

Bee Line

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March/April 2010

The Presidents' Corner

by Bob Behrman

February 20, 2010 was as nice a day as the Cherokee Beekeepers Club's Bee School could expect. Temperatures soared to 62° F. in the afternoon and the bees were all about their business flying and gathering the things they needed. Looking closely, the observer could see pollen coming back in those special baskets honey bees have attached to them. I don't know where they found the pollen. It seems they are always finding ways to fascinate.

That sunny day belies the reality of this year's harsh cold snaps throughout Cherokee County and the South East. Just in Woodstock, the coldest temperatures in January and February were 12° and 22° F. respectively. There were 20 days in January and 21 days in February where temperatures hit below freezing. This kind of weather should put us on high alert to do what it takes to get the girls through the rest of the winter.

Beekeepers reported that they lost some colonies during the cold snaps especially in the first two weeks of January where temperatures dropped to the twenties or teens every day. Georgia beekeepers in this area are used to milder winters. Still, honey bees are quite able to survive temperatures like these as witnessed by our northern beekeeper brethren. The spring is close at hand. Let's get there with as many strong colonies as possible. Consider whether the hives are exposed to cold winds on the crest of a hill without protection (a wind break). In a mild winter the apiary may be spared but not in bone chilling cold snaps. On those nice days check the hives for the queen or evidence of the queen. There should be some eggs or brood by now.

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There should be some eggs or brood by now. Be bold, change the queen if she is failing or injured. Check the food stores. Is there enough honey and pollen? Be ready to provide syrup and substitute pollen. It is a pretty sure bet they will need it. The classic picture of still honey bees with their heads buried deep into the cells is a terrible specter. How about hive ventilation and its affect on condensation on underside of the inner cover? We don't want ice water dripping on the cluster. Are some clusters so small it is better to combine them with a stronger hive? Review your notes on medications. Evidence of nosema is typical around this time. Think yellow or brown color splatters about the hive bodies. Take notes on what went right and what didn't. Certainly, there are factors the beekeeper can't control and some losses will happen. However, be encouraged, with attentive management it is normal for most of the colonies to make it through harsh winters. Do some research and compare notes with other beekeepers for potential solutions.

Watching all those live bee demonstrations at Bee school sure makes you look forward to the spring. To prepare for spring beekeeping activities, the March 20th field trip will reinforce what was taught at Bee school and go further with more live demonstrations. So mark your calendars for another informative day with the bees and fellow beekeepers at Mike Cline's apiary in Waleska.

I'm looking forward to it.
Bob Behrman

2010 Calendar of CBC Meetings
(Tentative)

NO REGULAR MEETING IN MARCH

- March 20* Spring Field Trip – Setting Up Packages
Mike & Lindsey Cline
- March 27* Queen Rearing Coop
Ryan Sarks & Mike Elliott
(See article on page 7)
- April 15 Hive Maintenance
- May 13,14,15* UGA Bee School
Young Harris
- May 15 & 16* Canton Arts Festival
- May 20 Swarming
- June 12 * Summer Field Trip – Family Picnic
Debbie and Candler Ward
- July 15 Bee Lab
BJ Weeks
- August 19 Fall Preparations
Bob Behrman
- September* Cherokee County Fair
Bud Champlin & Michael Blackwell
- September 16 Planting for Honey
Gerald Phillips
- September * GA Beekeepers Assoc. Bi-Annual Meeting
- October 21 Other Hive Products, Nutrition & Apitherapy
Laney Cagle & Mike Elliott
- November* 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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Quote of the Month

*The more honey used as food,
the less will be needed as a
remedy!*

-Old Proverb

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.

Recipe Corner



Honey Walnut Crescents

- 1 cup Butter**
- ½ teaspoon Salt**
- 1 teaspoon Vanilla**
- ½ cup Honey**
- 2 2/3 cups All Purpose Flour, sifted**
- 2 cups Walnuts, finely chopped**
- 1 cup Powdered Sugar**
- 1 tablespoon Cinnamon**

Cream butter, salt & vanilla. Continue creaming while adding honey in a fine stream. Mix in flour and nuts. For easier handling, chill dough 1 hour. Using a rounded teaspoonful for each, shape into 1 ½ inch rolls. Combine powdered sugar and cinnamon. Dip rolls into sugar mix. Place on ungreased cooking sheet forming crescents. Heat over to 350 degrees. Bake cookies for 15 minutes. Cool on wire racks.

