

Member Information

Buncombe County Beekeepers Chapter (BCBC) - 2010

Mission - The mission of the Buncombe County Beekeepers Chapter is: "to pursue together all matters relating to honeybees and the beekeeping industry for the benefit of the members and the general public."

Chapter objectives are to:

- Promote improved beekeeping management methods among beekeepers;
- Maintain friendly and helpful relations among members;
- Provide educational resources related to beekeeping for the general public, and
- Develop and sustain markets for beekeeping products.

Monthly Meetings – Meetings are generally held the second Monday of the month at the County Extension offices at 94 Coxe Avenue in Asheville (Hilliard & Coxe) with several exceptions: In January the meeting is suspended and members are encouraged to attend the Bee School. Each year the BCBC sponsors one or more hands-on Field Days, generally held at the Swannanoa 4-H camp or the home of a member, in lieu of a monthly meeting. In July and December the Executive Board meets to plan, review and conduct business. Chapter members are welcome to attend the Executive Board meetings but cannot vote

Bee School – The BCBC presents an annual school for beekeepers. It is generally held during January and February and in 2008 will be held at the Folk Art Center in Asheville on the Blue Ridge Parkway at milepost 382.

Equipment Days – Periodically the BCBC holds equipment days to help new beekeepers assemble new beekeeping equipment. Often the chapter can offer special pricing for beekeeping equipment.

North Carolina Mountain State Fair – Each year the BCBC addresses key community service objectives by proactively participating with the North Carolina Department of Agriculture on the educational beekeeping exhibit at the Mountain State Fair (which is traditionally held for 10 days beginning the Friday after Labor Day.)

Mentoring – First time members and new beekeepers have the opportunity to be partnered with some of the BCBC's more experienced beekeepers who have volunteered to be mentors.

Member Resources – The BCBC owns an extensive library of educational materials (magazines, books, videos, etc) as well as an extractor, a gazebo, a child's bee suit, a demonstration hive, and a refractometer, which are available for members to use (Some of which require a deposit and/or rental fee.)

Publications - The BCBC publishes a quarterly newsletter. Members are encouraged to receive their copy electronically.

Other Resources

- Browse the Buncombe County Beekeepers Chapter web site at <http://www.wncbees.org/>
- Browse the NC State Beekeepers Association web site at www.ncbeekeepers.org.
- Check the latest research notes or other news from NC State Apiculture Program at <http://www.cals.ncsu.edu:8050/entomology/apiculture/>

Dues and Membership - Membership in the BCBC Runs from January 1 through December 31, and dues of \$10 for individual, \$15 for family, and \$5 for full time students are payable by December 1 for the coming year.

The BCBC encourages its members to join the NC State Beekeepers Association. State members get reduced fees at the two annual conventions and also receive a calendar, quarterly newsletter and the "Yellow Book". The State Association represents our interests at the legislature and keeps us current on beekeeping problems and resolutions. They also donate money for beekeeping research projects. State membership is \$15 (member and spouse.)

Make checks payable to **BCBC**, and mail to: Satchel Loftis, 17 Summer St. Asheville, NC 28804

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