



Bee Biz

Monthly Newsletter of the Coweta Beekeepers

President's Message
August 2011

A major victory for our bees and Fayette County Beekeepers occurred July 28 when the Fayette County Commissioners ignored the Planning Commission's request and voted to NOT govern the number of hives, the recommendation that was written by the beekeepers. For the past year, beekeepers and Fayette County officials have discussed this issue, and many nights strong words were thrown from each side. They discovered that not only were beekeepers serious about their bees, they were not shy about speaking in public.

Thanks to be beekeepers, the elected officials and county planning staff were educated about honey bees and their struggle to survive. Persistence is too weak a word to describe the beekeepers and many local citizens who attended EVERY meeting when the topic was discussed. Several members of the Coweta Beekeepers attended various sessions and I want to thank you for your input. At Thursday night's meeting, Virginia Webb made her second appearance and spoke in behalf of the American Bee Federation. This was a collaborative effort from many and I must say that it excited me so that I literally danced a little jig when I left the meeting.

Another exciting event for beekeepers is our upcoming meeting August 8 when State Agriculture Commissioner Gary Black will be our speaker. We have changed the meeting site to the County Fairgrounds and are looking forward to a large audience. Please come and bring your family and friends. Beginning at 6:30 with hot dogs and

drinks for sale, the meeting should be one of the best of the year. Do not forget to buy a ticket for the extractor, the uncapping tank, and the electric knife.

Please attend and welcome Commissioner Black and let him know how vibrant our club is as we save the world, one bee at a time,

Hope to see you Monday night,
Jerry Edwards

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 fall GBA meeting will be on September 10th & 11th at the Henry County Extension Office 97 Lake Dow Rd. McDonough, GA 30252. The Coweta Beekeepers Association is offering a beekeeping course January 28, 2012, at 8:00 AM, at the Asa M. Powell, Sr. Expo Center, 197 Temple Avenue, Newnan, Georgia.

Amid bee die-off, healthy hives thrive in cities

<http://www.ajc.com/news/nation-world/amid-bee-die-off-1056485.html>

<http://newyork.cbslocal.com/2011/07/14/un-bee-lievable-nyc-fines-man-2000-for-not-watering-his-hive/>

