



# WAKE COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

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

**September Meeting:**  
 Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>,  
 2011 at 7:30 pm

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

**Featured Meeting Program:** Students from the Montessori Middle School will present on how they have incorporated beekeeping in their studies this year. You won't want to miss hearing from this great group of young people!

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## August Meeting Summary

- **September Meeting Date:**



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 Tuesday, 7:30 pm

### LOCATION FOR 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 September 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 [jpdaniel@embarqmail.com](mailto:jpdaniel@embarqmail.com)



- Bug Fest is September 17<sup>th</sup> from 9 am – 5 pm. Details for Bug Fest can be found at: <http://bugfest.org/>. Please contact Andy if you are able to volunteer: [acurrin@embarqmail.com](mailto:acurrin@embarqmail.com) or 919-868-4014. The WCBA will host an education tent as well as a tent for members to sell their honey.
- The NCSBA will purchase honey from members for \$3.50 per lb. this honey will be sold at the State Fair and the money will be used to help fund upcoming spring and summer conventions. The honey should be strained and stored in a 5 gallon pail, ready to bottle. The NCSBA will bottle and label them before the fair begins. Email Danny Jaynes if you would like to sell your honey to the NCSBA at: [djaynes101@nc.rr.com](mailto:djaynes101@nc.rr.com).
- The summer picnic was well attended. Members enjoyed pulled pig and delicious fixings.
- Volunteers are needed to set up the WCBA display at the State Fair for competition. The State Fair entry deadline is September 23<sup>rd</sup>. See page 2 for details on how to volunteer and register.

**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)

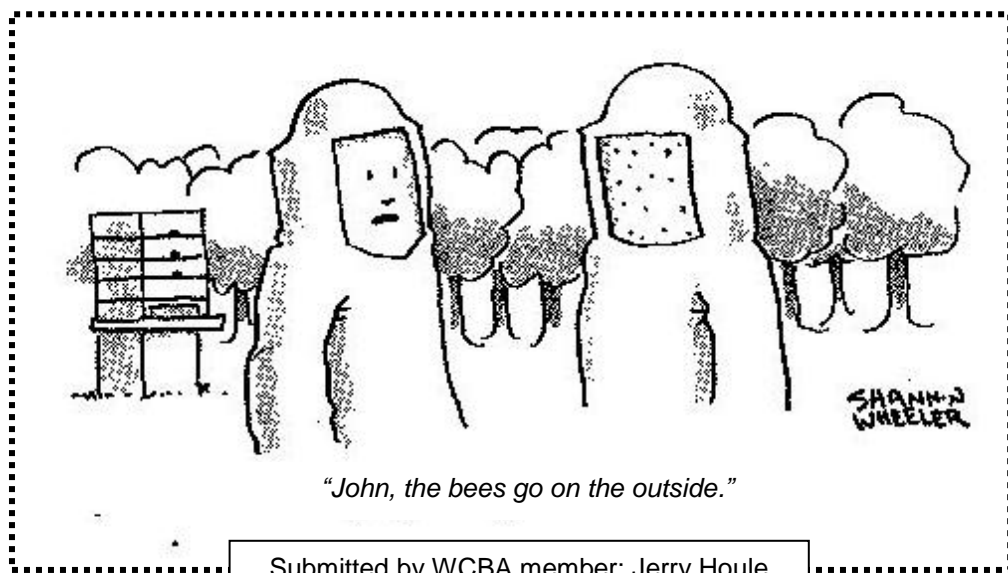
**Location of Club Extractors & Equipment:**

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.

**Current NCSBA Events**



- Check the NCBSA website for detailed information on these events:  
<http://www.ncbeekeepers.org/news.htm>
- Upcoming Events:
  - [September is Honey Bee Appreciation Month](#) in NC *Office of the Governor Raleigh, September 1, 2011* – Click on the link above to read the official statement from the Office of the Governor.
  - **September 9-18, 2011** -- [Mountain State Fair](#), Fletcher, NC includes [honey competition](#) and exhibit .
  - **September 17, 2011** -- [Bugfest](#), NC Museum of Natural Sciences, Raleigh, NC, includes "Backyard Beekeeper Workshop" .
  - **September 17, 2011** -- [Honey Bee Festival](#), Kernersville, NC.
  - **October 13-23, 2011** -- [NC State Fair](#), Raleigh, NC includes honey competition and exhibit.



Submitted by WCBA member: Jerry Houle

**Enjoy this video of a large hive found inside a home:**  
A Serious Beehive...  
[http://www.i-am-bored.com/bored\\_link.cfm?link\\_id=63526](http://www.i-am-bored.com/bored_link.cfm?link_id=63526)  
Submitted by WCBA member: Bryan Albers

## Summer Pig Pickin'

The annual summer pig pickin' was held at the August meeting. food that was enjoyed by all.



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



**The NC State Fair is October 13-23, 2011**

**If you are interested in entering your honey or other items in the honey and beekeeping category, entry deadline is: September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 by 5:00 pm. See website for complete details on rules and how to register online:**

**<http://www.ncstatefair.org/2011/Competitions/HowToEnter.htm>**

**We will also need volunteers to help decorate the WCBA booth. The booth will be judged against over county clubs and we would like to see the WCBA win a blue ribbon this year. If you would like to volunteer please see Andy Currin at the September meeting.**



**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!



## September in the Bee Yard



Treat your hives for varroa mites if you have not done so already.

[The asters should start blooming on or about September 21 and they should continue blooming through most of October. They continue to bloom

even after a light frost. This honey is usually all stored in the brood chamber.

Aster nectar has a strong and sour odor when brought to the hive. This strong odor will be radiating from each hive, especially in the evenings, as the bees start fanning the nectar brought in during the day. This odor signifies the start of the fall honey flow and is not a sign of foulbrood.]

Make sure the hive is healthy going into the winter. Replace weak queens or combine weak colonies with stronger colonies as needed.

Make sure your bees have plenty food stores. Feed a heavy sugar syrup 2:1 ratio when going into the winter.

Information derived from: <http://alamancebeekeepers.com/sep06.aspx>

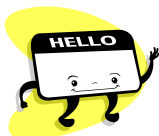
## Volunteer Opportunities in our Community

### 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.



❖ **Location:** Laurel Park Elementary School  
**Date:** Flexible for this year.  
**Time:** 2:30-3:30 pm  
**Age range:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders  
**Number of Students:** 23

- The teacher, Beth Cooper, would appreciate anyone who could spare an hour of their time to present to her class. Please contact Beth if interested at: [bcooper1909@yahoo.com](mailto:bcooper1909@yahoo.com) or Phone: 919-401-5550.

❖ **Location:** River Bend Elementary School  
**Date:** September 28<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup>  
**Time:** 2:30-3:30 pm  
**Age range:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders

- The teacher, Sarah Butterfield, is willing to be flexible with the dates and time. Please contact Sarah if interested at: [sbutterfield@wcpss.net](mailto:sbutterfield@wcpss.net) or Phone: 919-431-9010.