

EAS 2017 Short Course by Dewey M. Caron

The 2017 edition of the EAS short courses will be Monday July 31 and Tuesday August 1. Short course individuals are also welcome to freely join the first day of the 3-day EAS program on Wednesday.

The 2017 EAS Short Courses are a series of 2-1- or 1/2 day courses organized on three levels – beginners (2-day course), Intermediate (also 2-day course) and several intermediate/advanced level courses, ½ to a full day. Individuals can join a single session, moving to another offering (there will be a short break between end of one session and the start of the next) or stay in a single course for its duration, depending upon interest. All sessions will be centrally located in the Pencader classrooms of Clayton Hall Conference Center, University of Delaware, Newark, DE or in the nearby apiary, except the microscope course which will be in a different building of the University.

The Beginners level 2-day course has been organized by Mike Embrey, recently retired from U MD Wye Research and Education Center, Queenstown. MD. The program features local experts and Bee short course instructors Brielle Hemstedt of Sussex Co.DE, Lindsay Barranco of Anne Arundel Co. MD, Dean Burroughs, EAS MB of Salisbury MD, David Smith, EAS MB of MD Eastern Shore, Apiary inspectors of DE and VA and Mike. There will be two apiary practice sessions along with coverage of the basics new and 1-3 year experience beekeepers can use. There will be lots of time for questions.

The Intermediate level 2-day Short Course has been organized by EAS MB David Priebe of NH. Instructors include, in addition to Dave, Frank Licata of Mann Lake Bee Supply, Wilkes-Barre, PA (an EAS MB), Landi Simone, EAS MB Chairperson of Northern New Jersey, Jon Zawislak, Extension Apiary Specialist of Arkansas, David Burns, another EAS MB of Long Lane Honey Bee Farms in Central Illinois, Steve Repasky, EAS MB and President of the PA Beekeepers Association, as well as Vincent Aloyo, beekeeping Instructor of DE Valley College and EAS MB. This course will be a ‘soup to nuts’ coverage of “issues” the 2nd to 10th year beekeeper is likely to encounter.



Steve Repasky demonstrating swarm capturing, 2016 Short Course

Intermediate/Advanced level Short Course topics on Monday will be Support Hive (i.e. Nuc) workshop organized by Larry Connor, author/publisher, book seller of Wicwas Press, Kalamazoo, MI. Larry, Steve Repasky of PA and photographer/beekeeper Ed Karle of RI will cover this topic and there will be an apiary demonstration at the end of the day. A 2nd full-day Monday program will focus on Varroa Mite sampling and control, organized by Dewey Caron. Dewey will be joined by 2 students from the U MD

Bee Informed program and Steve Repasky of PA. A special apiary workshop will demonstrate sampling techniques and how to select and use varroa techniques and chemicals. A final Advanced level Short Course offering Monday will cover issues of sustainability with Paul Dill, Former President of both DE and MD Bee Associations, David Burns, EAS MB from Illinois, Tammy Horn Apiary Inspector for KY 9and EAS Past President), EAS MB Ed Karle of RI and MI EAS MB Earl Hoffman covering various aspects of Sustainability.



Tuesday Short courses for Intermediate/advanced beekeepers will include a full-day Microscopy program (disease, pollen ID and bee anatomy will be covered in detail along with some advanced microscopy training) organized and taught by Don Coats, retired Veterinarian of Chadds Ford, PA. Another Intermediate/advanced full-day Tuesday offering will be conducted by bee inspections/Apiary inspection

officials on bee diseases and inspection issues. The six apiary inspectors/apiary program supervisors involved will include Cyril Preston, ND, Karen Roccasecca, PA, Keith Tignor, VA, Tammy Horn, KY, Don Hopkins, NC, and the new DE Apiary Inspector .

There will be two ½ day Short course sessions on Tuesday as well. A morning session will focus on native bees, organized by Tim McMahon of MD (with Tim, Faith Kuehn, DE Department of Ag and Sam Droge of US Geological survey as presenters) and Tuesday afternoon a session on solving some practical issues in bee care (feeding, honey processing and colony inspection) will be arranged.



Feeding demo by Landi Simone 2016 SC

A tentative itinerary of the Short Courses is available on the EAS website with updates as needed. Biographies and a photo of the presenters will be also on the website. Registration details will be posted by mid-March