



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

October- President's message

I sure hope your bees are prepared for winter! Mine smell like a locker room since the bees are bringing in nectar from goldenrod and aster. A hive needs forty to fifty pounds of stored nectar to be able to make it through a "normal" winter along with a healthy population of at least five pounds of bees. Have your bees stored enough to make it through the cold season to come? It is said that beekeepers should take our losses in the fall. So if you have a weak hive you should probably combine it with another hive rather than trying to coddle a weak one through a difficult time. I have had success with the newspaper combine method. Just place a sheet of newspaper over a strong hive with a couple of slits cut in the paper. Then place the weak hive over the strong one. By the time they get through the paper, both hives will think they belong together.

We are starting a new year with our 4-H beekeepers and look forward to some new faces in our young beekeepers.

Ray James will be doing a presentation on winter preparation.

Upcoming Bee-events:

- 🐝 Regular Meeting, October 13th at the Extension Office at 7:00 P.M. and question time 30 minutes prior.
- 🐝 Our annual honey contest is here at the regular meeting so bring your entries in before 7:00 p.m.
- 🐝 Don and Sandy Young need some help hosting our Christmas party. Anyone interested let them know.
- 🐝 West Ga. Beekeepers Oct. 27@ Douglas County Extension office, 7:00 p.m.

Here is the link to Mike Palmer's overwintering nucs in Vermont:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nznzpiWEI8A>

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 October 13, 2014. Plenty of parking behind the office!!

2015 Dues

You can pay your dues for 2015 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 paid before March 1st, and \$20.00 per family after. 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 your 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 its members!!