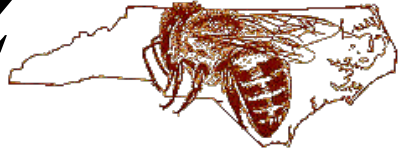


The North Carolina ***BEE BUZZ***



Editor: Dr. Mike Stanghellini

Vol. 24, No. 2

June 2002

This issue includes:

NCSBA Summer Convention Schedule	- page 2
Meeting Speaker Profiles	- page 4
Special Activities at the Summer Convention	- page 5
Message from the NCSBA President	- page 6
Update on the Availability of Terramycin	- page 8
Beekeeping Reports from Around the State	- page 9
Photo images of the 2002 NCSBA Spring Convention	- page 10
Changes in the NC Master Beekeeper Program	- page 12
Advertisers who support the BUZZ	- page 15-17
Map for 2002 NCSBA Summer Convention	- page 18
Registration Form for the NCSBA Summer Meeting	- page 19

Please see the bottom of page 19 for special information concerning hotel registration for the Summer Convention in Thomasville, NC

**the official newsletter of
The North Carolina State Beekeepers Association**

**2003 JOINT NORTH CAROLINA – SOUTH CAROLINA BEEKEEPERS
ASSOCIATION SPRING CONVENTION**

(TENTATIVE SCHEDULE)

Rockingham, NC 14-15 March 2003

FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2003

12:00 Noon – 7:00 pm Meeting Registration

1:00 – 4:00 pm Introductory & Intermediate Short Courses
Various Instructors and Topics

Evening Session

6:30 pm Reception hosted by Davidson County Bee Chapter

7:15 Welcome & Door Prizes – Don Moore, NCSBA President

7:30 Bee Bowl: Davidson Co. vs. Brunswick Co.

8:00 Entertainment (to be announced)

8:45 NCDA&CS Bee Inspector Reports

SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2003

Morning Session

8:00 am Registration for late arrivals

8:05 am Welcome and Door Prizes – Don Moore, NCSBA President

8:20 “Beekeeping Abroad” – Dr. Wyatt Mangum

9:15 “NCSU Research Update” – Dr. Mike Stanghellini, NCSU

9:40 “Bees and the Public” – Don Moore, NCSBA President

10:00 BREAK (Beverages)

10:45 “Varroa Control: The Brazilian Approach” – Dr. David DeJong

11:15 “Master Beekeeper Program” – Dr. Mike Hood, Clemson

12:00 Noon . . . **LUNCH** (on your own)

FRIDAY, JULY 19, 2002 (continued)

Afternoon session 1:30 – 5:00 pm

Workshops and Activities Include:

- Selling Honey: How to Find Your Market (Jack Tapp)
- Successful Queen Rearing (Roy Weaver)
- Photography in the Bee Yard (Norman Faircloth)
- Making Meads and Melomels (Lowell Perry)
- Medicinal Uses of Hive Products in Brazil (David DeJong)
- Written Tests for the Master Beekeeper Program (Master Beekeepers)
- Practical Tests for Certified & Journeyman Levels (bring veil & smoker)

Evening Session

7:00 pm Banquet

Awards Ceremony: Person of the Year
 Extension Worker of the Year
 Contest Winners

Special Ceremony: Initiation Ceremony for new NC Master
 Beekeepers and new/re-certified Master
 Craftsman Beekeepers

SATURDAY, JULY 20, 2002

- 8:20 am Welcome and Door Prizes – Don Moore, NCSBA President
- 8:45 “Buckfast and Africanized Honey Bees in Texas”
 - Roy Weaver, R. Weaver Apiaries, TX
- 9:25 “Teaching Non-Beekeepers about Honey Bees”
 - John Brittle, Craven-Pamilco Beekeeper
- 9:55 “Cooperative Extension Efforts in North Carolina”
 - Dr. Joe Zublena, NCSU
- 10:20 Break – Beverages and winning entries from Cooking with
 Honey Contest
- 10:50 “To be announced”
- 11:25 NCSBA Business Session
- 12:00 Noon **Adjourn until 2003 Spring Convention**

NCSBA 2002 Summer Convention Speaker Profiles and Topics

Dr. David DeJong is a Professor of Genetics and Evolution at the University of Sao Paulo in Brazil. He will be presenting information on Africanized honey bees and non-chemical varroa control strategies in Brazil, and will also conduct a workshop on potential medicinal uses of honey bee hive products. David received his Ph.D. from Cornell University, and has a tremendous amount of international beekeeping experience that includes serving as a FAO beekeeping consultant in Honduras, Korea, Mexico, El Salvador, Chile, and British Guyana. You won't want to miss this rare opportunity to meet and chat with David!

