



Busy Bees!! Our next meeting is Thurs. JUNE the 7th. Meeting will at 193 Thomas Heights Rd, Franklin NC ,(top of the hill). at 7pm...

We are excited about our guest speaker **BOB BINNIE!**; Bob has been beekeeping over 30 years. He is the owner of Blue Ridge Honey Co. in Lakemont, Ga. He will be speaking on the chemistry of honey, among other things.

The Club is taking Bob to dinner at the Thai restaurant, members are welcome to attend Dutch treat.. Please call (asap) -the Thai and add to the 'Bee Club Party', so they can get a count. 349-0973. Meeting there at 5:30.

Larry will be setting the room for the meeting. We will need help setting the snack table. This will be a large turnout, we will need help getting the chairs set up and then the room back in order, if you are available. Thank you!!

Can you bring snacks? That would be great!

- We also will be discussing our JULY 4<sup>th</sup> PICNIC, we have had it at the Extension office, less flies. And sometimes we have it at the Greenway. We will have a vote. If you are not attending the meeting send in your vote to me. This Picnic is our mid-year social. Family is invited. The Club supplies the all beef patties from Brass Town, hot dogs, buns, condiments, the paper

products, ice, and drinks. Members are asked to bring a dish to share, salads, sides, deserts, fruits, etc.

- IF we decide to have it at the Greenway, remember it is hot, and has flies. Your dish might need to on a dish of ice and have a cover.
- In the past we have had a gas grill or two brought to cook on..do you have one to bring? Two would be great. Please let me know.
- This 'picnic' meeting is a good time for an Extractor Class, if you are interested, let us know. Everyone teaches this class!

Meeting overview from April;

Minutes were submitted by Secretary Karen:

Treasures Report; \$ --3,241.75----Paul Farley

#### OLD Business:

Oh my goodness! Bee Keeper Linda was so informative, and full of energy. She spoke on so many things, we all learned something new, or another way to something old. Stay tuned to her blog at [Beekeeperlinda.blogspot.com](http://Beekeeperlinda.blogspot.com). Thank you Linda you were delightful! She is the President of the Georgia State Beekeepers, they would like you to join, \$15 year, [www.gabeekeeping.org](http://www.gabeekeeping.org) lots of information and events.

A large crowd was in attendance, lots of great snacks, like fresh strawberries were brought in by beekeepers. Thank you all, sooo nice.

- Tim Burrell still has items to sell, I will send an updated list....
- A SECOND CHANCE for you the 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. IF we don't have at least five signed up, we will postpone.

### NEW Business:

- The Summer NCSBA is fast approaching. JULY 19-21. Hendersonville/Flat Rock, NC in the Blue Ridge Community College. Lots to do, and learn. The testing for the Certified Beekeepers program will be done too. Go to [www.ncbeekeepers.org](http://www.ncbeekeepers.org) .
- A printable flyer was approved by the officers to be handed out for the upcoming World Bee Day. We also ordered new cards. Pick some up.
- The Tractor Farm/ Market Day was awesome had two members selling items.

### After the meeting;

IN the BEE-YARD, continue to BOLO for swarm cells, queen cups, queen cell peanuts, and mites. We are in a dearth, as there is no real nectar producing plants blooming right now. Keep an eye on the food stores, 3-4 is recommended for a 10 frame box. You might need to feed your bees. Pollen? The wax moth and hive beetles will need to be on your radar. Manage your hive. You should have goals your hive needs to meet to prepare them for Winter.

### **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.

Note about the above: The CLUB has tabled a motion to donate monies to the Mountain, due to there being a “church” related facility....BUT this does not mean that MEMBERS cannot donate bee items to them. They are not asking for brand

new items either, that would be nice, but are able and willing to repair used boxes, etc.. AND, their goal is to be up and running next Spring as they are preparing for their bees, studying and learning about beekeeping. SO, they are going to need bees this spring, please let me know if you would like to help these young people. Ben is the Mountain 'Bee contact' [ben.galindo@themountainrlc.org](mailto:ben.galindo@themountainrlc.org)

Don and Sandi will be able to take items at the meeting if you want to bring anything. And I will be going up there with some items the week of the 11<sup>th</sup>. Be happy to have you along or pick up items. Katie

*Note: 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 ,community service....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.

### Classified Section:

Larry has these items for sale:

- 275 gallon tote clean and ready to go. \$75.00
  - 3 cases of qt jars no lids . new 8.00 a case
- Contact Larry at [honeybees854@gmail.com](mailto:honeybees854@gmail.com)

Katie has these items for sale:

- VIVO Electric Four 4 Frame Stainless Steel Honey Extractor (BEE-V004E)  
\$300 -[kdbwall@gmail.com](mailto:kdbwall@gmail.com)

