



WAKE COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

www.wakecountybeekeepers.org

April Meeting: Tuesday,
May 10th, 2010 at 7:30
pm

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

Featured Program

Speakers: Don Hopkins,
one of our State Bee
Inspectors will discuss
queen-right hives.

April Meeting Summary

- Upcoming meeting dates:



May 10th, Tuesday,
7:30 pm

June 14th, Tuesday,
7:30 pm

- Hats and shirts are still for sale; contact Ricky Barbour to purchase them.

- The association is working toward setting up 4 hives at the Wake County Office Park for our use. The WCBA will form a committee to maintain the hives. The hives will be in a secured fenced in area. A WCBA is still looking into the cost insurance for the hives. Having a bee yard for the association will be a great benefit for educational use. More will be discussed at the May meeting.

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

working the exhibit. 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 ipdaniel@embarqmail.com.

- David McFawn, co author of: *Bees know more than Beekeepers: Getting the Best from your Bees*. See page 3 for a recap on his presentation.
- State Bee Inspector, Don Hopkins will discuss how to tell if a colony is queen-right at the May meeting. Items to be discussed are what to look for, what problems might you notice and what remedies or actions might help.

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2011 WCBA Officers:

President:
Ricky Barbour

Vice President:
Andy Currin

Secretary:
Sarah Pleasants

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Dan Brubaker

Program Chairman:
Kate Hanser

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Vivian Joyner
To serve 3 years
Marvin Pate
To serve 1 year
Danny Jaynes
To serve 2 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 NCSBA website for detailed information on these events:
<http://www.ncbeekeepers.org/news.htm>
- Scheduled NCSBA Summer Meetings:
 - **July 7-9, 2011 NCSBA Summer Meeting** at Elon University in Elon, NC

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.

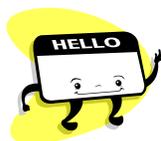
To learn about the requirements for the certified, journeyman, master, and master craftsman levels visit:
<http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/entomology/apiculture/mbp.html>
and
<http://www.ncbeekeepers.org/master.html>.

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.



The May meeting will be on Tuesday, May 10th

Meeting starts at 7:30 pm but come at 7:00 pm if you can because our VP- Andy Currin will be doing a 30 minute: A demo on how to split a hive.

David McFawn's Book (April Presenter)

Information derived from a press release from Outskirts Press.



About the author: David Elgie MacFawn: David has kept bees in Maryland (Dark German bees), Virginia (Italian), North Carolina (Italian), Colorado (Russian), and South Carolina (Italian and Russian Hybrid). He is a sideline beekeeper in the Columbia, South Carolina, USA, area. He is a North Carolina Master Craftsman Beekeeper; he co-founded the South Carolina Master Beekeeping Program; he was South Carolina Beekeeper of the Year; he has assisted Dr. Fell at Virginia Tech in the Virginia Master Beekeeping Program; he incorporated the South Carolina Beekeepers Association as a 501C3 Non-Profit Corporation; and he Published several (over five) articles in the *American Bee Journal*. David has a BSc in Electrical Engineering and a Masters in Business Administration with concentrations in Finance and Operations Research.

153 pages, *Getting The Best From Your Bees* is a great resource for hobbist and beginner beekeepers. You may purchase this book through **Amazon, Barnes & Noble** and elsewhere, *Getting The Best From Your Bees* meets consumer demand through both retail and library markets with a suggested retail price of \$18.95.

Additionally, *Getting The Best From Your Bees* can be ordered by retailers or wholesalers in quantities of ten or more from the Outskirts Press Direct bookstore at **www.outskirtspress.com/bookstore**

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. Kate Hanser, program chairman, will be accepting honey jars for the tasting starting in June.

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!



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

May in the Bee Yard



About once a week, check each hive and determine where the bees are working. If the super to be added is drawn comb, it may be placed on top of the other supers. If the super to be added is foundation, it should be placed above the queen excluder and below all other extracting or foundation supers.

Toward the end of the month, add an additional

super only after the last super added is mostly capped. When the nectar flow stops, remove any unused supers of foundation. This will prevent the bees from chewing and damaging the new foundation, as they will do, when no nectar is available.

If the supers of new foundation are to be used for comb honey, then these supers should be removed as soon as all frames are fully capped. If left on the hives, the combs will become travel-stained as the bees walk over the dark brood combs and then track

pollen and propolis onto the new white cappings. Before any supers of comb honey are removed, check and make sure that all cells are capped. If all cells are not fully capped delay the removal a few days. Unsealed cells may contain unripe honey with high moisture and could cause the honey to ferment if removed.

Information derived in part from the Alamance County Beekeepers Association:
<http://alamancebeekeepers.com/may06.aspx>

Member Volunteer Opportunities

▪ **Bee Day at North Hills:** On May 14th Sarah & Al Pleasants are hosting a Bee Day at the Midtown Farmer's Market in the heart of North Hills. They need volunteers to bring observation hives with bees and help educate the public on bees and promote the WCBA. Time is from 8 am – 12 pm. But you may work for 1 hour shifts instead of the entire time. Contact Sarah if interested in helping: 919-880-8208 or sarahpleasants@piedmontlitho.com.

▪ **We need a volunteer or 2 each month to help with the raffle ticket sales at the beginning of each meeting.** If interested please contact Kate Hanser at: kahanser@ncsu.edu.

▪ **Fuquay Varina Elementary** is looking for a volunteer to teach/discuss the important role honey bees play in pollination to my 3rd grade class. It would be sometime between May 17 and June 9. Our school information is: Fuquay Varina Elementary 6600 Johnson Pond Road Fuquay Varina, NC 27526. Please contact Jenny Pettus if interested. Jenny C. Pettus, jpettus@wcpss.net, (919)434-7263.