

## ***Ashe County Beekeepers Association***

Welcome to the Ashe County Beekeepers Association (ACBA)!

ACBA's primary mission - to promote healthy and sustainable beekeeping practices in Ashe County - is accomplished through occasional training seminars and regular meetings featuring knowledgeable guest and local beekeepers with myriad areas of expertise.

In addition, ACBA aims to educate the general public regarding the critical need to protect and care for honey bee populations and simple ways to do it. For example, plant bee-friendly gardens, shrubs, and trees and use extra precaution with pesticides and herbicides (spray in calm wind well before dawn or after dusk, when the bees are still in their hives, and don't let chemicals pool on flowering weeds that attract bees. Even better, pull the flowers off and toss them well out of the range of the spray before spraying. *And even better*, research natural solutions to your problems!).

Ashe County is obviously at the heart of our focus, but with the substantial tourist and seasonal population, we are hopeful that the impact of our efforts will extend way beyond our county lines. Meanwhile, we encourage and foster close relationships with neighboring beekeeping groups and belong to the North Carolina State Beekeepers Association (NCSBA).

ACBA meets at 7:00pm on the second Thursday of each month from March thru November at the Agricultural Center Offices in Jefferson, NC (the end building in the government complex, behind Bojangles'). Visit our web site (**[www.ashebeekeepers.org](http://www.ashebeekeepers.org)**) and follow us on Facebook ('Ashe County Beekeepers Association') for group updates and beekeeping reports from our members, and if you'd like to learn more about ACBA or honey bees in general, please join us at a meeting - visitors are always welcome!

You can also email us at [ashebeekeepers@gmail.com](mailto:ashebeekeepers@gmail.com) or call 336-982-8289 for more information.

We are excited about the increasing honey bee awareness in the entire High Country! We look forward to encouraging news regarding the plight of honey bees in our area and the opportunity to contribute in some way.

Thank you for your interest in the bees and ACBA!

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