



Bee Biz

Monthly Newsletter of the Coweta Beekeepers

Saving the World, One Bee at a Time
May 2011 Newsletter
President Jerry Edwards

Greetings,

As I wake this 2nd day of May and hear of the heroic efforts of our military I wish to thank them for their constant vigil to protect our nation and our way of life. God Bless America!

Back on the home front, do not forget the next meeting is our annual swap meet. Bring your unwanted bee items and pick up the products of your hearts' desires. We will enjoy a potluck dinner so do not forget to bring a covered dish to share with your fellow beekeepers.

Plans are still in progress to have Mr. Black, our new agricultural commissioner, for the August 8th meeting.

In our effort to save the honey bee I wish to urge all beekeepers to help fight the zoning issue in Fayette County. Below is a letter from Mike Maxwell updating the on going battle with the zoning commission? Please email all Fayette County commissioners not to restrict the keeping of Honey Bees but to follow the State guide lines and help preserve and protect the state insect.

Michael A. Maxwell

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May 1, 2011

Dear Beekeeper Friends:

The next step in addressing the issue of keeping honey bees in residentially zoned areas in Fayette County will be the County Commissioners workshop on May 3, 2011. This meeting will be held at the Stonewall Avenue Governmental complex at 3:30 PM. Yes 3:30 PM.

This is the monthly Commissioners workshop so the public may not be able to speak. It may be just a meeting of the Commissioners to discuss issues among themselves. But the public will be allowed to be present but it is unknown at this time if beekeepers will be allowed to speak.

I will be out of town on a cruise to Alaska and will be unable to attend this meeting. Jerry Edwards and Bo Mullins have said they will be there to push for the beekeepers point of view.

I will check with them when I get back to see how the meeting came out

Michael A. Maxwell

Thank you. I hope to see all of you at the next meeting.

Meeting

Our next meeting will start at 7:00 pm at the Asa Powell Expo Building. Meeting date is May 9, 2011. This meeting is a covered dish so refreshments are up to everyone.

Drinks and ice will be supplied by the club!!

2011 Dues

You can still pay your dues for 2011 to Mike Copeland at a meeting or by mailing them to him at P.O. Box 159, Luthersville, Ga 30251. Dues for the 2011 calendar year starting January 1st thru December 31st, are \$15.00 per family. If you would like to receive your newsletter through e-mail please inform Donna, and give her your e-mail address. Dues are used in the following manner: for postage of this newsletter, supplies for our meeting, and the Christmas Party.

Up Coming Events

[20th Annual Young Harris Beekeeping Institute](#)

The UGA honey bee program offers the annual Beekeeping Institute in cooperation with Young Harris College. Since 1992 the Institute has represented the single most comprehensive opportunity in the Southeast.

Here is an article submitted by Steve Page:

<http://blogs.discovermagazine.com/80beats/2011/04/26/what-makes-a-queen-bee-one-special-protein-apparently/>

If you didn't hear or receive the email for Evelyn here it is again:

One of our beekeeper members, Evelyn Williams, is going through some tough times and if you could add her to your thoughts and prayers it would be greatly appreciated. Evelyn's problem is in her stomach and at this time she receives nourishment through a feeding tube. PN and Evelyn Williams are two of the nicest people you will ever come across and what they have done for the beekeeping world is unparalleled. If you could be so kind as to send her a card of support her address follows:

Evelyn Williams

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