

The Southern Arizona Beekeepers Association will be holding its next monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 13th at 7:00 PM in person and via Zoom

Main Program: "The Chemistry Behind Honey Processing "

Commercial beekeeper Bob Binnie will be joining us via Zoom to talk about honey, particularly changes in honey chemistry, both good and bad, that occur as result of modern day honey processing and handling procedures. Some of the topics Bob will cover include definition of raw honey, enzyme damage, effects of heat, moisture, yeast, fermentation, crystallization, and filtering. As Bob notes in describing his presentation, there will be a lot of information that many of us don't think about.

Bob is a commercial beekeeper and honey packer. His business, Blue Ridge Honey Company, is located in Lakemont, Georgia. He has been involved with bees as a pollinator and honey producer for more than 40 years, working in nine states. He has been president of the Georgia Beekeepers Association as well as of two local associations. His youtube channel which covers many aspects of beekeeping has more than 56,000 subscribers. The URL is <https://www.youtube.com/@bobbinnie9872>.

To insure that Bob will be able to field questions from as many of us as possible, we ask that attendees hold all comments and questions until the end of his presentation and then limit those questions to one per person until everyone who chooses has a chance to participate. Time permitting, Bob will entertain further questions.

Other items on the agenda

- ***State of the hive***
What is going on in the beeyard this month
- ***Raffle of beekeeping tools for those attending in person***

Join the meeting in person

Where: American Legion Hall, 330 W. Franklin Street, Tucson. There is plenty of free parking available at the Legion Hall and on the street.

Coffee and Beekeeping

Coffee and Beekeeping is something new, an informal gathering of SAZBA members and friends on a Saturday morning to talk about beekeeping, ask questions, and get to know other beekeepers. There is no agenda, just fellowship and a chance to share information. The first session was February 3 with about 20 in attendance. The next one will be Saturday, March 2, location to be announced.

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