

# WILLIAMSON COUNTY AREA BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

## WCABA JANUARY, 2010 NEWSLETTER

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DATE: Tuesday, January 26, 2010  
TIME: 7:00 P.M.—Beekeeping 101; 8:00--Program  
PLACE: Allen Baca Senior Ctr, 301W. Bagdad, (Cafeteria Dining Room), Round Rock  
PROGRAM: Clint Walker, "What to Expect in 2010"  
HOSTS: **Lerma Family and Hem Ramachandram**

**The Ed Wolf-Robert Bost Memorial Scholarship Applications are due by February 15<sup>th</sup>**  
-----See our website for the application form -----

Happy 2010, Beekeepers! Let's hope that the good Fall rains will bring us bountiful wild flowers and that the colder winter months will bring good fruit blooms to provide our bees with an abundant amount of nectar.

Our program this month will be one you won't want to miss. Clint Walker is a very knowledgeable beekeeper and bee breeder as well as being an articulate speaker. He keeps up with the latest information in the beekeeping industry, serves on the National Honey Board and is active in the American Beekeeping Federation as well as Texas Beekeeping Association.

The Beekeeping 101 program will be led this year by Nathan Exley. He is a young man who began keeping bees as one of our Scholarship recipients in 2006 and has continued being very involved in beekeeping following his initial year of beekeeping. Not only is he very involved, inquisitive and dedicated, but he also likes to tell others about beekeeping. He will be assisted as needed by our former Bkg.101 leader, David Kohn.

Also, Nathan was honored in December with the highest honor in Boy Scouts: he earned the Eagle Scout award with 45 merit badges. He also held several leadership positions, including quarter master, assistant patrol leader, patrol leader, senior patrol leader and patrol guide. Congratulations, Nathan! We are proud of you.



The WCABA Executive Committee met Tuesday for their annual planning meeting at the home of Gary and Linda Bible in Liberty Hill. This meeting gives all members of the committee opportunity to express their ideas and propose events, programs and other ideas they think will be beneficial to our club members. YOU are encouraged to tell the committee of any program ideas you would like to have at future meetings.

One of the subjects that was considered and discussed at the Executive Committee meeting was the possibility of meeting in a new location. The Baca Senior Center where WCABA has been meeting for the past several years charges for the meeting room by the hour and has time limit restrictions. The size of the room and the arrangement of the seating make it difficult to be heard at times and does not offer the best teaching environment. Through the efforts of Mary Bost, Newsletter Editor, the club has secured an option on meeting space in the First United Methodist Church in Georgetown. The Church is conveniently located on W University Ave (SH Hwy 29) three blocks east of Main St. The meeting room offers a public address system, an adjacent kitchen – serving bar area, seating for 50-70 and is provided without charge. Please be ready at the meeting to consider this option and vote on where the club will meet in the future. Change is hard, but sometimes it is good. (J.O.)



Gary Bible, Mary Bost, and Jimmie Oakley visit and discuss meeting room ... view of Kitchen – Serving Bar area

**Editor Note:** Email address change for Mary Bost, newsletter editor. [bostbees@gmail.com](mailto:bostbees@gmail.com).

We welcome Jim and Carolyn Todd of Georgetown as new members to WCABA. Also, the following members have sent in their \$10.00 dues to renew their membership ( hometowns are listed in case you would like to carpool):. Jill and Gerald Weber, Kempner; Brian Schaefer, Cisco; Lance and Laura Wilson, Austin; and Frank and Lu Morgan, Copperas Cove. Remember: membership in WCABA is by the calendar year. Thanks to you who paid your 2010 membership at the last meeting.

We had a generous number of door prizes donated at the November meeting. Donors were Gayle Shaw, Sally Tutor, Jimmie Oakley, Tommy Rutherford, Sara Reeves, the Youngblood Family, Julie Martin, Wilbur Brinkmeyer, and Mike Slaughter. Thank you, Folks. The lucky winners were Arthur Wade Capps, Wayne Zieschang, Luke Tutor, Nial Chase, Wayne Rutherford, Jim Reeves, Sherry Youngblood, Christopher Youngblood, Richard Red, Cindy Jones, Russell Tutor, Wilbur Brinkmeyer, Ed Eacrett, and Wally Red.

