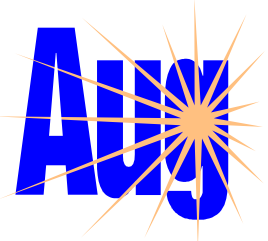




**G O T T A B E E**

Mecklenburg Beekeepers Association  
Meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7 pm  
2219 Tyvola Road  
Marion Diehl Park and Rec Building  
Mailing address: 121 Hermitage Rd Charlotte NC 28207  
704-358-8075  
Visit our website at

[www.meckbees.org](http://www.meckbees.org)



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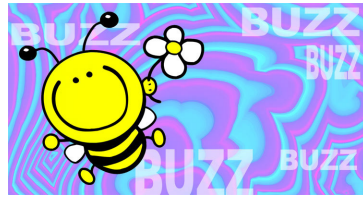
*Vice President -  
Richard Flanagan*

*Treasurer -  
Libby Mack*

*Chaplain -  
Gene Shannon*



### **This Month's Meeting/Program Aug 16th**



**David Crowe from Critter Control Pest Service will be our guest speaker. He will share his years of experience dealing with the other stinging insects in Mecklenburg plus some insight on various other wildlife we encounter here in our county. Come and learn about pest control from David.**

**This months refreshments are provided by  
Kathryn Miller**

[http://www.honeyflowfarm.com/  
beeproject/beeproject.htm](http://www.honeyflowfarm.com/beeproject/beeproject.htm)

**Is a great site to see pictures from a beeyard for the entire year.**



We have **two possible sites for hives** from people who would like bees in their yard but do not want to keep their own hives. One is in the Southpark area and one is in Cotswold. Please keep this in mind as you think about splitting hives this fall or establishing new hives next spring.

Contact Libby if you are interested.

## Updates and Information

# *Beekeepers Yearly Management Calendar for* **August**

Start planning to requeen in late August and early September with good quality Queens.

### *Speakers for 2007*

**Aug– David Crowe**  
**Critter Control**

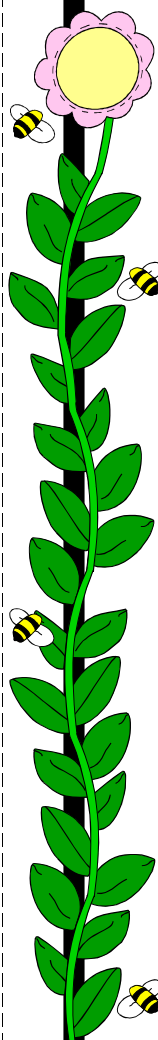
**Sept– Don McSween**  
**Charlotte City**  
**Arborist**

**Oct—Prof Stan**  
**Schneider**  
**Research on Bees**

**Nov-Richard Flanagan**  
**Blue Orchard Bees**

**Dec- Potluck dinner**

**Jan 2008 ? Could be You**



### Did You Know?

“Killer” wasps invade State Department headquarters.

Menacing “ Killer” Wasps have infested areas around the State Department recently in the Washington DC area.

Large numbers of the fearsome looking insects, which can grow to about two inches are congregating in the vicinity of Harry S Truman building and causing distress to employees.

These are ‘cicada killer’ wasps which despite their somewhat alarming appearance and name are generally not aggressive and do not pose a threat to humans





# It's Harvest Time!

We have the following equipment available for extracting honey:

- Extractor (manual)
- Uncapping tank (use your own excluder)
- Bucket with valve
- Electric uncapping knife

**The charge is \$2 per day to borrow the extractor.**

You will want to use your own filters and food-grade plastic buckets.

To obtain the equipment:

- Call Sam Ritter to arrange a time to pick it up.  
Phone: (704) 301-2787 or (704) 364-3052  
Address: 219 N. Sharon Amity, Charlotte
- When you pick up the equipment, take an envelope and card to mail in your payment
- Return the equipment **promptly, clean and dry**
- Mail your payment in the envelope provided

With the growth of the club, there is heavy demand for the extractor in the summer months. There will be a waiting list, so be prepared for a short wait, and when you get the equipment, please return it promptly so the next person on the list can get it. Please don't pass it on to someone else. Thanks!

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**We are having a contest !!**

We are inviting all those in the clubs plus all family members, too.

We want to have a logo/design that will best suit our local bee club. We asking you to help out by coming up with a logo/design to be used on our website, newsletter, hats, shirts, you name it.

The contest is open for the next three months. all entries must include your name, address and phone number. Submit entries to Libby Mack, Greg Clements or Richard Flanagan

Lets come up with some great ideas;

Don't worry if your not professional artists just jot down on a piece of paper your best bee design.

NAME

ADDRESS

PHONE

**My bee logo entry:**



We have been invited to attend a **first ever joint meeting** in North Carolina Beekeepers history. A local regional meeting held in conjunction with Union, Mecklenburg, Cabarrus, Anson and Rowan Counties. It will be held at the Stanly County Agri-Civic Center on Aug. 11th from 2pm to 5pm. The location is on Hwy 24-27 just about a mile west of Albemarle at the intersection of Newt road, coming from Charlotte on Albemarle road (which is Hwy 24-27) it will be before you get into Albemarle

Eric Brown from Brushy Mt. Bee supplies will be there to talk on setting up nucs and Queen rearing. Several others will have displays for you to look at, but mainly this for us all to get together and talk about our bees and fellowship.

There is no charge and if you want to bring some refreshments you can and it would greatly be appreciated but not necessary. Eric will be giving his Demo around 3:30 OR 4:00PM

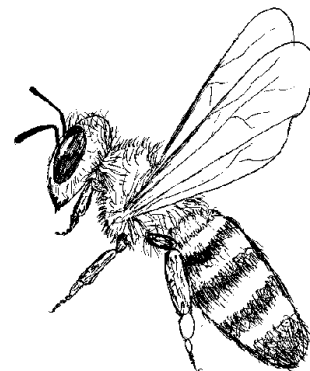
This will be a day of getting together swapping tall tales, showing off new inventions and techniques on how we handle our bees here in the Piedmont area. We hope that you can take some time to join us and make it a grand day of rubbing elbows with other local beekeepers making new friendships and re-establishing some old acquaintances.

Remember to bring your new ideas, new inventions ,some tall tales and your curiosity as we gather to talk about what we love -- our bees. Don't forget to bring some honey for a little taste test and possible bragging rights on whose honey is truly the best in our area.

For further information or directions contact

Mike Barbee

Cell 704-438-3435



## US Approves Manuka Honey Wound Dressings

Waikato-based [Comvita Ltd](#) says its patented "advanced wound care dressing" has become the first using manuka honey for wounds and burns to receive marketing clearance from the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

The FDA approval heralded an important milestone for Comvita's wound care business, said the company's chief executive Brett Hewlett.

The global advanced wound-care market is worth more than \$US4 billion (\$NZ5.07 billion), of which the US makes up \$US2.3 billion.

"An ageing population and increase in diabetes will continue to be strong drivers for this fast growing category," he said.

Some biologically active honey gathered from manuka contains the compound methylglyoxal, which helps it to battle bacteria causing stomach ulcers, and to promote wound healing...

[Derma Sciences](#) recently won clearance to sell Comvita's anti-microbial dressings with manuka honey in Canada. Similar dressings are already approved as anti-microbials in Europe, Canada, Australia and New Zealand

