



**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

**Feb**

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

*President -  
Greg Clements*

*Vice President -  
Richard Flanagan*

*Treasurer -  
Libby Mack*

*Chaplain -  
Stan Watkins*



**This Month's Meeting/Program Feb 15**

Dick Lippard, the State Bee Inspector for our region, will be our guest speaker this month. Dick brings years of experience with bees and their diseases. Bring your questions and be ready to learn the latest on diseases that affect our lovely honeybees.

**This months refreshments are provided by:**

**Matt Lindvall &  
Elizabeth**

**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!**

**B E E S C H O O L**

**Tell your friends; it's not too late!  
Register for Bee School.  
Classes start February 6.  
For details, call Richard or Libby.**

## Updates and Information

### *Beekeepers Yearly Management Calendar for February*

Check honey supply on each hive. Feed with sugar if  
hive has less than a super of honey.

Place orders for nucs and order equipment before the  
Spring.

#### *Speakers for 2007*

**Feb– Dick Lippard**  
**Small Hive Beetle**  
**and other pests**

**March–Jimmy Odom**  
**Our Regional Rep**

**April—Jeff Knight**  
**Swarm Control**

**May– Bonnie Faulkner**  
**CPCC Plant Expert**

**June– Pot luck Dinner**

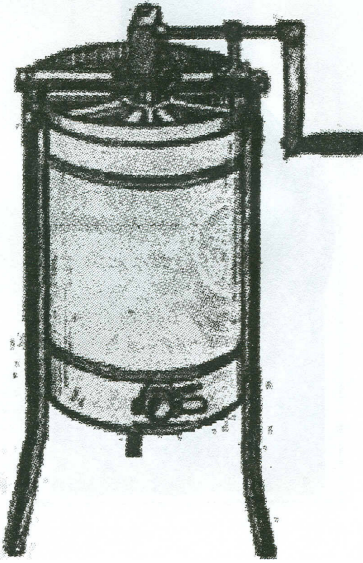
#### Did you know?

**...the average person in the US  
consumes about 1.31 pounds of honey  
per year!!**

NC State Beekeepers Spring Meeting  
March 2-3 in Monroe, SC

There will be a 3-hour "bee-ginner" short  
course offered Saturday afternoon for  
those who want a small sampling of bee  
knowledge or who may have missed a  
class along the way. This may be a good  
intro for your spouse!

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



## **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.*

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**We recently got a notice of a pallet load of the frames - fully drawn deep supers having 4.9 mm combs - A pallet load is 640 frames. They are similar to the ones we had at our last club meeting that were passed around during show and tell. The price is \$3.95, more than a dollar off each frame.**

**We hope that if enough beekeepers order them we can have them at the reduced price. If you are interested in ordering or want more info on these plastic super frames please email us or call Greg Clements.**

**Hey Meckbee members,**

**I have set up a Yahoo Group called Beenet. You can send out emails telling about something your bees did or ask a question about bees and it will go to all the Beenet members. Other members will then send out an answer to the question or a comment about what your bees did. This will take a while to get a big group of members but this is a good way of communication. You send an email to the address below and you will become a member. You can then send out info or whatever on the net. This works great with my homebrew club which is called Brewnet. I really think this can be a good thing so sign up and I will be sending out info to show you how it works. I am the owner so I can see when you join. You can also go to the homepage of this group and add pictures and see the member list. It is great. So send in a subscription and join.**

**Gary Cathey  
Mecklenburg Beekeepers Association  
Meckbees.com**

**to join: [Beenet-subscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:Beenet-subscribe@yahoo.com)**

**Thw beenet home page: <http://groups.yahoo.com/groups/Beenet>  
You will have to join Yahoo to go to this homepage. Just pick a name and password to join (free)**

**To post a message: [Beenet@yahoo.com](mailto:Beenet@yahoo.com)**

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## New! Honey Locator Brochures -

### “Bee Found” and “How Sweet It Is”

These two new brochures are now available from NHB.



“Bee Found” encourages honey producers and beekeepers to list their honey and company information on NHB’s Honey Locator web site at [honeylocator.com](http://honeylocator.com).

The brochure explains the Honey Locator and includes a registration form. NHB encourages beekeeping organizations to distribute the brochure at beekeeping meetings to promote Honey Locator.



“How Sweet It Is” provides information to consumers on how to locate honey using the Honey Locator. The brochure provides another benefit and publicity tool for Honey Locator listees, and is available free of charge to listees.

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For more information about these new brochures, call NHB at 1-800-553-7162.

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### **Bee Losses Puzzle Experts**

Beekeepers in Pennsylvania, Georgia, North Carolina and elsewhere are facing a mysterious plight - their bee colonies are being decimated at an alarming rate, and the exact cause is unknown. Beginning in mid-August, seemingly healthy colonies begin disappearing. The phenomenon, termed by some as "Fall Dwindle Disease," is discussed in a preliminary report recently published by researchers in Pennsylvania and Florida.

Although bee experts have identified several possible culprits, a prevailing theory has yet to emerge on the source of fall dwindle. Because of its elusive, fleeting nature and loosely-connected symptoms, experts currently do not have a solution for fall dwindle, however, a new effort recently was launched to study the condition.

<http://www.theledger.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2006612220347>

### **'Apprentice' Features Sue Bee Honey in Feb. 11th Episode**

Sue Bee Honey will be among the sponsors integrated into the sixth season of NBC's "The Apprentice." In the reality show, teams of contestants are challenged to promote a brand that receives significant exposure throughout the episode. Sue Bee Honey will be featured in the fifth episode of "The Apprentice: Los Angeles," scheduled to air, Sunday, Feb. 11.

In exchange for a "minimum investment," the Sue Bee Honey brand will receive multi-million dollar exposure during the hour-long program, said Jim Powell, vice president of sales and marketing at Sioux Honey Association, the Sioux City-based maker of Sue Bee Honey.

"They came to us and asked us to be on the show," Powell said. "To pay for all that exposure would be outlandish. We couldn't pay for it."

Powell said the Feb. 11th episode, taped last summer, focuses extensively on Sue Bee Honey and its product line, with shots of its Anaheim, Calif., plant, its trucks and even some of its beekeepers.

Powell said Sue Bee Honey plans to extend its "Apprentice" exposure to other promotional tie-ins. Containers with the "Apprentice" labels are in warehouses and will begin showing up on store shelves soon after the episode airs.

[http://www.siouxcityjournal.com/articles/2007/01/11/news\\_business/local/846b526a285dadf18625725f007dde9b.txt](http://www.siouxcityjournal.com/articles/2007/01/11/news_business/local/846b526a285dadf18625725f007dde9b.txt)

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## **Calling All Volunteers**

**Help make your beekeeping association a better resource.**

**Volunteers are needed for the following:**

- web site content (see article elsewhere in the newsletter)**
- mentoring new beekeepers**
- help out with bee school:
  - contact newspapers, radio stations etc. for publicity**
  - registration and book sales Feb 6 and 13th 6pm - 9:30pm**
  - assemble hives and frames Mar 18 1pm - 5 pm**
  - other activities including field day****
- help Union County put on the State Spring Meeting March 2-3**

Please contact Greg, Richard, or Libby if you can help.

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