



Bee Line

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The President's Corner

Ryan A. Sarks

The bees are on a mission as you read this; foraging for nectar and pollen in full force. In an ideal situation, your hives should be growing by overwhelming proportions at this time of the year. The blackberries, poplar, and clover are making a very decent showing and the supers are beginning to gain substantial weight.

There was a spike in swarming around the area recently. Many of our members have responded to the beckoning calls of exasperated citizens pursuing a route to save the honey bees. To me, this means that many people have realized the significance of the honey bee and what it means to the continued existence of human life, through the pollination of our food supply.

With this said, keep a close eye on your hives and don't forget to pay them a visit no less than every ten days or so to make sure that they are not planning a swarming maneuver; in which they will take half of your nectar collection force with them. Pay attention to overcrowding and make plans accordingly.

It is not too far out for many of you to begin your first extraction. I want to remind you that the club offers a nine-frame extractor, knife, filters, a bottling bucket, and a de-capping tank for rental, for a minimal fee.

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If you are interested in this service, please contact Hoyt Rogers, to make arrangements, at: (770) 479-1731. (YOU MUST BE A CURRENT MEMBER IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS SERVICE).

In addition, I would also like to remind you that we offer a mentoring service to first year beekeepers, in which one of our existing beekeepers will visit your apiary and give you advice, diagnose an issue, or help you with a problem that you just can't figure out. Members may contact Randy Tudor to schedule a visit at: (706) 692-9224.

Well, among the hustle and bustle of the bee world, scientists are continuing to attempt to help our little winged friends. www.projectapism.org is a fairly new organization formed to bring together the American Honey Producers Association, the American Beekeeping Federation, the National Honey Board, etcetera, in order to find practical solutions to the problems afflicting the honey bee. One of the most recent projects was setting up an Integrated Virus Detection System in Montana. This system was engineered by the US Army to detect virus particles and particle sizes in order to diagnose CCD issues and filter out virus laden bees for breeding purposes. It sounds like a step in the right direction.

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2008 Calendar of CBC Meetings
(tentative)

*June 21st	Summer Field Trip – Family Picnic
*June 28 th	(Rainout Date) Scott Tate
July 17 th	Medications & Late Summer Hive Inspections Worth Green
August 21 st	County Fair/Honey Judging Bud Champlin & Randy Tudor
September 18 th	Winter Bee Survival Bob Binnie, President GA Beekeepers Association
October 16 th	Apitherapy BJ Weeks
*November 21 st	Holiday Banquet John Tackett
December	No Meeting - Happy Holidays!

Regular meetings held on the 3rd **Thursday** of each month at 7:00 PM at the Cherokee Arts Council building in Canton, except those noted with *.

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**March 15, 2008
Spring Outing**

The March outing was held at Laney Cagle's farm. Despite the tornadic weather, we had a pretty good turn out. Several new packages were installed, as well as an attempt at making a split. The bees were not happy and did not want to get blown away in the storm. All agreed to leave well enough alone and to save that split for another day. The crowd moved into the barn just as the rains came for discussions on swarms, nuc boxes, and a variety of other topics.

Poem of the Month:

It's all I have to bring today

**It's all I have to bring today
This, and my heart beside-
This, and my heart, and all the fields –
And all the meadow wide –
Be sure you count – should I forget
Some one the sum could tell –
This, and my heart, and all the Bees
Which in the Clover dwell.**

By Emily Dickinson

Recipe Corner



Honey Oatmeal Cookies

- 1/2 cup hot tea*
- 1 cup raisins*
- 2 cups flour*
- 1 1/2 cups quick cook oats*
- 1 teaspoon baking soda*
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon*
- 1/2 teaspoon salt*
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg*
- 1/2 cup shortening*
- 1/2 cup butter*
- 3/4 cup honey*
- 1 egg*
- 1 teaspoon vanilla*
- 1/2 to 1 cup chopped walnuts, optional*
- 1 package chocolate chips, optional*

Pour hot tea over raisins; let stand at least 15 minutes. Combine flour, oats, baking soda, cinnamon, salt and nutmeg. Mix thoroughly; set aside. Cream shortening and butter; gradually add honey until light and fluffy. Beat in egg and vanilla. Drain raisins; reserve 1/4 cup liquid. Alternately add flour mixture and reserved raisin liquid. Stir in nuts, raisins and chocolate chips. Drop by rounded teaspoonfuls 2 inches apart on ungreased baking sheets. Bake at 350 degrees F about 12 minutes or until browned. Let stand one minute on cookie sheet; remove and cool on rack. Store in airtight container.

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We have an exciting agenda ahead for the next couple of months. Our Summer Picnic is just around the corner. It will be at Udder Delights, Scott Tate's restaurant in Cartersville, Georgia on June 21st. It will be a day of family fun. We will have scavenger hunts for the kids and plenty of fellowship and topics for the adults. We will be having a short presentation, by Scott himself, on extraction and how to set up your honey house and get it licensed. We also plan to go over harvesting and extracting your liquid gold.

For those that are interested, prior to the meeting, we will be gathering around 10AM at Udder Delights to take a tour of Georgia Power's Plant Bowen. Late arrivals will not be permitted for the tour due to security issues.

