



# WAKE COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

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

**July Meeting:** Tuesday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 7:30 pm

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

**Featured Program: TBD**

## June Meeting Summary

- **July Meeting Date:**



July 12<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, 7:30 pm

**NEW LOCATION FOR JULY'S MEETING:**

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

- 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 July meeting.
- The association will be setting up 4 hives at the Wake County Office Park for our use. A committee will be formed to maintain the hives. The hives will be in a secured fenced in area. An insurance policy has been put into place for the hives. Having a bee yard for the association will be a great benefit for educational use. Updates will be given at the July 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. We ask that anyone selling their honey donate 10% of their sales to the Natural Life & Science museum.
- WCBA member Ron Nickels provided a hands on demonstration of honey extraction. See photos on page 3 from the June meeting. You may also look up videos on YouTube for honey extraction demos.

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**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

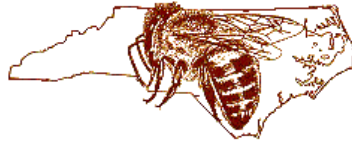
**Education Materials:**  
Ben Crawley

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 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
  - **Summer meeting registration available on the NCSBA website.**

○ **Summer meeting workshops include:**

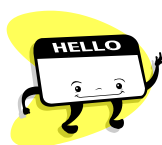
- Hive Evaluation – Colony strength to Queen Quality
- Learning from African bees in Africa
- Incorporating IPM Beekeeping
- Microscope training for Nosema Detection
- Heavenly Honey Culinary Creations
- The Mighty Nuc
- Designing your own Honey House
- MBP Exams
- In The Apiary
- Pesticide Training Both “X” and “V”
- Hive Tracks Software
- Honey Plants – “Feeding your Bees”
- Q & A for Beginning Beekeepers

**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.**



**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>.

## Honey Extraction Demo – Ron Nickels

WCBA member Ron Nickels led a hands on honey extraction demo at the June meeting. Several tips and photos are below:

- Pull frames or full supers that are ready to extract.



- Make sure you have all the necessary equipment to begin extracting. Equipment needed includes an extractor, some form of uncapping tank, strainers, a means of filtering the honey, uncapping knife, buckets and maybe even a settling tank. The extracting room and all of the equipment should be ready and clean prior to actually removing the honey.



- You may use an uncapping knife or a scratching tool to remove the cappings off the frame. When using the uncapping knife hold the frame at an angle and cut in a downward motion.



- Have an uncapping tank or a Rubbermaid container to catch the cappings. You may strain the cappings after extracting honey and melt the wax down to make candles.
- Put the uncapped frames into the extractor and spin the frames for about a minute or until the honey is spun off the frame. Flip the frames around in the extractor and spin the other side.



**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@embargmail.com](mailto:acurrin@embargmail.com) or 919-868-4014**

## July in the Bee Yard



During the month of July you may consider extracting honey if you did not do so in June.

When extracting honey make sure you have all the proper equipment needed. Bottles and labels are just the start of equipment needed.

The WCBA has extracting equipment available for members

to borrow. Please return all borrowed equipment to the WCBA clean.

When pulling supers to extract be sure to leave one full super for your bees to eat off of. In the Piedmont region many nectar bearing plants for bees are currently out of bloom.

After extracting place all extracted frames and supers on your stronger colonies for them to begin working again.

Check mite population in your hives and consider treating in late July or early August after you have extracted for the season.



Information derived from Sarah Pleasants's own knowledge and understanding of beekeeping.



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



### 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!