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Summer Conference Set for July 14-16 In Marion, North Carolina



Tar Heel Beekeepers will take a break from their apiary chores July 14-16 and convene in Marion for the 2005 Summer Conference of the North Carolina State Beekeepers Association.

“I’m looking forward to one of our best Summer Meetings,” said NCSBA President, J. D. Foust. “We have an excellent program that will be of great interest to our serious beekeepers. The accommodations are outstanding and affordable. I’m confident this will be a conference that will be talked about for some time.”

Among the featured topics are presentations on bee pests and diseases and how to deal with them, working with was, queen rearing, medicinal applications of honey and bee venom and gadgets that entrepreneurial beekeepers have improvised over the years.

Dr. James Tew, an accomplished orator will give an overview of “100 years of Beekeeping” at the Thursday evening welcome. Dr. Tew knows a bit about bees. He is a Professor of Entomology & Extension Apiculturist, Ohio State University.

Also, there will be presentations by Dr. Tanya Pankiw, Assistant Professor of Entomology at Texas A&M and Dennis vanEngelsdorp, Acting State Apiarist, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

Dr. Laura I. Decanini, from the Beltsville, MD Bee Research Lab will present on “Breeding for Resistance to American Foul Brood.”

Our own North Carolina apiary experts led by Dr. David Tapy, Extension Apiculturist, NCSU, will round out the agenda.

In addition, several “fun” things have been planned by our Foothill host beekeepers. A reception at the Marion Train Depot is scheduled Thursday evening and a “pig picking” set for Saturday.

A full conference agenda and registration information is published in this issue of the Buzz.

Mark your calendar to be there.

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Take a Chance on winning this gorgeous John Deere Lawn Mower and help build the Bee Exhibit at the NC Zoon. Buy a raffle ticket through your local chapter.

Indicators of a Healthy Hive

By Will Hicks

Apiary Inspector for the NCDA & CS

To maintain a healthy, productive apiary, a beekeeper must keep a close eye on the condition of the hive from time to time. A hive inspection begins before the lid is ever opened with a look at the activity at the entrance. Are the bees flying in and out of the hive frequently? Do some of the bees carry pollen? Are there many dead bees on the ground in front of the entrance? Do the bees appear sluggish? Answers to these questions can give a quick impression of the general health of the hive.

Once the hive is opened, notice how many bees are seen on the top bars, if you see them packed between many frames this could be an indication that your queen is doing well and you may need to add space to your hive. With any luck, your bees will be gentle and “boiling” out or behaving aggressively. Gentle handling helps makes gentle bees! The hive also should have the pleasant smell of honey or propolis. Any foul smells can indicate serious problems and should be thoroughly investigated.

Once the brood frames are removed, a healthy hive should have plenty of brood during warmer months. The brood pattern should not have many cells missed and should fill most of the frame. Generally, the pattern will be circular with honey and pollen stored in the corners of the frame. Healthy brood should have a uniform color and the caps of the individual cells should not be dark, sunken or perforated. If any cells appear to be unhealthy, please contact your local mentor or a state bee inspector.

The bees themselves can also be an indicator of overall hive health. Wing deformity may indicate an over infestation of Varroa mites (Varroa destructor) that can quickly kill even the strongest hive. Please consult experienced beekeepers or state officials about the detection and treatments of these mites. This point cannot be over emphasized!

Regular inspections are an essential part of beekeeping and will ensure that your bees remain healthy and productive.



Telling The Bees

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The Mission of the NCSBA is to advance beekeeping in North Carolina through improved communication with members, improved education about beekeeping and support of science enhancing the knowledge of beekeeping.

Wade Tysor

Wade H. Tysor, of Stokesdale, died December 2, 2004. He was a member of the Rockingham County Beekeepers Chapter. He was a Marine veteran and a retired employee of Roadway Express.

Elbert Henry Butcher

Elbert Henry Butcher, 91, of Lowgap, died March 1. He was a retired diesel mechanic and a Master Beekeeper, a charter member of the Surry County Chapter, and a member of the NCSBA since 1981.