Dr. Joe Zublena is the Associate Director for the NC Cooperative Extension Service and Director of County Operations. Joe will be giving a talk on the roles and future of the NC CES and will discuss how beekeepers and extension agents might coordinate a higher level of interaction.

Dr. Mike Stanghellini is the current head of the Apicultural Program at NC State University. Mike will be giving two talks; one will cover changes to be implemented into the NC Master Beekeeper Program, and the other will be an update on bee research at NCSU.

Don Moore is the President of the NCSBA. He will be giving a talk on ways to educate beekeepers, experienced or new, and the general public.

Lowell Perry is a North Carolina State Fair award-winner in the mead categories. Lowell will be running a workshop on how to make mead and melomels (mead fortified with fruit juice).

Jack Tapp owns and operates a successful pollination service and honey packing facility in Chapel Hill, NC. He will be running a workshop on how to enhance your marketing skills to optimize your honey sales.

Roy Weaver owns and operates R. Weaver Apiaries in Texas. He will be giving a talk on his Buckfast operation and the impact of Africanized bees in Texas, and will also be conducting a workshop on successful queen rearing.

Norman Faircloth is an expert photographer and has taught photography at the college level. He will be running a workshop on how to take great photographs of honey bees and other related subjects.

John Brittle is the newest NC Master Beekeeper. John has developed and will share a slide presentation for teaching the general public about honey bees and beekeeping.

NCDA&CS Bee Inspectors will report on what is happening in apiaries across North Carolina. Inspectors are: Don Hopkins (State Apiarist), Adolphus Leonard (Eastern, NC), Jack Hanel (Western, NC), Will Hicks (Central, NC), Bill Sheppard (South Central, NC), and Richard Lippard (Southwest, NC).

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AT THE 2002 SUMMER CONVENTION

CONTESTS: One of the highlights of the annual NCSBA Summer Convention is the variety of contests for beekeepers and those interested in bees. Following is a brief summary of the contests at this year's convention. For more complete details on any of the events, write to Dr. Mike Stanghellini, NCSBA, Box 7626, NCSU, Raleigh, NC 27695-7626 OR email: mike_stanghellini@ncsu.edu

1. **Honey Competition:** This is the 26th year for this very popular contest, and categories include extracted honey, comb honey, cut comb honey, and creamed honey. All honey must have been made in the past 12 months, and **three** containers of each entry are required. Judging is identical to that used at the N.C. State Fair. A grand prize of \$25 and ribbons for each category will be awarded. One container from each entry **will be kept** by the judges for the NCSU apiculture program.
2. **Cooking with Honey Contest:** Entries for this contest are solicited, and categories include any cooked or uncooked food (including beverages) made with honey. Recipes must be submitted with all entries. A grand prize of \$25 will be awarded, and ribbons will be awarded for each category.
3. **Gadget Show/Contest:** This contest is open for any homemade gadgets, devices, or inventions relating to beekeeping. Entries should be the design and property of the entrant and will be judged on creativity, workmanship, and practicality. A description of each gadget and its use must be included with the entry. The grand prize is a \$25 gift certificate (Forrest Gadget Award) from Brushy Mountain Bee Farm. Ribbons will also be awarded.
4. **NCSBA Audi Visual Beekeeping Contest:** Entries may include slide sets and scripts or audio tapes or videotapes on bees and beekeeping. The grand prize is a \$50 savings bond from Sheppard's Bee Farm. Ribbons will also be awarded. All entries should be mailed no later than July 9, 2002 to Dr. Mike Stanghellini, NCSU, Box 7626, Raleigh, NC 27695-7626.

- Notes:**
- (1) Entries for all contests (except audiovisual) must be received at the NCSBA convention by 9:00 a.m. on July 19, 2002.
 - (2) Any individual or family registrant at the Summer 2002 NCSBA Convention is eligible to enter any of the above contests. Entries will not be accepted from anyone who is not registered for the convention.
 - (3) A complete set of rules for judging Contest #1 and Contest #2 above may be obtained by writing to Dr. Mike Stanghellini (address listed at top of page).

