



Bee Biz

Monthly Newsletter of the Coweta Beekeepers

President's Message

February, 2012

Saving the World, One Bee at a Time

The unity and strength of the Coweta Beekeeper's Club continues to amaze me. This weekend we hosted the annual short course and the buzz in the Asa Powell Center was comparable to the songs of spring in our own members' precious hives. Fifty-five students were treated to the expertise of our seasoned beekeeper lecturers and the students' questions reflected their understanding and eagerness to become beekeepers.

Here is what one person sent in an email: *Just wanted to tell you (and the rest of the CBA members involved) that Saturday was well done and much appreciated. I am going over to South Carolina this weekend to compare notes with my mom and sister as we expand our beekeeping venture there. Mom took a short course the past two weekends there and we'll finalize our preparation for this year. The information shared by all of the participants was extremely helpful (to reinforce information I already knew and give me new information) and well-organized. I wanted to express my thanks for the day.*

Again, our club is being highlighted in the state as we will be the host for the state meeting February 18 at the Coweta Fairgrounds. Please try to attend and show our fellow beekeepers from all over the state what a terrific club we have in Coweta. Lynn McElreath, our delightful refreshment coordinator, needs assistance with serving breakfast and snacks. Please let her know if you want to help.

I hope to see all of you at our local meeting Feb. 13. I ask that as you enjoy the refreshments and fellowship at the end of the meeting, if you have time please help us clean up the area. All of us enjoy the social hour and if more people will help with the tasks, then we all can arrive home at a decent hour.

Speaking of tasks...Thank you Steve for taking home ALL the garbage from Saturday's school. That is a job no one wants!

Discussion topic for Monday: Is anyone having a problem with mold in the hives?

See you Monday,
Jerry Edwards

Meeting

Our next meeting will start at 7:00 pm at the Asa Powell Expo Building. Meeting date is February 13, 2012. Speaker: Bobby Torbush Subject: My bees made it thru the winter. Now what???? Refreshments are being supplied by Tracy & Dave Sweet and Sandy Young. **Drinks and ice will be supplied by the club!!**

2012 Dues

You can 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 Georgia Beekeepers Association's spring meeting will be on February 18, 2012, at the Coweta County Fairgrounds, 275 Pine Rd., Newnan, Georgia. More information at www.gabeekeeping.com.

21th Annual Young Harris Beekeeping Institute, date is tentative right now for May 17th.

We had 55 students attend this year's short course. Many have already committed to becoming beekeepers this year and have already ordered their bees.

The day went well with help from many people including Lynn McElreath, food; Chuck Mills, photography; Garry Cooke, emcee; Mike Copeland, check-in; Dave Reece, check-in; Jerry Edwards, teacher; Joe Swaney, teacher; Buster Lane, teacher; Bobby Torbush, teacher; Charles Olsen, teacher; PN William, teacher and Steve Page, teacher.

Students came from as far as Ocala, Florida. Fourteen students live in Carroll County, 13 live in Coweta County and 12 live in Fayette County. Other counties include; Fulton, Hall, Haralson, Pike and Upson.

The short course would not happen without the help of many volunteers. Thank you for all your help in making the short course a success.

Steve Page

Why do newlyweds go on a “honeymoon”?

A. —Honeymoonll has not always signified that blissful holiday following a wedding. In the 16th century it was a cynical term comparing newlyweds’ affection for each other to the cycle of the moon and its tendency to wane.

B. The association of weddings with HONEY springs from a northern European custom in which couples would drink honeyed wine as an aphrodisiac for a month after their nuptials. There is at least some rationale for this—honey contains easily absorbed sugars that provide almost instant energy.