Walter Moore

Walter Moore, 80, of Clinton, died March 7. He had been a Sampson County a commercial beekeeper until a few years ago, managing over 1,000 hives for honey and pollination. He was a permanent NCSBA member.

From The President

NC State Beekeepers Association

Spring Meeting – The biennial joint NCSBA/SCBA Spring Meeting is now history. It was South Carolina's time to host the meeting and they did a superb job. The meeting was in the Baxter Hood Convention Center at York Technical College in Rock Hill, South Carolina – a great facility. The program was packed with outstanding presenters among the nation's research leaders, featuring the following nationally known authorities on beekeeping: Sue Cobey from Ohio State; Jeff Pettis from the USDA Bee lab at Beltsville, Md.; Jerry Hayes, Florida's Chief Bee Inspector, and Columnist for American Bee Journal; Mike Hood, South Carolina's Extension Apiculturist and our own Extension Apiculturist, David Tarry.

More than 50% of the 425 persons who attended were from North Carolina and set a record for attendance at any joint NCSBA/SCBA Meeting.

Zoo Committee Fund Drive: The Zoo Committee has been meeting with NCSBA Chapters, presenting materials about the permanent exhibit proposed for the North Carolina State Zoo, and urging the Chapters to assist in raising the needed funding for the project. The committee is now taking the presentation to local Farm Bureau Chapters seeking funds for the exhibit.

The NCSBA Executive Committee approved the raffle of a John Deere lawn mower to raise funds for the Zoo Project. Bill Waddell is in charge of the raffle. The lawn Mower has been purchased and the raffle will conclude at the end of the State Fair. Sale of raffle tickets began at the Spring Meeting. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and are available for NCSBA members and Chapters to sell. The person selling the most tickets will get a "Bill Waddell Observation Hive." Some chapters are supporting the project by passing the plate at the monthly meetings and asking those who wish to contribute to put in a dollar or so. That alone will not raise the needed funds. Why not take sale of raffle tickets as a chapter project and ask each member to sell a minimum of so many books of tickets. You may order tickets from Gayle Young, 4328 Pin Oak Drive, Durham, N. C. 27707 Phone (919)490-4442. or Bill Waddell, 171 Penny Lane, Reidsville, N. C. 27320 Phone (336) 634-0197

Golden Achievement Program for Chapters: The Golden Achievement Program was begun late in the year but chapters were given the opportunity to submit entry forms for the year 2004. Eight Chapters submitted applications. Winners will be announced at the 2005 Summer Meeting.

J. D. Foust

2005 Summer Meeting: The NCSBA Summer Meeting will be July 14-16, 2005 in McDowell County. Registration forms, hotel information and a tentative program are included in this issue of the Buzz. The program looks great and the NCSBA Chapters in McDowell and surrounding counties have done an outstanding job with local arrangements. It is sure to be one of the best meetings ever. Be sure to register and make your hotel arrangements early.

NCSBA Awards: Two major NCSBA Awards will be presented during the Summer Meeting: 1. Person of the Year Award and 2. Extension Worker of the Year Award. You are invited and urged to submit nominations for each of those awards. Deadline for submission of nominations is May 14, 2005. Three copies of the nomination application should go to:

Person of the Year Award Committee, Dan Kirby, Chairman, 759 South Main Street, Hudson, NC 28638 Phone (828) 728-4301 Email beekeeper@iglide.net

Extension Worker of the Year. Claiborne R. Holtzman, Chairman, 117 Hubbard Lane, Rocky Mount, NC 27801, Phone (252) 446-4356 Email nsp321827-3@earthlink.com

Bee Schools: The reports on bee schools throughout the state have been very encouraging. I don't have a real count but have heard numbers ranging from 40 to 60, 75, 90, and 183. I am sure some of the interest was generated by the "cost sharing bee program" which was funded by the Golden Leaf Foundation. The University has 500 hives to give to 250 lucky new beekeepers. There were 2700 applicants for those bees. Let's hope all of this new interest in bee keeping will help relieve the honey bee shortage and that most of them will join NCSBA and the local chapters.

