



**President's Message  
Coweta Beekeepers Association  
President Bobby Torbush  
July 2014**

It is honey extraction time.

This year looks to be a good harvest. We had very good weather conditions this spring for nectar production; Andy has scheduled several dates for extraction so take advantage of the club's extractor if you need to.

This time of year it is important to keep an eye out for issues with our hives. Robbing and Varroa mites are the main issues we need to be vigilant of. It is natural for strong hives to try to rob out the weaker hives. We beekeepers should watch for signs of robbing and do what we can to deter that from happening. Varroa Destructor is exactly the menace it sounds like. Develop a mite monitoring strategy for your apiary. I recommend integrated pest management solutions, but that may not be enough. You may have to step up to chemical warfare and use some of the miticides available on the market.

Hope your honey harvest is abundant.

Our 4-H Beekeepers will be discussing other ways to extract honey.

Karen Torbush will continue taking preorders for polo shirts, T-shirts and name badges. We need a minimum of 15 to place the order. Available will be navy, white or gold polo shirts (\$25.00), gold or navy embroidered t-shirt (\$18.00) and gold or navy screen print (\$15.00). Hats are still available for purchase at \$15.00. Previous pre-ordered name badges are also available for pick up.

#### Upcoming Beevents:

- 🐝 July 19 Extraction Day- Andy Anderson will meet at Extension Office-time TBA.
- 🐝 July 9 Bee Board meeting, 6:30 at the Extension Office kitchen-covered dish.
- 🐝 Regular Meeting, July 14th at the Extension Office at 7:00 P.M. and question time 30 minutes prior. I plan to discuss ways to sample for varoah mites.
- 🐝 EAS in Richmond Kentucky July 28- August 1
- 🐝 GBA fall meeting, September 19& 20 Milledgeville, Georgia

Here is an interesting link for you to check out;

<http://katiecouric.com/2014/07/03/the-plight-of-the-honey-bee/>

See You Soon

Bobby

#### Meeting

Our next meeting will start at 7:00 pm at the County Extension office at 255 Pine Road. Meeting date is July 14, 2014. Plenty of parking behind the office!! Refreshments are being supplied by ?? **Drinks and ice will be supplied by the club along with paper products!!!**

#### 2014 Dues

You can pay your dues for 2014 to Mike Copeland at a meeting or by mailing them to him at PO Box 159, Luthersville, Ga 30251. Dues for the 2014 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 meetings, and the Christmas Party. If you dues are not paid by the printing of the April newsletter you will be purged from the system, so please pay your dues now, the club depends on it members!!