

Beekeeping Insights # 48 email notes

Not much going on with my bees this past week. Cold weather has arrived and my bees are doing what bees should be doing. The article for this week is basic winter cluster information.

Issue #49 is going to be about the adaptability characteristics of the honey bee. Some of us don't appreciate the remarkable way honey bees have survived under a number of conditions and as someone explained to me -- we see the world as if every problem has a human solution. I know the bee sees the world quite differently than I do. I am thinking we sometimes as humans try to solve bee issues from our human experiences. Honey bees survive in some cases better than turning the job of survival over to humans.

I hope you enjoy the Thanksgiving season. I will most likely be spending my Thanksgiving day in New York City. Getting there will be a challenge and I - 95 will be crowded with a lot of traffic. Last time I drove to the city, I considered it quite an accomplishment to have both side view mirrors on my car still there as I left the city. The city is a bee hive of activity and I think of it as doing the same thing a single bee does as it enters the hive and leave the hive. The problem is I don't have the navigational ability that a honey bee has!