

Bee Line

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The Presidents' Corner

by Ryan Sarks

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Greetings and salutations! I hope each and every one of you had a wonderful holiday season. First off, I appreciate your vote of confidence in me, as President of the Cherokee Bee Club, for my second term. The Club Officers and Board of Directors met on December 16, 2008 to plan for the upcoming year and I believe we have compiled an exceptionally exciting calendar of events. This year, we have planned for several outside speakers such as Dr. Jamie Ellis, Assistant Professor of Entomology at the University of Florida, on January 22nd; Dr. Keith Delaplane, Professor of Entomology at the University of Georgia, on July 16th; in addition to hopefully acquiring Cindy Bee and Carl Webb, experts in structural bee removal and sustainable beekeeping, respectively, to give us the down low on their specialties. Of course, these speakers will only highlight our already full calendar of events such as our 13th annual one-day bee school, spring and summer field trips, and monthly meetings that are guaranteed to teach you something that you didn't already know. Check out the Learning Center at www.CherokeeBeeClub.com as several new items have been added or updated such as the LIVE Bee Cam, compliments of Mike and Marsha Elliott. We are also continually adding to our bee club library, so make sure that you check it out frequently. Don't forget to submit your membership application for 2009 as soon as possible, so that you don't miss out on even one educational opportunity!

Continued....

Please consider participating in one of our Bee Club Committees this year to help the club run as smooth as possible. The committees that the Directors, Officers, and I have devised include the Educational Committee (Bees in the classroom), Bee School Committee, Field Trip Committee, County Fair Committee, and the Advertising/Recruiting Committee. Please send me an email at BeeHavenApiaries@gmail.com if you are interested. We need as much help as we can get!

How are your girls doing? Have you checked in on them on those warm winter days? No, not your daughter, YOUR HONEYBEES! ☺ Do they have enough food stores to make it until spring? If not, you might want to put a frame-top feeder above the cluster as it is most likely too cold for the bees to empty a regular frame feeder. All you have to do is take a couple of quart jars, fill them up with 2 parts sugar to 1 part water and flip them upside down on the top of your frames, above the cluster, after cutting a few small slots in the lids. This small drip will most likely "bee" enough to get the little ladies enough to eat until the spring flowers arrive. Set a new goal for yourself that pertains to beekeeping such as better recordkeeping or making a point to observe minuscule details that you normally overlook and learn something extra each time you open your hive.

To you and your bees...I hope 2009 is a very healthy, happy, and prosperous new year!

Ryan A. Sarks

2009 Calendar of CBC Meetings
(Tentative)

- *January 22th Guest Speaker
Dr. Jamie Ellis
- *Jan. 30&31st GA Beekeepers Assoc. Bi-Annual Meeting
McDonough, Ga
- February 19th Evaluate and Anticipate
BJ Weeks
- *February 28th Bee School (Old Cherokee Cty Courthouse)
- *March 21st Spring Field Trip – Setting Up Packages
Laney Cagle
- April 16th Swarming/Queen Jeopardy
Trina Barron and Pat Sarks
- *May 16 & 17th Canton Arts Festival
- *May UGA Bee School
Young Harris College
- May 21st Queen Breeding Cooperative
Mike Elliott
- *June 20th Summer Field Trip – Family Picnic
Debbie Lomax and Candler Ward
- July 16th To Med or Not to Med
Dr. Keith Delaplane, UGA
- August 20th Honey Exchange/Judging
Joe Schepers and Randy Tudor
- *September Cherokee County Fair
- September 17th Swarm Captures
Cindy Bee
- *Sept. 25&26th GA Beekeepers Assoc. Bi-Annual Meeting
Walker County Ag Center
- October 15th Russian Queens
Carl Webb
- *November 20st 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 *.

Quote of the Month

Last night, as I was sleeping, I dreamt – marvelous error! – That I had a beehive here inside my heart and the golden bees were making white combs and sweet honey from my old failures.

Poet, Antonio Machado



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Recipe Corner



Honey Curry Vegetable Dip

- 1 Cup Low Fat Mayo
- ¼ Cup Honey
- 1 Tblsp Curry Powder
- 1 Tblsp White Wine Vinegar

Combine all ingredients and refrigerate for a minimum of one hour to allow the flavors to meld. Serve with assorted fresh vegetables.

Cherokee BeeKeepers Club Monthly Meeting Minutes

11/21/2008

The November monthly meeting and Thanksgiving Supper were held at the American Legion facility in Canton on Friday, November 21, 2008. Approximately 45 members and guests were present.

Everyone enjoyed appetizers, browsing through the silent auction items, and socializing until the business meeting was opened by President Ryan Sarks at 7:20 pm.

Old Business

- Our January meeting will not be held on the 3rd Thursday in the month, but will be moved to the 22nd to allow Jamie Ellis to speak on his current bee research at the [University of Florida](#).
- Our 2009 Bee School will be held at the Old Cherokee County Courthouse on February 28.
- The Club bank account has a balance of approximately \$2,645 with November expenses to pay and silent auction revenues to receive. Net effect should keep our bank balance approximately the same through the end of 2008.
- The October meeting minutes were accepted as posted in the last newsletter.

