Letter from the President:

December 2012

2012 has now passed into history, with the new year promising to be a good year for Alabama beekeepers. 2012 saw healthy growth within the Alabama beekeeper circles, good honey production, excellent learning opportunities around the State and many new friendships formed. We can all be proud to be beekeepers in Alabama.

This upcoming year should be another very good year for us, beginning now as we wait out the cold weather that is winter in Alabama. I hope that everyone is using their time in preparation for the spring honey flow that will be here before we know it.

I’m looking forward to serving as your President for 2013, and I Hope that everyone has a solid beekeeping year.

See you in Auburn for Auburn’s Symposium in February! Damon Wallace

Letter from the Secretary/Treasurer:

Hello everyone. I hope you are all having a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. As we are celebrating these holidays, let’s remember that it is time to renew your dues for 2013 with the Alabama Beekeepers Association. Many of you renewed either when you registered for the annual meeting or through the mail. However, there are still many who have not done so.

If you are not sure through what year you are paid, look on your Mailing label for those who receive the Stinger through the mail. The label has an expiration date on it that indicates when you are paid through. If you get the Stinger by E-Mail please note the expiration date in your E-Mail.

If you have not heard yet, Dr. Tew's workshop is going to be at Auburn on Saturday, February 2, 2012. If you are bringing a dessert for the meal, please get it to me before the meeting starts. We will be eating lunch at the same place as last year, and you can drop your dessert there before you go to the meeting. That way we will know what we have and if we need to purchase any more desserts. As of this writing, I have Susan Ellis, Mary Swann, and Patricia Wallace helping to prepare the meal. I could use more help. Do
not forget that we now have a building with heat; it is so much nicer not to freeze while preparing or eating the meal. Let me know if you can help. Call me at 205-625-3464 or E-mail me at funder@otelco.net.

About a month ago my cell phone died and at the same time our E-mail was closed down because of a hacker. We have everything going again but if you tried to reach me during that time and I did not respond, I apologize. Please try again.

I am looking forward to another good year with the Alabama Beekeepers Association. Lonnie is going to summarize the events of this past year with words and pictures. Bonnie Funderburg, Secretary/Treasurer Alabama Master Beekeeper Program

You can e-mail me to get on the list at drkswire@hotmail.com. Or call me at 256-523-4767.

David Kelton Chairman

Lookout Mountain Honey

The winner of the beehive, gloves, smoker, hivetool, and veil with hat that David and I, owners of Lookout Mountain Honey Bees, donated to help raise money for our daughter, Misty Holcomb and her family’s mission trip, was Mr. John Gravitt, from Pinson, AL. There is a great story with this giveaway. Mr. Gravitt is a cancer survivor and has had heart surgery. He has been talking about getting some honey bees for 30 years and just has never done it. He was so excited when I called to tell him that he had won this package of bee supplies because now he can get some bees. He ordered a package of bees from us to go in his hive for next spring. We are so proud to give these items to someone who will now be ANOTHER Alabama Beekeeper. He also asked for an application for the Alabama Beekeepers Association. Thanks to everyone for your support and donations during this give away. David and Lynne Kelton, Lookout Mountain Honey Bees.

Dr. Tew’s 18th Annual Auburn Spring Beekeeping Symposium

Alabama Beekeepers,

The annual 2013 Beekeeping Symposium sponsored by the Alabama Cooperative Extension System and the Alabama Beekeepers Association will be held at Auburn University on Saturday, February 2, 2013 in the Lowder Business Building, (Lat. and Long. N32.60488, W85.490393.) The complete information is posted at http://www.onetewbee.com. For the first time, registration and payment can be completed online at the following website: https://mell-base.uce.auburn.edu/CourseStatus.awp?&course=C130202 Please note that the $20 preregistration deadline is January 21, 2013. After that date, registration will be $30. In order to keep the registration costs from increasing and to reduce congestion on the day of the event, we are asking participants to please consider preregistering.

The program this year features new elements that will make the experience more useful and informative. Instructors will include Dennis Bartlett, Janie Coppey, Dr. Kathy Flanders, John Grafton, Dr. John Hurst, Dr. Reed Johnson, Ashlyn Jones, David Kelton, Dr. Michael Steinkampf, Ellis Tatum, Dr. James E.
Tew, Damon Wallace, and members of the Alabama Beekeepers Association. There will be a variety of topics that will appeal to beekeepers and non-beekeepers. Bring your close associate. The Alabama Beekeepers Association will host lunch again in the same heated building as 2012. This is the Wilson Livestock Arena, (Lat. & Long. N32.593585, W85.490318.) We certainly hope to see you there.

