



Bee Line

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The Presidents' Corner

by Mike Elliott

This is an exciting, busy time of the year for both our honey bees and beekeepers. All it takes is one look at our hives to see where the phrase "busy as a bee" came from. We are in the midst of the nectar flow and the bees are busy bring it and pollen into the hive, raising brood and making preparations to satisfy their instinct to swarm. And as bee keepers, we are trying to stay one step ahead of this instinct by providing them space in their hives to avoid overcrowding and installing honey supers to collect the honey. Hopefully you were able to attend our most recent meeting and hear Bob Behrman's excellent presentation on "Swarm Prevention". Mirroring what is going on in the hives and beeyards, our Club's calendar for May and June is full of activities for everyone.

Many of our new beekeeper members just recently received their packages or nucs and are witnessing the wonders of beekeeping for the first time and probably have many questions about what is going on in their hives. Our mentorship program was recently launched with about 20 "NewBees" signing up. If anyone else would like to become involved as either a mentor or a "NewBee", you can contact Gerald Phillips who is the program coordinator at 770-924-6631 or e-mail him at gphilli@hotmail.com.

As I mentioned earlier, the nectar flow is going strong with the blackberries and tulip poplar trees in full bloom. This is typically the main source of

MAY 19th MEETING WILL BE AT
THE ROCK BARN
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nectar for my wildflower honey, producing a dark colored honey with a very mild, fruity flavor. The interesting thing is that the very first honey the bees put up into the supers in the spring is typically almost watery white and mild tasting - totally different from the later, darker spring wildflower honey. My customers marvel at the different flavors and colors of the two varieties that come from the same bees in the same location. So you might want to separate the two and try it yourself. I think you, your family, friends and customers will also be amazed.

We have the Canton Arts Festival coming up on May 21st and 22nd and the Choosing Green Festival on June 25th in Canton. The Club has participated in both of these festivals in the past and requests that anyone who is interested in participating and selling their products, contact Laney Cagle. In keeping with the swarming season for bees, Bud Champlin will be presenting on "Swarm Collection" at our next monthly meeting on May 19th. We will be having our annual summer picnic on June 11th. So mark it on your calendars and more details will be coming. At our most recent monthly meeting, we discussed changing our club logo to a more simplified one that more readily lends itself to being reproduced by embroidery on a shirt or hat. We will be forwarding copies of the proposed new versions to the club membership prior to the next meeting so it can be voted on at that meeting.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Mike

2011 Calendar of CBC Meetings
(Tentative)

May 11-14*	UGA Bee School Young Harris
May 19*	Swarm Collection Bud Champlin
May 21 & 22*	Canton Arts Festival – Brown Park
June 11*	Summer Field Trip – Family Picnic
June 25*	Choosing Green Festival Canton
July 21	Guest Speaker – Robert Brewer Honey Show Handouts – Michael Blackwell
August 18	Honey Judging, Sampling & Collecting/Fair Michal Blackwell
Sept. 11-17*	Cherokee County Fair The McKenzies, Bud C. & Michael B.
Sept. 15	Winter Prep Gerald Phillips
Sept. 16 & 17*	GA Beekeepers Meeting Pine Mountain, GA
October 20	Guest Speaker – Jennifer Berry
November 18*	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 *.

*****MAY MEETING ALERT****

The Canton Arts Building will not be available for us to use on May 19.

We will be meeting at the ROCK BARN @ 658 Marietta Hwy Canton, GA 30114

Driving Directions: N575, Exit 16 Left at split toward 20/5. Or S575, Exit 16A.

Turn right onto Marietta Hwy. Pass Cherokee High School. Turn left into Canton Elementary driveway. Turn Right and park in gravel parking lot.

Quote of the Month

The happiness
of the bee and the dolphin
is to exist.

For man it is to know that
and to wonder at it.

