



Wake County Beekeepers Association

August 2007

Editor's Notes

Golden Achievement Program

All your hard work paid off. Wake County Beekeepers was declared a Golden Achievement Chapter for 2006.

Now is the time to check to be sure you left enough honey for the bees to make it through until the fall flow which normally begins after labor day or when the weather gets cooler.

August is also a good time to requeen. If you wait until September as I did last year (silly me, I thought fall requeening was done in the fall) and the bees decide to supercede the queen, you risk an unmated queen going into winter.

Jerry Brantley has missed the last few meetings being in the hospital with Lyme disease. We miss Jerry's enthusiasm and his mentoring of new beekeepers..

Send articles, information, and classified ads to barrycary@aol.com by the 25th of the month.

Michelle Barry, secretary WCBA

August 14 Meeting Topic

Our speaker for August is our own bee inspector Will Hicks. He will speak on the Fascinating World of Diseases and Pests. Time: 7:30pm. Location: Wake County Commons Building, Cary Drive.

July Meeting Announcements

If you haven't picked up your membership card, get it from Whit at the meetings. If you can't make the meetings, send him a SASE and he will send it to you: Whit Joyner, 2829 Old US 1, New Hill NC 27562.

The zoo needs workers for Saturday and Sunday until Labor Day. Contact Pat Jones 362-7027 if you can help out.

The club has decided to buy another extractor (9 frame radial, hand crank) and electric knife to lend out to members. Whit volunteered to store it and keep up with it. This will mean one large extractor in the eastern part of the county and one in the western part. Rules and regulations on how to use it and clean it need to be written. One of the rules is if you break it, fix it before returning it.

Refreshments

Thanks to Steve Brown, Ann Monte, and Frank Borge for bringing refreshments to the July meeting. We need one more person to bring refreshments to the August meeting. The two who signed up are Jill Currin 906-4135 or 567-0041 and Paul Kronsbein 269-3097 or 272-1770. Be sure to call one another and coordinate who is bringing drinks and who is bringing food.

Door Prizes

Thank you to Steve Brown for fresh eggs, Mitchell Wrenn for cantaloupes, and Karma Lee for jam.

BUGFEST

Write the date on your calendar: September 15, 9am – 9 pm.

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Club Extractors:

The club owns extractors that are
available for members to borrow.
Electric extractor: Ricky Barbour
(in Zebulon 269-0108)
Hand extractor: Raleigh Myers (in
Raleigh 787-0058)

NCSBA Summer Conference

If you weren't one of the 371 people there you missed a good time. One of the memorable sessions we went to was by Brian Howell of Bee Man Candle Company. He started his business at 11 years of age and now sells over a million dollars worth of candles and is the supplier for Williamsburg. He has to buy all his beeswax from Africa because the American wax supply is contaminated with Apistan which he said breaks down to a cynide compound as it burns. He is so upset by the chemicals used in beekeeping that he is trying to sell his business and go back to school for a PhD in Entomology.

JULY MEETING BEE-CAP

Theresa Lim gave a nice presentation about products from the hive. She was one of the winners of the hive give away in the Golden Leaf Program. First Theresa talked about her garden and the plants that the bees love. She mentioned lavender, rosemary, mint, fennel, dill, parsley, marjoram, thyme, vitex, coneflower, liatris, sunflower (avoid those bred to be pollen-free), and bee balm.

Theresa uses three products from the hive:

Propolis – extract in either Everclear alcohol or vegetable oil. Slowly evaporate the alcohol off then you can add oil. It is used as an antibacterial and antifungal agent in her products. Propolis prolongs shelf life and has remarkable healing qualities.

Beeswax – used as a thickening and emollient. It is an ingredient in salves and balms.

Honey – emollient, also antibacterial. Using it on the skin causes a constant small dose of hydrogen peroxide. It is also a humectant, drawing moisture to the skin.

Theresa demonstrated how to make salves and balms. The involve two basic ingredients: vegetable oil and beeswax.

1. Melt the beeswax in a microwave or double boiler
2. Add the vegetable oil at a 1:3 ratio (beeswax/oil) by weight
3. Add essential oils or flavor oils if desired
4. Pour into clean containers and let solidify
5. If you want to add honey, wait until it starts to harden.

Theresa sells her products on-line <http://honeythymeherbfarm.com>, at three businesses in Fayetteville, and at craft fairs.

Membership Announcements

New Members:

James Batchelor 329-7466
Buddy Howard 876-8868
Shain (& Tessa) Zundel 788-8187

Membership Changes

Michael J. Childers phone #change of 327-6611

Telling The Bees

Sue Ray Strickland, wife of Paul Strickland, died Monday, July 16.