Dr. James E. Tew
State Specialist, Beekeeping
Alabama Cooperative Extension System
Auburn University.

**Navigation and Location**

If you are an individual who sees a map as a sheet of paper with colorful lines and cute little symbols, skip to the next article. If you are the type who needs directions expressed as either left, right, or straight ahead, and sophisticated technical jargon such as *east* or *west* must be avoided, skip to the next article. This information may be over your head.

Several years ago John Mynard came by my house for his annual apiary inspection. He recorded my location in his GPS. I should have been paying better attention. For the past couple of years, I have submitted the Latitude and Longitude of my apiaries with my annual apiary registration form. “Whoa!” you say, “We are not out at sea!” Hear me through. My older daughter gave me a GPS for Christmas 2009. I have learned from the school of hard knocks that my GPS is accurate, sometimes, more or less. As often as not, the address location is just plain wrong. I might be on the right street; but the house number may be several blocks or a mile or more away. This inaccuracy is not an issue with Lat. and Long. Lat. and Long. are pretty much scientific. By the way, *an issue* is sophisticated technical jargon for an error, a mis-
take, or a miscalculation almost always caused by hu-
man variables and always blamed on the computer.

For the past couple of years I have begun navigat-
ing with Latitude and Longitude. I hear you laugh-
ing; but I am serious. Lat. and Long. are spot on. If I enter a Lat. and Long. into my GPS, the thing directs me to that spot. Not just close. To the spot. In north Alabama, with six decimals of a degree accuracy, we are talking about a foot. When reporting my apiary locations, which are, with the exception of my back-
yard, never at an address, I give the Dept. of Agricul-
ture the Lat. and Long. John Mynard does not need to know where I began with my directions. He simply goes to the apiary location. I have continued this prac-
tice with travel. When I am going to a site for the first
time, where possible, I find the site on Google Maps and put eyes on the site with Google Street View. When I have confidence that this is the correct loca-
tion, I RIGHT CLICK and click on WHAT’S HERE?
The Lat. and Long. are displayed in the search field. Here are a couple of examples. Wil Montgomery and I visited the Tara Beekeepers in Atlanta. They meet at 752 Main Street, Forest Park, GA 30297. The Lat. and Long. is N33.621757, W84.365864. I find that de-
grees and decimals of a degree are the easiest means of entering Lat. and Long. There are other methods. My GPS directed me to this location. The only ques-
tion remaining was which door to use to enter the

Another example: I attended a wedding in September. There is no Google Street View. I called the father of the groom and inquired if there was a pond in his back yard. “Yes.” I have the correct loca-
tion. I obtain the Lat. and Long. with the method out-
lined in the previous paragraph. I drove directly to the house utilizing Lat. and Long.

There is always a learning curve. Try this method the next time you are going to a new location with which you are unfamiliar. After a little experi-
ence with Lat. and Long., you will not rely on street addresses.

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**Brief Recap of 2012**

2012 has been another banner year for the Alabama Beekeepers Association under the presi-
dency of Phillip Garrison. Membership increased from 516 to 661 by year end. On February 4th, the As-
sociation hosted lunch at Dr. Tew’s Auburn Spring Beekeeping Symposium for the eighth time. A little chili was left over but no cornbread. For the first time, lunch was served in the heated Wilson Livestock Arena, a vast improvement over the Heritage Pavil-
ion. Earl King and Fred Rossman brought supplies.

The fifth annual picnic, held on Saturday, May 19th, was moved from Cooter’s Pond back to the Cullman County Fairgrounds very near Sportsman Lake Park where the second picnic was held in 2008. There was a record crowd of around three hundred. Bonnie Funderburg secured two hundred twenty pounds of leg quarters from Tyson. Phillip Garrison and Nolan Dooley cooked the chicken. Alton Pitzing and Tim Hartwig cooked catfish and sweet potato fries. Earl King and Fred Rossman brought supplies.