NCSBA AUCTION (Silent Auction): This auction is a fund raiser for the NCSBA's Apicultural Science Fund which is used to support bee research at NC State University. Current research projects include: non-chemical control of varroa mites and the effect of small hive beetles on bees and control of the pest.

You can support this fund in one of two ways. Either purchase some of the items for sale or donate an appropriate item for the auction. Donated auction items can be either bee-related items or items of general interest to beekeepers and their spouses at the Summer Convention. If you itemize your taxes then you can take a tax deduction. You can obtain a receipt for that amount after the auction. The auction will be a silent auction – no auctioneer. Items will be placed on tables with cards for “written” bids. You can bid anytime from the start of the meeting until the break on Saturday morning.

A Note from Don Moore, President of the NCSBA

Spring Meeting. Our spring meeting in Supply, N.C., hosted by the Brunswick County beekeepers was very well attended. Our records show we had 267 people attend the two-day event. The Brunswick County beekeepers did a superb job in planning, coordinating and executing the many details involved in sponsoring an annual meeting. For this, we offer our sincere thanks for a job well done.

Honey Bee Costume. Several years ago, the NCSBA purchased a honey bee costume for use at one of the N.C. State Fair events. The costume has been used at several other events by our chapters. The costume is available for use at fairs, heritage day events or any other public affair in which we want to tell people about honey bees. It is a little warm in the summer days, but certainly is an attention-getter. The costume is in a rather large box which can be sent via UPS. On occasions it has even been sent via the state courier system. If you would like to use it at one of your events, let me know and we will work out the details.

APB List. On occasions I have felt a need to quickly communicate to as many beekeepers as I can. I have a sizeable list of e-mail addresses in my beekeeper address book and have sent several e-mails to that list. I have referred to those e-mails as APBs - "all points bulletin". If you have not received any of those messages and would like to be on the list, please send me your e-mail address. My email address is: dlmoore1@bellsouth.net.

Demo Hives. Hopefully, the demonstration (observation) hives that were completed and distributed last year have been put to good use. We produced 16 during that first production. Moon Mullins, Gaston County chapter member donated the lumber for the first units and Ted Bowen, Alamance County chapter member, and fine craftsman I might add, made the units. Ted has since made several more units and they have all been distributed. He is currently making another batch that should be available by the summer meeting. The unit holds one brood frame and is not constructed for bees to exit and reenter the hive. The units are being sold for \$30, a nominal fee that covers the cost of materials. The sole purpose of this effort is to assist our chapters in taking bees to the public, whether to a school, civic or church group, fair, etc. If you would like to purchase one of these hives, let Ted or I know. Our numbers are (336) 449-4458 or (336) 584-3195 respectively.

NCSBA Slides. Have you seen the new NCSBA slide presentation? Last spring the Executive Committee approved the production of an updated slide set that would tell the NCSBA story. We presently have 12 copies and they are distributed to 12 members of our executive committee. If your chapter has not seen the presentation, please contact your regional representative or one of our officers to schedule a presentation. Our goal is to make the presentation to each of our 42 chapters and hopefully when “non-NCSBA” members see it and hear our story, they will want to join and support the largest single state beekeeping association in the U.S. of A.

NCSU Apiculture Position. Budget cuts and reductions at NCSU and the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALs) in particular have prevented the college from filling this position. Until the apiculture position is officially filled, Dr. Mike Stanghellini will continue to serve in apiculture teaching, extension and research roles. Mike is also serving as our Executive Secretary. Yes, unfortunately this is the same status that we reported in the last issue of the BUZZ. The good news is that the position is still on the books and the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences is committed to fill it. The College staff is well aware of the importance of the position to the University’s Apiculture Program, North Carolina beekeepers and foremost to North Carolina agriculture. They also indicated that once the new budget is finalized, they believe they can proceed with filling the position.

