



# WAKE COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

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

**January Meeting:**  
Tuesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>,  
2010 at 7:30 pm

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

**Featured Program**  
**Speaker:** Kevin Wooten  
with the USDA will  
continue the discussion  
from December on the  
emergency assistance &  
insurance programs for  
beekeepers.

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## Local TV Show on Beekeeping

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 will also be online in January 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.



### 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/>

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**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 at: <http://www.wakecountybeekeepers.org/equipmentList.html>

## Upcoming NCSBA Events



- Check the NCSBA website for detailed information on these events:  
<http://www.ncbeekeepers.org/news.htm>
- The NCSBA holds statewide conventions twice a year, in the Spring and Summer.

In odd-numbered years, the Spring Meeting is held jointly with the South Carolina Beekeepers Association, alternating locale between states.

- The NCSBA Spring Meeting will be held: **March 4-5, 2011**  
**NC/SC Spring Meeting** in Dallas, NC

## December Meeting Summary

- The Holiday dinner was enjoyed by all. Thanks to everyone who was able to attend!
- Kevin Wooten from the USDA spoke briefly on government assistance and insurance programs for beekeepers. Kevin will return to the January meeting to provide more information on both these programs. On the WCBA website you can read more about these programs. If you have any questions before the January meeting about the insurance and/or the assistance programs for beekeepers contact Kevin Wooten at: [kevin.wooten@nc.usda.gov](mailto:kevin.wooten@nc.usda.gov)
- A beautiful frame piece of artwork of a beekeeper was auctioned off and the raffle was a nuc at the December meeting.



**Bob Matheny will be collecting used beekeeping equipment at the January meeting.**

**The equipment will be sent to beekeepers in Uganda.**

**A collection box will be located on the stage at the January meeting. You may email Bob with questions at: [bmatheny@nc.rr.com](mailto:bmatheny@nc.rr.com)**

**WCBA Announcements:**

- If any member of the WCBA would like to submit pictures, articles of interest, honey recipes, or any other valuable beekeeping information in the monthly newsletter please contact the WCBA Secretary: Sarah Pleasants at 919-880-8208 or [sarahpleasants@piedmontlitho.com](mailto:sarahpleasants@piedmontlitho.com)
- Also if any member of the WCBA would like to suggest a speaker or a topic to be presented at the meetings, please contact the WCBA Program Chair: Kate Hanser at 919-387-7631 or [kahanser@ncsu.edu](mailto:kahanser@ncsu.edu)

We look forward to hearing from you!



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

## January in the Bee Yard



During the month of January make sure entrance reducers are still in place on each colony and that each entrance is open and not clogged with dead bees.

January is an ideal time to order supplies, make repairs, assemble new equipment and get everything ready for the season ahead.

On a warm sunny day with calm winds, walk around the bee yard and observe the activity at the entrance of each hive.

Closely examine hives with no activity. Close the entrance of any hive that has died out and check for brood diseases before moving that equipment to another hive for clean up.

If the bees are flying and carrying pollen, then that colony is alive and most likely raising brood.

Information derived in part from the Alamance County Beekeepers Association: <http://alamancebeekeepers.com/jan06.asp>

## Membership Renewal for 2011

Don't forget to renew your WCBA and NCSBA membership. **Renewals are due by March 1, 2011.**

Renewal forms will be available at the January meeting. See Vivian Joyner for renewal forms OR visit the WCBA website to download the renewal form online: [www.wakecountybeekeepers.org](http://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.