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No Birds, Just Bees

Hello everyone and welcome to the April Edition of the Ideal Almanac

With all of the incredibly stressful things going on around our world I thought it might be fun and calming to give everyone a “bee” update. The weather here in New Jersey has transformed to Spring. The trees and flowers are blooming and the sights and scents are amazing. We have been planning for months to get ready to greatly increase our beehive count and I got word yesterday from Brett our “bee supplier” that the five new starter hives called nucs, or nucleus colonies, will be arriving here next Thursday.

In preparation, we have already moved our one surviving hive away from the walls of our roof, unfortunately the other died over the winter. We also now have two additional hives assembled and placed on plastic skids a few feet apart so we will have three working hives by the end of next week. Once the bees from the nucs are introduced into the empty hives it should take a few days for them to get accustomed to their new homes and then expand. Also at this time we bought a portable stairway and it now leads to another roof on our building. We have a small stairway being assembled and placed today so we can get up to next higher roof and then we will place three additional hives. My wonderful wife had the idea of getting a drone with a camera so we could keep an eye on the hives when we were not up there. That will be set up in another few weeks.

You may think we have gone a little overboard going from one hive to six and building stairways for easy access to our building roofs (and you may be right), but bee keeping seems to be a little addictive and the more we have, the further we want to go. We still have two more roofs to put more hives, if desired. There is a law of a maximum of three hives per roof. The daily drone update flights will begin next month and will be uploaded to the bee area of our website for all to

see and as I write this I can only agree that maybe I should step back before doing any more expanding. After all, it is way better to “bee” careful than to “bee” sorry.

Regards,
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