



Alamance County Beekeepers

December 2021 / January 2022 Newsletter

Message from Ira



I hope everyone had a great Christmas and a Happy New Year !!

I'm sure you are making repairs to your old equipment and/or assembling new equipment getting ready for the spring build up.

Don't forget to pay your dues. Also, since we are now a 501c3 non-profit organization, you can make a tax deductible contribution to Alamance County Beekeepers.

We had a good planning meeting on December 7th. We are looking forward to an exciting year in 2022. We are going to hold our Beginning Beekeeping Class beginning on January 27th. It's going to be zoom again, so anyone needing a refresher, make sure your internet and computer are in fine shape.

Our January speaker is going to be Lewis Cauble (a state apiary inspector). He will be talking about Swarms/Splits and of course he will talk about checking and treating the Varroa Mite.

Again, enjoy the Holidays and hope to see you in January.

-Ira

Thank you to our generous donor for their donation of \$500 to the club!! These funds help us to provide programming, educational resources, equipment, etc to our members, and help to provide resources to our community. THANK YOU!

2020 NCSBA Golden Achievement Program

A big Thank You! to all that helped gather pictures, records, and accounts for our club's entry into the 2020 GAP submission. While we did NOT get the overall chapter of the year designation, we were able to meeting the minimum qualifications and receive a \$300 as well as numerous other prizes. These prizes will be raffled off to club members during this year's meetings. This was a massive undertaking and quite the accomplishment! See <https://www.ncbeekeepers.org/chapters/gap> for more info and guidelines if you are unfamiliar with this program.



January Meeting - Thursday, January 20th 7pm

Link [here](#)

Most of our members know this month's speaker, but here's a great article on him and his family for a bit more background: <https://news.campaign.ncsu.edu/2018/12/like-son-like-father/>

Meeting ID: 838 6087 3640 Passcode: 600223

Past meetings can be found in the members section of our website.

Notes from the November Meeting

November is one of our favourite meetings - a chance to hear and learn from our very own! So great to hear successes and failures from our members.

Don't forget - as a member of Alamance County Beekeepers, you have access to past zoom recordings! The members only section of our website can be accessed [here](#). **due to an error, the October meeting was not recorded. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.*

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 or newsletter@alamancebeekeepers.org

Beginning Beekeeping Class 2022

Class starts January 27th!

We are super excited to be able to host this class virtually again this year. Current members who have taken the class are also welcome to take it for \$10. More information (and links to register!) can be found at:

<https://www.alamancebeekeepers.org/beginning-beekeeper-course/>

Feel free to share with friends and family who might be interested!

Don't Forget!

As a 501(c)3 non-profit you can also support your club while shopping through Amazon Smile! Just go to smile.amazon.com, choose Alamance County Beekeepers, and shop on.

Our club has gotten \$65.22 this year, and every bit helps support our club!

This month in the bee yard...

- Combine hives that are weak/have failing queens.
- Feed thick syrup, candy board or fondant if needed (i.e., if not more than one super of honey stored up).
- Consider insulating smaller hives (those with 4 or fewer frames of bees).
- Consider single dose of oxalic acid late in Dec. (while hive's likely broodless) to clean up residual varroa.
- Sell honey to Christmas gift shoppers.
- Year-end review/assessment of apiary success/challenges.
- Leave bees alone, if possible. (Take a break---you probably need it by now!)

<https://www.ncbeekeepers.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/CALENDAR-FOR-BEEKEEPING-IN-CENTRAL-NORTH-CAROLINA2020.pdf>

Membership Renewals and Contact Info

It's time to renew for 2022! 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!

And don't forget - you must be a current member to retake the Beginning Beekeeper Class for \$10.

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) 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.



Officers for 2022

President : Ira Poston
Vice President : Mike Ross
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