



Editor's Notes

This is my last newsletter as your secretary. I have mixed feelings. I will miss the support and encouragement you all have given me, but I do look forward to pursuing other interests.

Thank you to all who have sent information and articles for the newsletter. Please continue doing this for the new secretary. If any of you have done a newsletter, you know that the biggest job is to get material without having to write everything.

I've had fun with my observation hive this winter. I opened it up to give them some pollen. When I closed it up there was no queen. The numbers are low so there was no place to hide. Then I found her – she had fallen out and a tiny spider had killed her and was wrapping her up for dinner!

Luckily, I had a weak hive that I decided to combine with another hive with a double screen board. I took the second queen for the observation hive. The queen was accepted nicely and all is well again.

Michelle Barry, secretary WCBA

Wake County Beekeepers Association

January 2008

January 8th Meeting

The topic for the January meeting is equipment. Jack Tapp will help us make sense of all the items in a bee catalog and talk about new products.

Time is the usual: 7:30pm. Location: Wake County Commons Building, Cary Drive.

New Officers for 2008

The nominating committee will present the following members for officers for 2008. The voting will occur at the January meeting. Thank you, Jim Cook and Steve Hildebrand for your hard work twisting arms.

President- Danny Jaynes

V.P.- Bill Herndon

Secretary- Jill Currin

Treasurer- Vivian Joyner

Program Director- Mark Reep

Board of Directors- Jim Cook, Freddy Gregory, Mitchell Wren

February 2008 Meeting – Changed Location

We will meet at Wake Crossroads Baptist Church for the February meeting. This is north of 540 off of Louisburg Rd: 3329 Forestville Road. We will meet in the basement of the old sanctuary.

What to Do In the Beeyard This Month

Heft the hives by lifting the back to be sure that they still have enough food. You should have an entrance reducer on. If you don't have the entrance reducer on and notice scraps of grass poking out from the hive you may have a mouse inside. Many people start to feed their bees at the end of January to start building them up for spring. Once you start feeding you need to continue feeding until the nectar flow starts.

Beeyard Picture Raffle

Pat Jones won the beautiful picture of a beeyard at the December meeting.

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subscribe@yahogroups.com](mailto:wakecountybeekeepers-subscribe@yahogroups.com)
Back copies of newsletters and
the bylaws are available on this
yahoo group.

Club Extractors:

The club owns extractors that are
available for members to borrow.
Electric extractors: Ricky Barbour
(in Zebulon 269-0108) , Whit
Joyner (in New Hill 387-0164)
Hand extractor: Raleigh Myers (in
Raleigh 787-0058)

Renew Your Membership

Memberships for both the Wake County Beekeeping Association and the North Carolina State Beekeeping Association runs from January to December. A form for renewing your membership is included in this newsletter.

NCSBA Spring 2008 Conference

Pull out your calendar and block off March 7 and 8th to attend the annual North Carolina State Beekeepers Association Spring Conference at the Ramada Inn Convention Center in Burlington. This is a don't miss event for both new and experienced beekeepers.

For more information and the registration form:

www.ncbeekeepers.org/meetings.

NCSBA Summer 2008 Conference

Southern Pines will be the site of 2008 Summer Meeting, July 10-12. We will meet at Sandhills Community College which has generously offered their excellent facilities. Please mark your calendars. The meeting will be jointly sponsored by the Moore and Richmond Chapters. This will be another great meeting that is an easy drive from Wake County.

Zoo Update

From Charles Heatherly, President NCSBA

For those of you who missed attending the Ground Breaking ceremonies for our new Honeybee Exhibit at the North Carolina Zoo, it was a splendid event. Larry Wooten, President of the NC Farm Bureau presented the Zoo with a check for \$25,000 which brings our fund raising total to \$182,000. We have pledges for another \$10,000 coming and expect our total efforts to generate at least \$200,000 for the project. Zoo officials plan to begin construction on the project in mid-2008 and hope to have it up and going by early 2009. It will be a real asset for both the NC Zoo and North Carolina beekeepers. Congratulations and many thanks to all of you who have worked and contributed to make this happen.

Honey Eases Nighttime Coughs

My grandmother used to mix up honey and vinegar which she'd give us to relieve coughs and sore throat. Looks like she knew what she was doing.

--Raleigh Myers

http://today.reuters.com/news/articlenews.aspx?type=healthNews&storyid=2007-12-03T215021Z_01_WRI378511_RTRUKOC_0_US-HONEY-EASES-NIGHTTIME-COUGH.xml

Wake County Beekeepers Association

Registration ---- 2008

Please complete and return to the treasurer for 2008 membership in the Wake County Beekeepers Association. We encourage all Wake County members to register for State membership as well, in order to support that organization.

Dues for either organization are for the calendar year, January 1 through December 31

You may also register by mail to:

Whit Joyner, Treasurer
2829 Old U.S. 1
New Hill, NC 27562

Please print all information legibly. One wrong letter will make the e-mail not work. Please use the name you would like printed on your name tag.

Date _____ Name _____

Phone _____ Address _____

Number of beehives _____ E-Mail _____

Memberships

Wake County Beekeepers (\$10.00) \$ _____

NC State Beekeepers Assoc. (\$15.00) \$ _____

Subscriptions

American Bee Journal
(1YR-\$18.70) (2YR-\$35.40) (3YR-\$49.80) \$ _____

New Subscription? (Y/N)

Bee Culture
(1YR-\$19.00) (2YR-\$36.00) \$ _____

New Subscription? (Y/N)

Total \$ _____

Make Checks payable to Wake County Beekeepers Association -- Sec.