



Alamance County Beekeepers

November 2018 Newsletter

Monthly Meeting

November 15 | Ag Building | 7:00 p.m.

Lessons Learned

Presented by AC beekeepers
in their first three years

This is always a spirited evening of give and take, as we hear how new and relatively new beekeepers have fared this year, and offer pats on the back, condolences, and tips for future.

Come share your experiences and your knowledge with your fellow beekeepers, and learn something new!

This will be our last monthly meeting of 2018.



Message from Ira

Where did our year go?? It's hard to believe November is here and this is our last meeting of the year. This meeting is fun and educational; we will hear from new beekeepers and not-so-new beekeepers on their experiences this year. Yes, we all make mistakes, the key is to learn from those mistakes. I hope we ALL learn something at this meeting.



It's been a weird weather year.....that's for sure!! I hope you have checked your mite load, honey stores and have everything on the winter checklist done. With all of the rain we have had, it might be a good idea to check on how much honey your hives have left. We have a long way to go before spring and your bees might need some additional food stores.

Your club officers will be meeting during the first part of December to plan our programs for 2019. I want to thank everyone for their time and dedication to making 2018 a great year for the Alamance County Beekeepers. By the time you read this, the State Fair participants will have met to discuss and plan what we are going to do in October 2019. Win 1st place will probably be on that list. Congrats again to the people that submitted an entry and those that brought home a ribbon.

Look forward to seeing you soon !!!!

Ira

Membership Renewal

It's that time of year again!
Time to renew your membership in your local beekeeping groups. Dues are \$10 for ACBA, and \$15 for NCSBA.



Officer Election Time

Please consider volunteering for one of the officer positions we'll be voting on at our November meeting. Nominate yourself or someone else.



The three-year director position must be filled every year. That person serves for three years, first as three-year director, then as two-year, and then as one-year.

If you think you'd like to try your hand at some newslettering, hold your hand up.

And if you'd like to help with some webmastering using WordPress, hold your hand up!

You can develop skills, and use the ones you've got. All to a good end.

And remember ... Volunteering for your beekeeping organization gives you a great opportunity to learn more about keeping bees!



Current Officers for 2018

- President : Ira Poston
- Vice-President : Mike Ross
- Recording Secretary : Sheyenne Michelizzi
- Treasurer : Zivon Price
- Program Chair : Caitlin Vatikiotis-Bateson
- One-year Director : Randy Stinson
(will be replaced by Paul Jollay in 2019)
- Two-year Director : Paul Jollay
(will be replaced by Chuck Couch in 2019)
- Three-year Director : Chuck Couch
(will be replaced by new nominee)
- Webmaster : Geoff Leister
- Newsletter : Cynthia Pierce

Speaking of Talents and Volunteering ...

Ira, Mike Ross, Paul Jollay, Cynthia Pierce, Zivon Price, Geoff Leister, Jennifer Welsh, Caitlin Vatikiotis-Bateson, and Sheyenne Michelizzi met on the evening of November 6



to talk about next year's state fair. Sheyenne and Zivon have been leading this effort for the last few years, and they *know* that we can come away with a record number of blue ribbons next year. Please consider what your talents are, and think about what you'd want to enter in the fair next year ... [a craft, a food item, honey, wax](#). The entry process will be taken care of by team M&Z ... You just have to offer your talents and creativity. This topic will be revisited in the months to come! Stay tuned! In the meantime, think *Beetopia* ...

Bees in the News

Click on the headline to read the article.

[Answer Man: Are 'killer bees' in the mountains?](#) John Boyle, Asheville Citizen Times, 10/1/2018. A reader asks whether the stinging insects that got him and his horse in Pisgah National Forest were Africanized bees ...

[National Honey Report](#), USDA, 10/25/2018.

[November, Winter 2018-19 Temperature Outlook: Cold in the South, Mild in the West](#), Linda Lam, The Weather Channel, 10/31/2018.

October's Meeting

[Ben Dictus](#) talked to us about the work of [Bee Downtown](#), and about his job as lead beekeeper, maintaining 100 hives of bees in 28 locations around the Triangle. The organization does not offer a product ... not bees, not honey, not wax ... but they do offer engagement and experience to people who might have little to no knowledge about honey bees. Thank you, Ben Dictus, for a very interesting presentation!



Wayne Foulks, of the search committee, talked about the slate of candidates, so far, for next month's election. Cynthia encouraged any interested person to consider becoming the newsletter editor next year.



New ACBA wearable gear is starting to come in ... Sheyenne showed us the new polos and tees ... Visors and other items will be on the way.



Calendar

State Fair Interest Group
11/6/2018 @ the Ag Building

ACBA Officers meet to plan 2019 programs
12/4/2018

Alamance County Beekeeping Class
1/22 - 3/12, 2019

3/1 - 3/2, 2019
NCSBA Spring Conference
Monroe, NC



This Month in the Bee Yard

Courtesy of Nancy Ruppert

- Plant (in October and November) herbaceous perennials for future nectar/pollen sources.
- Combine weak or failing hives.
- Feed 2:1 syrup if needed for winter stores.
- Work on ventilation and insulation.



<https://growingsmallfarms.ces.ncsu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/CALENDAR-FOR-BEEKEEPING-IN-CENTRAL-NORTH-CAROLINA.pdf?fwd=no>



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