Mentoring a New Beekeeper

By Janno Daniel

NCSBA Publicity Committee

What happens if there are no more beekeepers? Sure, this is an attention-getter, but there is a ring of truth. And it's a good reason to meet Jonathan Blakney and Nancy Ruppert.

Jonathan is an 11-year old fifth grader with a smile nearly as large as he is - especially when he's dressed in his white bee suit, hat and veil, heading out to "take care of the bees" with his mentor Nancy Ruppert. Jonathan was recently featured in THE MONTGOMERY HERALD in December 2004, under the byline "Fearless fifth grader fascinated by bees." True to his fearless nature, he had the self-confidence in a recent bee class of 60 adults to volunteer an answer - correctly - to an instructor's tough question.

Jonathan has the good fortune of a supportive mother, Patricia House, though not as fearless as her son. House, an employee with the Agriculture Extension Agency in Montgomery County, often met with Nancy Ruppert, a frequent volunteer for 4-H bees and beekeeping programs. Ruppert observed Jonathan's keen interest in bees and eased into the role of mentor for Jonathan, encouraged by his mother.

In May 2004, Ruppert invited Jonathan and his mother to attend a bee field day following a beekeeping short course that she had just completed. Jonathan was fascinated and up close and personal with the bees all day, learning everything he could from Bill Sheppard, State Bee Inspector for the region.

Ruppert says, "I've never seen a young person learn so quickly. I see him becoming a master beekeeper before he's 20." Ruppert, is seeking Master Beekeeper status in the NCSBA Master Beekeeper Program. A dedicated registered nurse practitioner, she is currently teaching a Beekeeper Short Course at Montgomery Community College and attending a Master Beekeeping Course in Stanly County.



11-Year Old Beekeeper Jonathan Blakney

As a young intern, Jonathan goes with Ruppert to visit her hives scattered in Montgomery and Richmond Counties. "Ms. Ruppert is wonderful," says House, Jonathan's mother. "She always takes time to explain and answer questions. She's wonderful to show what the bees are doing and why."

In the process of mentoring Jonathan, Ruppert has won over his mother. At first, House watched from a distance, afraid, but making the effort. "I just went because Jonathan's my son and I love him," she confessed. Now she says, "It's truly amazing to be in the midst of bees looking at the honey and hives. As long as you don't bother them, they just go about their business." House is now the official honey-taster of the mentoring trio.

Ruppert's motives for helping Jonathan are multiple; an excellent student of bees herself, (she gives her queens names indicative of their personalities) she is keenly excited to pass the craft along. In addition, Ruppert knows the significance of each beekeeper's role - young and old. "If you have a lot of people who don't know what they're doing, unhealthy bees can infect another's bees," she explains.

"Jonathan is good at detecting problems," says Ruppert. She reports he knows how to protect colonies against mites and how to check for varroa using the sugar test. Smiling broadly when he finds the queen and he does this well, Jonathan enjoys telling the role of the queen, workers and drones.

Aware that most beekeepers are older (most of us are not in our twenties anymore), Ruppert is thinking about the future. Will there always be beekeepers? Ruppert is a strong advocate of training youngsters to love bees and to develop the craft.

Stories and information on young, promising beekeepers wanted. Send a brief introductory email to jdaniel@carolina.net.

Shown at left, Mentor Nancy Ruppert with Jonathan.

Cost Sharing Program A Huge Success

2700 New Beekeepers Apply for "Free" Bees

By David Tarp



For those of you who perhaps haven't heard, the NCSU Apiculture Program is conducting a New Beekeeper Cost-sharing program. Its purpose is to address the declining honey bee population within North Carolina by bolstering the number of beekeepers within the state. This will be accomplished by providing 250 participants with two starter hives each and having them join our local and greater beekeeping communities to help foster their development and increase the likelihood that they remain beekeepers for the long term.

