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Mecklenburg Beekeepers Association
Meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7 pm
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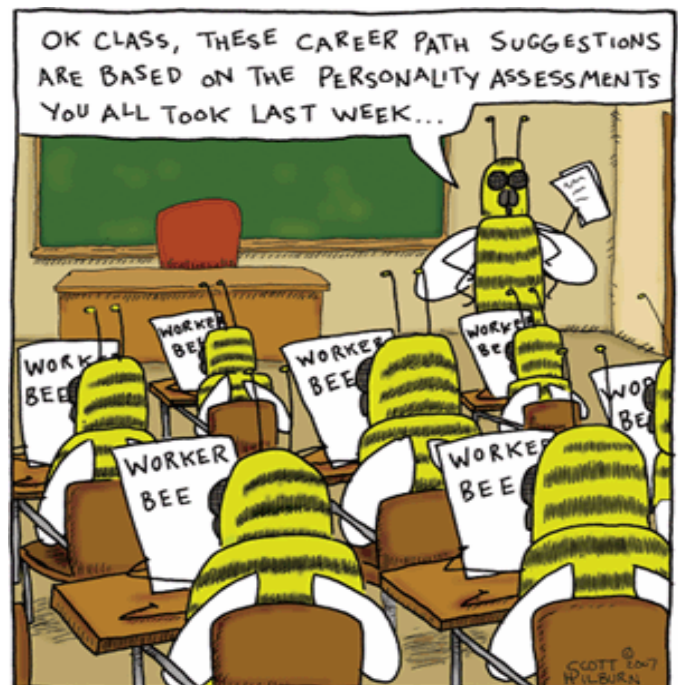
This Month's Meeting/Program March 15

Our own Regional Rep, Jimmy Odom, will be our guest speaker. He represents various counties in the Piedmont area. He will discuss various ways we can work with other beekeepers and regional reps on sharing info and knowledge on local bees. Come spend some time meeting our new Regional Rep and making new friends at the local club meeting.

This months refreshments are provided by:

Kevin Freeman

**Reminder: send your dues to
Mecklenburg County Beekeepers
121 Hermitage Rd
Charlotte NC 28207
\$5 Mecklenburg County,
\$15 additional for NC State
Don't miss any future newsletters;
renew now!**



Updates and Information

Beekeepers Yearly Management Calendar for

March

Exchange brood boxes if you have two, or if you have one, just add the extra one on top.

Medicate with Fumidil-B for Nosema Control

Take out Apistan strips, Leave in for 45-56 days only

Speakers for 2007

March-Jimmy Odom
Our Regional Rep

April—Jeff Knight
Swarm Control

May— Bonnie Faulkner
CPCPC Plant Expert

June— Pot luck Dinner

July -Steve Forrest
Brushy Mtn Bees

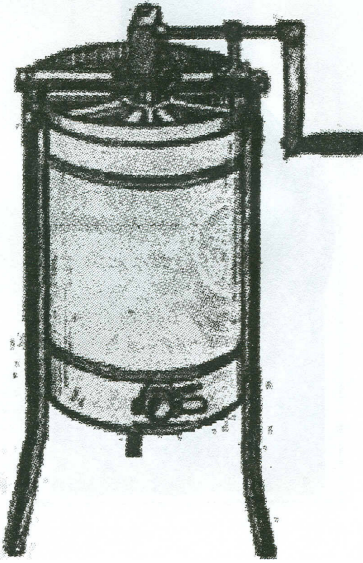
Aug— David Crowe
Critter Control

Did you know?

Excerpt from Jennifer Berry's Georgia Bee Letter,
University of Georgia's
Dept. of Entomology:

"If you haven't already done so, now is the time to treat with oil extender patties: two parts sugar to one part vegetable shortening or oil.....make up small patties about four inches in diameter and 1/2 inch thick and place on a piece of wax paper ... place the square on top of the frames in the brood chamber. While the bees consume the sugar, oil from the patty will adhere to their bodies. The oil acts like a shield thus the tracheal mites are unable to recognize suitable young hosts. Oil patties are acceptable for prolonged treatment since the oil will not contaminate honey supplies."

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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.

