

ACBA meeting  
6-8-17

Welcome

Bee reports (bears?!?) or questions?

Before we turn the meeting over to Greg Fariss, we have a few announcements.

1. If you haven't paid your dues for 2017, you can do that at the break. Dues are \$10/person or \$15/family. You can also pay state dues tonight (\$15/person) or go to the NCSBA (NC State Bee Association) web site ([www.ncbeekeepers.org](http://www.ncbeekeepers.org)) and pay online. State dues are optional, but membership comes with a nice quarterly Bee Buzz magazine and 'to-do' calendar, among other things.
2. If you're a member of the state group, be sure to look in the Summer issue of Bee Buzz and read about Bob Cole, named by NCSBA as one of the 'influential' beekeepers of NC! I have a copy here for anyone who'd like to look at it at the break. Bob was nominated by both our group and the Watauga group.
3. We've lost one of our new beekeepers. Richard Roberts, who came to the class in February with his daughter-in-law, Tina, and had been coming to the meetings, died in an accident on their property last Friday. Jim Rash, one of our members, presided over the service at Badger.
4. If you took the class in February, you can schedule a time in June to come to our bee yard for the practical portion of the certification.

Introduce Greg Fariss, State Apiary Inspector for this area. Presentation - Pests & Diseases

***Greg's presentation.***

Before break, draw for door prizes. Thanks to those who contributed prizes for this month's meeting:

1. Hidden Happiness Bee Farm - frame lifter
2. Bee balm plant
3. Honey dipper
4. Purple coneflower plant

**BREAK**

A few more announcements:

1. The summer state meeting in Winston-Salem next month (July 13-15) will celebrate NCSBA's centennial. Our July meeting falls on the 13th, so I'm planning to go on the 14th. If you register by June 15 (next Thursday) on the NCSBA web site, you'll save \$15. Each chapter has been asked to

donate an item for the silent auction. Helen and I are donating 2 nights in our rental cabin on behalf of the group, and we're asking for donations for a gift basket to be placed in the cabin when the winners claim the stay. Doug Galloway has donated hand-dipped taper candles, and the Watauga group has generously contributed a tea towel, taper candles, and a bar of goat's milk soap.

Items can include gift cards, hand-made items (soap, lotion, etc., etc., etc.), honey, etc. Non-bee-related items are also welcomed. If you know of something you'd like to contribute, please let us know as soon as possible. We don't need the actual item(s) until the stay is claimed sometime after mid-July, but we do need to give the donation info to NCSBA within the next couple of weeks.

2. The honey cookbooks will be picked up at the state meeting next month the day AFTER our July meeting. If you ordered a cookbook and would like to pay tonight, you can (\$20 each); otherwise, you can pay at next month's meeting or at the delivery. We'll bring them to the August meeting, but if you'd like yours before then, let Helen or me know.
3. We've received a request on our web site from Mark Miller for locust honey. If you have any or know someone who does, contact him at 336-977-9360 or [technomage@skybest.com](mailto:technomage@skybest.com).
4. At our next meeting (July 13), Jim Miles of 7 Stands will discuss queen-rearing the old-fashioned way. Jim is currently planning an optional hands-on class for a small fee; the date(s) will be determined based on availability of queen cells and weather.

Adjourn.