

NEWSLETTER OF THE APPALACHIAN BEEKEEPERS



Hive Vibes

Meeting the First Monday of Each Month
7 p.m. at Mountain Folk Center (formerly Industrial Park)
65 Folk Center Circle, Murphy, NC 28906
www.AppalachianBeekeepers.com



Fall is very much in the air and winter is coming soon. Hopefully everyone is well-along in their preparing of their bee hives for winter. Feeding strategies was one of the big topics of discussion at the September meeting. However you like to go about preparing for winter now is the time – soon it will be too late. I have been feeding my bees fairly aggressively and watching them go crazy on the goldenrod and asters. Thank God for fall wildflowers!

Many thanks to Keith Wood for coming to our September meeting to explain the details on the Honey Bee Cold Storage Project. For those who missed the meeting, the walk-in cooler for over-wintering bees is under construction and will be operational soon. There will be ventilation and daily measurements of CO2 taken to protect against dangerous gas levels building up. The initial target for putting bees into the cooler is sometime during the first week of November. Beekeepers are asked to try and pick colonies which have “sisters” still out in the bee yard. A “sister colony” is one which is basically in the same shape: similar population and similar stored feed levels. There is no target date for when the hives will come out of the cooler. It will depend on the

type of winter we have had. Contact Zack for more details on this project and to reserve space for any of your hives.

Remember that the October Meeting (Monday, October 6th) is the club's social for the year! Carl and Denise Talbot have been gracious enough to offer to host the event for the club. They will email out directions on how to get to their place. Please call them (828/494-7213) to RSVP if you were not at the September meeting. The meal will be a potluck. Please bring either a salad, drink, dessert, or whatever (the club is paying for burgers on the grill). The evening begins at 5 P.M. rather than the normal 7 P.M. Anyone who wants to help or take a quick tour of the vineyard can come earlier (call first, though).



In other, somewhat social news...please sign up to help with the bee tent at Georgia Mountain Fall Festival (October 11th-18th)! The North Georgia club runs a booth with a screen tent and honey bees on display for the general public. There is always a need for more beekeepers to help explain things to the public and answer questions. Contact Glenn Henderson at abletinker@windstream.net to get your name on the list of helpers so you will have free admittance into the Fair for the day.

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Last reminder: No meeting at the Mountain Folk Center in October – the Club Social is happening elsewhere that night! Zack

Secretary's Minutes Minutes of Meeting on September 8, 2014

The meeting called to order by President Zack Stockbridge. There were 21 people in attendance.

There were no minutes from the August meeting since no one acted as secretary in Kay Cameron's absence.

Treasurer's Report The Treasurer's report was given by Fred Bernhardt. Opening balance on August 1 was \$328.82. We received \$117 in August for dues, shirts and hats. Balance as of September 1 was \$445.82.



Zack brought the new Appalachian Beekeeper Association hats and shirts and said that anyone wanting to purchase them should see him after the meeting.

Our new Vice-President, Tom Handford, was not at the meeting. He will fill out this year's term, but will not be able to continue next year since he will be leaving for the Peace Corps. Zack is accepting nominations for the vice-president position. Kay Cameron said that nominations will also be accepted for the position of secretary.

Zack announced that the club social will be Monday, October 6 at Carl and Denise Talbott's home. Discussion ensued as to best time. It was decided that 5:00 p.m. would be good so it would still be light. The club will provide the meat for grilling; Carl and Denise will provide drinks and paper goods. Members were asked to sign up for sides, salads and desserts.

Please contact Denise and Carl (828/494-7213) if you were not at the meeting and plan to attend the potluck.

Protégé Report Brionna was at the meeting. She said her hives are doing well. She has learned a lot this year. She recently met with Mr. Bill and looked at his hives. She learned how to medicate bees. This is a good time to medicate the bees.

Meeting Program Zack brought different kinds of feeders. Many club members have begun to feed sugar water to bees this month. Some are feeding every other day. The question was asked about feeding with fondant. Fondant can be used to keep moisture in hives low. A member also suggested that if you use baggies of sugar water for feeding, you can place the baggies on top of the queen excluder which makes it easier to move the baggies.

