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Well, last week is over and I am back in Raleigh with a lot of catching up to do. I really appreciate those new and old friends I have made this past week. I get energized when Judi and I are greeted in such a warm friendly manner as happened. I am not accustomed to getting gifts and after meeting luncheons and visits to thriving beekeeping businesses. We even brought home a bit of Ireland with us. This is a small world!

Thus, I am finding that mowing grass, weeding my garden, and looking after my few hives of bees have been neglected somewhat. And next week is going to be a real busy week as well. Working in this hot weather is a real pain. There is no lack in topics to write about. The give and take during bee meetings give me plenty to think about such as a discussion last week on the use of queen excluders.

This week the topic is SHB (small hive beetles) a topic which repeats itself year after year. For the most part our honey harvest in Raleigh is over but I noticed that some beekeepers in Ohio have not yet started to think about harvesting honey. Some in fact will wait another month or so to take off honey.

This article could also be about protecting extracted honey from SHB. Try to stay cool in this hot weather and the bees still need your attention.

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