Some Thoughts on Swarm Prevention

Being a beekeeper is a constant learning process for sure. I really believe all of us will agree.

Even so, everybody's situation is different and that affects what we do which may be different from what other beekeepers do. In my case I have colonies in 10 locations. I cannot capture all of my swarms so my priority is to prevent swarming. I was pleased this year that yes you can indeed manage colonies in late Winter, early Spring to keep swarming at a very low level. If most of my colonies were only in a few locations and nearer to where I live I very likely would not work so hard to prevent excess swarming. After all hiving a swarm is one of my favorite parts of beekeeping.

Sharing Your Beekeeping Experiences

Annie has created a site which is linked on our web page for you to share your beekeeping experiences. You can remain anonymous if you choose. Please reflect back and share what you have learned, advantages and disadvantages of certain approaches, etc. We can also discuss some of these same things at our field meeting on August 27. If you do not have internet access, please write your experiences and bring them to the meeting or mail them to the Extension office @ CC Beekeepers, 130 S. Post Road, Suite 1, Shelby, NC 28152

Link: https://sites.google.com/site/nccba1/
August Meeting Announcement

This month’s meeting will be held on **August 27, 2012 @6:30PM**.

The meeting will be held at the:

**Thompson Farm and Windy Hill Apiary**

We will visit Annie Thompson's colonies at 210 Kistler Road, Lawndale, NC 28090.

She has made some late splits which we will check for progress and

we will also perform mite checks on a couple of these colonies.

We will then hop in the car and go just around the corner to Steve Gibson’s

“Windy Hill Apiary” at 925 Casar Lawndale Road.

Steve has several colonies at this location and we will inspect for winter stores

and note differences in using 9 frame and 10 frame systems.

As always, bring your veil, etc.

Directions: Coming from Lawndale on Casar-Lawndale Road, go left on Kistler Road.

First drive on right at bottom of hill. Telephone pole at drive has

“Beware of Dogs” and “Caution: Honeybees” signs.

Dogs will be locked up but bees will be flying.

Hope to see everyone there!

Sick Board

Bill Ware is still recovering from knee surgery. Please
keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

Bill Ware
PO Box 1003
Kings Mountain, NC 28086

If you know of an Association member who is ill or has
had surgery, please let us know.
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Honey House Progress!!

The Cleveland County Maintenance guys have finished working on the honey house and it looks great! Many thanks to member Miles Whitaker and his son for laying the vinyl. Everything is falling into place. We need to have a clean-up session to thoroughly clean the sink, stainless carts and inside area. We are also looking for a couple of stainless steel tables to use as work stations. We need to touch up a little paint on the outside; steps and a ramp have to be built or purchased. Extractor, uncapping tank, etc are being priced out. This will be a very nice facility for us to use for extraction.
Work at the Cabin

Steve and Lynn Wellborn worked at the cabin building a stone water retention wall. It looks great. Flowers were planted and are doing well. Steve Brown is working to repopulate the two observation hives inside.