



## Hello From President Joe Komperda

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As your new President, I look forward to working with all of you!

Over the last 5 (or is it 6?) years Debbie and I have been members of the SEBC. It is/was our first Bee Club and the members, meeting discussions and presentations have helped guide us on our beekeeping adventure.

I feel that the SEBC is not your common club, beekeeping or otherwise. To me it is homey, comfy and a little bit of "country" in a suburban setting. Compared to the other three clubs/discussion groups that I also attend monthly, it is unrivaled in its' friendly atmosphere, inclusiveness and pot luck!

I hope that during my time "at the helm" as President, together we can maintain, sustain and further the club aspects that make SEBC GREAT!

As we continue to grow by attracting more beekeepers to our meetings, I believe we need to tackle some big jobs.

First and foremost, I believe we need to develop some By-Laws so we can "formalize" some of our functions as a club including future elections, Officer/Director terms (and possible term limits), financial accounting and decision making, club member benefits (and responsibilities), Officer/Director/Committee Chair responsibilities/duties, and general club operating "transparency".

## Meet the new Southeast Beekeeping Club Crew!

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As you read through this newsletter you are going to get to know each of our newly appointed leaders of the Southeast Beekeeping club. Everyone wrote their own words to provide you this glimpse in to who they are, some shared more than others but everyone of us is very friendly and willing to talk bees anytime!

### HELP WANTED!

Anyone interested in becoming our "Bee-Ambassador" / "Greeter" for Club Meetings?

It's not hard work — You'd greet folks at the door, help them "sign-in" and make sure they get a name tag.

You'd also pass out a Welcome Packet to first time meeting attendees. If you can't attend a meeting all we ask is you find someone to perform the duty at that meeting.

Contact Joe Komperda at [BeeSwarmRescue@gmail.com](mailto:BeeSwarmRescue@gmail.com) or 303.304.6459 to sign-up!

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## Club Officers

### President Joe Komperda

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Joe Komperda, the Average Joe Beekeeper, has been keeping bees in the South Metro Denver Area with his spouse Debbie for over 5 years.

Joe is a Certified Journeyman Beekeeper working toward a Master Beekeeper certification. Known for his: "Bee-Engaged: An Average Joe's Guide to..." classes and presentations, Joe & Debbie run 20—30 hives at Hive Host locations in Greenwood Village, Flat Acres Farm in Parker, the Denver Broncos Training Center in Englewood and the 7 Mile House/Farm Park in Arapahoe County.

In non-Beekeeping life, Joe is an Information Technology Cyber Security Project Manager and a Retired U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel.



### Vice President Ann Atkinson

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I am a 3rd year beekeeper, currently down to one colony (but it's doing great!).

I am married to Dan Isaman, who is a controls systems engineer. We have two adult daughters, one is married and lives and works in China, the other lives and works in Los Angeles. I work as a lawyer representing disabled people trying to get disability benefits from Social Security.

When not working or beekeeping I enjoy traveling, gardening, raising service dog puppies, hiking and cooking.



### Secretary Chellise Keller

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Chellise has been beekeeping with her husband Mitch for almost 5 years. She was not a fan of bees when we began this journey but has grown to love the little ladies!

Chellise goes by Chelly to those who know her outside of a business environment. Mitch and Chelly have 3 dogs, a 10 year old Jack Russell, a 5 year old Chocolate Lab and a 3 year old Husky. Chelly enjoys painting and almost anything else crafty!



### Treasurer Sue Huseby

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My husband, Graham, and I moved from the mountains to Elizabeth to be closer to family in 2015 and took up beekeeping the following year (still a new-bee!).

I have been the Secretary/Treasurer of our small family-owned plumbing & heating business for the past 30+ years. Last year when the SEBC began "official" memberships with dues, I was able to help out and track memberships and collect dues. I value the SEBC, enjoy our fellowship (and learn a lot!) and am honored to serve as treasurer for this term.



## Club Committee Chairs

### Librarian Mitch Keller

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Chelly, my lovely wife, and I have been keeping bees for about 5 years growing to 16 hives and have been members of the SEBC for 3 years.

