








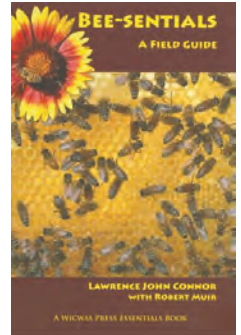
February 2014

WAKE COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

www.wakecountybeekeepers.org

Club News

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FEBRUARY 2014 meeting starts at 6:30 p.m.: Guest speaker Dr. Larry Connor's presentation **will start earlier than usual at 6:30 p.m.** on Tuesday, February 11. His talk will address how to read your hives to determine colony health, and will be comprised of content-rich lectures followed by ample time for questions from the floor. Dr. Connor will also have some signed copies of his books available for purchase (no credit cards, please). Beekeepers from surrounding counties are welcome to attend as well. Dr. Connor will also give a lecture in Chatham County on February 13 on winter losses and recovery - see the calendar on p. 4 for more information.
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2014 WCBA / NCSBA membership renewals: Forms will be available at the February meeting and **online**; please see treasurer Margie Gurganus for more information.
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Bee School: Our beginners beekeeping workshop is scheduled for **March 29 - 30, 2014**. This two-day weekend course will be held at the Raleigh Police Club at 3500 Leonard Rd. **Registration forms are available online.** Participation is limited to 60. If you're interested, please register by March 15, 2014.
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NCSBA Journeyman level test offering: In coordination with the spring bee school, individuals who have already achieved the NCSBA Certified level will be given the opportunity to take the Journeyman level test during the same weekend. Interested individuals should contact WCBA President Sarah Myers (president@wakecountybeekeepers.org) for more information.
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NCSBA Spring Meeting: Will be held **Thursday - Saturday, March 6 - 8, 2014**, at the Wilmington Convention Center. Speakers include the Honorable Dan O'Hanlon (WV), Christy Hemenway (ME), Dr. Greg Hunt (Purdue Univ.), Dr. David Tarpy (NCSU), and Dick Rogers (Bayer Crop Science), among others. Advance registration closes on February 27. **Click here** for more information or see pp. 10-15 in the Spring 2014 issue of the NC BeeBuzz.



February meeting:

Tuesday, February 11, 2014
Social starts at 7:00 p.m.
Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

REGULAR LOCATION

Wake County Cooperative Building
4011 Cary Drive, Raleigh, NC 27610

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February program: Dr. Larry Connor on Reading Bees - cell by cell, frame by frame, hive by hive



Join beekeeping expert Dr. Larry Connor as he leads you through your hive, telling you what each cell, bee, and frame tells you about colony health. This three-part presentation starts at 6:30 p.m. and will consist of Dr. Connor's lecture (approx. 50 minutes), a question & answer session, followed by a book signing and sales period. A regular contributor to *Bee Culture* and *The American Bee Journal*, Dr. Connor is a highly sought after speaker. He earned his Ph.D from Michigan State University, and as owner of Wicwas Press, has published more than a dozen titles dealing with bees, beekeeping, queen rearing and pollination.

More [information about Dr. Connor can be found online.](#)



WE WANT YOU!

To Serve as Mentor

Message from WCBA President Sarah Myers

Think back to the day you decided to become a beekeeper. What inspired you to get started, and more importantly, who helped you along the way? That was your mentor, your beekeeping buddy. They helped make you the beekeeper you are today, sharing in your successes and teaching you from your mistakes. They lent a hand, answered your questions, and helped you discover what works for you and your bees, reminded you to continue feeding and to monitor for pests and diseases, and shared your excitement when you first tasted honey from YOUR bees!

My mentor was Dr. John Ambrose, professor emeritus, North Carolina State University. I remember my first day of his class: ENT 101. I thought beekeeping would be a fun class and it seemed an easy way to fill a science elective for a business major. I knew chemistry wasn't my cup of tea so why not try beekeeping? From the start, I was fascinated by what I learned. Honey bees quickly became the epicenter for which I now live, work and breathe. Beekeeping has taught me many of life's lessons and contributed to valuable memories made with my father, husband and brothers. We share in our beekeeping duties; even share a few stings along the way! Seven years into my beekeeping journey, my mentor has been close at hand, lending an ear to listen, wisdom to share and a friend to lean on.

Looking back on that first day of ENT 101, I smile fondly and will be forever grateful to my mentor. Mentoring challenges me to improve my own beekeeping practices and allows me to give back what Dr. Ambrose gave me. Having a mentor secures a beginner's success and continued interest in this wonderful and at times very challenging hobby. Pay it forward - we want YOU to volunteer to become a mentor too!

2014 OFFICERS

President: Sarah Myers

Vice President: Ricky Barbour

Secretary: Kate Hanser

Treasurer: Marjorie Gurganus

Program Chair: Kim Underhill

Sgt-at-Arms: Tom Underhill

Board of Directors:

Sue Carson (3 yrs)

Ken Cobb (2 yrs)

Larry Williams (1 yr)

Officer contact information is available at the club's website:

www.wakecountybeekeepers.org/about



Announcements, Requests, & Reminders

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS FOR 2014

It's time to renew your WCBA and NCSBA club memberships for 2014. Forms will be available at the February and March meetings and at the [club website](#). Please contact treasurer Margie Gurganus for more information. **Renew by March 31, 2014.**



Share your bee photos!

