



WAKE COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

www.wakecountybeekeepers.org

Updates and Reminders

October Meeting:
Tuesday, October 9th,
2012 at 7:30 pm


Location: Pullen Park
Community Building –
408 Ashe Avenue
Raleigh, NC 27606
(919)-831-6052

Program: Hive Tracks

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-  **Meeting Dates through the Year End:**
 - October Meeting: October 9th, Tuesday, 7:30 pm
LOCATION FOR MEETING: Pullen Park Community Building – 408 Ashe Avenue Raleigh, NC 27606
 - Our Program for October will be **Hive Tracks**. They will explain their program for use in hive management.
 - November Meeting: November 13th, Tuesday, 7:30 pm
LOCATION FOR MEETING: Wake County Cooperative Building - 4011 Cary Drive Raleigh, NC 27610
 - November program: Honey tasting. We will have Barry Hines of BeeBlessed Honey and invitations have gone out to local chefs to help with the honey tasting. Bring your honey for the tasting.
- December Meeting: Holiday Celebration December 11th, Tuesday, 6:30 pm. **LOCATION FOR MEETING:** Wake County Cooperative Building - 4011 Cary Drive Raleigh, NC 27610
- If you have not picked up your WCBA or NCSBA memberships please see Treasurer, Neil Woodcock at the October 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 jpdaniel@embarqmail.com
- The September meeting was another excellent presentation by Dr. Eleanor Spicer Rice. She shared with us a presentation on Honey Bee Behavior and Ecology.

2012 WCBA Officers:

President:
Andy Currin

Vice President:
Steve Brown

Secretary:
Gordon Goeking

Treasurer:
Neil Woodcock

Program Chairman:
Raymond Goodman

Board of Directors:
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; Ron Nickels: Apex 919-961-8032; 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 11-21, 2012 -- 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. The Nominating Process will be discussed in the meeting this coming week.



Dr. Eleanor Spicer Rice: Presentation

- The September meeting was another excellent presentation by Dr. Eleanor Spicer Rice. She shared with us a presentation on Honey Bee Behavior and Ecology. She covered the following topics in her presentation:
 - Honey Bee Behavior and Ecology
 - Nesting Behavior
 - Mathematics of comb construction
 - Mathematics of brood production
 - Mathematics of foraging
 - Seasonal nectar availability
 - Bee chemicals
 - Pheromone
 - Nasonov
 - Isoamyl acetate
 - Bee foraging and bee dances
 - Optimal foraging theory
 - Like us on Facebook
 - Bees network
 - <http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/entomology/apiculture/BEES.html>

Washington State's first 'zombie bees' reported

<http://news.yahoo.com/washington-states-first-zombie-bees-reported-184353539.html>



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.

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!

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 or 919-868-4014

NC State Apiculture Program has started a Facebook page. Go to the Facebook page and if you "like" it, say so and try to get some of your bee friends to like it as well. There will be updates on bee activities, photo contests and other topics on the Facebook page. Follow this link to get to the Facebook page:

[NC State Apiculture Program](#)



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

One Happy Beekeeper!



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 is now here. Winter is just around the corner.

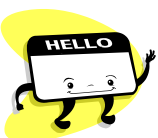
Information derived in part from the Alamance County Beekeepers Association:
<http://alamancebeekeepers.com/oct06.aspx>

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 11-21, 2012

If you are interested in entering your honey or other items in the honey and beekeeping category, entry deadline is: September 20th, 2012 by 5:00 pm. See website for complete details on rules and how to register online: <http://www.ncstatefair.org/2012/Competitions/HowToEnter.htm>