



WAKE COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

www.wakecountybeekeepers.org

March Meeting:

Tuesday, March 8th,
2010 at 7:30 pm

Location: Wake County
Office Park – 4011 Cary
Dr. Raleigh, NC 27610

Featured Program

Speakers: Ricky
Barbour & Ben Crawley.
Program is on swarms
and beekeeping
equipment.

February Meeting Summary

- Surprisingly, the night of the February meeting the Wake County Office Park (our normal meeting location) was closed. We later found out that our normal meeting room was undergoing renovations. The February meeting was quickly moved to the Raleigh Police Club. The WCBA has now pre-scheduled our meetings through June at the normal meeting location. The meeting dates below reflect the finalized schedule:



March 8th, Tuesday, 7:30 pm
April 11th, Monday, 7:30 pm
May 10th, Tuesday, 7:30 pm
June 14th, Tuesday, 7:30 pm

- A motion was made and seconded to purchase 10 bee suites for the Montessori School of Raleigh (the middle school aged group). The students there have started a beekeeping program and are in need of some bee suites. Students from the school have actively helped the WCBA with Bug Fest and other events in the past. We are happy to help provide them with the necessary bee suites needed for their program. The students will come to a meeting later

this year to share what they have been learning about the bees at the school. We look forward to hearing from them.

- The election for the 2011 officers was held. The new officers are as follows:
President: Ricky Barbour
Vice President: Andy Currin
Secretary: Sarah Pleasants
Treasurer: Dan Brubaker
Program Chair: Kate Hanser
Board of Directors:
Vivian Joyner – 3 year term
Marvin Pate – 1 year term
Danny Jaynes – 2 year term
- Kevin Wooten from the USDA joined us once again and spoke about the government assistance and insurance programs for beekeepers. On the WCBA website you can read more about these programs and view his power point from the February meeting. If you have any questions about his presentation, contact Kevin Wooten at: kevin.wooten@nc.usda.gov
- The association is selling Nucs and is offering a Beginners Beekeeping Workshop. Check out the WCBA website and page 3 of this newsletter for details.
- At the March meeting when you pick up your name tags keep them with you after the meeting.

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Happy St. Patrick's Day!



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Phone Mentor:
Jerry Brantley
919-269-9333

Education Materials:
Bill Cole

WCBA officer contact information can be found on the WCBA website:
www.wakecountybeekeepers.org

Location of Club

Extractors:

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 Spring & Summer Meetings:
 - **March 4-5, 2011 NC/SC Spring Meeting** in Dallas, NC
 - **July 7-9, 2011 NCSBA Summer Meeting** in Elon, NC

Want to learn more about beekeeping?

You can now easily view lectures on beekeeping from NCSU online. Simply click on the link below and you will be instantly connected to 28 lectures from Dr. Ambrose's classes on beekeeping available at:
<http://courses.ncsu.edu/ent203/common/podcasts/>

Local Beekeeping TV Show (Continued)



The local East Wake TV channel will air a series of TV shows featuring fellow members Mitchell Wrenn, Bob Matheny, and others. If you do not receive the East Wake TV channel you may look up the videos online at: <http://ewtv.org>
EWTV 22

Once you are on the website, look to the right of the screen under the Special Events: click on the link [Learning About Beekeeping](#) to view the video.



A second video is now available where they cut down a tree with a feral hive inside. Below are photos submitted by Bob Matheny of a feral hive that was found inside the tree they cut down.



Beginners Beekeeping Workshop

2011 Spring Beginners Beekeeping Workshop

To sign up for the workshop, download the registration form on the WCBA website: www.wakecountybeekeepers.org

Class Date: Saturday, April 2nd, 2010
8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Testing Date: Sunday, April 3rd, 2010
1:00 pm – Till all have tested

Testing offered for certification through the North Carolina Master Beekeeper Program. See the program website for details on the test and certification: <http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/entomology/apiculture/mbp.html>

Location: Raleigh Police Club
3500 Leonard Rd., Knightdale/Raleigh, NC
(Please note that GPS devices find the address under the city Raleigh)

ATTENTION MEMBERS:

Starting at the March meeting, please pick up your name tags and take them home with you after the meeting.

Be sure to remember to wear your name tag to each meeting after March. We hope this change will make the sign in process easier.



NUCS FOR SALE

Nucs are now for sale through the WCBA.
Tentative delivery is early April.

Nuc order forms are available online. Visit the WCBA website to download the nuc order form:
www.wakecountybeekeepers.org

Nucs are \$95.00 each.



Cardboard Nuc boxes will be raffled off at the March meeting.

Nuc boxes are perfect to carry in the car to when catching swarms or when picking up your Nuc orders in April.

Be sure to pick up raffle tickets when signing in at the March meeting.

Membership renewals are due by the March 8th, 2011.

Renewal forms will be available at the March meeting, see Dan Brubaker for renewal forms OR visit the WCBA website to download the renewal form:

www.wakecountybeekeepers.org

Membership for the WCBA is \$10.00 per year.

Membership for the NCSBA is \$15.00 per year.

Subscriptions to *American Bee Journal* and *Bee Culture* are also available.



Check the **WCBA WEBSITE** for up to date information:

www.wakecountybeekeepers.org

🌿 March in the Bee Yard



During the month of March the bees are preparing for Spring.

On a warm, sunny day with calm winds, preferably during the early part of the month, thoroughly check each colony. The items to be checked are as follows:

Evaluate the food stores. Most likely during this time of the spring build-

up, the bees will be clustered in the top super or top brood chamber. Wherever they are located, check and make sure that they have at least fifteen pounds of reserve honey. If the colony has less than this fifteen pounds of reserve honey, then they should be fed.

Check the amount of brood and the brood pattern. By early March, a normal colony with a good queen should have several frames of brood. The exact number will

depend upon the amount of honey they have, the amount of pollen they have and of course the size of the cluster.

After the amount of food and brood has been checked, your next goal is to have all colonies at full strength around the middle of April in time for the tulip poplar honey flow.

Information derived in part from the Alamance County Beekeepers Association: <http://alamancebeekeepers.com/mar06.aspx>

Member Volunteer Opportunities

- **Root Elementary** in Raleigh is having a Science Day on Friday, April 29th. They need someone to present on Bees/honey for the Science Day. A volunteer would need to commit a half or full day (9:30-12:00, 1-3:30 or 9:30-3:30). They would be set up in a classroom) or outside if needed) and the children (approx 24 at a time) would rotate in 30 minute intervals. Lunch and snacks would be provided. If interested please contact: Kimberly Durland, 919 946-2865.

- **Pleasant Union Elementary** in Raleigh is having an Earth Day Celebration. Volunteers are needed on March 30th for tracks 2 and 4 & April 6th for tracks 1 and 3 from 9:00 am – 11:30 am. If interested contact Greg Messer, 919-369-2396, gmesser@concretehomesnc.com

- **We need a volunteer to help with the raffle ticket sales at the beginning of each meeting.** If interested please contact Kate Hanser at: kahanser@ncsu.edu