Chapter Officer Membership in the NCSBA. We have a “contact” problem and need your help. We print the listing of chapter officers for the Yellow Book from our computer database, maintained by the treasurer. We also print mailing labels for special mailing to our chapter presidents, treasurers, etc from that database. We have very few chapters in which all officers are NCSBA members. We have some chapters in which no officers are NCSBA members. As chartered chapters of the NCSBA we would certainly expect the key officers to be members of the NCSBA. However, we respect their right to be or not to be a member. In the few cases where no officer is a member of the NCSBA, we would suggest the chapter purchase a membership for the Chapter President so we could have someone in our database for contact purposes. Of course, those that aren’t members will not get this BUZZ. Therefore, please raise the issue at your next meeting and assist us in communicating with all NCSBA chapters.

Availability of Terramycin for Foulbrood Control

The following article was written by Keith Tignor, the State Apiarist and Endangered Species Coordinator for the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Several beekeepers have reported unsuccessful attempts to obtain Terramycin for the treatment of foulbrood in their beehives. Catalog suppliers of beekeeping equipment indicate that Terramycin in the soluble powder formulation is not available. This is the 6.4 ounces package of TM-25 formulation. Dadant and Sons, Brushy Mountain Bee Farm and others have sold out of this product. Their supplier, Pfizer Inc., has been unable to fill orders for additional supplies. It appears the manufacturer is not providing this material at this time. Pfizer representatives are in discussions to obtain additional supplies for distribution.

Terramycin SP is widely used in dust, syrup, and extender patty treatments to control American foulbrood. The product contains 25 grams of active ingredient, oxytetracycline, per pound. In response to unavailability of Terramycin SP, beekeepers are turning to alternative suppliers for antibiotics. Formulations of Terramycin for animal use are being purchased from farm and agriculture suppliers. These products are not packaged for use on honeybees and usually contain a higher concentration of active ingredient. Terramycin packaged for animal treatment may contain 50 to 100 grams of active ingredient per pound. A severe problem in brood and adult mortality may develop if beekeepers do not adjust treatment dosage accordingly when using these more potent materials. Users of these animal products should read labels carefully to determine the amount of active ingredient in the package.

Other antibiotics are currently being studied for use against foulbrood. The USDA bee laboratories in Beltsville and Weslaco have been working with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to obtain approval for Tylosin and Lincomycin use in hives. These medications show promising control of American foulbrood and offer an alternative for controlling resistant AFB. However, the earliest approval is not expected until next year. These products should not be used in beehives until such approval is obtained. Studies on contamination of honey and effects on honeybees have not been completed.

Both the Lynchburg office for Dadant and Sons and Brushy Mountain Bee Farm in North Carolina indicate abundant supplies of pre-mix Terramycin are available. This is a mixture of Terramycin and sugar for dusting application. A two pound supply of this product costs between \$8.50 to \$9.50. This quantity would provide 32 treatments at one ounce per hive.

Dusting with Terramycin is the recommended treatment for foulbrood in honeybees. This is the most efficient means of administering the medication. Syrup mixtures may breakdown rapidly. Extender patties should not be used to treat brood diseases. The development of resistant strains of American foulbrood has been link to extender patty use in hives. Beekeepers are encouraged to obtain pre-mix Terramycin formulations from their supplier of beekeeping equipment.

Editor's Note: NCSU, the NCDA&CS, and partner organizations will continue to keep you updated on the changes in Terramycin availability. In addition, you can contact bee equipment suppliers for further information on Terramycin formulations and current availability.

Beekeeping Reports from around the State

The Brunswick County Chapter of the NCSBA was happy to host the Spring Meeting at Brunswick Community College, Odell Williamson Auditorium, on March 15-16, 2002. It was a great success with approximately 250 people present. The classes on Friday afternoon were very interesting and the speakers on Saturday were very well received. The banquet was held on Friday night and was well attended. Meg Scott Phipps, NC Commissioner of Agriculture, was the speaker and did a great presentation. Opening ceremonies on Saturday consisted of a color guard presented by the Boy Scouts from Southport; May Moore, Brunswick County Commissioner, welcomed everyone to Brunswick County; Rev. Larry Horrell gave a short devotional and sang "Let Freedom Ring" which was very moving in light of September 11, 2001. Phil Ricks, County Extension Director, gave a brief talk on beekeeping in Brunswick County.

The gallberry is now in full bloom and we are looking forward to a good honey flow this year. The members in our chapter that have their bees on the blueberries are already taking honey.