The Association made its third appearance at Chilton Research and Extension’s Farm Home and Wildlife Expo on August 4th. Beneath two tents, there were twenty different samples of Alabama honey from ten different counties provided by ten beekeep-
ers. Many non-beekeepers realized for the first time
all honey is not the same. We have been invited back for 2013.

At Calhoun Community College in Tanner on August 11th, for the second year, Lionel Evans and his able crew from the Limestone County Beekeepers Association hosted the North Alabama Beekeeping Symposium. About two hundred beekeepers turned out for this annual affair. Dr. James E. Tew was there along with Jerry Hayes. Earl King and Fred Rossman brought supplies along with Dadant and Sons and several other suppliers.

The Association set up a display for Honey Bee Awareness Day on August 18th at Attalla City Park. A few new members joined. Some signed up for the annual meeting. Others took Apiary Registration forms. Bonnie Funderburg sold a few T-Shirts, hats, queen color magnets, decals, and bumper stickers.

The 2012 annual meeting was held for the fourth consecutive year at Taylor Road Baptist Church in Montgomery. There was a record attendance of three hundred nine. David Kelton chaired the Alabama Master Beekeeper Committee for the second year. Eighteen Certified and nineteen Journeyman completed the requirements. Earl King and Fred Rossman brought supplies along with Dadant and Sons, Mann Lake and Brushy Mountain Bee Farm. Phillip Garrison acquired outstanding door prizes again. It was a memorable meeting. The bar is set pretty high for Damon Wallace and Jeff Lee.

**Madison County Bee School**

Merry Christmas Beeks from the Madison County Beekeepers Association.

Our next **Beginner's Practical Beekeeping Class** will be in the Auditorium at the Main Branch of the Huntsville/Madison County Public library, located at 915 Monroe Street, Huntsville, AL 35801. (Lat. Long. N34.723079, W86.590195.) This is one (1) class that is broken into four (4) nights. There is no way to cover all the material in one night. Each class will cover a different period of time in a year in the apiary. The class is taught through the use of Power Point slides, video, and class participation. The class will meet from 5:30pm to 8:30pm on Tuesdays, 1/15/13, 1/29/13, 2/19/13, and Thursday 2/28/13. There is **no charge** for the class, and it is open to anyone (school age children and older through adults) interested in honeybees. No books are required, but if you would like to purchase a book, the class is based on Honey Bees and Beekeeping: A Year in the Life of an Apiary, 3rd edition by Keith S. Delaplane. (ISBN:
1-929832-31-1). You are welcome to take notes. It would be advisable to bring a jacket or sweater for comfort as the room can be chilly at times. To register, please email your name, address, phone number (where you can be reached if there is a change in the schedule), and email address to: beedaddyhoney@yahoo.com. Chris Cambron

Another Haiti Report

During this past summer, the current president of the Alabama Beekeepers Association, Damon Wallace, completed the necessary paperwork and accepted an invitation from FAVACA, The Florida Association for Volunteer Action in the Caribbean and the Americas, to return to Haiti to assist Haitian beekeepers with quality control, marketing, and additional hive products. Due to health reasons, Damon elected not to make the scheduled trip but rather deferred to a later date. Since plans were already in place, Damon suggested to FAVACA that Lonnie Funderburg would be willing to go in his place.

FAVACA agreed to allow Lonnie Funderburg to take Damon’s place. The two-week trip began October 22nd at the Birmingham airport. After two short two-hour flights with a stopover in Miami, Funderburg arrived in Port au Prince, the capital of Haiti and only major city. The temperature was 90° Fahrenheit.

Guide, translator, and guardian angel, Anderson Pierre, met Funderburg at the airport. FAVACA provided a vehicle, Toyota SUV with four wheel drive, and driver, Fritznel, who transported Funderburg to the Hotel Visa Lodge.

For two days, Pierre and Funderburg visited grocery stores and markets in Port au Prince to evaluate the labeling and display of Haitian honey alongside imported Sue Bee, Dutch Gold, Shurfine, and Bee Natural Honey. Also, they bought plastic gallon jugs, 16 oz. plastic bottles, and 4 oz. plastic bottles to distribute to beekeepers.

On Thursday, October 25th, hurricane Sandy passed by Haiti. There was no travel on that day.

