

## **2026 Stahlman Beekeeping E-mail Notes Issue #4a**

It is still winter and most of you should have some idea of colonies that are alive and need your help to keep them alive and building bee populations. Bee schools are in full swing and Judi and I have been quite busy visiting clubs that have requested me to speak. I would like to say that beekeepers in North Carolina are so hospitable and kind.

These notes are reaching beekeepers in many states and when I select topics to write about, timing could be a problem for some reading the published articles. I am thinking of beekeepers located in warmer regions and those in colder regions. This past week as I wrote, I noted that some beekeepers here in North Carolina further east and south of Raleigh were seeing maples in bloom but not in bloom here in my neighborhood. I will be visiting New Hanover County this coming week which is always a delight but this time with an eye to learn a bit more about beekeeping especially the honey crops beekeepers get in that region. I am also looking for examples of brood production beekeepers can share with me. I am always learning something for myself when I travel.

I will be returning to Ohio several times this year. A major trip is scheduled to Maine & Nova Scotia and maybe Lake Superior can be worked in as well. We have a few things to get done this year on our bucket list. Denver is also on our hope to get to list.

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