



Bee Biz

Monthly Newsletter of the Coweta Beekeepers

President's Message

November 2011

Saving the World, One Bee at a Time

It's the time of year when beekeepers prepare their hives to assure that bees survive winter's extreme elements. As I ponder what my next task in this process will be, my mind wanders to the makeup of the hive and what is required of each of those insects in order for the hive to survive. I marvel at the cooperation and division of labor within the honey infused site and at all the results that are accomplished when the members work together. Forty days of life have been given to this little worker lady for her time on earth and each day is hectic, filled with work, work, work. In the end, she only drops 1/12 of a teaspoon of honey to leave as her heritage, but during this time she steadfastly contributes to the survival of the hive, assuring its perpetual continuity.

The necessity of each individual honeybee's actions to provide a healthy hive is analogous to club members who are involved in activities to produce a strong organization that serves both membership and community. I am proud to state that Coweta Beekeepers is one healthy club!

Members, regular committee chairs, and officers are busy every month. Standing officers of the club work tirelessly to keep the meetings interesting and official. Refreshments, door prizes, and newsletter are three items that must be addressed each month so give Lynn Batchelor, Mary Cagle, and Donna Lopes thanks for their duties. Under the leadership of Wally Batchelor our club was awarded a \$300 check from Coweta Kiwanis for fifth place in educational booths at the county fair. Due to the determined efforts of Mike Copeland and the kindness of Kevin and Sally Benson, owners of Attica's Self Storage of Newnan, we now have a **FREE** storage booth at their facility which is located

near the Fair Grounds. Joe and Kathy Swaney have generously stored our club inventory in their basement and are certainly grateful for Mike's diligence in this task. (How many years did the Swaney's serve as the keepers of our inventory!) Bobby Torbush secures the speakers for our meetings so if you have any suggestions, please let him know; Charles Colson is preparing the officer's slate for next year; Mark Prater is currently putting the final touches on the Christmas party; and Tom Gray is coordinating Beekeeper of the Year. Not only does Steve Page maintain the webpage and organize the short course, he keeps members informed of all media releases. Speaking of short course, so many members work toward its success that I hesitate to prepare this list as I know someone(s) may be eliminated.

Our club is vibrant because all of the membership donates time and energy to maintain our "healthy hive" and doesn't worry about leaving only 1/12 of their individual heritage. Jerry Edwards

Meeting

Our next meeting will start at 7:00 pm at the Asa Powell Expo Building. Meeting date is November 14, 2011 this month will be the Honey Show, so bring your best with you. Refreshments are being supplied by Steve Page and Kathi Swaney. **Drinks and ice will be supplied by the club!!**

2012 Dues

You can still pay your dues for 2012 to Mike Copeland at a meeting or by mailing them to him at P.O. Box 159, Luthersville, Ga 30251. Dues for the 2012 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 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.

[Auburn University Beekeeping Symposium](#) 17th Annual Auburn University Beekeeping Symposium Saturday February 4, 2012 8:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Auburn University This is TENTATIVE! More details in early 2012! Date is tentative The UGA honey bee program offers the annual Beekeeping Institute in cooperation with Young Harris College.