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Introduction

Apis m. Esoteria is designed to discuss the “How to” of bee keeping. These essays are to elucidate some bee keeping points that will help you appear more erudite at formal cocktail parties. These points will be extremely helpful when the conversation starts to lag.

You will never see a male beekeeper relieve himself in the apiary.

Beekeepers should avoid wearing bib overalls with button flies.

Lady beekeepers should not wear perfume and should abstain from using scented shampoo and bath soap before going into the apiary to work their bees. The fragrance will attract bees to what appears to be a very large pretty flower.

The mark of a good beekeeper is the one who can keep the bees alive and collect honey. The objective of our lifelong learning is to achieve this mark.

There are many techniques and procedures that will help each of us. There is no one correct way but here are some techniques that have stood the test of time.

These comments and techniques are my way, as best I can explain them. I welcome any discussion. You can contact me at abletinker@windstream.net.

I would recommend saving this material to a thumb drive labeled "Bee Keeping". Eventually you will have your own book on how to manage your apiary. Since these are done in MS Word, you should be able to update and change any subject to match your style of bee keeping.

I have arranged these appendices in the approximate order that they might be used in the “year of the beekeeper”.

My beekeeping experiences and writing are specifically targeted to the mountains of Northeast Georgia. We experience a microclimate isolated in four counties of Georgia (Union, Towns, Fannin, and Rabun) and two in North Carolina (Cherokee and Clay).

My advice is adaptable nationwide by matching bee activity to the local seasons and floral blooming. All bees do the same thing in the same order. Their timing changes based on the circadian rhythm of your location.