Shirley Doggett has consented to be the door prize coordinator. Please take your donations to her and assist her by signing your name when you hand her your door prize donation.

Barbara Hunt has sent a clipping regarding Manuka Honey which is quite interesting. Thank you, Barbara. As you may know, manuka trees are grown in New Zealand. "I heard about Wound Honey on National Public Radio in a segment about a woman whose foot had a non-healing ulcer despite 3 months of conventional treatment. The next

option was going to be amputation, when her doctor decided to try Active Manuka Honey as a last ditch effort to save her foot. In 4 days, she improved 70-80% and the swelling was reduced by 50%. In less than 3 weeks, her wound was completely healed and the infection was gone. Since then, the doctor has discovered for himself the remarkable healing attributes of Wound Honey and has developed a salve containing New Zealand Active Manuka Honey (which has been clinically proven to have activity against bacteria, including the superbug MRSA (Methicillin Resistant Staph Aureus), Aloe Vera, and Panthenol (vitamin B). It can be used on a wide variety of wounds, from burns, cuts, abrasions, paper cuts, and infected diabetic ulcers to bed and pressure sores. It is helpful for eczema and cracked heels, too. It has also been effective with scars (including cosmetic surgery) and non-healing scars. Virtually any wound, sore, or rash that might need a salve or a cream can be treated with Wound Honey. Remember to cover with a bandage or non-stick dressing, though, as it's as sticky as you'd expect any honey to be! (Do not use if allergic to bee venom or bee products ...or on children under 2)." I might add that our own local honey has also been used by many people on burns, wounds, etc. and found to have good healing properties.

The Rev. Lorenzo Lorraine Langstroth, known as the "Father of American Beekeeping" was born 200 years ago—in 1810—and will be honored with a national network of exhibits, workshops, and seminars. Many beekeepers are urging that a commemorative U. S. postage stamp be issued as well. Langstroth started with "two stocks of bees in common box hives" while serving as a minister in Andover, Massachusetts in the 1830s. He is credited with the discovery of "bee space" and the invention of the movable-frame beehive which allowed beekeepers to better battle the destructive wax moths and to collect surplus honey without harming the bees or damaging their honey combs.

This month is an excellent time to check your supplies and then go to your favorite bee supply catalog to order any bee equipment or hive supplies you may need. If some of your hive bodies need repair or frames need new foundation, take care of it now. This is also a good time to read some of those bee books or magazines you have so little time to read when other chores demand your attention. We will start taking order for bees and queens in February and early March; there probably will be a deadline for ordering in late March, so plan ahead and be ready to order after you've heard Clint Walker's talk at our January meeting.

Do you have a favorite recipe using honey? I'd like to hear from our members—I know we have a lot of good cooks among our members—so please email me or hand me a copy of your recipe at any of the meetings and I'll start using them in future newsletters. The recipe below was given me by my daughter-in-law, Jane. She had gotten it from her boss, Chris Brownson. It came from his Hungarian grandmother and he said it was one of their family favorites.

### **HONEY COOKIE RECIPE**

6 eggs  
4 cups flour  
2 cups sugar  
1 tsp. baking soda  
6 big tablespoons of honey  
¼ tsp. ground ginger  
¼ tsp. ground cloves

In a big bowl, mix it up, work it out, put into refrigerator for about 1 hour. Then roll it out on the board, little at a time, about ¼ inch thick. Cut it out and put egg on top (egg is whole and just one). Bake at 375 degrees. Grease pan a little and bake cookies 6-8 minutes. Put in a well-covered container to soften. Leave about 1 week. Make 2-3 weeks before Christmas. (These directions were written by Chris' grandmother who said she didn't write English real good, hence the unusual wording of the directions. I feel sure the egg for the topping should be beaten before spreading. Ed.)

Use this convenient form to renew you membership. Fill out and bring to the meeting along with check or cash.

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

WILLIAMSON COUNTY AREA BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

Dues \$10.00 per year – single member or family



New Member / Renewing Member  
(circle one)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Cash/Check # \_\_\_\_\_

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