On Friday, Pierre and Funderburg traveled about twenty miles to the northwest to the town of Arcahaie to visit with Yves Dubuisson who is the president of the Association des Apiculteurs de l’Arcahaie (CODCOA). The Association has about eighty members. There was an interesting discussion. Yves Dubuisson asked how to load frames in a Mann Lake LTD eighteen frame radial extractor. Apparently he had not seen a radial extractor previously. All the other extractors viewed in Haiti were tangential.

Next day, Pierre and Funderburg traveled about seventy-five miles to the southwest to the town of Aquin. The travel time required about five hours. Along the route, there were many wash outs from Sandy. Water still covered the road in several places. All three men stayed in the Hotel La Viola’s, clean linen, water (neither hot nor cold), electricity (when the generator was running), and excellent food. The hotel rooms were sprayed for mosquitoes in the evening. Guests have their choice of watching a DVD on a wide screen TV or running the fan. Funderburg elected to run the fan. Pierre, Funderburg, and driver, Fritznel, visited a local commercial beekeeper, Badeau Oles. High water, where the bridge will be some day, prevented a visit to another commercial beekeeper. The three men ate lunch at Complexe Nenette, a convenience store, bar, restaurant, and cyber cafè. Patrons may recharge their phones and laptops and have internet access while eating or drinking.

On Sunday morning, high water again prevented travel to one beekeeper. Pierre and Funderburg picked up Badeau Oles who directed Fritznel to the apiary of Dieusel Verdieu and his sister, Marlène Louise Verdieu. The apiary consisted of colonies in handmade log hives with no frames. All honey is processed by smoking the bees off the honey comb, cutting out honeycomb, and
crush/drain the comb. The Verdieu’s were justifiably proud of some beautiful cakes of beeswax. Their operation appeared to be the most primitive of all apiaries observed.

Later that day the water had receded sufficiently to allow Fritznel to cross in the four wheel drive Toyota. Sèvére-Ôlès Bazile is a commercial beekeeper with fifty-four Langstroth type hives. All of his supers appear to be deeps. Ôlès spoke excellent English, better than Pierre. He expressed a sincere interest in improving his bee stock. For two hours the discussion involved criteria for breeding stock selection, methods of raising queen bees, and methods of splitting hives and introducing queen bees. Ôlès re-

quested specific instructions for constructing and utilizing a Thurber cage. Ôlès says that he can raise bees twelve months of the year. The main nectar flow is during October, November, and December when there is no hurricane. Of the twenty-five beekeepers visited, Sèvére-Ôlès Bazile is likely the one who benefited most from his meeting with a foreign beekeeper.

On the return trip to Port au Prince for a scheduled flight to Cap Haitien on the northern coast, there was an unexpected delay. About 7:00 AM, all traffic came to a halt. There is no go around. Pierre made a phone call to determine the situation.

“The chief, he cut the road.”
Funderburg inquired, “Do you mean, ‘He blocked the road.’?”
“The chief, he blocked the road.”

Funderburg asked, “Is he the mayor?”
“He is the chief.”

Apparently the chief had a grievance. The road block was his means of having his grievance heard. The roadblock was cleared about 1:00 PM. Arriving at the airport in Port au Prince about four hours after the departure of the scheduled flight, Pierre obtained a seat for Funderburg on the next scheduled flight to depart at 4:00 PM. Since, this was the last available seat on the flight, the departure time was moved up to 3:00 PM. The flight to Cap Haitien on the northern coast required only thirty-five minutes. It would have taken ten hours to drive.

“Papy” met Funderburg at the airport. Funderburg stayed at the l’Hostellerie du Roi Christophe, very nice, very clean, hot water, air conditioned, room dehumidifier, color/cable TV, and outstanding food.

On Wednesday, Fritznel drove Pierre and Funderburg to the town of Ouanaminthe, about fifty miles to the east, almost to the Dominican Republic. With Pierre translating, Funderburg talked to fifteen members of the Coopérative Apicole de Ouanaminthe about moisture content and labeling. With his most diplomatic tone and vocabulary, Funderburg suggested that it would be better if their label did not say “Syrup Honey”. After each sentence, Pierre would translate for several minutes, and the beekeepers would respond for several minutes. Then Pierre would say to Funderburg, “OK.”

