

Beekeeping Myths and Misinformation (mostly from the internet and Facebook)

October SAZBA meeting

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- Beekeeping has exploded in popularity in the last 20 years
- This has come with an explosion in the number of bee clubs, beekeeping specific youtube channels and facebook groups, and beekeeping classes
- Honey bees (and beekeepers) have received massive amounts of media attention and become a mascot for environmental and sustainability concerns
- Many that start beekeeping see it as an expression of individuality or come to the table with preconceived notions or ideals that they want to express through their beekeeping

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- This all leads to there being many different camps within the beekeeping world which can hold strongly to certain ideals and can be confrontational and judgmental about differing opinions regarding beekeeping

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- Not everything you read on the internet is true!
(Especially regarding beekeeping)

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The honeybee is thriving while American bees are dying out

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Beekeeping Myths that circulate on the internet...

Myth: Honey Bee populations are crashing and without our help they will go extinct!

Myth: Feeding honey bees sugar water and pollen substitute is unnecessary and will make bees sick

Myth: Treating bees for Varroa mites creates bees reliant on chemical intervention to survive and not treating will result in bees that are naturally mite resistant

Myth: Africanized bees are always defensive and behavior is a good way to determine if bees are Africanized

Myth: Africanized bees are able to be identified by their size or color

Myth: Honey that crystallizes comes from bees that were fed sugar water

Myth: When honey contacts stainless steel it destroys the naturally occurring enzymes in the honey

Any myths or suspect information you have found online...

Thank you for attending the meeting!

- Next meeting is Tom Seeley presentation!
- December meeting is potluck/party!
- January meeting is officer elections!