

## 2024 Stahlman Beekeeping E-mail Notes Issue #29a

I am always looking for a topic to write about. Removing bees from trees and houses is not something I get very excited about. Several friends have made money by removing bees from buildings. I listen to their comments about people who continue to complain about not getting all the bees. I guess if you charge for removing bees from a property, you are expected to take all of them.

Cary Orange, a friend, called that he had a few questions about removing a nest of bees from under a porch. I had a lot of questions for him. He convinced me that he was not going to need to cut them out of any location. He had visited the location and indicated they may be up six feet or so from the ground and a step ladder might be needed. The nest was in an open location tucked up near a corner under the porch. He asked if I wanted to go along when he removed them.

Unless you have removed a nest of bees from an overhead position, imagine that things fall like apples fall from a tree. During the summer beeswax is soft and breaks easily. Bees can be very aggressive if they are disturbed. I have a vacuum stored somewhere in my shed I thought, but that is very destructive to a honeybee nest and Cary was interested in saving them.

This issue will give you an idea how to remove hanging comb with bees, brood and honey with as little disturbance as possible.

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