



Bee Line



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The Presidents' Corner by BJ. Weeks

Bees, bees, bees and spring is finally here. Beeschool gave all of the beginners a good start, but without a hands-on session it was incomplete. Our next meeting will be another special event. March 17th at the McKinzie's will be our follow-up to beeschool. We will plan it to allow plenty of time in bee hives. Also included will be installing packages, finding queens, splitting strong hives to replace winter loss, or to give an increase in hive numbers. Making splits is all about learning to be more self-sufficient as a beekeeper. The day is guaranteed to give you the opportunity to gain in both knowledge and skills. Plan to be there.

Getting bees ready to make honey in April started last July with a good winter preparation strategy. Now with high populations of healthy bees, we as beekeepers have made ourselves a part of this incredible part of nature.

The club still needs help with many of the club committees, programs, and activities. Volunteer to help and you will grow from the effort.

Opportunities are:

Education Committee
 Fair Committee-Tiffany
 Hospitality Committee-Pam
 Policies & Proc. Committee
 By-Laws Committee
 Mentoring organizer
 Mentors for beginners
 Audit Committee
 Wax Melter-Gerald Phillips
 Extractor Kit-Hoyt Rogers

Task

Presenting bees to non-beekeeping groups
 Planning and setting up a bee display-county fair
 Meeting & special events food/refreshments
 Developing
 Review & update
 Key person
 Guide
 End of year
 Service offered by club
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I commit to the task of assisting you to understand bees/beekeeping and in doing so, becoming a more confident and capable beekeeper.

BJ Weeks, Pres 2012

CHEROKEE BEE CLUB "SPRING WORKSHOP"

INSTALLING PACKAGES AND NUCS –

(As well as hands on demos, queen painting, and making splits)

-BJ WEEKS and Bud Champlin-

Saturday, March 17, 2012, St. Patrick's Day

10am until 2pm



The MCKENZIE FAMILY will be hosting this event at:

592 Town Creek Drive

Canton, GA 30115

Please RSVP on or before March 13th

@ usmcmckenzie@hotmail.com



Subway sandwiches and paper products will be provided by the club.

****Please bring a side, chips, dessert, or drinks to share****

2012 Calendar of CBC Meetings

March 15 - No Meeting

*March 17 - *Spring Workshop –Bob & Tiffany McKinzie (see more info in newsletter)*

April 19 - Swarming-Nick Weaver

*April - Raising quality queens-Ball Ground

May 17- Evaluating your hives/words of wisdom

May 17-19 – Young Harris Bee Institute

May 19-20-Canton Arts Festival-Club booth

*June 23 - Family Picnic & Workshops-Blackberry Creek Farm-Donnie Thomas

July 19 – Wrapping up season & Winter Prep.
Distribute QL jars for honey-Fair Entries

Aug 16 -Keith Fielder - Bee Nutrition
Collect entries for the fair

Sept 9-15 Cherokee County Fair
Sept 20 - Winter Survival – Randy Tudor

Oct 18- TBA

*Nov 16- Friday-Holiday Dinner-6:45

Dec- No meeting

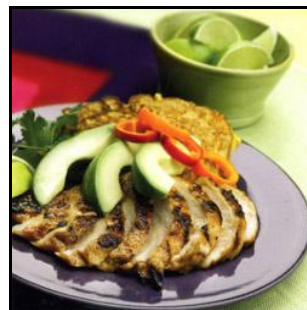
*Indicates club event not at the Arts Center location.

**Monthly meeting location address is:
Cherokee Arts Center; 94 North St; Canton, GA 30114**

Photo by Anne Geddes



Recipe Corner



Honey Corn Cakes

- 1/4 cup honey
- 2 cans (15.25 oz. each) corn kernels, drained
- 3 eggs
- 1 cup flour
- 1/2 cup Milk
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic salt

Combine all ingredients. Heat skillet lightly coated with olive oil to medium temperature. Pour 1/3-cup portions of corn cake mix into skillet and cook for about 1-1/2 to 2 minutes on each side. Makes 12 to 14 corn cakes.

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through
the club.

