

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL BCBA MEMBERS

The next meeting will be Monday, January 9, 2017 at 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the Maryville Church of Christ, 611 Sherwood Dr. Maryville, Tn

Charlie Parton will be speaking on What We Should Know About Our Bees Now. He will also include Seasonal Management for January.

I want to say a big THANK YOU to all who participated in our Annual Auction, to the ones who donated articles and to the ones who bought articles as well We raised over \$950.00 to be used for Grants and Scholarships for New Beekeepers.

The BCBA board presented a slate of officer nominations at the October meeting. Voting on the officers for 2017 was conducted during the November meeting. Your Officers for 2017 are as follows:

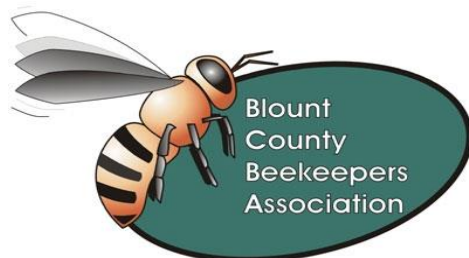


Chuck Davis, President
Mark Evans, Vice President
Mark Ford, Secretary
Bernie McGraw, Treasurer
Luke Newman, Director
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Seasonal management tips will also be part of the program.

As always, our meetings are free and open to the public. Invite a friend to come along with you.

Even if the friend isn't interested in becoming a beekeeper, we always have lively, friendly discussions about what we should be doing with our bees.



A MESSAGE FROM CHUCK DAVIS

A new year is upon us and with that you get a new President for the Blount County Beekeepers Association. Just a quick note about myself. Even though my father and grandfather have kept bees for years, I am a relatively new beekeeper. I am beginning my 4th winter with my bees so I will need to depend on the more experienced beekeepers in the club for advice and direction

I started like many of you with 2 hives and over the past 3 years, I have been able to grow to as many as 30 hives. During the dearth of this past summer, I lost a few hives and I have 17 hives going into this Fall. Hopefully by time Spring gets here, none of us will lose too many hives and we will be able to see an exciting honey season.

I am excited about my new role in the BCBA and look forward to great participation and to a great year. See you the 2nd Monday of the month and we should have an interesting program for everyone.

Chuck Davis

BCBA DUES are DUE

It is time to pay our 2017 dues. You may pay them at the meeting by check (preferably) or cash to Bernie our Treasurer. Better still you can send your dues in by mail to:

Bernie McGraw
1220 Havenwood Drive
Maryville, TN 37804

PACKAGE BEES & NUC'S

Now is the time to order bees if you want to get them early in the spring. Howard Kerr and Coley O'Dell have informed me they are taking orders now.


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Oxalic vaporizers available

The BCBA now has three oxalic acid vaporizers for use by members, .

Oxalic acid has become a popular way to treat beehives for varroa mites during this time of year. If you have never used one before, call Harlen Breeden and he can instruct you how to use it safely.

The vaporizers can be reserved by calling Noelle Cleverly at 865-389-0160

Place an ad in the BCBA newsletter

Have a product or a service to sell? Consider placing an ad in the BCBA newsletter. A business card size ad is \$40 a year, with a 20 percent discount if you are a BCBA member. That makes it only \$32 a year. Contact Harlen Breeden (harlenbreeden@att.net) or one of the BCBA officers.

THANKS

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that helped me the last two years. I would like to call each one of you out by name but I may leave someone out. I have enjoyed serving as your President. My goal was to do the best I could for BCBA. As Chuck assumes his new position be sure to help when he asks for volunteers and support him. This will make it easier for him. As I take on the responsibility of creating the newsletter each month I would like to ask you to take pictures of anything pertaining to bees and beekeeping that might be of interest to others and send them to me with a short description and as room permits I will put it in the newsletter. I have also started a group on Facebook called Blount County Beekeepers. I invite each of you to join it for it can be a place where we can ask questions and set meaningful discussions that may help others.

Harlen

Bee inspectors

It's the state law to have your beehives registered, so don't neglect this important duty.

If you want them inspected, below is a list of association bee inspectors. There is no cost for this service. If you are planning to move the hives, they must be inspected.

Current inspectors:

Stacey Adair, 983-6223
Harlen Breeden, 719-1828
Stephanie Tarwater, 293-6229
Dennis Barry, 414-2116
Dale Hinkle, 423-261-5234
Charlie Parton, 984-3059
José Ashbrook, 258-8636
Ricky Bailey, 865-250-8123

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865-566-3690

Mark Evans, Vice President
865-310-9403

Bernie McGraw, Treasurer
865-984-1005

Mark Ford, Secretary
865-603-2016

Harlen Breeden, Alt,
Officer/Web
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