



# WAKE COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

[www.wakecountybeekeepers.org](http://www.wakecountybeekeepers.org)

## Updates and Reminders

**October Meeting:**  
 Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>,  
 2011 at 7:30 pm

**NEW LOCATION:**  
 Wake Crossroads Baptist  
 Church -  
 3329 Forestville Rd  
 Raleigh, NC 27616

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- Meeting Dates through the Year End:**
  - October Meeting:  
 October 11<sup>th</sup>,  
 Tuesday, 7:30 pm  
**LOCATION FOR MEETING:** Wake Crossroads Baptist Church - 3329 Forestville Rd, Raleigh, NC 27616.
  - November Meeting:  
 November 15<sup>th</sup>,  
 Tuesday, 7:30 pm  
**LOCATION FOR MEETING:** Wake County Cooperative Building - 4011 Cary Drive Raleigh, NC 27610
  - December Meeting:  
 Holiday Pig Pickin'  
 December 13<sup>th</sup>,  
 Tuesday, 6:30 pm  
**LOCATION FOR MEETING:** Wake County Cooperative Building - 4011 Cary Drive Raleigh, NC 27610
- Hats and shirts are still for sale; contact Ricky Barbour to purchase them.
  - If you have not picked up your WCBA or NCSBA memberships please see Treasurer, Dan Brubaker at the September 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](mailto:JimJudy9@aol.com) or Janno Lewis [jpdaniel@embarqmail.com](mailto:jpdaniel@embarqmail.com)
  - The NCSBA will purchase honey from members for \$3.50 per lb. this honey will be sold at the State Fair and the money will be used to help fund upcoming spring and summer conventions. The honey should be strained and stored in a 5 gallon pail, ready to bottle. The NCSBA will bottle and label them before the fair begins. Email Danny Jaynes if you would like to sell your honey to the NCSBA at: [djaynes101@nc.rr.com](mailto:djaynes101@nc.rr.com).
  - Volunteers are needed to set up the WCBA display at the State Fair for competition. The State Fair entry deadline is September 23<sup>rd</sup>. See page 4 for details on how to volunteer.

**2011 WCBA Officers:**

**President:**  
Ricky Barbour

**Vice President:**  
Andy Currin

**Secretary:**  
Sarah Pleasants

**Treasurer:**  
Dan Brubaker

**Program Chairman:**  
Kate Hanser

**Board of Directors:**  
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](http://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.

**Current NCSBA Events**



- Check the NCBSA website for detailed information on these events:  
<http://www.ncbeekeepers.org/news.htm>
- Upcoming Events:
  - **October 13-23, 2011 -- NC State Fair**, Raleigh, NC includes honey competition and exhibit.



**Great Jobs Available with the WCBA!**

The Wake Beekeepers Association needs a few good men and women to step up to leadership positions in our Chapter. The continued excellence of our programs, schools and other contributions to beekeeping depends upon good volunteer leadership. Please contact the Nominating Committee if you are willing to serve or if you would like to nominate someone.

Contact: Charles Heatherly, James Knox, Steve Hildebrand at our monthly meeting.



## Montessori School of Raleigh

The Montessori School of Raleigh focuses their educational program on land based programs, featuring hands on learning where students have the opportunity to grow vegetables, collect eggs from their chicken coop and produce honey from their bee hives.

At the September meeting 4 students from the Montessori school: Coleman, Ben, Christina and Samantha, spoke to the WCBA members on their experiences with beekeeping and to express their gratitude to the club for donating 10 inspector jackets.



Currently the school has 3 working hives. In May 2012 the school purchased 2 nucs from the WCBA and an additional hive was donated to the school. Ben Crawley has helped the students properly inspect the hives to help them practice good management techniques.

There are about 45 students at the school in grades 7, 8 and 9. About 18 students signed up for beekeeping as an elective. The students regularly check the hives during the week and harvest the honey to sell to the students, staff and families.

The students explained how in early June they collected the full supers, de-capped the frames and watched the honey drip from the frames. About 10 students participated in the spring harvest and they bottled about 80 1 lb. bottles. The honey sold out immediately and the students enjoyed the harvesting process.

**Have questions about beekeeping or looking for a mentor?**

**WCBA VP, Andy Currin will host beekeeping Q&A / hands on demos at his bee yard. The number and content of the demos will be based on member response.**

**If interested in attending these demos contact Andy Currin at: [acurrin@embarqmail.com](mailto:acurrin@embarqmail.com) or 919-868-4014**



### 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.



Check the **WCBA WEBSITE** for up to date information:  
[www.wakecountybeekeepers.org](http://www.wakecountybeekeepers.org)

## October in the Bee Yard



Heft your hives and make sure the bees have enough honey to eat through the winter. If the hives feel light and are in need of food, make sure to feed your bees a thick sugar water mixture. The ratio of sugar to water for the winter

should be a two part sugar to one part water mixture.

To make that mixture, fill your container to the half way mark with water.

Pour the water into a pan to place on stove to warm up or boil. Completely fill your container with sugar. Add sugar to hot water and stir. Hot or boiling water will help to dissolve the sugar better. Allow mixture

to cool before feeding your bees.

The hive activity will begin to slow down as the bees prepare for fall. Check that the queen and colony is in good health as the fall season approaches.

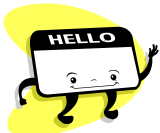
Information derived in part from the Alamance County Beekeepers Association:  
<http://alamancebeekeepers.com/oct06.aspx>

### 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 NC State Fair is October 13-23, 2011

If you are interested in entering your honey or other items in the honey and beekeeping category, entry deadline is: September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 by 5:00 pm. See website for complete details on rules and how to register online:

<http://www.ncstatefair.org/2011/Competitions/HowToEnter.htm>

We will also need volunteers to help decorate the WCBA booth. The booth will be judged against over county clubs and we would like to see the WCBA win a blue ribbon this year. If you would like to volunteer please see Mary or Danny Jaynes at the October meeting.