

Meet our Guest Speakers

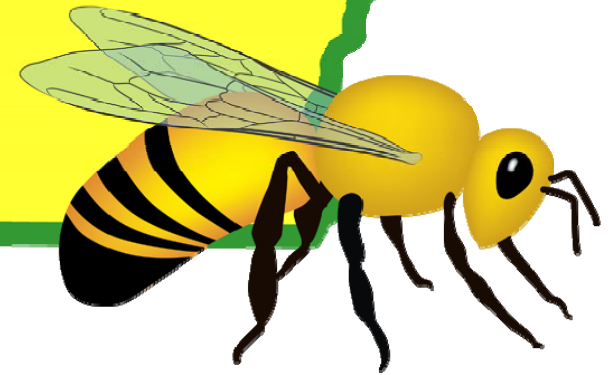
Ralph “Buddy” May is a native of South Carolina. After a career managing textile and equipment manufacturing companies, he retired in 2001 and began his journey into beekeeping. Buddy has taught beekeeping at Furman University Olli, mentored to many beginners, and holds the distinction of being both a South Carolina Beekeepers Association Master Craftsman and EAS Certified Master Beekeeper. Buddy spends his days on his farm conducting beekeeping research, producing queens, and mentoring to new beekeepers. He tends his 50 bee hives, 500 blueberry plants, works in his greenhouse, and enjoys his three Boykin Spaniels. As Vice President of the Eastern Apicultural Society, he is planning for South Carolina to be the host state for the 2019 EAS Conference. Buddy’s original research on oxalic acid for control of Varroa mites was published in the October 2017 issue of the American Bee Journal, and he has authored a paper on training of beekeepers entitled “Hands On Mentoring” published in the December 2017 issue Bee Culture Magazine.



David Burns is a full-time beekeeper in central Illinois. He and his family own and operate Long Lane Honey Farm (honeybeesonline.com), offering a full range of products and services to beekeepers and non-beekeepers. In addition to being a queen producer and a package bee provider, David also produces beekeeping podcasts, videos and other online lessons, as well as publishing articles in American Bee Journal. His popular YouTube channel has received over 1.5 million views. He and his wife, Sheri, teach a range of basic and advanced beekeeping courses from the training center and farm in central Illinois, including his annual Beekeeping Institute. He also is the creator of the Winter-Bee-Kind, a winter feeding system. David became an EAS certified master beekeeper in 2010.



Arkansas Beekeepers Association



Spring Beekeeping Conference

**Searcy, Arkansas
February 23-24, 2018**

Friday - February 23, 2018



- 8:00 a.m. *Registration & Visit Vendors*
- 9:00 a.m. **Jeremy Bemis**
ABA President's Welcome
- 9:15 a.m. **Ralph "Buddy" May**
Results of Research: Dribbling Oxalic Acid
- 10:15 a.m. *Coffee Break & Visit Vendors*
- 10:45 a.m. **David Burns**
Managing your Laying Workers
- 11:45 a.m. *Lunch (on your own)*
- 1:30 p.m. **Ralph "Buddy" May**
Propolis: Collecting, Packaging, & Using
- 2:30 p.m. *Coffee Break & Visit Vendors*
- 3:00 p.m. **David Burns**
*Beekeeping Forensics:
Diagnosing a Failed or Failing Colony*
- 4:00 p.m. **Allan Isom**
The "Friends of Pollinators" Program



Saturday - February 24, 2018



- 8:00 a.m. *Registration & Visit Vendors*
- 9:00 a.m. **Jeremy Bemis**
ABA President's Welcome
- 9:15 a.m. **Ralph "Buddy" May**
Mentoring A-Z (part 1)
- 10:15 a.m. *Coffee Break & Visit Vendors*
- 10:45 a.m. **David Burns**
Feral Colony Removal
- 11:45 a.m. *Lunch (on your own)*
- 1:30 p.m. **Ralph "Buddy" May**
Mentoring A-Z (part 2)
- 2:30 p.m. *Coffee Break & Visit Vendors*
- 3:00 p.m. **David Burns**
Honey Bee Nutrition through the Seasons
- 4:00 p.m. *Dismiss... See You in the Fall!*