THANKS goes to Carol Phillips for making and sharing these cookies with us at the January meeting. They were a big hit!

Cherokee Beekeepers' Club

Monthly Meeting Minutes

01/21/2010

President Bob Behrman opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. Approximately 35 members and guests were present. Bob welcomed new members and explained some of the club benefits.

Old Business:

- Secretary Steve Altom read minutes from the last meeting and they were approved as read.

New Business

- Treasurer Worth Green reported approximately \$3904 in the Club checking account with an anticipated income of \$3635 and expenses of \$4311 – deficit of \$676. We are forecasted to end the year with a balance of approximately \$3,228.
- BJ Weeks reported on the status of Bee School. He is looking for help with the afternoon sessions.
- Debbie Ward reported on media advertising for Bee School.
- Laney Cagle is looking for help with refreshments for morning and afternoon breaks at Bee School and possibly some help with the possible Cooking class at Bee School. She is also looking for reviews of any of the CBC library books that anyone might want to submit for publication in the Bee Line newsletter.
- Bob Behrman reported on the Education Committee. Anyone wishing to assist in outreach to the community should contact Bud Champlin.
- Pat Sarkis reported that some books were overdue and that she would make contact. She is looking for ideas to expand the library.
- Mike Elliott reported on the Queen rearing project. He will write an article for the Bee Line with more information. This is expected to take place beginning in late March.
- Bob Behrman reported on upcoming meetings:
 - February – Dana Stahlman Ohio Queen Breeding
 - March – Spring Field Trip Mike Cline

Presentation

BJ Weeks introduced Jamie Ellis and his presentation [Research Efforts at University of Florida](#).

- Among topics discussed were
 - Chemicals in the Hive
 - Native Pollinator Research
 - African Honey Bees
 - Honey Bee Ecology
- Jamie discussed his group's website: <http://ufhoneybee.com> There is extensive information available here by clicking on the Extension web page link. There are several videos available for download, a quarterly newsletter(The Melitto Files), and information on African bees.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Cherokee Beekeepers' Club

Monthly Meeting Minutes

02/19/2010

President Bob Behrman opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. Approximately 41 members and guests were present. Bob welcomed new members and explained some of the club benefits.

- Steve Altom read minutes from the last meeting on 1/21/10.
- Worth Green reported approximately \$5165 in the Club checking account.
Bee School and Renewal Stats:
Total Paid Members: 49
Total Honorary Members: 8
Members Renewing: 23
New Members: 26
Old Members Not Renewing: 30
New Members Not Renewing: 46
Total Bee School Attendees: 33
Total Bee School Workers: 8
- BJ Weeks reported on the status of Bee School.
- Laney Cagle is looking for help with refreshments for morning and afternoon breaks at Bee School and at future meetings.
- Bob Behrman reported on the status of the Spring Field trip in March. No regular Thursday meeting in March.

Presentation

Dana Stahlman did a talk on Beekeeping The Way It Used To Be(e)

- Websites:
<http://www.beeclass.com>
<http://www.gobeekeeping.com>
- Topics discussed:
 - Skep Hives(Dana has an exemption from state law to keep them)
 - 1852 Langstroth Hives (no foundation)
 - Kenyan Top Bar Hives (no foundation)
 - Chemicals in the hive
 - Leaf blower to remove bees
 - Benton cage
 - Foundation mill
 - Swinger fork lift vs lifting/carrying each hive
 - No competition between hobbyists and commercial beeks
 - Varroa mite: chemicals, drone comb, interrupt brood cycle
 - Nosema Ceranae / Fumagilin-B
 - Small Hive Beetle
 - African Bees in Georgia
 - Internet – Lots of educational information, also a lot of scams
 - Loss of honeybee programs at universities across the nation
 - No chemicals vs chemical survival(commercial keepers)

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 pm.

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

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

WANTED: CBC Library Book Reviews

It has been suggested that we print book reviews in the Beeline. If you have read any of the clubs library books and would like to offer your comments, we would like to hear from you.