Jacques Yves Cousteu

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



**Creamy Honey Sesame Dip
For Vegetables**

(Makes 1 1/3 cups)

- 3/4 Cup Mayonnaise
- 1/4 Cup Rice Vinegar
- 1/4 Cup Honey
- 3 Tbls toasted Sesame Seeds
- 1 Tbls grated fresh Ginger Root
- 1 small Garlic, minced
- 3/4 Tsp oriental Sesame Oil
- 1/8 Tsp crushed Red Pepper Flakes
- Salt, to taste

Whisk together mayo, vinegar and honey in small bowl. Add remaining ingredients and mix thoroughly, Dip may be stored tightly covered in refrigerator up to 1 week.

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 75 th anniversary Tribute to Walter T. and Ida Babin Kelly
Honey Bees and Beekeeping- A Year in the Life of An Apiary	

The BeeLine will be running a new (actually renewed) article this year called Meet the Members. We will pick board members & new members to introduce you to in each edition. We hope you enjoy a personal insight to some of our fellow members.

Meet the Members!

Meet Bud Champlin, CBC VP

How long have you been keeping bees: 5 years this time around. I had bees for about 3 years some 24 years ago.

Location: Jasper (Henderson Mountain area) and Talking Rock

How many hives do you have now & what's the most you've had at one time: I have 14 hives now. That is the most I've ever had.

What got you interested in bee keeping: I was living in Washington and there was an older gentleman in my church who was interested in beekeeping. He proposed we go into this venture together. So we order hives and equipment from Sears & Roebuck! We didn't do to well because we didn't have a

clue as to what we were doing. This is a good place to talk about the great benefit of belonging to a club like ours. At that time we had no mentor, no bee school, and no club support. Shortly thereafter I moved to south Florida and took the bees with me. They were soon destroyed by Bull Ants. I didn't do so well the first time around, but with education, experience and support I'm doing better this time

Meet Karen Hinton, NewBee

How long have you been keeping bees: This is my first year.

Location: Marietta

How many hives do you have: We have 2 hives

What got you interested in bee keeping: It's my contribution in the effort to save the planet! We all need to do what we can to help preserve and to better the environment. I think having honey bees does that. It's also something my Mom & I enjoy doing together. (Karen's Mom is CBC Member, Patty Powers.) When I was a kid, my Mom's Brother had bees and I was fascinated by them even then.

CBC Queen Rearing Coop

On Saturday, April 30th Mike Elliott hosted approximately 12 Club members for a queen rearing workshop at his bee yard. He demonstrated methods for raising queens on a small scale for the hobbyist bee keeper. These methods included how to make splits and let the bees raise their own queen as well as the "cell notching" method as explained in the April 2011 American Bee Journal by Roy Hendrickson. He also showed how to establish a "cell starter" colony, where the selected larvae are started to be drawn out using a swarm box and set up a "cell finisher" colony where the queen cells are completed. Mike then demonstrated the Doolittle method of grafting one day old larvae from one of his productive, no chemical treatment "survivor" queens into artificial queen cups and then placing these into the swarm box. On May 9th Mike harvested 16 queen cells from the cell finisher colony and installed them into splits for mating.

Notes from the Editor

I hope everyone had a nice Mother's Day. Sorry for the delay with the Beeline. I've been having computer issues!

Please see the note on page two concerning the May 19th meeting being held at the Rock Barn.

If anyone has products or availability to support the CBC booth at the Canton Arts Fest this weekend 21st & 22nd, please let me know. I mistakingly said the Canton Arts Fest would be on the 14&15. I just learned that it's the next weekend. I apologize for the confusion. ----- Also, we will be supporting the Choosing Green Fest on June 25th.

Mark June 11th on your calendar. We will be having the CBC Family Picnic that Saturday. Expect an invitation with the directions in the next week or so. A scouting party went to check out the site and reported back that it will be superb for our outing.

Best wishes to Paul Pugliese as he moves back to his home area as the Bartow Cty Ag Agent. Paul has been a good friend and supporter of the CBC. We will miss him.

We are looking for new ideas for the Beeline, or maybe a new editor...? I've enjoyed working on the Beeline, however I feel like I'm getting rather repetitive. If anyone out there has a strong desire to become the editor, or even a contributing editor or columnist Please let me know.

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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