

Bee Blog 2009 - Thursday, August 27

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Here it is Thursday already and I was into the hives Sunday. Just been very busy with work and life and such, but I'm finally getting around to blogging the details...

The good news is that a queen has finally been made or moved in to the ailing hive and now I have three queen-right hives again! She seems to be laying well and I only hope that a good fall flow will have them putting away enough for winter. I'll probably keep a super of honey for them, though, just in case!

Speaking of honey, the good hive (middle hive) is doing well. They have nearly filled up the third super and I'll have to remove it and the second super full of honey in a week or two. The Saly Swarm hive is doing ok, though I had hoped they would fill out the second deep chamber. They did have a lot of work to clean up and fill out the first, though, as it was comb from a swarm cut-out. They should be ok through the winter in one deep, but I may also save a super of honey for them, as well.

This year I intend to treat for mites, and that time is approaching. I'm reminded of it today, where temps have dipped back into the 50's overnight. Supposed to be even colder tonight/tomorrow. Oh well!

Overall I'm pleased with how things are going. Well, gotta run to work! Post this blog now...