An important memo from David Tarpy, Assistant Professor and Extension Apiculturist, on Colony Collapse Disorder

Yes, this has been an important issue for all of us lately. We don't have any conclusive insights at the moment, only hypotheses. For the moment, the latest information about CCD can be found at:

<http://maarec.cas.psu.edu/pressReleases/ColonyCollapseDisorderWG.html>

I will be attending a small working group a week from today in FL about this, and I am on a grant that was recently awarded from the National Honey Board (w/ the Penn State folks) to try and determine the causative agent of CCD. As of right now, it is a "disorder" and not a "disease" since it could be environmental or epidemiological; we just don't know for certain. Depending on what I learn in FL, my plan was to provide an overview of CCD--with Don Hopkins and the NCDA--at the spring conference to dispel speculation and place it into a correct context. Importantly, this disorder appears to be a different phenomenon from a new strain of Nosema that has been infecting colonies in Europe, which may also have been recently found in the U.S. A review of the two newest beekeeping problems can be found at:

http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/entomology/apiculture/Research_reviews.html

We will certainly be in touch with everyone once we have some concrete information, but in the meantime please assure your beekeepers that NC apiculture officials are making this a top priority and taking a lead on determining what we can do about it.

Sincerely, David

German Apitherapy Conference to Focus on Wound Treatment

(February 15, 2007) - The 5th annual [German Apitherapy and Apipuncture Congress, Expo and Workshop](#) will take place March 23-27 in Passau, Germany. This year's conference focuses on the use of honey and other bee products in the treatment of wounds.

The five-day event features workshops on topics such as "Wounds - Introduction in the Etiology (Causes), Diagnostic, Allopathic Treatment and Prevention," "Prophylaxy Through Apitherapy and Other Related Healing Methods," "Wound Healing Methods Through Apitherapy and Apipuncture," and "Apitherapy and Its Related Methods in the Treatment of Human and Animal Diseases."

There will also be practical demonstrations of the use of bee products in the treatment of wounds. The official languages of the conference are German and English.

Conference participants will have the option of registering for a two-day "Practical Intensive Apitherapy and Apipuncture Course and Workshop." The theme of this year's intensive course is "Practical Applications of Apitherapy in the Prevention and Treatment of Human and Animal Diseases."

Api-Expo 2007, held in conjunction with the conference, features Apitherapy-related companies from Europe and around the world.

Apitherapy is the use of bee hive products such as bee venom, bee-collected pollen, royal jelly, propolis, beeswax, and honey to maintain good health and in the treatment of a variety of medical conditions. Propolis is a resinous substance collected by bees from plants and trees and is used to coat the inside of the bee hive and the honeycomb cells with an antiseptic layer. Royal jelly is a substance produced by young worker bees and fed to queens.

March 30, 2007, will mark the 2nd annual celebration of "[World Apitherapy Day](#)," an event designed to enhance international understanding of the therapeutic use and health benefits of bee products.

April 26-29, 2007, the annual [Charles Mraz Apitherapy Course and Conference](#) will be held in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina.

For more Apitherapy-related news, visit: www.apitherapynews.com

**March 2-3, 2007 NC / SC Spring Meeting
in Monroe, Union County, NC**

Hosted by **Union County Beekeepers Association**

Union County Agricultural Services and Conference Center (*a new, modern facility, opened
Dec. 2005*)

3230 Presson Rd
Monroe, NC 28112

(Off US 74 east of Monroe,
between Monroe and Wingate)

The NCSBA holds statewide conventions twice a year, in the Spring and Summer. In odd-numbered years, the Spring Meeting is held jointly with the South Carolina Beekeepers Association, alternating locale between states.

Registration

Save a few \$\$ with Advance Registration!
Save time and a few ¢¢ with Advance On-line Registration!

Registration Fees	<u>Individual</u>	<u>Family</u>
Advance:	\$20	\$25
At the door:	\$25	\$30
Non-members additional:	\$15*	\$15*
Banquet:	\$17	

* The non-member additional fee covers 2007 calendar year NCSBA membership for one person. SCBA members are exempt from the additional fee at this meeting.

Advance Registration Form

for anyone, print and mail to be received by Feb. 28

Advance On-line Registration

for current NCSBA members only--ends Feb. 28 at 9:00 PM

Registered attendance at 2006 Spring meeting: 320

Please bring an item, or several if you can, from your Chapter to the Spring Meeting to donate to the Silent Auction. Contributions in the form of anything of value and of interest to beekeepers are welcome: bee equipment, products from the hive, tools, queens, and of course, apiary arts and crafts.

Funds from the silent auction go to the NCSBA Api Culture Science account, for supporting graduate students, to ensure both applied research and the future of apiculture science for the next generation. Grants from these funds are administered by Dr. David Tarpy at NCSU and represent an important effort by NCSBA to address current and future challenges faced by beekeepers.

Bring your donated items to the registration desk at the Spring Meeting in Monro where Greg Clements, NCSBA First Vice President will process them for the Auction.

Thanks

Charles Heatherly

NCSBA President
