



Bee Biz

**President's Message
Coweta Beekeepers Association
President Bobby Torbush
February 2013
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This time of year is the worst. The anticipation is getting to me. I steal any chance on a warm day to go out and see what my bees are doing. I hope your winter projects are about done and you are prepared for spring. We all should have our equipment ordered and any new package or nuc order placed as early as possible. We have a lot of new beekeepers and I hope they feel welcome to explore the fascinating experience of beekeeping with us. I expect all our experienced members to "volunteer" to mentor a new Beek or two.

All members please place your order for name tags with Kathi Swaney or Karen Torbush. There will be a sign-up sheet at the meeting. Our speaker for February's meeting is Steve Page, he will be talking about swarming and what we can do about it. I hope everyone has a great time at the Georgia Beekeepers Spring Meeting, details are below. Come March we are planning on having a workshop on hive inspections, but more information will follow soon.

See you soon!!

*****Special Note - The top bar hive class scheduled for March has been Cancelled!!!!**

Meeting

Our next meeting will start at 7:00 pm at the County Extension Office at 255 Pine Road. Meeting date is February 11, 2013. Plenty of parking behind the office!! Refreshments are being supplied by 2 different members, whom Lynn McElreath will get in contact with. **Drinks and ice will be supplied by the club along with paper products!!!**

2013 Dues

You can pay your dues for 2013 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

Members of Coweta Beekeepers invited and Board members expected to meet Thursday April 4, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. at Rockback Pizza.

Georgia Beekeepers Association SPRING MEETING February, 8 - 9, 2013 at Lake Blachshear in Cordele.

Dates are tentative May 9-11, 2013 The UGA honey bee program offers the annual Beekeeping Institute in cooperation with Young Harris College.

The website has new educational materials including online books and videos in the Beekeeping Education Section. Check it out if you haven't been to the website lately.
<http://www.cowetabeekeepers.org/beekeeping-education>

We have been named the :

GBA Club of the Month

The Coweta Beekeepers Association