



Busy Bees!! Our next meeting is Thurs. MAY the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Meeting will at 193 Thomas Heights Rd, Franklin NC ,(top of the hill). at 7pm...I will be there at 6 setting up, if you would like to come early.

We are excited about our guest speaker **Linda Tillman**; Bee Keeper Linda, as she is known on her Blog. If you Google “Linda’s Bees” you will find it. There is a lot of information here on all topics. A beautiful Top Bar hive is the front page of the latest post. If you have a chance to get to know Linda by reading some of her Blog, please do so. This is a great resource for you new Beekeepers or seasoned beekeepers. Her topic of discussion, at our meeting is going to focus on ‘Simple Tips and Tricks’, this is exciting!! .

Meeting overview from April;

Treasures Report; \$ -----na---- this is my fault-----sorry.

OLD Business:

Nuc’s will need to be paid in full at the April Meeting.

Pick up at Larry’s will be announced as soon as possible, stay posted.

It was WONDERFUL to have several members bring in snacks! Thank you to the Turnquists and the Rodgers families.

Can you bring snacks? Please let me know...

A SECOND CHANCE for you to become a CERTIFIED BEEKEEPER will come in JUNE. We will announce the date and hopefully can get you all together...please let me know if you would like to be included.

NEW Business:

A Swarm List is being put together, please let me know if you would be interested in being on that.

JUNE- speaker will be the one and only BOB BINNIE, he will be speaking on Honey Chemistry, among other things....

Club voted to have Beekeeper Linda join us as the speaker in May.

After the meeting:

Nuc's were gratefully picked up by Larry and were available for pick up at his place Friday after 6, and Saturday. This was all volunteer work by Larry and we are very lucky that he would do this for you to make it easier. Thank you Mr Cooper!

World Bee Day has redone the printable flyer, I will bring one in so we can talk about getting some printed. (spending money)

An event is coming up in May that you might be interested in bring your honey to sell to, come to the meeting for details.

IN the BEEYARD, continue to BOLO for swarm cells, queen cups, queen cell peanuts, and mites. We are close to a flow, get your supers ready, top off the uppers box with syrup, mite count, feeders off, supers on. Yee-haw.

NEW BEEKEEPERS: do you need a mentor? I have some waiting to be assigned to you.

You will need to continue to feed your nucs, follow the 7 out of 10 rule to determine when you can add the second box. Be sure and go slow, don't be a bear. Add second box, place on an angle then straighten, center frames, put feeder in top box if you use that type..cover. FEED until this box is drawn and full

7-10, make sure they don't fill it full of syrup to the point the queen can not go up and lay eggs. Move the filled frames to the outside, drawn comb in the middle not full of honey. Then at this point you can put your undrawn super on to let them draw it out. Keep an eye out for the brood box filling up with bees, if so, put your queen excluder on and super on top of that. NO feeding after this period. More next NL.

## WE have received a request from Members; Sandi and Don Erikson:

Katie, We have friends at the Mountain Retreat and Learning Center on Little Scaly Mountain who are looking for a donation of a bee hive and any equipment folks can spare. This is a church related facility which provides summer camp and adult educational programs. They have an organic garden, a pollinator garden and a perm culture forest.

Can you ask the club members to contact us if they have any equipment they would like to donate.  
([SandiDonn@yahoo.com](mailto:SandiDonn@yahoo.com)) (828) 524-3691)

*And your dues should have been paid by now, the nominal \$10 a year is not a lot when this club needs to have funds to get speakers, buy food, purchase supplies to do the Fair, print out things, order a new banner....thank you.*

We need you! And we are thankful to have EACH and every one of you!

If you are out of town and would like to pay dues, please remit to:

Katie Wall. PO Box 205, Otto, NC 28763. Payable to Macon Bee Club.

*Thank you, Katie; email; [kdbwall@gmail.com](mailto:kdbwall@gmail.com)*

