



# Alamance County Beekeepers

June 2021 Newsletter

## Message from Ira



I'm sure you've checked on your hives and/or honey supers. Some people have already extracted and the results have been good. I just left some hives in the mountains (hopefully to get some Sourwood honey).

We are continuing to have our Zoom meetings, but on August 14th we will have our Ice Cream Social at Don Moore's home. Then we are looking at what to do for the rest of the year. Maybe we can meet at the Ag building!! Stay tuned, we will let you know as soon as possible.

-Ira

*Don't forget - as a dues paying member of the Alamance County Beekeepers, you have access to the club extractor! Reach out to us if you need it.*

After many years of service to the club, Geoff Leister has stepped down from being the webmaster. His role is being transitioned to Jay Rimmer. Geoff is still very much an active member of the club, and we thank him for all of the hard work he has put in over the years, and all the wonderful additions he has made to our online presence. We wish the best of luck to the two of them as they adjust to their new roles!

## June Meeting Info - June 17th 7pm [link](#)



Our June program features Dr. Jamie Ellis. In his presentation, Dr. Ellis will discuss online resources for beekeepers.

Dr. Jamie Ellis is the Gahan Endowed Professor of Entomology in the Entomology and Nematology Department at the University of Florida. At the University of Florida, Ellis has responsibilities in extension, instruction and research related to honey bees. Regarding his extension work, Ellis created the UF, South Florida, and Caribbean Bee Colleges, and the UF Master Beekeeper Program. As an instructor, Ellis supervises Ph.D. and masters students in addition to offering an online course in apiculture. Ellis and his team conduct research projects in the fields of honey bee husbandry, conservation and ecology, and integrated crop pollination.

*Click above link to join or, Meeting ID: 885 4362 8555*

*Passcode: 548683. Past meetings can be found in the members section of our website. Can't log in? Find your local dial in number here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88543628555>*

## Notes from the May Meeting

Jennifer Berry presented some VERY helpful and insightful information. The officers strongly recommend that our club members view the video in our meeting archives to glean from her presentation!

Don't forget - as a member of Alamance County Beekeepers, you have access to past zoom recordings - we strongly encourage you to watch this one! The members only section of our website can be accessed [here](#), and the password is in the email sent to members with this newsletter.

As always, if there's something you would like to see in the newsletter, or you have photos, articles, accomplishments, questions, etc, you'd like to add - email us! We can always be reached at [alamancecountybeekeepers@gmail.com](mailto:alamancecountybeekeepers@gmail.com) or now at [newsletter@alamancebeekeepers.org](mailto:newsletter@alamancebeekeepers.org)

## **Membership Renewals and Contact Info**

Don't forget to renew your membership so you can keep receiving the newsletter and club updates from us! You can do it online through our website [here](#), or you can download the application and mail us a check. Our club relies on our dues to keep our programs available!

As a 501(c)3, we are also able to accept donations. Donations can be accepted a few different ways, feel free to reach out for more information.

*Our club has a new mailing address! If you should have any need for a mailing address for the club, it is:*

Alamance County Beekeepers  
PO Box 512  
Snow Camp, NC 27349

It is now even easier to get in touch with us! While our main email address ([alamancecountybeekeepers@gmail.com](mailto:alamancecountybeekeepers@gmail.com)) remains in effect, each of our officers has their own club email address. We hope that this makes it easier for you to get in touch with who you need to quickly. They should be fairly intuitive, but they are:

[president@alamancebeekeepers.org](mailto:president@alamancebeekeepers.org)  
[vp@alamancebeekeepers.org](mailto:vp@alamancebeekeepers.org)  
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## **In-person Meetings are on Hiatus, But Virtual Learning Isn't!**

Beekeeping Webinars: Live and recorded online presentations by the NC State Apiculture Program, <https://entomology.ces.ncsu.edu/apiculture/beekeeping-webinars/>

Stay at Home Beekeeping Series: Distance Learning for Beekeeping Clubs, Alabama Extension, <https://www.aces.edu/blog/topics/bees-pollinators/stay-at-home-beekeeping-series-distance-learning-for-beekeeping-clubs/>

*From our members... continued!!*

Last month we had so many photo submissions, we missed a few ... so explanations and more info to come!



*From our officers...*



A group of folks (officers and friends of the club) teamed up to take hives to the mountains ... come on SOURWOOD!

*(photo credit: Ira Poston)*

## A Mike Ross Adventure



From top left: Mike Ross begins to cut open the hollowed out portion of the tree containing the colony; Mike checks the status of the colony after opening up the log.; The tree hit the ground with such force that combs broke and spilled honey all over bees and brood; comb ready to go into brood box; Bees mostly all in their new home; Bees checking out their potential new home; Inside the portion containing most of the comb. Unfortunately, many bees were killed in the impact by detached comb and nectar.



Based on the bark details, Mike's guess is that this White Ash was killed by Emerald Ash Borer.



*Thank you to Mike Ross and Reid Cardwell for the photos and captions, and to Geoff Leister for compiling and sending in!*

## Bees in the News

[Study shows that non-active, inert ingredients in Roundup brand herbicide have larger impact on bee deaths than glyphosate](#)

[Survey-derived best management practices for backyard beekeepers improve colony health and reduce mortality](#)

[A Vaccine To Save The Bees: New Treatment Provides Immunity From Some Pesticides](#)

[Beemunity](#)

[Fungus fights mites that harm honey bees](#)

[Directed evolution of Metarhizium fungus improves its biocontrol efficacy against Varroa mites in honey bee colonies](#)

[Scientists follow the bees to learn about colony survival](#)

## This Month in the Bee Yard

- Main nectar flow starts to dwindle---fewer supers needed, unless sourwood nearby: if in area of sourwood, consider harvesting available honey before mid-June sourwood flow to ensure more “pure” sourwood crop.
- If honey being harvested, put “wet” supers back on hives late in day to limit robbing.
- Can start late-season splits during last half of June; **feed splits initially, even if there is nectar available**
- Continue measures to control small hive beetle population.
- Keep water for bees constantly available.
- Make plans for attending NCSBA Summer Meeting in mid-July.

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



*THE STATE FAIR IS COMING!!!*



We are so excited about being able to put together a ribbon-getting, eye-catching, educational booth this year at the State Fair!!

Did you know...

... that in addition to personal entries, entries can be made under the club as well?

... there are a bunch of categories to choose from including honey, wax crafts, food, mead, cosmetics, quilts, etc (just to mention a few!!)?

... the more entries we have from club members, the better the club's booth places?

... there are tons of ways you can get involved, even if you don't do 'crafts'?

If you are interested in learning about more ways to get involved, want to volunteer, or have an idea for an entry, please email [Sheyenne](#) for more info.

We look forward to an awesome booth this year!!



#### Officers for 2021

President : Ira Poston  
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