The Brunswick County Chapter consists of about 30 members and we have only been in existence for 2 and 1/2 years. We are growing and recruiting new members everywhere we go!

Submitted by: Annette Phelps, Vice President, Brunswick Co. Beekeepers

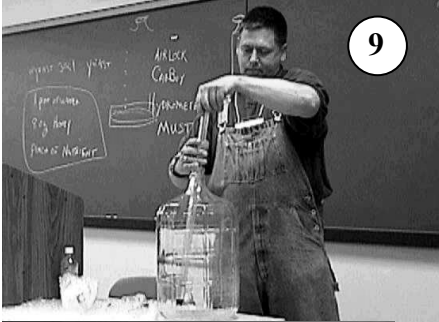
NC 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest Winner

In addition to winning the 4-H beekeeping essay contest in NC, Emily Varney of Spruce Pine has been awarded a Second Place prize for her honey bee essay at the National Level by the Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, Inc. In addition to her North Carolina prize (\$50), Emily will receive \$100 and a book on beekeeping. Her winning essay will be printed in the upcoming NCSBA *YellowBook* for your enjoyment.



2002 NCSBA Spring Convention in Supply, NC, 15-16 March 2002.

(1) Honey plant identification workshop with Logan Williams, NCDA&CS; (2) Cecil Bost, the newest NC Master Craftsman Beekeeper; (3) Dr. Dewey Caron, Univ. of Delaware, sharing his knowledge on varroa thresholds and treatments; (4) Jennifer Keller running the Honey Judging workshop; (5) Fred G. Deer, NCSBA Special Projects committee chair; and (6) Vendor's alley, with Brushy Mountain Bee Farm and other beekeeping equipment suppliers.



(7): Sharon Gibbons from the National Honey Board teaching others how to make honey products; (8) Ms. Wooten describing the latest efforts of the North Carolina Goodness Grows Program; (9) Bill Bailey divulging his mead making secrets; (10) Nabor Mendizabal from Bolivia sharing his research on using grapefruit leaves as smoker fuel to suppress varroa mites; (11) avid readers flocking to a display of beekeeping books for sale by Bob Cole and Ann Harman; (12) Jeffery Hand describing the idyllic nature of his new honey container.

Changes for the NCSBA to Take a More Active Role in the North Carolina Master Beekeeper Program

The NC Master Beekeeper Program is a popular and effective program by which citizens of North Carolina can demonstrate their expertise in beekeeping. Initiated in 1983 by Dr. John T. Ambrose (albeit with considerable prodding by one Fred G. Deer), the program now has four official levels (Certified, Journeyman, Master, and Master Craftsman Beekeeper) and an enrollment that exceeds 3,500 participants. As a testament to the success of the NC Master Beekeeper Program, many other states have modeled their master beekeeper programs after the one developed for North Carolina.

As with all things over time, changes are now needed to keep the NC Master Beekeeper Program running in an efficient and organized manner. Thus, listed below are a number of changes in the administration of several aspects of the Program. These changes are intended to increase the presence and activities of Master and Master Craftsman Beekeepers at the local, county, and state level. Changes are as follows:

1. The Administration of the Program including the development of program requirements, test preparation and grading, the awarding of program level success, and all such administrative activities and duties will remain the responsibility of the Apiculturist at NCSU.
2. The cost for the NC Master Beekeeper Program expenses such as nametags, certificates, medallions, and similar items will be covered by the NCSBA upon approval by the current NCSBA President.
3. The three Directors of the NCSBA will serve as a committee of the NCSBA to coordinate Program activities with the Apiculturist at NCSU.
4. The NCSBA Directors will coordinate the following activities with the NCSU Apiculturist:
 - A. Provide Master Beekeepers, Master Craftsman Beekeepers, and specially qualified Journeyman Beekeepers to teach the beekeeping short courses that are offered in conjunction with the NCSBA Annual Conventions.

