

## MSBA WEBINAR #5

### “Tips and Tricks of Honey Harvesting” with Rick Cooper

Tuesday, September 15th at 7:00 pm

Our next webinar will include video demos of removing honey from hives and extracting it for bottling. This will be followed by a power point summary and Q&A with Rick and others. MSBA members will be emailed with a link to access the webinar in advance. If you don't receive your email please contact [vp@mainebeekeepers.org](mailto:vp@mainebeekeepers.org).

Rick Cooper began beekeeping in 1980 in order to help pollinate his home garden in Bowdoinham, while working as a computer programmer/systems analyst at the Brunswick Naval Air Station. Eventually he opened “Bees-and-Me,” a sideline honey business in which he ran 100+ hives and also sold beekeeping equipment and supplies.

Over the years Rick has been a popular guest speaker at chapter meetings across the state and taught short courses at EAS conferences. He's contributed countless articles to The Bee Line newsletter and educated many people in his annual winter bee schools.

He became Maine's first Eastern Apicultural Society-certified Master Beekeeper in 1994, and presided over the 2003 EAS conference held at Bowdoin College. He's served in almost every position on MSBA's Board of Directors, was named Beekeeper of the Year, and also became a recipient of MSBA's Lifetime Achievement Award in 2016. A member of the Sagadahoc County Beekeepers Association, Rick is the guy everyone wants to sit next to at the club's (pre-covid) Saturday Bee Breakfasts.