



G O T T A B E E

Mecklenburg Beekeepers Association
Meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7 pm
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www.meckbees.org



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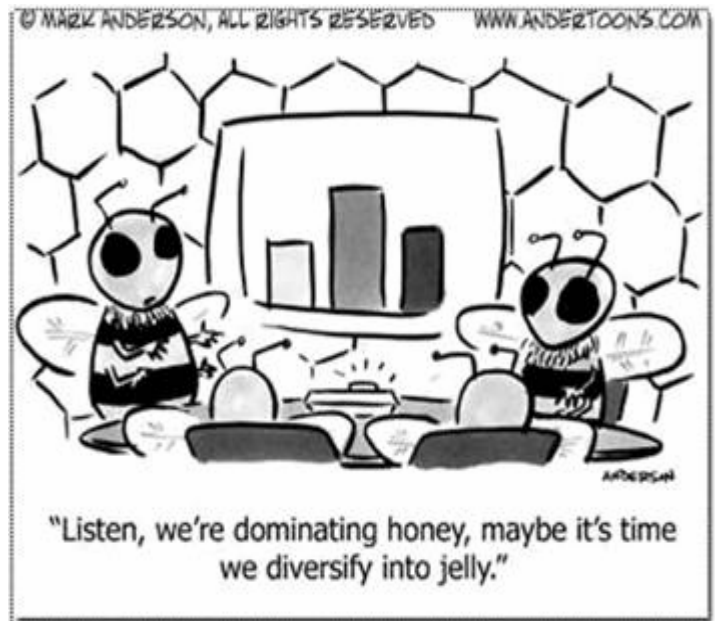
This Month's Meeting/Program April 19

Jeff Knight, a master beekeeper from Union County, will come and share on the do's and don'ts of Swarm Control. He has many years of experience in dealing with bees and it is always a great time when Jeff comes and speaks at our club. Come and join us in April as we all learn about swarm control.

This months refreshments are provided by:

Gene & Thelma Shannon

**If you would like an email copy of the bee club roster (suitable for printing) send email to: libbymack@earthlink.net
If you need a paper copy call Libby at (704)358-8075.**



Updates and Information

Beekeepers Yearly Management Calendar for

April

Install supers on all hives. Periodic checks should be made during the honey flow to see if additional supers are needed.

Speakers for 2007

April—Jeff Knight
Swarm Control

May— Bonnie Faulkner
CPCC Plant Expert

June— Pot luck Dinner

July -Steve Forrest
Brushy Mtn Bees

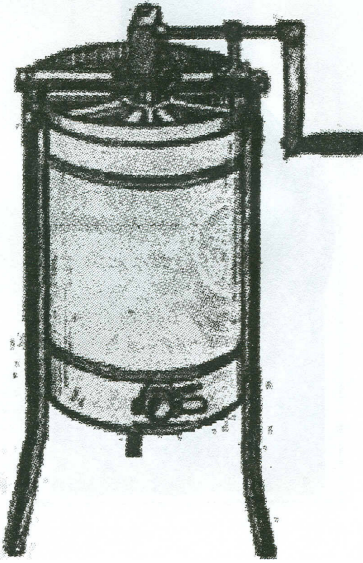
Aug— David Crowe
Critter Control

Sept— Don McSween
Charlotte City
Arborist

Did You Know?

According to Jerry Bromenshenk, the chief executive officer of Bee Alert, CCD (colony collapse disorder) could have a huge impact on the agricultural economy in Montana. Montana has more than 6,000 registered commercial apiaries, and beekeeping is the fourth-largest agricultural industry in the state, behind beef, dairy and hogs.





EXTRACTOR USE INFORMATION

TO USE THE EXTRACTOR & EQUIPMENT

Call Sam Ritter 704-364-3052

219 N. Sharon Amity

Charlotte

(Before 9:00 am)

We have four pieces of equipment that make up the extractor of honey.

- 1) Extractor
- 2) Uncapping Tank (Use your own Excluder)
- 3) Bucket with valve
- 4) Electric Knife

The club charges \$2.00 a day for using the extractor;

Mr. Ritter logs everyone that uses the equipment.

Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD) is the latest problem facing bee keepers today. Symptoms of CCD are:

1) In collapsed colonies

- **The complete absence of adult bees in colonies, with no or little build up of dead bees in the colonies or in front of those colonies.**
 - **The presence of capped brood in colonies.**
 - **The presence of food stores, both honey and bee bread** i. **which is not immediately robbed by other bees** ii. **when attacked by hive pests such as wax moth and small hive beetle, the attack is noticeably delayed.**
- 2) In cases where the colony appear to be actively collapsing**
- **An insufficient workforce to maintain the brood that is present**
 - **The workforce seems to be made up of young adult bees**
 - **The queen is present**
 - **The cluster is reluctant to consume provided feed, such as sugar syrup and protein supplement**
 - **Please take time to fill out a survey, whether or not you have experienced CCD. All data collected is confidential and helpful for determining the exact cause of CCD.**

· **It is most important that beekeepers add their information to the large dataset on the disorder being collected by Bee Alert Technologies at <http://www.beesurvey.com>. CCD continues to be the source of numerous press releases around the country. This popularity is a two-edged sword that beekeepers should take into consideration. Although it is generally beneficial to the industry to get this word out as it produces research resources, the demand on researchers' time for public relations increases as well, taking away from their studies.**

We are updating the clubs Swarm list for this year. The swarm list is a list of local beekeepers willing to go out and catch swarms in Mecklenburg and surrounding counties. If you wish to be added to the list just email Richard Flanagan at rhfjr81@aol.com or call 704-532-5767. A complete list is on our web site www.meckbees.org under the link Swarm List.

Mack Alexander	704-875-2896	All of Mecklenburg
Bill Bishop	704-588-4807	All of Mecklenburg
Bob Blackwelder	704-436-2522 (home)	North Mecklenburg
Frank Clements	704-968-7081	South Mecklenburg
Richard Flanagan	704-532-5767 (home)	All of Mecklenburg *
	704-522-5626 (work)	
Dick Gardner	704-364-4659 (Home) 704-906-2476 (cell)	South & East Mecklenburg & Union County
Steve Montgomery	704-506-5899 (cell) 704-372-7575 (home)	All of Mecklenburg
Bill Holyfield	704-906-7598	Mecklenburg, Union & Gas- ton
Kevin Kearley	704-906-7764	All of Mecklenburg *
Jimmy Odom	704-408-2726	South & West Mecklenburg
Neil Pylant	704-819-0729	All of Mecklenburg
Hal Ross	704-573-1042 (home)	South & East Mecklenburg
	704-756-7581 (cell)	
Charles Stewart	704-536-5184	All of Mecklenburg *
Pete Verna	704-376-8729	Central, East & South Meck
Bill Williams	704-568-3203	All of Mecklenburg
Shiloh Wofford	704-258-0421	All of Mecklenburg

Our Bee School is drawing to a close. The graduation day is going to be held at Bill Bishops house on April 14th starting at 10am till about 1pm. Lunch will be provided along with drinks.

We need helpers from our club to be guides and teachers to the graduates. We need to show them how to put on a suit, light a smoker and open and examine a hive.

We look forward to seeing you at Bill Bishops house on the 14th as we celebrate another great Bee School grad day.

Bill Bishop

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For additional info contact Richard Flanagan 704-532-5767

