



Haywood County Beekeepers Chapter

Monthly Meeting Minutes

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September 04, 2018

President Rick Queen opened the meeting with a welcome to our guests.

2018 HAYWOOD COUNTY AGRICULTURE FAIR: Entries in the honey competition were fewer this year. This may likely be attributed to the lower honey yields and higher moisture content due to the amount of rain experienced in our area.

Two of our members won blue ribbons in the honey competition: Beth Sain won the *dark extracted* category, and Frank Holder won the *light extracted* category. Congratulations on a job well done Beth and Frank, and of course, the honey bees!

Al Edwards, David Massengil, Rick Queen and Beth Sain worked the Haywood County Fair School Day teaching local fourth-graders about beekeeping.

DOOR PRIZES were given, which were gift certificates from K.T.'s Orchard and Apiary in Canton, NC, and Honey and the Hive in Weaverville, NC.

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION FIELD DAY FOR 5TH GRADERS will be held Wednesday, **October 3, 2018**, and Thursday, **October 04, 2018**, at the Test Farm. **Volunteers are needed** to assist with teaching these students about basic beekeeping. An observation hive will be set up, and each teaching period will last for approximately 20 minutes. Students will arrive each day between 8:20 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., and will depart around 2:30 p.m. to 2:40 p.m. Anyone who can participate by speaking on beekeeping basics is asked to contact Bill Skelton. If you can't volunteer for a whole day, you may volunteer for one or two hours, or any other amount of time that works with your schedule. Volunteers working any amount of time will be greatly appreciated. Please consider being a part of this important event to help create an interest and encourage the next generation of beekeepers.

Our very own **Wally Leatherwood** was recognized for making the national news with a video clip of him driving to Haywood County from Buncombe County with a truck cab full of loose honey bees, which had escaped from the transport box. Wally remained calm and was not stung on the ride home to his bee yard. He stated that he was surprised so many people found the story so interesting.

NOVEMBER CHAPTER ELECTIONS: Brother Allen Blanton, immediate past president, reported that he will chair a nominating committee with regard to elections to be held during our meeting in November 2018. Our chapter will elect a vice-president, treasurer, and two board members. Anyone willing to serve our chapter in any of these positions should contact Allen Blanton.

SPEAKER FOR SEPTEMBER: Rich Byers introduced our speaker for this month: **Dave Cowart**, who is an amazing and entertaining speaker, and possesses a phenomenal amount of beekeeping knowledge and experience. Dave's subject for tonight was "*Preparing for Winter.*"

The speaker for our **October 02, 2018**, meeting will be **Phyllis Stiles**, who will give a presentation on why pollinators are so important and how every person can help them.

Meeting adjourned,

Respectfully submitted by:

Cindy G. Way, *Secretary*