The initial press release announcing this program was issued on January 6th, and it was picked up by media outlets across the state. This helped us to not only inform interested North Carolinians of the program but also to promote the importance of honey bees and our beekeeping organization. This media blitz culminated with the Associated Press picking up the story and disseminating it much more widely, including USA Today, AOL News, CBS Radio, and even some newspapers in Russia. As a result, we have received over 2700 applications by the Feb. 11th deadline, well over 10 times the number of potential participants in the program.

We selected the final participants from among the eligible applicants by the middle of March. This process was determined by the consensus of an *ad hoc* committee consisting of NCSBA officers, NCDA inspectors, and other members of our apiculture community. The options available to us was a continuum bounded by two extremes. At one end, we could simply give each eligible applicant an equal probability, which would be equitable but most likely bias the final participants towards the larger urban centers of the state. At the other end, we could include 2.5 participants in each of the 100 counties of the state, which would be egalitarian but possibly under-represent some of the more eligible applicants in more populous counties. We ultimately decided to implement a lottery system somewhere in the middle of those two extremes, where we will select certain applicants that met specific criteria in each county, if available, and the remaining positions will be subject to a straight-up lottery among all eligible applicants.

We have notified each applicant of his or her final status by mail, and we have informed the participants of the logistics of the program and how to acquire their bees and equipment, which will be available either in Raleigh (April 30th) or at Brushy Mountain Bee Farm (May 21st). Please note that the latter date has been moved back one week due to a limited supply of packaged bees.

We are currently coordinating with each of the county chapters to solicit possible mentors to assist the participants in their vicinity. Such mentoring could be accomplished either one-on-one or collectively, depending on how each group wishes to work with their respective newcomers. For example, you could provide each participant a "call list" of experienced volunteers who are willing to answer questions and provide hands-on beekeeping experience. In any case, we will mandate that each participant join a local chapter so that they may support your organization while simultaneously be educated about honey bees and beekeeping by attending your meetings. Many of you already provide such valuable services to new beekeepers in your area, so we only ask that you continue your important efforts.

There will, however, be many new beekeepers who unfortunately will not be able to participate in the program. While many will likely remain within your respective associations, it might help if you assist them as much as you can to prevent them from losing interest. For example, some chapters will be holding a field day just for newcomers to expose them to beekeeping, and some are even providing them with donated hive equipment to help them get started. There is a very real opportunity here to bring some new folks into our chapters above and beyond those who will be participating in the cost-sharing program. I should note that such activities dovetail very nicely with the new NCSBA Golden Achievement Program to recognize the yearly accomplishments of the county chapters.

The success of the program thus far could not have been accomplished without you helping to promote it, and we sincerely thank you for your efforts. We look forward to working together in the future and to make the program an overwhelming success.

Pollinators Organize

To help farmers looking for bee pollination services connect with beekeepers interested in providing those services, the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, in cooperation with N.C. State University Apiculture Program, has created BeeLinked, a Web site designed to link pollinators with growers. The Web site is <www.ncagr.com/beelinked.

Beekeepers may complete and submit a form online with information on their services, or if they do not have Internet access, they can call the department at (800) 206-9333 to submit that information.

Farmers interested in renting bees for pollination may go online at the site and review listings from beekeepers that are offering services. The listings may be searched by county or region, and by the type of service provided.

A sample contract that can serve as a guide is also available on the site, but growers and beekeepers should work out the details between themselves about pollination services.

Jack Tapp, an Orange County beekeeper who manages around 2,000 hives, sees the supply and demand issue as a concerning trend and a potential crisis in the making. In the spring of 2004, Tapp, who is one of the state's 13 commercial pollinators, started receiving more calls than normal for pollination services. He called other commercial pollinators he knew to see if they would be able to provide service to the farmers who contacted him, and discovered that many had all the business they could handle and were not able to take on new customers.

