



# WAKE COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

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

**August Meeting:** Tuesday,  
August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at  
6:30 pm

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

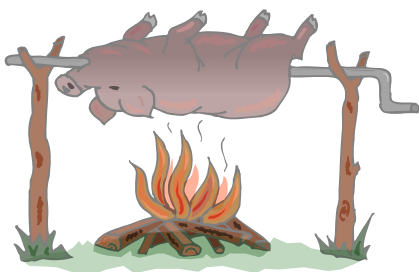
**Summer Pig Pickin':**  
Bring a side dish to share,  
meeting starts early –  
6:30 pm

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## Summer Picnic -

August 9th, 6:30 pm



## July Meeting Summary

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- **NEW LOCATION FOR MEETING:**

Wake  
Crossroads Baptist Church -  
3329 Forestville Rd,  
Raleigh, NC 27616.

**Meet across the street at  
the back of the actual  
church for the Pig Pickin'.**

- 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 August 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 [ipdaniel@embarqmail.com](mailto:ipdaniel@embarqmail.com)
- Bug Fest is in September. We need volunteers for this event. VP Andy Currin is heading up this event. Please contact Andy if you are able to volunteer: [acurrin@embarqmail.com](mailto:acurrin@embarqmail.com) or 919-868-4014. We will not be selling food at this year's Bug Fest. We will have an education tent and a tent for members to sell their honey.
- The NCSBA summer meeting highlights included: Danny Jaynes elected as President, Wade Lucas elected as Membership Secretary. Larry Green and his family won several awards on their wax entries, including "Best of Show". Charles Heatherly won the McIver-Hass award for distinguished service in beekeeping. The Master Beekeeping Program is currently not funded by NCSU. The NCSBA is working on taking over the program so that NC Beekeepers can continue furthering their experience.
- The featured program for July was a Beekeeping Roundtable Q & A led by several of our experienced beekeepers. See a brief recap on Page 3.
- Summer Picnic, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm Bring a side dish to share ☺

**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.

**Upcoming NCSBA Events**

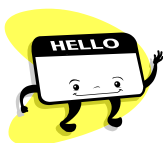
- Check the NCBSA website for detailed information on these events:  
<http://www.ncbeekeepers.org/news.htm>
- Upcoming Events:
  - **September 9-18, 2011 -- [Mountain State Fair](#)**, Fletcher, NC includes [honey competition](#) and exhibit
  - **September 17, 2011 -- [Bugfest](#)**, NC Museum of Natural Sciences, Raleigh, NC, includes "Backyard Beekeeper Workshop"
  - **September 17, 2011 -- [Honey Bee Festival](#)**, Kernersville, NC
  - **October 13-23, 2011 -- [NC State Fair](#)**, Raleigh, NC includes honey competition and exhibit.

**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 😊 At the August meeting please let Ricky Barbour know if you like to volunteer.**

## Beekeeping Roundtable Q & A

The July meeting featured 4 beekeeping roundtable discussions. Topics discussed were: mites & treatments, queens, summer hive management and other general beekeeping questions. Members were invited to ask questions at each roundtable.

- Queens**, led by Charles Heatherly:  
 Always look for your queen when inspecting the hive. She can be found closest to the open brood. Make sure the brood laying pattern is tight and not shot gun looking. Replace an unhealthy or week queen before going into winter.



- Summer Management**, led by James Knox:  
 Keeping harvest honey tightly sealed to attracting other pests such as ants. Make sure your bees have plenty of food in July or August, if not feed them sugar water. Aster, goldenrod, pine trees and ragweed will bring a fall harvest. There is about a 3 week period of fall bloom.



- General Questions**, led by Ricky Barbour and Tim Huffman:  
 Clean and store equipment any unused supers or other equipment. Stacking equipment together and using formic acid or moth crystals (not moth balls) will keep wax moths away.



- Mites / Treatments**, led by Danny Jaynes:  
 When brood frames are old with dark brown wax replace them for proper pest and disease management. Use the sugar shake method to check for mite counts in your hives. Treat hives before going into the winter if you have not already done so.



**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.

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

## August in the Bee Yard



August, this is the month that colonies typically start collapsing due to varroa infestation.

Frequently, these were strong colonies in July but dead by September. As the amount of brood rearing in the colony slows, the varroa

mites have fewer and fewer cells in which to raise their young thus the mites per brood cell soon overwhelm the colony and it dies. Next comes the robbing and then the wax moths destroy what's left.

It is recommended that you check early this month and treat if needed.

It is also recommended to check your queens.

Make sure she is healthy going into the winter. Replace weak queens or combine weak colonies with stronger colonies if needed.

Make sure your bees have plenty food stores. Feed a heavy sugar syrup 2:1 ratio when going into the winter.

Information derived from: <http://alamancebeekeepers.com/aug06.aspx>

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