- A. Provide Master Beekeepers or Master Craftsman Beekeepers who will attend one or more of any beekeeping short course taught by NCSU. These Master or Master Craftsman Beekeepers will do the following:
- (1) Explain the NC Master Beekeeper Program to the short course attendees and encourage their participation in the Program.
 - (2) Conduct or coordinate the following:
 - (a) Administration of the appropriate written tests at the end of the short course.
 - (b) Administration of the appropriate practical tests at the end of the short course or at a suitable time based on weather conditions.
 - (c) Solicit Master and Master Craftsman Beekeepers to conduct or participate in various bee-related activities of value to the public.
5. The NCSBA Directors should be prepared to present a program to beekeeping chapters and similar groups that are interested in the NC Master Beekeeper Program. The basis for these programs can be the slide set that was developed for the NCSBA. As associated goal is for the Directors to train all Master and Master Craftsman Beekeepers to present such programs.
6. The NCSBA Directors should work with the NCSU Apiculturist to identify training topics and activities that would be of value to all Master and Master Craftsman Beekeepers, as well as topics of interest to all program participants.
7. The NCSBA Directors should work with the NCSU Apiculturist to develop and conduct appropriate ceremonies at the NCSBA Annual Conventions to acknowledge beekeepers as they advance through the various levels of the NC Master Beekeeper Program.
8. Additional areas of cooperation between the NCSU Apiculturist and the NCSBA Directors can be developed upon agreement of both organizations.

Additional changes in the Master Beekeeper Program: Master Beekeeper Exams

The objective of the NC Master Beekeeper Program has been to establish a forum by which citizens of NC can demonstrate their competence and expertise in beekeeping. Progression through the ranks from Certified to Master Craftsman Beekeeper involves many long hours of public service, demonstration of specialized beekeeping skills, and, of course, various written, practical, and oral examinations.

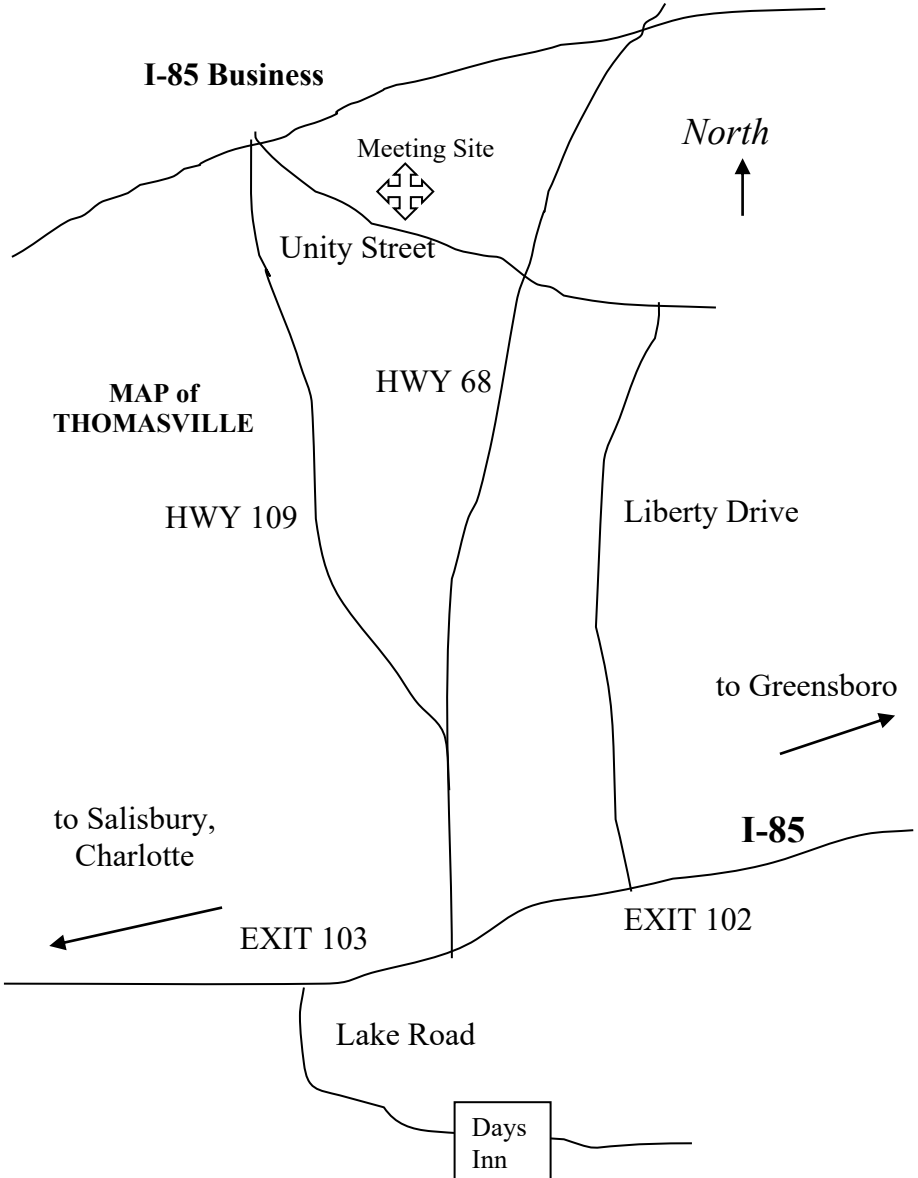
In addition to the implementation of NCSBA Directors' roles in the NC Master Beekeeper Program, the following changes will apply to the actual exams and exam administration procedures, **effective June 15, 2002**:

- A. Selected older versions of the various Master Beekeeper Program exams are to be invalidated.
- B. Exam numbers being cancelled are:
 - (1) Certified Written Exam numbers 101,102, & 103
 - (2) Certified Practical (being revised)
 - (3) Journeyman Written Exam numbers 201, 202, & 203
 - (4) Master Beekeeper Written Exam number 301
- C. The Apiculturist at NCSU will no longer accept or grade exams that have been cancelled or withdrawn from the Program.
- D. Short course organizers who traditionally run and deliver their own testing sessions are hereby notified that these exams are no longer valid.
- E. Independent (non-NCSU) short course organizers are still encouraged to run their short courses and "bee schools" as desired, but all tests and test administration will now be handled by NCSU, the NCSBA Directors, appointed Master or Master Craftsman Beekeepers, or other selected individuals.
- F. The Apiculturist at NCSU and/or the current President of the NCSBA have the right to solicit exam proctors from the pool of Master and Master Craftsman Beekeepers.
- G. The Apiculturist at NCSU and/or the current President of the NCSBA have the right to limit access to exams in order to maintain the integrity of the Program and to ensure equality of testing environments within the State.
- H. The Apiculturist at NCSU and/or the NCSBA Directors will investigate suspected cases of improper exam administration.

DIRECTIONS TO THE 2002 NCSBA SUMMER CONVENTION SITE

The 2002 NCSBA Summer Convention will be held at the **T. Austin Finch Auditorium**, 400 Unity Street, Thomasville, NC (Exit 102 off I-85).

Hotel accommodations for meeting attendees are at the **Days Inn**, which is located at 895 Lake Road (Exit 103 off I-85).



ADVANCE REGISTRATION FORM - 2002 NCSBA SUMMER MEETING
T. Austin Finch Auditorium, Thomasville, NC
JULY 18-20, 2002

Complete and return this registration form **ASAP**. Thank you.

NAME(s): _____
(List all Adults)

(List all children's names and ages)

FRIDAY EVENING BANQUET: Costs for this special meal are \$10 per person (You must register and prepay for this event).

MENU: breast of chicken, rice, gravy, rolls, green beans, tossed salad with dressing, bread, carrot cake, coffee, tea, and water.
All-you-can-eat buffet.

BANQUET (tickets \$10/person – indicate # ____) \$ _____

MEETING REGISTRATION – Members: Individual - \$15 \$ _____
Family - \$20 (on site \$25); **Non-Members:** Individual - \$30.00*,
(*Includes annual membership dues)

2002 NCSBA MEMBERSHIP ANNUAL DUES \$ _____
Individual - \$15; Commercial - \$30.00
Non-NCSBA Member*: Individual - \$30.00
(* if not included with above registration)

Total: \$ _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO NCSBA AND MAIL TO:
NC STATE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION
P.O. BOX 33803, RALEIGH, NC 27636-3803

OFFICE USE:

AMOUNT PAID: _____ Cash _____ or Check Number/Date: _____

Collected By: _____ Date: _____

Hotel accommodations will be offered at the **Days Inn**, 895 Lake Road, Thomasville, NC 27360. To register for a hotel room, please call:

(336) 472-6600

Be sure to ask for the **special rate of \$40 (+ tax) for beekeepers** attending the NCSBA Summer Convention. The hotel will be holding rooms for beekeepers until June 18; thereafter, rooms are subject to first-come-first-served. **So be sure to make your hotel reservations now.**