"In calling around I found there was a big demand for bees that had not been there before," Tapp said. "Everybody in the country is suffering the same plight right now. The number of bees is down, the acres of crops are up and the price of honey is up."

Tapp has already contracted 750 hives for the 2005 growing season and is working to add another 300-plus hives to his operation to accommodate mid-season crops such as cucumbers and watermelons.



Sue Cobey, widely recognized as one of the leading experts on queen research, highlighted the joint NC-SC Spring Conference in Rock Hill, SC. She told of her work in selective breeding techniques to raise queens with desirable traits such as brood viability, quick buildup, disease and mite resistant, good honey and pollen stores, and very important, a pleasant temperament.

Ms. Cobey is on the staff of Ohio State University in Columbus, OH.

Watch Out For Bee Thieves

Thieves stole four hives from Marcel Renn this spring. They were among 11 hives he kept at his home on Faith Road in Salisbury.

The thieves left some nylon screen at the bee stand leading Renn to suspect they knew what they were doing. The stolen hives were numbered as follows: hive #R19.2 with one super and topfeeder; hive # R9 with one super and topfeeder; hive # R25.1 with two supers; hive # 1.2.1 with one super and topfeeder.

Anyone with information about these hives is requested to call the Salisbury Sheriff's office at 704 636-1011 or Marcel Renn at 704 786-6157.



ADVANCE REGISTRATION FORM

NCSBA SUMMER MEETING---2005

MARION NORTH CAROLINA JULY 14, 15, & 16, 2005

Host, 'WNC' Chapters (McDowell, Buncombe, Rutherford, Toe Cane, and Henderson)
(Make Check payable to NCSBA) Please complete and send with your check, to:
JEANNE PRICE, 182 ELIZABETH AVE, FOREST CITY, N C 28043
Phone (828) 247-1640 EMAIL: jeanne_price@bellsouth.net

NAME _____ (Children) _____
(last) (first) (spouse)

Address: _____ City: _____

Local Chapter: _____ State _____, Zip Code _____ Phone ()- _____

REGISTRATION FEE:

(Note: These are ADVANCED mail-in fees, WALK-IN fees at the
Conference will be \$5.00 higher on Individual and Family registrations)

	<u>AMT. PAID</u>
Individual Registration (NCSBA member)-\$15.00	= _____
Family Registration (NCSBA member) - \$20.00	= _____
NON-NCSBA member Registration - \$30.00*	= _____
NON-NCSBA family Registration - \$35.00*	= _____

(*Note this includes 2005 NCSBA membership dues)

BANQUET TICKETS ----- \$16.00 each

Banquet Tickets (how many) _____ # @ \$16.00 ea = _____

DUES (if have not paid your dues for YEAR 2005 or you are a new NCSBA member)
*(If not in the non-NCSBA member, included above with registration)

Annual NCSBA Membership— \$15.00 = _____
Annual Commercial Membership - \$30.00

TOTAL amount of Check = \$ _____

NOTE: The 'WNC' Chapters (McDowell, Buncombe, Rutherford, Toe Cane, and Henderson) are giving (free) a Pig Pickin at noon on Saturday after the meeting . They need to know how many will attend. Please check ___ (No) # ___(yes) You must notify NCSBA before July 13 of cancellation to get a refund on the banquet tickets. **Hotel Reservations** are your responsibility

This area for Registration use only: Check# and date plm3/12/05
Amount Paid: _____ How Paid: Cash _____ or Check _____
of Banquet Tickets _____ ; # Pig Picking _____ Received by: _____, Date_____

2005 NCSBA SUMMER MEETING
McDowell High School
600 McDowell High School Road (Tentative Schedule)
Marion, N.C. 28752 (03-18-05)

Thursday, July 14, 2005

10:00 am REGISTRATION

1:00 pm Announcements & Introductions- Dr. David Tarpy, Extension
Apiculturist, N.C. State University

Presidents Remark: J.D. Foust, President, NCSB,

Ray Revis, President, McDowell County Beekeepers

1:30 pm *Joy of Mountain Beekeeping & Experience with the Asian Tropilaylaps Mite*
Carl Webb, Mountain Honey Inc.