Sgt-at-Arms Tom Underhill prepares a slideshow to project during meeting social time. He would love to include photos from other beekeepers, so if you have some you'd like to share, contact Tom at Bigoakbeefarm@gmail.com

HELP OUR YOUR CLUB!

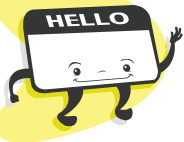
The club needs members to step up and do these tasks:
Mentor: Answer questions and guide new beekeepers.
Meetings: Distribute door prize tickets, sell raffle tickets
Swarms: Answer calls to collect swarms immediately! Have transportation and equipment ready at all times, best for those with flexible schedules. ☞ *Ask a club officer today how you can help!*



The Honey Bee Garden in Asheboro needs beekeepers to share their knowledge of bees with the public. The **next orientation & training workshop for new volunteers will be Saturday, April 12, 2014, from 10 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.**

For more information and to register, please contact Judy Pick (JimJudy9@aol.com) or Janno Lewis (jannolewis@gmail.com).

NAMETAGS & SIGN-IN



Please **bring your club nametag** with you to every meeting! Wear it so we can easily identify each other. New members can collect their badges at the treasurer's table.

Also, please **check next to your name on the sign-in sheet** at the treasurer's table when you attend meetings so we can maintain accurate attendance records.

Licensed to sell bees in NC!

NCDA's Apiary Services maintains a list of individuals and businesses licensed to sell bees in North Carolina. This list is updated at least annually - the current list is from February 2014 - and includes suppliers from across NC and out of state.

[Click here to see the most recent list.](#)



NC MASTER BEEKEEPER CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

If you would like to participate in this program, or if you need to complete your practical test portion of the Certified Level of the NC Master Beekeeper Program, please contact Charles Heatherly (chasheath@gmail.com) to find out more.

Club logo ball caps:

Ricky Barbour has khaki cotton ballcaps with the club logo embroidered in navy blue available for \$9 each. Only 35 or so caps remain, first come, first served - get yours today!

Raleigh Store Now Open:

In November 2013, **Bailey Bee Supply** of Hillsborough opened a store in Raleigh.

Address:

1724 South Saunders Street

Hours:

Mon - Fri 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
 Saturday 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Telephone: 919-977-0901

www.baileybeesupply.com

Calendar of Events



February 2014

Tuesday, February 11

WCBA Meeting: Dr. Larry Connor - *Reading Your Hive* Lecture, Q&A & Book Signing
6:30 - 9 p.m., 4011 Carya Drive, Raleigh

Thursday, February 13

Chatham Co. BA Meeting:
Dr. Connor - *Winter Losses: Recovery and Growth*
6:30 - 9 p.m., Agricultural Building, Pittsboro, NC
RSVP to CCBA president Pat Weisbrodt (919-545-9603)

March 2014

Thu. - Sat., March 6 - 8

NCSBA Spring Meeting
Wilmington, NC

Tuesday, March 11

WCBA Meeting:
Amie Newsome, *Presenting Bees to the Public*
7 - 9 p.m., Carya Drive, Raleigh

Sat. - Sun., March 29 - 30

WCBA Beginner Beekeepers Workshop, Raleigh Police Club & Carya Drive, Knightdale / Raleigh

April 2014

Tuesday, April 8

SPRING BANQUET!!
Bring a dish to share - the club will provide meats. Meeting location still to be determined.

Saturday, April 12

Volunteer Orientation & Training Workshop, NC Zoo, Asheboro, NC

For more information, visit the club website:

www.wakecountybeekeepers.org



January meeting summary

In his webinar, Dr. Tarpy reviewed the basics of the **Bee Informed Partnership**: its formation, purpose and partners involved. He shared some results from the 2013 survey to demonstrate the valuable data collected by the BIP survey, and encouraged all beekeepers to complete the survey so the BIP can continue to gather information on colony management and issues faced by beekeepers at all scales, from hobbyists to commercial-level operations.

Dr. Tarpy then demonstrated his Beekeeper Education & Engagement System online training program, a new online network of courses for training beekeepers supported by the NC Cooperative Extension program at NC State University. The program currently offers eleven web-based, self-paced courses for \$26 each, covering biology, management and industry related topics. For more information, visit www.cals.ncsu.edu/entomology/apiculture/BEES.html.

The full WCBA-hosted webinar session is available free of charge at entomology.ces.ncsu.edu/apiculture/beekeeping-webinars/. Other sessions can also be accessed online.

Local & NC bee suppliers

A more **complete list** updated in February 2014 is available from the NCDA's Apiary Services. Also check out Bailey Bee Supply (see p. 3)

Tom & Kim Underhill
Big Oak Bee Farm, Raleigh NC
Bigoakbeefarm@gmail.com
919-272-4450

Limited supply of nucs, going fast. Various lines of queens available, tested for hygienic traits and behaviors.

Steve Hildebrand
cool.bees@live.com
919-266-9464

Plans to have 10 nucs available in early April 2014 - \$130 for 5 deep frames of brood, honey, pollen and a laying queen. No deposits, no guarantees.

A & J Honey Farm, LLC
John Redmond
3243 South Chipley Ford Rd.
Statesville, NC 28625
704-876-1244 or 704-252-0684,
leave a message or text.
Will have nucs available spring 2014.