New Business

- Randy Tudor and BJ Weeks will teach an Introduction to Beekeeping course at the County Extension office in Jasper January 6 through February 3. Class will be held from 6:30 pm to 9 pm on Tuesdays. Cost is \$40 per individual, \$70 for two family members.
- Keith Delaplane will be speaking at Reinhardt College on December 9. His presentation will be directed to the benefits of honey bees to gardeners / farmers and what can be done to help the bee population thrive.

The business meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm in favor of the Thanksgiving supper.

At the conclusion of much eating and socializing, the annual election of officers and board members was conducted. Joe Schepers introduced the officer and board member candidates recommended by the nominating committee and explained the voting process. Ryan solicited additional candidates, and none being nominated, the recommended slate of officers and board members was elected by acclamation.

BJ Weeks conducted the drawing for door prizes. Almost everyone in attendance won a bee related item.

To conclude the evening, Robert Brewer, head of the Georgia Master Beekeeper program, a Welsh honey judge, and the Towns County Extension Agent, gave a presentation on the honey bee in history. Robert shared the appearance of the honey bee in mythology, and in ancient and modern customs.

The November meeting and Thanksgiving supper activities were adjourned at 9:30 pm.

OUR SPECIAL THANKS:

To John Tackett for obtaining the Legion Hall and for providing the turkey and ham.

To Marie and David Arnal for organizing the Thanksgiving supper and silent auction.

To BJ Weeks for organizing and conducting the door prize drawing.

To Joe Schepers for leading the Election Committee.

And to everyone that brought items for the supper the silent auction; and that helped set up before and clean up afterwards.

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 January meeting"

Notes from the Editor

Congratulations and Thanks to all of the new club officers. Let's all lend them the support needed to make ours the best Beekeepers club around! Several committees are being established to help things run smoothly. Your help is needed and appreciated! Talk with Ryan or one of the directors to signup.

Please help to distribute the word about Bee School. We will have some extra fliers at the January meeting. Take a few and post them around your area. Note that we have a new location for it this year – it will be held in the old Cherokee County Courthouse.

We added seven new items into our library last year. It's a great resource, so check it out and enjoy the convenience of the library coming to you at our monthly meetings. Pat Sarks is our librarian... Thanks Pat!

I'm throwing out the old and giving thanks for the new! The days are finally getting a little longer and I've got my sights set on spring. Here's wishing you and yours a Healthy and Happy New Year.

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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Presents the 2009 Bee School

(Tuition includes membership in Cherokee Beekeepers Club through December 2009)

www.cherokeebecclub.com

Application Form

Date: _____ Please Print

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Ph: _____ Work Ph: _____ Cell Ph: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Would You Like To Receive the CBC Newsletter, The Bee Line, As An E-Mail Attachment? _____

Would You like to become a member of a CBC committee? (ex. County Fair; Educational,..) _____

Occupation: _____ How Many Colonies Do You Keep? _____

Pounds of Honey Made Last Year: (1 gallon = 12 pounds) _____

Honey Label: _____

Are You A Member of Georgia Beekeepers Association? _____

Are You A Member of Any Other Beekeepers Associations? _____

If Yes List Others: _____

The cost is \$35 per person plus \$20.00 per additional Family Member Lunch, school materials, as well as club membership through December 2009, are included in fee.

Tuition: \$35.00 _____ Plus Extra Family Members _____ x \$20.00 = \$ _____

To save time, you can pre-register (with/without sending payment) by completing application and mailing to:

Cherokee Beekeepers Club
c/o Worth Green, Secretary
582 Still Branch Drive
Canton, GA 30115

You may also fill the form out and bring it with you the day of Bee School.

Would you like to make a donation to the Cherokee Beekeepers Club? \$ _____

Would you like to Donate to the UGA Honeybee Research Program? \$ _____

Total Amount Paid: \$ _____ Method: Check # _____ Cash _____

LUNCH (INDICATE HOW MANY): PORK: _____ CHICKEN: _____ VEGETARIAN: _____

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Bee School 2009

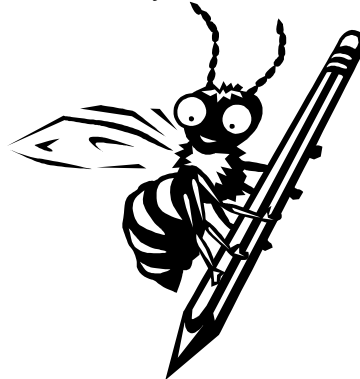


Beginning Beekeeping Workshop

Saturday, February 28th

8:30 am – 4 pm

8:00 am registration and \$35 fee at the door
(Fee includes Workshop, Lunch and Club Membership)
(Additional Family Members \$20 each)



Old Cherokee County Courthouse
100 North Street, Canton, GA

Lunch provided and Handouts Included

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