



WAKE COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

www.wakecountybeekeepers.org

July Meeting: Tuesday, July 10th, 2012 at 7:30 pm

Location: Big Boss Brewing Company 1249 Wicker Drive, Raleigh, NC Phone: (919) 834-0045.

Featured Program: Mead tasting and how to make mead.

June Meeting Summary

- **July Meeting Date:** July 10th, Tuesday, 7:30 pm.

Program you should contact Charles Heatherly at chasheath@gmail.com

- **Location for July Meeting:** Big Boss Brewing Co. 1249 Wicker Drive Raleigh, NC.

- Volunteers are always needed at the Asheboro Zoo honey bee exhibit. Volunteers are allowed to sell honey while they are working the exhibit.

- The June meeting was our potluck dinner which was enjoyed by all who attended. This provided an opportunity for the members to share current stories of beekeeping in the current season.

Training will be provided for volunteers so beekeepers of all experience and knowledge levels are encouraged. For more information on volunteering please contact Judy Pick JimJudy9@aol.com or Janno Lewis

- In addition to the potluck, Dr. Ambrose talked about implanting the honey grower certification program. If anyone is interested in participating in the new Certified Label

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2012 WCBA Officers:**President:**

Andy Currin

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Steve Brown

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Neil Woodcock

Program Chairman:

Raymond Goodman

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Vivian Joyner

To serve 2 years

Danny Jaynes

To serve 1 year

Larry Williams

To serve 3 years

Education Materials:

Ben Crawley

WCBA officer contact information can be found on the WCBA website:

www.wakecountybeekeepers.org

Location of Club Extractors & Equipment:

The club owns equipment that is available for members to borrow. Please contact the following people for equipment:

Steve Hildebrand: Knightdale 919-266-9464; Vivian Joyner:

New Hill 919-387-0164;

James Knox: Raleigh 919-847-5098; Larry Hall: Central Wake 919-612-4499. See

complete list on the WCBA website.

Upcoming NCSBA Events



- Check the NCBSA website for detailed information on these events:
<http://www.ncbeekeepers.org/news.htm>
- Scheduled NCSBA Summer Meetings:
 - **July 12-14 2012 NCSBA Summer Meeting** at Robeson Community College in Lumberton, NC.
 - **August 13-17 2012 EAS Conference**, Burlington, Vermont.

- **Summer NCSBA meeting registration available on the NCSBA website.**

Workshops include:

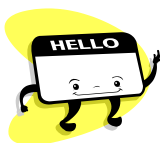
- Starting a Bee Business
- Bear Fences
- Fall Bee Splits
- Cooking with Honey
- Insect and Diseases
- Fall Queen Rearing
- Management of Russian Bees
- Medical Benefits of the Hive
- Lab ID of Nosema
- Honey Certification
- Reasons Why Hives Fail
- Getting Back to Basic Beekeeping

ATTENTION MEMBERS:

Remember to bring and wear your name tag to each meeting so we can easily identify one another.

Check off your name on the attendance sheet so we can track membership attendance.

We would also like Visitor's to check in and fill out a name badge.



Want to learn more the Master Beekeeper Program in NC?

The **MBP** program was established in the fall of 1982 for the purpose of providing an infrastructure whereby beekeepers can improve their beekeeping skills and knowledge on a continuous basis.

To learn about the requirements for the certified, journeyman, master, and master craftsman levels visit:

<http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/entomology/apiculture/mbp.html>

and

<http://www.ncbeekeepers.org/master.html>.

Stories from WCBA members:

Suzy Spencer, WCBA Member shares the following story and picture:

On March 25, 2012, I was in my backyard talking with my neighbor when a swarm started to emerge from one of my two hives. I was expecting this to happen, and so about a week earlier I had tied a homemade swarm lure underneath an empty bird house to try to get it to land where I could more easily retrieve it. I made the lure out of a round, open-slatted, hard-plastic cat toy into which I had stuffed a cotton ball, and every few days I had been applying several drops of lemongrass oil to the cotton. My neighbor and I watched as the bees emerged, went into the air, and then started to land under and on the birdhouse. I have very bee tolerant neighbors. See attached picture of the end result. I easily retrieved the swarm, and it's doing great. This little trick saved me a lot of money.



HONEY NEEDED FOR 2012 NC STATE FAIR HONEY SALE

Honey is needed for the 2012 NC State Fair Honey Sale. Each member may sell two sixty pound buckets of spring honey at \$3.50 per pound. There will be collection and bottling stations throughout the state.

New beekeepers as well as seasoned beekeepers are encouraged to participate.

Reserve your space by contacting **Dr. Sylvia Beck** by mail at 4836 Coastal Drive SE, Southport, NC, 28461; by phone at 910-457-0251; or by email: drsylvia4836@yahoo.com

Amy Jones, a WCBA member, captures the queen bee piping. Listen to the recording and tell us what you think.

http://www.ahumblehum.com/wp-content/uploads/inspectionaudio/2012jun30_piping.mp3

Our Program for **August** will include a presentation on queen rearing by Betsy of *Betsy's Bees*.

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Betseys-Bees-Apiaries/223993610968744>

July in the Bee Yard



During the month of July you may consider extracting honey.

If your bees are in the Mountain honey or you are trying for Sourwood honey make sure your bees are in place in the mountains for the sourwood trees to be in peak blooming season toward the end of June.

When extracting your honey make sure you have all the proper equipment needed. Bottles and labels are just the start of equipment needed. The WCBA has extracting equipment available for members to borrow.

To learn how to extract honey, get with a mentor from the club. You can also look up videos on YouTube on extracting.

When pulling supers to extract be sure to leave one full super for your bees to use as food. In the Piedmont region many nectar bearing plants for bees are out of bloom.

One thought would be to share some honey with your neighbors. One beekeeping guideline is that it is good practice to have your neighbors happy with your bees and sharing honey is one small step to reward them for their acceptance of honey bees next door.



Check the **WCBA WEBSITE** for up to date information:
www.wakecountybeekeepers.org

Honey Tasting in November:

Last year's honey tasting went so well that we're going to do it again!

Save your favorite bottle of honey and bring it to our honey tasting in November. Details will be forthcoming.

If you travel over the summer pick up a bottle from the city you visited and share that with the group too!

Any and all honey entries are encouraged for the tasting.

This is a great way to interact with members and try each other's wonderful honey!