Again on Thursday, there was a meeting of the Coopérative Apicole de Ouanaminthe with ten in

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+ 7 New Members
+ Renewals
661 Members as of December 31, 2012

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Regional Clubs/Associations

Baldwin County: Eugene Fernandes, Pres. P.O. Box 553; Robertsdale, AL 36567; Eugenefernandes@hotmail.com. Meet 7:00 P.M. 1st Monday at Robertsdale Fire Dept, St. Paul & Racine Streets, across from water tower. (Updated 07-11-2011)

Blount County Beekeepers Association: Contact Dr. Stoney Beavers, (205) 625-4102, sbeavers@blountboe.net, Meet 4th Thursday at 6:30 PM at Blount County Resource Center, 62561 US Hwy 231, Cleveland, AL. (Updated 4-23-2012)

Central Alabama Beekeepers Association: Allyson Andrews, Pres. jandrews1@elmore.rr.com; (334) 799-2254. Meet 6:00 PM 1st Thursday of every month. Call for meeting place. (Updated 03-12-2010)

Choctaw County: No current information available. Please update.

Cullman County: Phillip Garrison, Pres. 178 County Rd 1327, Vinemont, AL 35179-6871, Tel (256) 734-5963, Meet 2nd Tue at 6:30 P.M. every odd month at Main Alfa Building, 307 Main Ave N.W., Cullman, AL 35055 (Updated 11-2010)

East Alabama Beekeepers: Tom Harris, Pres. 270 Oak Hills Dr. Wedowee, AL 36278, (256) 363-2181, elainepaceehh@yahoo.com. Meet at 6:30 P.M. at Clay Co. Extension Office in Ashland. (Updated 08-25-2011)

Escambia County — Queen’s Castle Beekeepers Association Lucy Evans, Pres. lucyobj@gmail.com Contact O.J. Blount, 334-222-0751. Meet the last Saturday of every month from 9:00-2:00. Also contact at rangerlkr@hotmail.com. (Updated 12-19-2012)

Etowah County: Guy Ross, 201 Quarry Rd, Glencoe, AL 35905-7262, guyross2@gmail.com; Tinsley H. Gregg, Auburn Ext Ofc Agent, 3299-A West Meighan Blvd, Gadsden, AL 35904. Tel (256) 547-7936. Meet 1st Thu at 6:30 P.M. at Carnes Recreation Center, 103 Case Avenue, Attalla, AL 35570-0202 Updated (2-04-2010)

Jackson County Beekeepers Association: Contact Ray Latham, 256-574-5234, raylatham@scottsboro.org. Meet 6:30 PM the first Thursday of even numbered months at ALFA Insurance office, 23625 John T. Reid Parkway, Scottsboro, AL (Updated 04-02-2011)

Jefferson County: Paul Mancill, Pres. Meet 7:00 P.M. 3rd Thu Birmingham Botanical Gardens, 2612 Lane Park Rd. Birmingham, AL 35223-1802 County agent, Sallie Lee (205) 879-6964 Ext 11 (Updated 03-10-2010)

Limestone County Beekeepers Association: Jeff Lee, Pres. leej@pclnet.net 256-874-6067. Meets 2nd Thu of even months at 6:00 PM in ALFA building, 524 Hwy 72 West, Athens, AL 35611 (Updated 03-18-2010)

Madison County: Laura Cambron, Pres. 1012 New Hope-Cedar Point Rd. New Hope, AL 35760-9656, 256-723-2608 honeybee.lady@yahoo.com . Meet 6:30 P.M. 2nd Thu in odd-numbered months at Botanical Gardens, 4747 Bob Wallace Ave, Huntsville, AL (Updated 08-25-2011)

Montgomery County Beekeepers Association—John Haaseth, pres. 601-916-0019. Meet at 10:00 AM on second Saturday of each month at Wilmer Hall on Springhill College campus, 3811 Old Shell Rd. Mobile, AL 36608-1317 (Updated 02-21-2012)

Monroe County: Contact Toria Sims at 4349 Turkey Hollow Rd. Frisco City, AL 36445-5154; 251-267-3520; toriasims@frontiernet.net, meet 7:00 P.M. 2nd Thu of third month (Mar. Jun. Sep. Dec.) at Southern Pine Building. (Updated 1-14-2009)
North-West Alabama Bee Club: No current information on this club. (12-19-2011)

North-East Alabama (Calhoun County & surrounding area): Joe Abernathy, Pres. 256-835-1214, abernathyjoe@mac.com. Meet 6:30 P.M. 2nd Thu 17th & Noble Sts, Auburn Extension Administration Building, Anniston, AL. (Updated 12-10-2009)

