

2022 Stahlman Beekeeping E-mail Notes Issue #11

This issue is published earlier than usual but I will be in Georgia on Saturday.

This is an interesting week. I have had to shift a lot of task to the back burner while I deal with the weather "Bomb cyclone" coming our way. Many of you may be picking up package bees. I have shifted the topic of Making splits -- others methods of doing splits -- to this winter like challenge of freezing weather conditions with high winds, snow, and ice. It is always what we expect of March but hope it doesn't happen.

This is a photo from my father's bee yard north of St. Mary, Ohio in the early 1950's. It was early spring much like what we would see today in that bee yard. Note how the bees were all wrapped in black felt roofing material. The jeep pretty much dates this picture. I remember that jeep could get us into and out of bee yards that normally would result in a stuck truck.

I often wonder why I don't wrap hives now -- it does take time and effort. But these hive could and would survive very cold temperatures and almost anything mother nature could throw at them.

