

Member Information

Buncombe County Beekeepers Chapter (BCBC)

2015

Mission: The mission of the Buncombe County Beekeepers Chapter is:

“to pursue together all matters relating to honeybees and the beekeeping industry for the benefit of the members and the general public.”

Chapter Objectives:

- Promote improved beekeeping management methods among beekeepers;
- Maintain friendly and helpful relations among members;
- Provide educational resources related to beekeeping for the general public ;
- Develop and sustain markets for beekeeping products.

Monthly Meetings – the first Monday of the month at the community room of Groce United Methodist Church 954 Tunnel Rd, Asheville, NC with several exceptions: July and December

Executive board Meetings - On the first Saturday of June each year the BCBC sponsors a Field Days, generally held at the Swannanoa 4-H camp or the home of a member and in December the Executive Board meets to plan, review and conduct business. Chapter members are welcome to attend the Executive Board meetings

Bee School – The Center for Honey Bee Research, an affiliate of BCBC presents an annual school for beekeepers on the beginner, intermediate or advanced level. Stay tuned to the website for further information.

North Carolina Mountain State Fair –BCBC participates with the NC Department of Agriculture on the educational beekeeping exhibit at the September Mountain State Fair (which is traditionally held for 10 days beginning the Friday after Labor Day.)

Mentoring –This begins by coming a half hour early to monthly meetings for one-on-one with more experienced beekeepers, with active participation on the club’s Facebook page (Buncombe County Beekeepers Chapter BCBC), (where questions can be posed and answered) with photo evidence, and the opportunity to be partnered with an experienced beekeeper. Offer to help in their bee yard and you’ll learn a whole lot!

Member Resources – The BCBC owns two extractors, an observation/demonstration hive, a bee cage, a child’s bee suit, educational posters and a refractometer, which are available for members to use (Some of which require a deposit and/or rental fee.) Members receive a written list of membership with phone numbers.

Publications – With the advent of the computer we invite you to view our blog (link through the website) Other electronic mailings and email notifications will come to your email address.

Other Resources:

- Browse the Buncombe County Beekeepers Chapter web site at <http://www.wncbees.org/>
- Browse the NC State Beekeepers Association web site at www.ncbeekeepers.org .
- Check the latest research notes or other news from NC State Apiculture Program at <http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/entomology/apiculture/>

Dues and Membership - Membership in the BCBC Runs from January 1 through December 31. Individual dues of \$10, Junior memberships (16 yrs and under) free, and \$5 for full time students (ages 17-24) are payable by December 1 for the coming year.

BCBC encourages its members to join the NC State Beekeepers Association. State members get reduced fees at the two annual conventions and also receive a calendar, quarterly newsletter and the “Yellow Book”. The State Association represents our interests at the legislature and keeps us current on beekeeping problems and resolutions. They also donate money for beekeeping research projects. State membership is \$15. You may write one check for both chapter and state dues. Make checks payable to BCBC, and mail to: Buncombe County Beekeepers, PO Box 785. Asheville, NC

2015 Board Members – the list of current board members can be viewed at:

<http://wncbees.org/about-bcbc/>