

Georgia Beekeepers Association ~ 2009 Spring Meeting

Henry County Extension, 97 Lake Dow Road, McDonough, GA

Friday, January 30th

7:00pm

GBA Board Meeting

Saturday, January 31st

7:00 AM ~ Registration begins.

8:15 - 8:30 **Welcome and Orientation**
Bob Binnie ~ *President.*

8:30 - 9:15 **Dr. Keith Deleplane** ~ *Honeybee National Cap Project: A Research and Extension Effort to reverse Honeybee decline.*

9:30 - 10:30 **Classroom Workshops:**

Bill Owens ~ *Essentials of Bee Removal.*

David Reed ~ *Overview of Beekeeping for Beginners.*

Chris Werner ~ *Raising Your Own Queens.*

10:30 - 11:00 **BREAK**

11:00 - 12:00 *Repeat Classroom Workshops.*

12:00 - 1:15 **LUNCH**

1:15 - 2:15 **Dr. Terry Norton** ~ *Innovative Wound Care in Sea Turtles.*

2:15 - 2:45 **Danny McElwaney** ~ *Insurance for Beekeepers.*

2:45 - 3:15 **BREAK**

3:15 - 4:15 **Chris Werner** ~ *Experiences and Challenges of Diversifying with Commercial Queen Production.*

4:15 - 4:45 **Business Meeting**

4:45 - 5:30 **Social Time**

5:30 **DINNER** ~ *Low Country Boil by J.M. and Frieda Sykes*

Sunday, February 1st

7:30 AM Registration begins.

8:30 - 9:00 **Sermon and Prayer Service** with Phil Bruce from the First Assembly of God, Zebulon, GA

9:00 - 9:15 **Welcome and Orientation**
Bob Binnie ~ *President.*

9:15 - 10:15 **Stanford Day** ~ *Beekeeping Techniques, Practices and Challenges.*

10:15 - 10:45 **BREAK**

10:45 - 12:00 **Kerry Owens** ~ *Thinking Outside the Box: Diversifying Your Bee Business.*

12:00 - 1:15 **LUNCH**

1:15 - 1:30 **Charlie Gwyn** ~ *The Economics of I.P.M.*

1:30 - 2:30 **Chris Werner** ~ *All About Indian Summer Honey Farm.*

2:30 - 3:00 **All Topics** ~ *Questions and Answers.*

3:00 **Meeting Adjourned** ~ *Have a safe trip home and will see you at the Fall Meeting.*

About the Speakers

Stanford Day, Stan's Honey, Broxton, GA ~ *Stan is a lifelong beekeeper, having worked from a young age with his dad who was a commercial beekeeper. He is currently operating approximately two thousand colonies producing honey and pollinating in Georgia and California. He will be speaking about his experiences and challenges over the last several years*

Dr. Keith Delaplane, Professor of Entomology, University of Georgia, Athens, GA ~ *Most of us know Keith, but for those of you that don't, Keith has been a large part of the GBA and is a longtime beekeeper, having started as a young boy. He has been deeply involved in all sorts of research on honeybees and has published numerous papers, articles and books on this subject. He will be speaking on his latest and very large research project.*

Charlie Gwyn, *Charlie has just graduated from the University of Georgia with a Bachelor's degree in Business Economics and is beginning his graduate career at the UGA Beelab.*

Danny McElwaney, President, BreeLove and McElwaney Insurance Agency ~ *Mr. McElwaney will be speaking on insurance for beekeepers.*

Dr. Terry Norton, Director and Veterinarian for Georgia Sea Turtle Center.

Kerry Owen, Bee Well Honey Company, Pickens, SC ~ *Kerry is a commercial beekeeper, having operated in South Carolina, North Carolina and Georgia. His honey is sold all over the Southeast. He has been very successful at diversifying his business and will be speaking about extra ways to produce income from your full time and sideline bee business.*

Bill Owens, Owens Apiaries, Monroe, GA ~ *Bill is a past president of the GBA and is our current Webmaster. Bill is a full time fireman, a sideline beekeeper, and has a fast-growing bee removal business. He will be speaking on techniques and personal experiences with removing bees from all sorts of places.*

David Reed, Erma's Bees, East Ridge, TN ~ *David is a sideline beekeeper and is the current president of the Northwest Beekeepers Association. He will be speaking about the history, economics and a startup basics of beekeeping. Included will be information on and the demonstration of basic equipment needed for beginners.*

Chris Werner, Indian Summer Honey Farm, Germantown, WI & Webster, FL ~ *Chris is a past president of the Wisconsin Beekeepers Association and is currently running what is truly a family beekeeping operation with his wife Becky and their children. They produce large crops of honey in Wisconsin and spend the winter and spring in Florida, producing nucs and queens. Chris will be speaking on a variety of subjects based on his own diverse experience.*