2:15 pm - 4:15 pm WORKSHOPS

Virginia Webb, Wax Working (Limit 25), Room 101

Dr. David Tarpy, Short Course (MBP), Room 102

Ray Revis Revis, Apiary Queen Mating Yard (Limit 10 Per Bus Trip)

2:15 & 3:15 pm WORKSHOPS

Hugh Madison, Bee Pheromones, Room 103

Daniel Smith, Pesticide Training (X), Room 104

Jack Hanel, Disease ID, Room 105

Reggie Wilbanks, A Year in Reggie's Apiaries, Room 106

Sally Ellis, MBP Test, Room 107

4:30 – 6:00 NCSBA Attendees will Judge “Best” Store Display – Downtown Marion

6:00 pm Reception -Downtown Marion Train Depot

Food and Entertainment

Hosted by McDowell Honey Bee Chapter

7:30 pm Welcome & Introductions- David Tarpy, Extension Apiculturist

100 Years of Beekeeping-A Review -Dr. James Tew,

Professor of Entomology & Extension Apiculturist, Ohio State Univ.

Adjourn Until Friday Morning @ 8:00 A.M. McDowell High School

Friday, July 15, 2005

8:00 am Welcome-Dr. David Tarpy, Extension Apiculturist, N.C. State Univ.

Invocation -Edward Buchanan

Welcome - Everette Clark- Mayor, Marion N.C.

Door Prizes

8:30-9:15 am Miracle of Beekeeping --Steve Forrest, Brushy Mtn. Bee Supply

9:15-10:00 am Breeding for Resistance to AFB- Dr. Laura I. Decanini, Ph.D. Bee
Research Lab, Beltsville, MD.

10:00-10:30 am NCSBA Business Meeting

10:30-10:45 am BREAK

10:45-11:00 am Door Prizes

11:00-11:45 am Comb Honey-The Modern Version of an Old Product- Dr. James Tew,
Professor of Entomology & Extension Apiculturist, Ohio State Univ.

11:45 - 1:30 pm LUNCH (Dutch – on your own)

1:30-3:30 pm WORKSHOPS

Wax Working, Virginia Webb (Limit 25) Room 101

Ray Revis Revis, Apiary Queen Mating Yard (Limit 10 per bus trip)

1:30 & 2:30 & 3:30 pm WORKSHOPS

Bob Cole, Gadgets, Room 102

Hugh Madison, Bee Pheromones, Room 103

Daniel Smith Pesticide Training, Room 104

Dr. David Peden, Allergy & Immunology, Room 105

Dann Purvis, Setting up a starter, finisher, grafting, and handling queens, Room 106

Sally Ellis, MBP Testing, Room 107

1:30-2:30 pm Paul Madren, Business & Management of a Local Chapter Room, 108

2:30-3:30 pm Dr. David Tarpy & Ray Revis, Russian Queens, Room 109

3:30-4:30 pm 9. Dr. David Tarpy, Master Beekeeping Program, Room 109

6:30 pm Awards Banquet

8:00 pm Entertainment – Doug Elliott- Naturalist-Herbalist-Storyteller

Saturday, July 16, 2005

8:00 am Welcome & Remarks –Dr. David Tarpy, Extension Apiculturist,NCSU

Door Prizes

8:30 am NCSU Update -Dr. David Tarpy, Extension Apiculturist N.C. State University

9:00 am Ovary Development in Worker Bees- Shelly Hoover, Student Research, Simon
Fraser University

9:45 am Apiary Inspection: What Historical Records Reveal about Disease-

Dennis vanEngelsdorp, Acting State Apiarist, Pennsylvania Dept. of Agriculture

10:30 am BREAK

10:45 am Door Prizes

11:00 am Influence of Brood Pheromone on Honey Bee Foraging Behavior-Dr. Tanya
Pankiw, Assistant Professor of Entomology, Texas A&M

