

Bee Hive Removal in Sylvan Lake Falls

The beekeepers located the bees above the fireplace behind the drywall above the ladder using a heat sensing device. They covered the area below in plastic, set up ladder, cut out a section of drywall, and began vacuuming the bees.



With drywall section removed, the dark area consists of thousands of bees.



Hundreds of bees clung to the piece of drywall.



One of the beekeepers begins vacuuming the bees. Few are harmed and most will be reestablished in the beekeepers' apiary.



This is only a small sample of hive cone removed. Much of the honey will be retrieved.



The cannister of thousands bees that will be transported to the apiary.



A few escapees in the skylight.



The removal was done by Bill Owens, Georgia's first Master Craftsman Beekeeper, and his assistant. Bill told me at the beginning that there would be about 90 escapees and that they would die over the next 2-3 days. My dog ate them as they fell to the floor with relish despite several stings.

FYI. Before I contacted Bill Owens, I contacted the Rabun County Agent. He referred me to Towns County Agent who gave me Bill Owens' name and number.

Bill Owens lives in Monroe GA where his business is located, a distance of about 125 miles from Sylvan Lake Falls. Bill Owens' website is: <http://www.gabeeremoval.com/>

The vacuuming is done very slowly and carefully, and it took 3-4 hours. They replaced the drywall. On any job they reconstruct any deconstruction necessary for a bee hive removal. It was however left to me to use drywall patching paste to smooth the seams left by the cuts and to repaint.

This occurred May 19, 2009 in the cabin of Anne and Roger Thomas at a cost of \$600.00. Roger took the photographs