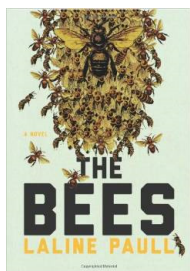


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meeting at 8:00 to discuss the cooler where hives can be stored this winter to maintain a constant cool temperature – 35 to 40 degrees all winter. Up to 25 hives can be stored in the cooler. Keith stressed that this is an experiment and there are risks involved. The Extension Service will not be able reimburse beekeepers for any losses that they may incur. The cooler will be monitored daily for temperature and carbon dioxide levels. Hives would be moved into the cooler in early November. Beekeepers interested in placing a hive in the cooler should contact Keith. Keith will ask them to provide some information on the hive such as number of bee frames,

number of honey frames, age of colony, age of queen, mite count, and species of queen. Keith also asked that the beekeeper keep a control hive in their beeyard that is very much like the one going in the cooler. The suggestion was made that the hives going into the cooler be weighed going in and coming out to determine how much honey the bees consumed. There will be no cost this year for the beekeepers, but next year they may be asked to contribute towards the power bill. Let Zack know by October 6 if you want to place hives in the cooler this winter.

General Q & A Fred Bernhardt reported that beekeepers are welcome to attend and assist at the demonstration bee-house at the Georgia Mountain Fall Festival in Hiawassee, GA. Fall Festival is Oct. 11 – 18. Contact Glen Henderson at abletinker@windstream.net. Directions for parking closest to the bee cage location follow later in this Newsletter.



[A novel, The Bees by Laline Paull](#), was recommended as a very good read. It is the story of bees in a colony from the viewpoint of a bee.

No Door Prize drawing was held.

Next meeting will be Monday, October 6 at 5:00 p.m. at the home of Carl and Denise Talbott, who are graciously hosting the club potluck social. Please note the earlier time. (Denise will be sending email/snail mail to members with directions to the location.)

PARKING DIRECTIONS AT FALL FESTIVAL

For those who have decided to help out at the Honeybee Room at the Fall Festival: Once you enter the grounds, you will be stopped to pay for parking. You don't have to pay for parking. Just before you reach the attendant collecting for parking, look to your left—that building is the office. Tell the attendant you are here to help at the honeybee display and you need to go to the office for your badge. Make a U-Turn around their stand to get to the office parking lot. In the office, tell the lady you are there to work the honeybee display. She will issue you a badge.

Now you need to make another U-Turn

through the median to get to the gentlemen stopping for parking payment. Show them the badge; you will be waved through. Continue driving straight—do not turn right into parking. If you do, you will have a long walk. Drive past the main people-entrance on your left. Just past the Music Hall on your left, you will come upon a gate in the chainlink fence with an attendant checking for badges. Drive through the parking area around the Music hall. You can park here, but again, you will have a long walk to the Bee house (cage) if you do. Drive through the parking area. On the right are two roads through the chainlink fence. Sorry I don't

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remember if you want the first one or the second one. You should be able to choose based on what you see inside the fence. You now can drive on a dirt/gravel road through the forest. Vendors will have parked their trucks/cars on the left. The lake is on your right. Continue until you reach the bathrooms

(a “no cars beyond this point” sign). Park as best you can; not blocking the gravel road. The bee house is to your left, up the hill. See you there.

Fred Bernhardt

Bulk sugar at Wayne’s Feed Store! \$0.25 per pound for members of the Appalachian Beekeeper’s Association (\$0.30 per pound for non-members). Be sure to mention that you are a club member to get the discounted price.




Officers

President	Zack Stockbridge	Vice President	Tom Handford
Secretary	Kay Cameron	Treasurer	Joyce Bernhardt

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Let's try to patronize member-owned businesses and local supportive businesses whenever possible.

	<p>Andrews Veterinary Hospital</p>	<p>David Ackerman</p>	<p>1575 Main St., Andrews, NC</p>	<p>828/321-3316</p>
	<p>Candy Mountain Farm</p>	<p>The Juhlines</p>	<p>Candy Mountain Heights, Murphy, NC</p>	<p>828/494-2083</p>
	<p>135 Mi-Po Tree Service</p>	<p>The Popes</p>	<p>Murphy, NC 28906</p>	<p>828/644-5405</p>
	<p>Shadow Ridge Bee Farm</p>	<p>Harold & Becca Watkins</p>	<p>Mineral Bluff, GA 30559</p>	<p>706-994-4175 706-374-0409</p>
	<p>Stockbridge Farm</p>	<p>Jen & Zack Stockbridge</p>	<p>Andrews, NC</p>	<p>828/321-2171</p>
	<p>Wayne's Feed Store</p>		<p>869 Andrews Rd, Murphy, NC</p>	<p>828/837-2139</p>

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If you have an interest in bees/beekeeping, we hope you will join us and enjoy meeting and talking with others who share your interest.



Membership Application For Appalachian Beekeepers

Date: _____ Individual/Family-\$12

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

E-Mail _____

How did you hear about our Club? _____

Mail to: Joyce Bernhardt, 325 Rolling Oaks Rd., Murphy, NC 28906

RECEIPT

Date _____ Amount \$ _____

Received from _____

For Membership dues prorated from date above to following April 1.

Signed: _____