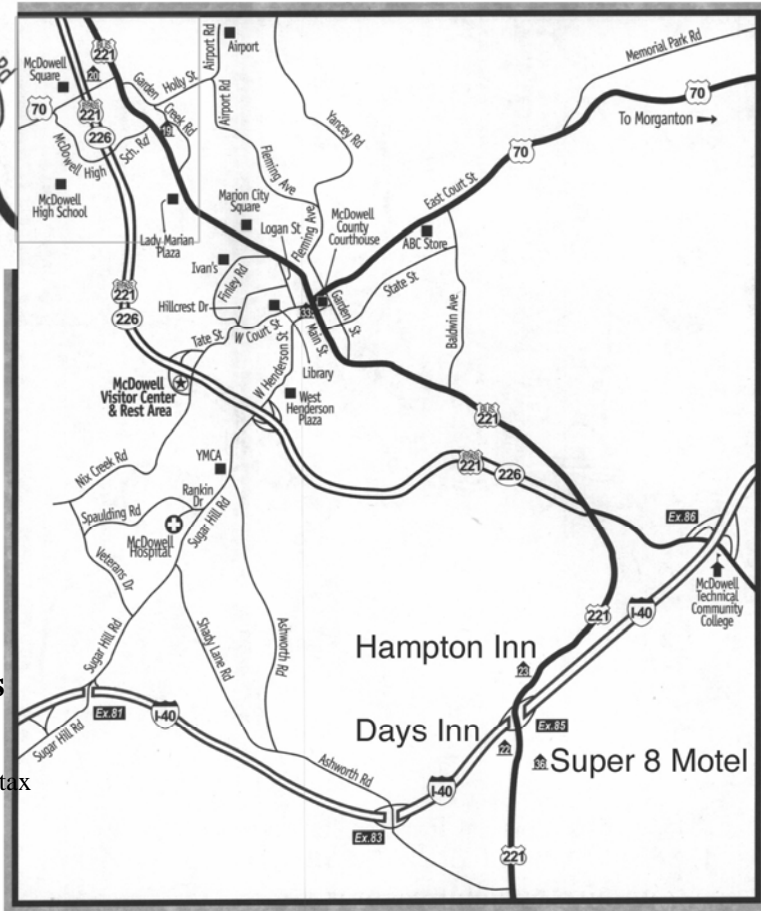
11:45 am Door Prizes

Closing Remarks – Dr. David Tarpy

12:30 – 2:30 pm “Pig Pickin”, Sponsored by WNC Chapters (Location to be Announced)

The NCSBA Summer Meeting 2005 is being hosted by WNC Chapters:McDowell Honey Bees Chapter, Buncombe County, Henderson County, Toe Cane , and Rutherford County Chapters. We want to make this meeting:EDUCATIONAL- EXCITING –INTERESTING- Displays, Vendors, Contests FUN - Skits, Games, Banquet, Reception, Barbeque and FULL OF SURPRISES- Door Prizes, Raffles, Awards.

Make Your Reservations Now For Summer Conference in Marion



Summer Conference Hotels and Rates for Beekeepers

Days Inn 828-659-2567
Double 2 Bed, 2 People \$57 + tax
Single, King - \$52 + tax.
Reservations by June 14

Hampton Inn 828-652-5100
King Room \$67.50 + tax,
Double Queen Room \$76.50 + tax.
Reservations by June 1

Comfort Inn 828-652-4888
Double Room & King Room \$62.99 + tax,
Queen Room \$71.99 + tax.
Reserve by June 1

Super 8 Motel 828-659-7940
Double Rooms (2 beds) \$48 + tax,
Single Room (1 bed) \$50 + tax.
Reserve by June 14

All have a breakfast. The Comfort Inn is closest to the high school. The others are some 8-10 miles drive off I-40.