



Bee Biz

Monthly Newsletter of the Coweta Beekeepers

Coweta Beekeepers

Message From President Jerry Edwards

Saving the World, One Bee at a Time

September 2011

Wow! It's September; summer is history; and our last meeting was a big success. The final count of 110 attendees speaks to that fact.

One highlight was the raffle, quite a lure, which was not intended to be a fundraiser but a crowd pleaser. Not all the hot dogs were eaten, and Lynn Batchelor volunteered to cook and serve them at the September meeting.

Commissioner Black complemented us and our spirit to promote beekeeping and our bees. Thanks to all of you who worked so hard in making this a historical night. State government and state bee club officials, presidents and members of bee clubs throughout the state; as well as, our club members dialogued regarding various issues facing the bee population. Commissioner Black asked us to select three beekeeping issues that need to be addressed and then present them to him for perusal. We need a committee of five to

develop our concerns so if any of you would like to serve on the committee please email me at jedwarga@bellsouth.net.

The 2011 Fall State Beekeeping Meeting is scheduled for this weekend in Hampton so if you need something to do either Saturday or Sunday, please make plans to attend.

See you Monday night.

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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.

Fayette County Honey Bee Ordinance

Section I. The Fayette County Code of Ordinances,

Chapter 20. Zoning Ordinance (2010), as amended, is hereby further amended by adding "Apiary" and "Beehive" (in alphabetical order) to Article III (Definitions) to read as follows: Apiary. A place where honeybees and beehives are kept
Beehive. A structure intended for the housing of bees.

Section II. The Fayette County Code of Ordinances,

Chapter 20. Zoning Ordinance (2010), as amended, is hereby further amended by amending Article V (General Provisions) by adding Sec. 5-26.1 Beekeeping, in its entirety, to read as follows: 5-26.1. Beekeeping. Beekeeping shall be allowed on any lot for which single-family residence is a Permitted Use (C-S, EST, R-85, R-80, R-78, R-75, R-72, R-70, R-55, R-50, R-45, R-40, R-20, and PUD-PRD) under the following conditions:

A. All beehives shall meet the setbacks for the applicable zoning district

B. The beekeeper shall have 30 days from the time of a complaint to bring the beehive(s) into compliance.

C. The on-premise sale of honey produced on the premises shall be allowed. Approval of a Home Occupation shall not be required.

Section III. The Fayette County Code of Ordinances,

Chapter 20. Zoning Ordinance (2010), as amended, is hereby further amended by adding “Apiary” as a Permitted Use to Article VI (District Use Requirements), Sec. 6-1.B. Permitted Uses, to read as follows: Sec. 6-1. A-R Agricultural - Residential District.B. Permitted Uses. The following Permitted Uses shall be allowed in the A-R Zoning District:

1. Single-family dwelling;
2. Accessory structures and uses (see Article V.);
3. Growing of crops and the on-premise sale of produce and agricultural products, provided 50 percent of the produce/products sold shall be grown on-premise;
4. Plant nurseries and greenhouses (no sales of related garden supplies); and
5. Raising of livestock; aquaculture, including pay fishing; apiary (all beehives shall comply with the required setbacks); and the sale thereof.

Asian Honey, Banned in Europe, Is Flooding U.S. Grocery Shelves

FDA has the laws needed to keep adulterated honey off store shelves but does little, honey industry says.

<http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/08/honey-laundering/>

First lady Sandra Deal: ‘I know the value of bees’

Find this article at:

<http://www.ajc.com/lifestyle/first-lady-sandra-deal-1081841.html>