Please submit: a rating where 1 B would be not so good and 5 Bs would be really good; and a short paragraph describing the book and any insights it provided to you. If your feedback is negative, that's ok, let's just keep it to constructive criticisms. The reviews may be sent to our Librarian, Pat Sarks; or the Beeline Editor, Laney Cagle via email (or snail mail).



Would you be a CBC Meeting Hospitality Volunteer?

The Club has purchased a coffee pot and has started having Coffee and “Honey Snacks” at our regular monthly meetings.

If you could volunteer to bring a Honey Snack, please contact Laney Cagle. This will be for the months of April, May, July, August, September, & October 2010.

THANKS to All Honey Snack Volunteers

JANUARY:

Carol Phillips – Honey Walnut Crescents
Bob Behrman – Honey Cake
Laney Cagle – Honey Lemon Squares
Pat Sarks – Honey Spiced Hummus
Debbie Lomax – Cookies

FEBRUARY:

Marsha Elliott - Honey Cranberry Cake
Bob Behrman - Honey Cake
Laney Cagle - Honey Lemon Squares
Michael Blackwell - Honey Snack Mix
Lisa Altom – Honey Glazed Pecans

Notes from the Editor

Old Members (no, not by AGE- But I did get your attention!)- Please remember to submit your yearly dues to Worth. The distribution list for the Beeline will be updated to remove any non paid members before the May issue.

Thank Goodness for a beautiful day for Bee School. Late February in North Georgia, you just can't ever tell. Rah smiled on us this year. We had a great turn out. Thanks to all the volunteers who make it possible. Special Thanks to Paul Pugliese, our Cherokee County Extension Agent for hosting the event at the Historic Cherokee Courthouse.

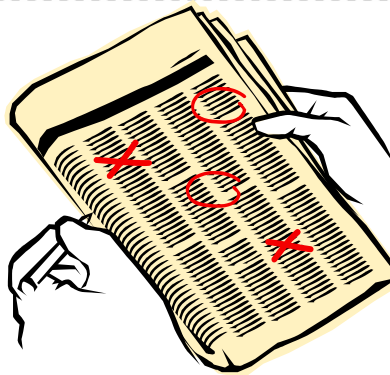
If you have any articles you'd like to share, or if you would like to list anything for sale, please send them to me or call. Laney Cagle, lane714@tds.net, 770-893-2635

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

Cherokee Beekeepers Club announces a Queen Rearing Cooperative

Would you like to learn how to raise your own queens? Whether your needs are just a few or more than a few, we will be conducting a workshop that will teach you how using both the grafting method and non-grafting method. We have scheduled this workshop for Saturday, March 27th but this date may have to be postponed depending on the weather and availability of drones for the queens to mate with. Please contact Mike Elliott at michael.elliott@comcast.net if you are interested.

If you have a superior queen in terms of longevity, productivity of brood, honey and pollen, and is mild mannered, we may want to use her as a breeder queen. Our intent with the cooperative is to broaden the genetic diversity using proven “survivor” queens that require little or no medication. If you have a potential candidate, please let Mike know this as well.



WANT ADS

List your items for Sale, Barter, or Wanted Here.

<u>FOR SALE</u>	<u>WANTED</u>
Nuks, and package bees, and other supplies. I will set up hives, install packages and nuks. I will also sell complete hives ready to make honey with all new components. Prices & times contact Randall Cagle 770-630-7150 recagle@bellsouth.net	Bee Pollen from Georgia or in the Blairsville area. Please email Harry S Aust at sid_aust@msn.com

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You are invited to the CBC SPRING OUTING



MARCH 20th, 2010

10am to 2pm

Hosted by

Mike & Lindsey Cline

We will be installing packages, splitting hives, and enjoying fellow beekeepers company!

Light breakfast and lunch refreshments will be provided.

Please bring your own veil and jackets if needed.

10647 Reinhardt College Parkway, Waleska GA 30183

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Directions:

From I-575 take Exit 16. Turn onto Hwy 5 (west). At second red light (Walgreens) turn left onto Hwy 140. Travel 10.6 miles. Going thru Waleska, pass Salacoa Road on the right. Pass Addington Lane on the right. After passing Addington Lane, slow down and look for balloons at the end of driveway 10647. Turn left onto driveway. Bear to the left and go to the top of the hill (you will see a green roofed shed).