The Georgia General Assembly is getting ready to review a new bill titled the House Bill 853 **Georgia Right to Grow Act**. (In general terms) the Bill is intended to protect the citizens of Georgia from local governments by preventing local governments from passing laws/ordinances prohibiting or restricting people from growing their own food.

While in committee honeybees were added to this bill! (meaning it will strictly prevent local governments from prohibiting beekeeping in their ordinances). The bill has passed in committee and is now going on to the Rules Committee.

You can contact Rep. David Ralston, Speaker of the House of Representatives and say you would like this to pass <http://www.gafoodrights.org/42001.html>

Here is a supporters website <http://www.gafoodrights.org>



List your bee related items for
sale here.

**Did you know the Honey Bee is the
Georgia State insect?**



AskProfessorBee@cherokeebeeclub.com

is still available to answer your questions. Send an email when your issues arise.
Don't wait until the next meeting to have your questions answered.

Interesting video on the life cycle of bees and varroa mites.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aS6CeaF9MKM&feature=youtube_gdata_player

Click on the following link to read about:

[Teenage bee keeper on a mission to save the bees from colony collapse disorder](#)

Honey sold in the U.S.

A friend sent me the link below. It is a very interesting story on honey sold in the U.S. Research cited appears to be credible.

You are likely aware of most of this since you are in the "business" but I wanted you to have a chance to see this in case anything is new for you.

Such stories should help those who sell their pure, natural honey. Maybe good to share some of the findings with future beekeeping classes.

<http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/11/tests-show-most-store-honey-isnt-honey/>



The folks at Lands End have accepted our logo and made it available for clothing and other items that they have for sale.

Just go to the link below and you can see our two logos on the front page. Just start clicking through the categories of different items and as you select an item for your shopping cart you will be given the option to add a logo and also its placement (chest, sleeve).

There are two versions of our logo available. One has the black lettering for lighter colored items and the other has lighter colored lettering for darker items. You will choose the one you prefer.

Once the item is in your shopping cart it works just like all the other online retailers. Processing will take a little bit longer because they have to add the logo. The folks at Lands End will contact you if there is a problem with what you have ordered, such as logo color contrast or placement.

Go ahead and take a look. If you order soon you should have your item in time to show off at the next club meeting.

http://ocs.landsend.com/cd/frontdoor?store_name=Cherokee_Beekeepers_Club&store_type=3



CBC Library

A Year in the Life of an Apiary	How Do Bees Make Honey
An Introduction to Beekeeping –video	How to Keep Bees and Sell Honey
Beekeeping - A Complete Owner's Manual	Increase Essentials
Beekeeping - A Practical Guide	Just Add Honey
Bees - Lectures By Rudolf Steiner	Observation Hives: How to Set Up, Manage, and Use an Observation Hive
Bees in America - How The Honey Bee Shaped a Nation	Practical Beekeeping
Bees Were Their Business	Queen Management
First Lessons in Beekeeping	Queen Rearing and Bee Breeding
Following The Bloom - Across America w/ Migratory Beekeepers	Setting Up a Package Swarm
Health and The Honey Bee	Small Scale Honey Harvesting
Hive Management: A Seasonal Guide for Beekeepers	The Candle Maker's Companion
Honey - From Hive to Honey Pot	The Class Room
Honey and Your Health	The Healthy Taste of Honey
Honey Bee Biology & Beekeeping	The Joys of Beekeeping
Honey Bee Disease and Pests 2 nd Edition	The Life and Times of the Honeybee
Honey Bee Pests, Predators, & Diseases	The Queen Must Die
Honey Bees and Beekeeping- A Year in the Life of An Apiary	75 th anniversary Tribute to Walter T. and Ida Babin Kelly

Notes from the Editor

I am Karen Hinton a first year bee keeper in Marietta. I enjoy this club and all the help and support I have received in the “Bee Keeping” journey. I am happy to help get the news out to our members. Please let me know what you like about the newsletter and what you don't. Change is always possible.

If you have any articles you'd like to share, or if you would like to list anything for sale, please send them to me. Karen Hinton khint@att.net.

The opinions expressed in articles in the BeeLine are of the writer & not necessarily of the CBC Membership

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