

Central Virginia Beekeepers Association



WHO ARE WE? We're a group of men and women of all ages and from all walks of life who are interested in honeybees and Beekeeping. We support each other in our efforts to be the best beekeepers we can be, educate each other and the public, and share resources and our interest in bees. Most of us are amateur hobbyists with a few hives; some of us sell our extra honey and wax and a few of us are bonafide commercial operators. Some of us are beginners; some have been keeping bees for 50 years. We are all enthusiastic.

WHAT GOES ON AT MEETINGS? Mostly we just share with each other what is working and what is not, our individual and mutual concerns and successes, ideas and hints. The meetings are a wonderful forum and opportunity for the exchange of ideas, happenings, and enthusiasm. Often we have expert speakers cover subjects of interest.

WHEN DO WE MEET? We meet eight times a year; every month from March through October. Three of the meetings - May, July and September - are Saturday field trips. The other meetings normally start at 7:00 p.m. the first Thursday of the month, at the Ivy Creek Natural Area Education Bldg. in Albemarle County. Meetings usually last about an hour and a half.

WHAT OTHER THINGS DO OUR MEMBERS DO? For the past few years, in cooperation with the Albemarle County and the City of Charlottesville, Parks and Recreation Departments, and the Ivy Creek Natural Area, we have conducted a course in basic Beekeeping for 25 people. Several of us give talks to school kids, scouts, garden clubs and other interested groups. Some of us remove swarms from yards or houses. A few of us move our hives into orchards or gardens, when requested, to help in pollination. We staff our booth at the Albemarle County Fair. Members maintain the observation beehive at the Ivy Creek Natural Area Barn where people can see what bees actually do inside of a hive. Some of us have appeared on local radio and TV to discuss bees. If it involves honeybees, we do it.

We invite you to join us at a meeting. Come and see if this partnership with nature is for you. Send us the form below and we'll put you on our mailing list until the end of the year. After that, if you wish to continue getting our newsletter, you can become a dues paying member. (\$5.00)

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