup> year and beyond beekeepers**

A/V Needed plus equipment

A 60-90 minute presentation aimed at 2<sup>nd</sup> year beekeepers who have successfully overwintered their colonies and how to prevent them from swarming. A MUCH simpler and visual methods

6. **“Varroa Mite Research” Audience: 2<sup>nd</sup> year and beyond beekeepers**

A/V Needed

A 60-90 minute presentation to more advanced beekeepers that goes deeper into Varroa science and the latest research on where varroa are hiding. Also includes results of 2024 mite research projects. VERY popular!

7. **“Solo Cup Mite Washing” Audience: 2<sup>nd</sup> – ancient beekeepers**

Video available for download from LCBA web site

This is a custom made video for LCBA that shows the latest methods for testing for Varroa using solo cups and Dawn Dish soap. This is the preferred method for most research universities and initially developed by Randy Oliver. This can be a 30 minute presentation with the video and the basic mite wash equipment.

8. **“Honey Bees as a Superorganism” – WIP Audience: 2<sup>nd</sup> year – ancient beekeepers**

A/V needed

This is a 60-90 minute presentation aimed at more advanced students, although all levels, including non-beekeepers will garner some knowledge. It goes through a discussion of the entire bee (*Apis Mellifera*) as a superorganism as outlined by Jurgen Tautz and Thomas Seeley. Draws heavily from “The Buzz about Bees,” J. Tautz, 2008.

9. **“Requeening a Hive” Audience: New – ancient beekeepers**

A/V needed

This is a video edited down to 40 minutes of the 2024 NAHBE presentation by Jose Uribe. Also includes some slides to summarize the main points. Total time should be about 60 minutes.

10. "Propolis in a Hive" **Audience: New – ancient beekeepers**

A/V needed

This is a video edited down to 40 minutes of the 2024 NAHBE presentation by Marla Spivak. Also includes some slides to summarize the main points. Total time should be about 60 minutes

11. "Beginner Beekeeping Classes" **Audience: New beekeepers**

A/V needed + lots of other equipment needed

An entire curriculum of topics to get first year beekeepers started with their new endeavor. It goes extensively through all topics needed the first year including equipment, package install, pest control , and what to expect the first year. Usually presented over 4 different sessions, but can be condensed to 3 sessions if necessary.