Hive Sterilization Event

Fellow Beekeepers;

It’s time to get ready for spring and new honey bees by sterilizing disease contaminated hives and honey comb. The annual spring hive irradiation event will be held at Sterigenics located at 75 Tilbury Road, Salem, NJ 08079. No one has contacted me in recent years saying they had AFB contaminated equipment but this process kills nosema, EFB, chalk brood, and all other virus, bacteria, and pathogens that sicken our honey bees, shorten their lives, and weaken our colonies.

We will be delivering hive equipment on Monday morning March 23rd. Plan to arrive at Sterigenics by 10:30 A.M. The procedures are the same as before. Please read the attachment for full details. If we get 7 pallets of equipment the cost per pallet will be $152.20 per pallet. I must know who is taking part and how much equipment each is bringing.

You can stack six columns of boxes on a full size 40” x 48” pallet yielding 36 deeps and 6 mediums, or 52 mediums and 6 shallows. Any boxes with honey or stores in them must be individually bagged and labeled with the owners name on the outside of the bag if it is a pallet of combined equipment. All pallets must be clean with no dirt, insects, or mice. Pallets must be covered with cardboard, bottom and top sheeted with heavy plastic, and tightly shrink warped. Pallets must have full size sheet of paper labels identifying each pallet with Beekeeper – (the owner’s name) – and the assigned pallet number.

Please e-mail me as soon as you can with the amount of equipment you plan to bring so I can determine if we can do this again this year.

Thank you,

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PSBA License Plate

Some interest has been raised in having a Pa State Beekeepers Association vanity plate. More will be coming as information is gathered. There is a commitment needed in sponsorship funding and minimum number of plates required. The design pictured is for concept only. Stay Tuned.

100th Anniversary Pa Farm Show

The PSBA Farm Show Committee is entertaining ideas to help celebrate the 100th Anniversary Pa Farm Show, to be held in January 2016. What gimmick would be a ‘real attention getter’? Give-a-away….‘must see’….‘wow’….‘that’s cool’, take-home-message? Balloons and stickers are not options, as they are not permitted by Farm Show Complex policy.

Turkey Hill gives away ice cream. Pa Preferred gives away fabric bags and shirts. Pa Farm Bureau gives away a featured ‘animal’ hat.

Sponsors to help offset cost would be welcome. There’s that pen from EAS. How about a “honey bee” memory stick pre-loaded with facts, Powerpoint and sponsor ads. Where do you find this stuff?

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