Sand Mountain Beekeepers (Blount, DeKalb, Jackson, Marshall & NE AL): Lyle Greenwood, Pres, Tel (256)586-2206, lgwood@otelco.net. Meet 6:30 P.M. on 3rd Tue of even numbered months at Guntersville Public Library, 1240 O’Bri G Ave. (Updated 01-09-2011)

Saugahatchee Beekeepers Association meets the first Tuesday of every even numbered month (Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec) 6:00 PM at the Lee County Extension Office which is located at 600 S. 7th St. in Opelika, AL. Contact Linda Schotz, President at schotz@bellsouth.net or 334-826-8322 for additional information. (Updated 12-08-2012)

Shelby County Beekeepers Association: George Baldwin, pres. 205-672-7012 geesbees43@gmail.com, Meet 1st Sat. at 7 PM at Pleasant Site Baptist Church, Hwy 43 (Updated 10-8-2011)

South Alabama (Mobile County): This local association has ceased meeting and disbanded. (Updated 10-26-2007)

Southeast Alabama Beekeepers Association: Gerry Whitaker Pres. whitsfarm@centurytel.net, Meet 7:00 P.M. 1st Thu of each month at the Coffee County Farm Center in New Brockton, AL (Updated 11-30-2012)

Tallapoosa River: There has been no communication from this organization.

Tennessee Valley Beekeepers Association: Jerry Claborn, pres. 256-355-0403 jclaborn@charter.net. Meet 2nd Thu of even months at 7:00 P.M. at the Moulton City Hall, 720 Seminary St, Moulton, AL (Updated 09-17-2010)

Walker County: Lonnie Funderburg, 1206 Easley Bridge Rd, Oneonta, AL 35121-4110 Tel (205) 625-3464. Meet 6:30 P.M. 4th Mon at Ext Svc Bldg, 1501 N. Airport Road, Jasper, AL except July and December, picnic in July. (Updated 01-23-12)

West Alabama Beekeepers Association (Bibb, Tuscaloosa, Hale, & Pickens Cos.) Bill Hewett, Pres BillHewett3824@yahoo.com Meet 6:00 P.M. 3rd Thu monthly at County Extension Service Auditorium, 714 Greensboro Ave.,Tuscaloosa, Al 35401. Current website http://www.HewettsHoney.com. (Updated 01-09-2011)

Wiregrass (Houston County): Roslyn Horton, Pres., 334-795-6201 home 334-790-2087 cell, roshorton@gmail.com. Meet 7:00 P.M. 1st Thu every month at Houston County Extension Office, Ross Clark Circle #4; Dothan, AL. (Updated 8-30-2011)

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Letter from the Editor

Thanks to Keith Robinson for updating the Queen’s Castle Beekeepers club listing. Thanks to Gerry Whitaker for updating the Southeast Alabama Beekeepers Association club listing. Thanks to Linda Schotz for updating the Saugahatchee Beekeepers Association (Lee Co.) club listing.

Update on Queen’s Castle Beekeepers Association club listing: Queen’s Castle Beekeepers is in Escambia County. They meet three miles west of the Covington County line and three miles east of McGowin Bridge on Conecuh River. Keith Robinson is president, OJ Blount is Vice-President, Lucy Blount is Treasurer, and Donna Blair is Secretary. Meeting time is the last Saturday of each month, except August and December, from 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM. Bring a covered dish. Meat is furnished. Contact OJ Blount at 334-222-0751 or Keith Robinson at rangerlkr@hotmail.com or Donna Blair at sweet-donna@oppcatv.com. Confirm location with OJ Blount at 334-222-0751.

The Coweta Beekeepers Association in Newnan, Georgia is offering a top bar class on March 9-10, 2013. Please contact Steven Page if you have any questions. stevepage@numail.org

Steven Page www.cowetabeekeepers.org

Right now, before you forget, pre-register for Dr. Tew’s workshop. You can do it online and pay with a credit card. Why wait? While you are thinking about it, call Kelley or Rossman and order your supplies. You will make money going to the workshop, and the Alabama Beekeepers Association is buying your lunch. Can it get any better!

Lonnie W. Funderburg, Editor, Alabama Journeyman Beekeeper
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