



Bee Biz

Monthly Newsletter of the Coweta Beekeepers

President's Message
July 2011

Is everyone as busy as I am? Between maintaining hives, drawing honey, bottling the sweet nectar, and trying to live a semi-normal life, I am bouncing from one project to another. Summer is such a busy time and one must steal moments to reflect...so this copy was almost late going to Donna, and she didn't even complain!

My board and I have served almost half a year in the club and I hope you are satisfied with our work. My reflecting thoughts seem to center on what is the purpose of a bee club and does it address the needs of *all* members. I know some people like to hear and view their own words and compose mission statements, goal sheets, and objectives so the subject of the paperwork drowns in redundant verbiage. But in reality it is the action that is important, not the written word.

In my opinion, (and I am certain not one everyone will agree) our goals should be two main ones. One is to serve as an information source for beekeepers, whether veterans or novices. A popular cliché is if seven beekeepers are asked the same question, you may receive seven different answers and that can be said about our group! However, combining all these different viewpoints enables the beekeeper to solve his/her own questions using research from the best source...experienced beekeepers. Coupling this practical knowledge with the resource speakers from all areas of beekeeping that are scheduled by the board to present at the meetings, hopefully this increases each member's knowledge chain.

The other goal is the social network that the club provides for members. Another cliché us a person is quite fortunate to have two good friends in his/her lifetime. Hopefully, the climate within our club promotes lasting friendships that are not based solely on the mutual topic of bees. Friendly competition may exist within members regarding bee rearing techniques, honey production, and even honey sales but at the end we still are friends.

Enough of my mid-year philosophy...let's all go raise honey...and remember that the August meeting, which will be held at the county fairgrounds, features State Agriculture Commissioner Gary Black. Gather friends, family, and neighbors and bring them to the meeting. Hot dogs will be sold for \$1.00 so come hungry.

One more thought to help maintain the welfare of our small friends. This Thursday July 7, 2011, the Fayette County Planning Commission is reviewing the beekeeping ordinance for the county. Please come to the meeting at 7:00 PM and show your support.

Saving the world, one bee at a time,
Jerry Edwards

Meeting

Our next meeting will start at 7:00 pm at the Asa Powell Expo Building. Meeting date is July 11, 2011. Speaker: Virginia Webb will be speaking on the Marketing Honey. Refreshments are being supplied by Lee Mills and Merry Cagle. **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

The board of directors meeting has been changed to 6:00 PM on July 8th, which is held at the ASA Powell Expo Building.

