

# ***CENTRAL VIRGINIA BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION***



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Newsletter – Brian Gallagher

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## Special Newsletter

I hope you and your bees are surviving the winter. We had a longer than normal stretch of cold weather in Nov. and Dec. I checked hives last week on a warm day and found several with the bees up in the top box, this leaves them no place to go over the next few weeks to get honey. When it is below 57° F the cluster can only move up. So, the first warm day you get, check your hives and move frames of honey above the cluster if needed.

## Beginning Beekeeping Class

A call to Albemarle County Parks and Rec. today (1-5-09) finds that there are already 28 people enrolled. The class limit is 35 so if you or someone you know want to take the class, enroll now. More info is at their site:

<http://www.albemarle.org/departments.asp?department=parks&relpage=2558>

The Alb. Parks & Rec. flyer “Open Doors” was sent out in last Thursday’s Daily Progress, they do not mail it to all county addresses like they used to. Copies are supposed to be at the Jefferson-Madison Regional branches and the county office building.

## Dues

Dues for 2009 can be paid now. Please send a check for \$5.00 made out to CVBA, to Art Freeman, 8799 Rockfish Gap Tpke, Afton, VA 22920.

## Contacts

Our Bee Experts that you might want to contact at times are:

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## A Beekeeper's Calendar

So that you can mark your calendar ahead, and keep the following dates free for these important happenings, we're going to include this calendar with every newsletter. More detailed announcements will be included in each month's edition. The meetings of the CVBA are on the first Thursday of the month at Ivy Creek Natural Area at 7:00 PM, unless announced otherwise, from March through November.

Dec. - No meeting

Jan. - No meeting

Feb. - Beginning Beekeeping Class – the 4 Thursdays in Feb. (no meeting)

Mar. 5 - CVBA Meeting at Ivy Creek Natural Area, 7:00 PM

Apr. 2 - CVBA Meeting at Ivy Creek Natural Area, 7:00 PM

Apr. ? - Installation of a package of bees in the class hive at Ivy Creek

Hope to see all of you at a meeting soon.