We have taken several classes and been to “Bee College” several times and look forward to attending many, many more classes in our quest for knowledge to do our best for the bees. Our goals for next season include achieving Apprentice level certification through the CSBA, increasing the numbers of hives we keep to 25 and presenting and sharing our knowledge with the club when possible.

This past season Chelly and I assisted with managing the Swarm Dispatch list for SEBC, including some education at club meetings on swarming and swarm rescuing. Could talk all day about this but will leave it at; “can’t wait to see what next year will bring us.” I’ll bet its bees...

### Webmaster Brenda Francis

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Brenda Francis makes her living writing copy and creating web pages used in email marketing. She also sells central vacuums with her husband of twenty-two years.

She lives near old town Littleton, and volunteers for Colorado State University (CSU), as an Arapahoe County Master Gardener. Although she is currently not keeping bees, she is a volunteer in a bee study with CSU.

Along with gardening, she likes to bird-watch. She also likes to cook and has an impressive herb garden.

### Equipment Manager Tom Garthwright

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After working for 48 years in healthcare industry I retired Sept of 2014.

I started keeping bees the year before I retired and now have 4.5 hives, some on my property and a few on my daughter’s who also lives in Foxfield. I stated 4.5 hives as my new Carniolan hive of this year isn't going to make it through the winter. Bad Queen with low capped brood numbers.

My wife, Peggy and I are avid travelers and enjoy trips to family in Kansas and S Dakota.

Come fall you will have a hard time finding me on a Sat as i will be doing some type of bird hunting, somewhere!

### Facebook Administrator Debbie Komperda

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Debbie, has been a beekeeper for about 5 years. She recently retired from running a manufacturing company. She loves being creative and doing crafts!

### Hospitality Karla Anderson

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Karla is our hospitality person, she brings the plates, napkins and utensils to each meeting, she also cleans all of the used utensils so they are not thrown away. Thank you Karla!

## Club Directors

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### About David Baker



David has been keeping bees for 7 or so years. He currently keeps between 15-20 hives at any given time.

David, along with his wife Ashely, owns To Bee or Not To Bee Beekeeping Supplies where they focus on educating new beekeepers. David also teaches beekeeping classes and serves on the Colorado State Beekeeping Association Board as an Advisor to the President.

### About Dale Sherman



My name is Dale Sherman, and I live in The Pinery just a few blocks from where we meet! We've been here 21 years and raised both of our kids in this house. I am a Certified Colorado Master Gardener, so beekeeping became a natural extension of that hobby. I had to move my hives this Spring due to unusually aggressive behavior and started an apiary out at Seven Stones Botanical Cemetery, where I have room for around 26 hives over time and NO ONE to get in our way! I've only been beekeeping for 2 years now but have probably taken around 10 classes right now, from David Baker, Greg Mann and Don Studinski, among others. I also do woodturning as a hobby and have been on a DIY Network TV show, "Cool Tools" as a demonstrator. Club members can go to YouTube and put in "Dale Sherman Cool Tools" and I think you can see my 5 minutes of fame!

### About Vance Hayes



Born 1949 Denver.

Graduated 1967 George Washington High School, Denver.

Graduated 1971 Colorado College, Colorado Springs, BA in Anthropology.

Married Dona 1975, Two children Ryan, Kelly.

Licensed in Real Estate 1977.

Started Hayes & Company, Inc. 1980, Commercial, Residential Brokerage and Property Management.

Moved to Parker 1991.

Moved to Castle Rock 2002.

Began learning Bee Keeping 2011.

## Club Info– Equipment Listing

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About the Club's Equipment– from Tom Garthwright, Equipment Manager...

I take care of SEBC loaner equipment which includes:

- Oxalic Acid vaporizer, with a 12 volt portable battery
- 3 bee vacs for swarm collection
- Powder sugar bellows
- Hive mover tool for 2 people to easily move full hives to new location
- Observer bee suites, sizes small adult and child
- Honey extraction units, large drill adaptive unit Stainless Steel. One smaller hand crank, plastic

\*\*\* All of the above are available to club members who are in good standing (paid their SEBC Membership dues). No Charge to borrow, just return as soon as finished so the next member has availability.