I want to personally thank each of you for every positive piece of information that you continue to pay forward to your family, friends, and neighbors about beekeeping. Many of you have done a lot already to explain what beekeeping means to each and every one of us as a human race. Keep up the good work in spreading the wealth of knowledge in our communities about our little friend...the honey bee. Until next time, I wish you and your bees the best of luck! See you soon! Ryan

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Notes from the Editor

April 17, 2008 Meeting Minutes

The April monthly meeting was opened by President Ryan Sarks at 7:00 pm on Thursday, April 17, 2008.

Old Business

- The minutes from the March meeting were not available / may not have been taken.
- On behalf of the Club, Ryan thanked Laney Cagle for hosting the March field trip.
- Treasurer's Report - Worth Green reported a balance of \$3,114.67 in the Club account with no significant expenses anticipated in the next few months other than those associated with the summer field trip (approximately \$300).

New Business

- Ryan solicited ideas for the upcoming Cherokee County Fair. None were presented and the membership was asked to volunteer for the fair booth committee.
- Ryan reminded the membership of the upcoming Canton Arts Festival on May 17/18. Members were asked to volunteer to work in the booth and to bring honey / bee crafts to sell. Laney Cagle, Ryan Sarks, and Worth Green have volunteered to date.
- Ryan reminded the membership of the upcoming summer field trip to be hosted by Scott Tate. The field trip includes a tour of Plant Bowen.

Presentation

- Mike Elliott gave a presentation on queen raising and proposed a queen raising cooperative. 8 members volunteered to participate with Mike. Mike will determine the next steps in developing the cooperative.
- Randy Tudor gave a presentation on the annual Young Harris Beekeeping Seminar and the Georgia Master Beekeeper Program. He discussed the 4 levels of the program and the general criteria involved in each: Certified Beekeeper, Journeyman Beekeeper, Master Beekeeper, and Master Craftsman Beekeeper.

Ryan Sarks closed the meeting at approximately 8:30 pm.

CBC Library



A Year in the Life of an Apiary	How to Keep Bees and Sell Honey
Beekeeping - A Complete Owner's Manual	Increase Essentials
Beekeeping - A Practical Guide	Observation Hives: How to Set Up, Manage, and Use an Observation Hive
Bees - Lectures By Rudolf Steiner	Queen Management
Bees in America - How The Honey Bee Shaped a Nation	Queen Rearing and Bee Breeding
Bees Were Their Business	Setting Up a Package Swarm
First Lessons in Beekeeping	Small Scale Honey Harvesting
Following The Bloom - Across America w/ Migratory Beekeepers	The Candle Maker's Companion
Health and The Honey Bee	The Class Room
Hive Management: A Seasonal Guide for Beekeepers	The Healthy Taste of Honey
Honey - From Hive to Honey Pot	The Joys of Beekeeping
Honey Bee Biology & Beekeeping	The Life and Times of the Honeybee
Honey Bee Pests, Predators, & Diseases	The Queen Must Die
How Do Bees Make Honey	

"If anyone has outstanding library items, please return them to the next meeting"

Notes from the Editor – MISSING EQUIPMENT

CBC MEMBERS – Please read the following letter from Jessica Carter. If you have ANY information regarding this, PLEASE contact Jessica on 404-213-2395 or bees@jessicasmithcarter.com.

Hi, My dad is in the process of moving out of his house in Nelson. Due to a disability, that process is going slow. Last time he went to the house to move things; he noticed a lot of things missing. The story from a neighbor is supposedly some one from the bank came by and told people they spoke with that they were free to get any and everything they wanted from the house. After speaking with the bank, my dad determined that this was not the case. So the people who took items might have done so, not knowing that they weren't supposed to. Of interest were two extractors, one electric and one hand crank, a bee suit and veil. All of those items originally belonged to my grandfather and we would like them back, most especially for the sentimental value they hold. From what we heard, it is believed that the person who took these items only took beekeeping related equipment, and might be a beekeeper themselves. THANK YOU, Jessica Carter

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I want to apologize for the delay in sending out the Beeline this month. Sometimes life just gets in the way! 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 or call. Laney Cagle, lane714@tds.net, 770-893-2635

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*You and Your Family are invited to the
CHEROKEE BEE KEEPERS*



June 21, 2008
Plant Bowen Tour 10:00 AM
Picnic 12:30 to 4:30 PM

CBC's Summer Picnic will be hosted by Scott Tate at his restaurant, Udder Delights. Scott has arranged for a tour of Georgia Power's Plant Bowen. Everyone interested in going on the tour **MUST** be at Udder Delights BY 10:00AM (that means be there and ready to leave with the tour group BY 10:00- if you are late you will be left behind!).

The Picnic will start around 12:30. BBQ, drinks, and paper goods will be provided. Each club member will be contacted and asked to bring their specialty. We will also be doing some extracting. Scott will give a presentation on his "honey house" and will talk about setting one up. A scavenger hunt and other games are being planned for the kids. So come on out for a day of family fun and beekeeping fellowship.

Directions:

Udder Delights
2351 Highway 113
Taylorsville, GA 30178
Scott Tate
ph. 770-606-9342

I-75 north to exit 288 (highway 113 / Cartersville Main Street Exit). Turn left onto main street and follow through Cartersville for 10 miles to 2351 Highway 113. The building will be on the left after you pass through the stoplight and is white with a teal green metal roof. The directions from Mapquest are very accurate, also.

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