

The Skep

August 2017

Columbiana & Mahoning Beekeepers' Association Newsletter

President's Corner

Hello Beekeepers,

Well we're into the dog days of summer. Hot and dry. Make sure you keep plenty of water available for your bees. If not, they may find their way to your neighbor's swimming pool.

There are two positions that will become available at our annual banquet. The office of president and one board member. If you want to make a difference, now is your chance.

Our focus now is on the Canfield Fair. **This is the primary fundraiser for your club.** We will need help setting up and tearing down as well as working the bee booth during the fair. It is always a very enjoyable time. The next meeting is at Don Kovach's parent's farm at the honey house. See you there on August 20th.---Bruce Zimmer

Meeting Information:

Next Meeting: 08/20/2017,

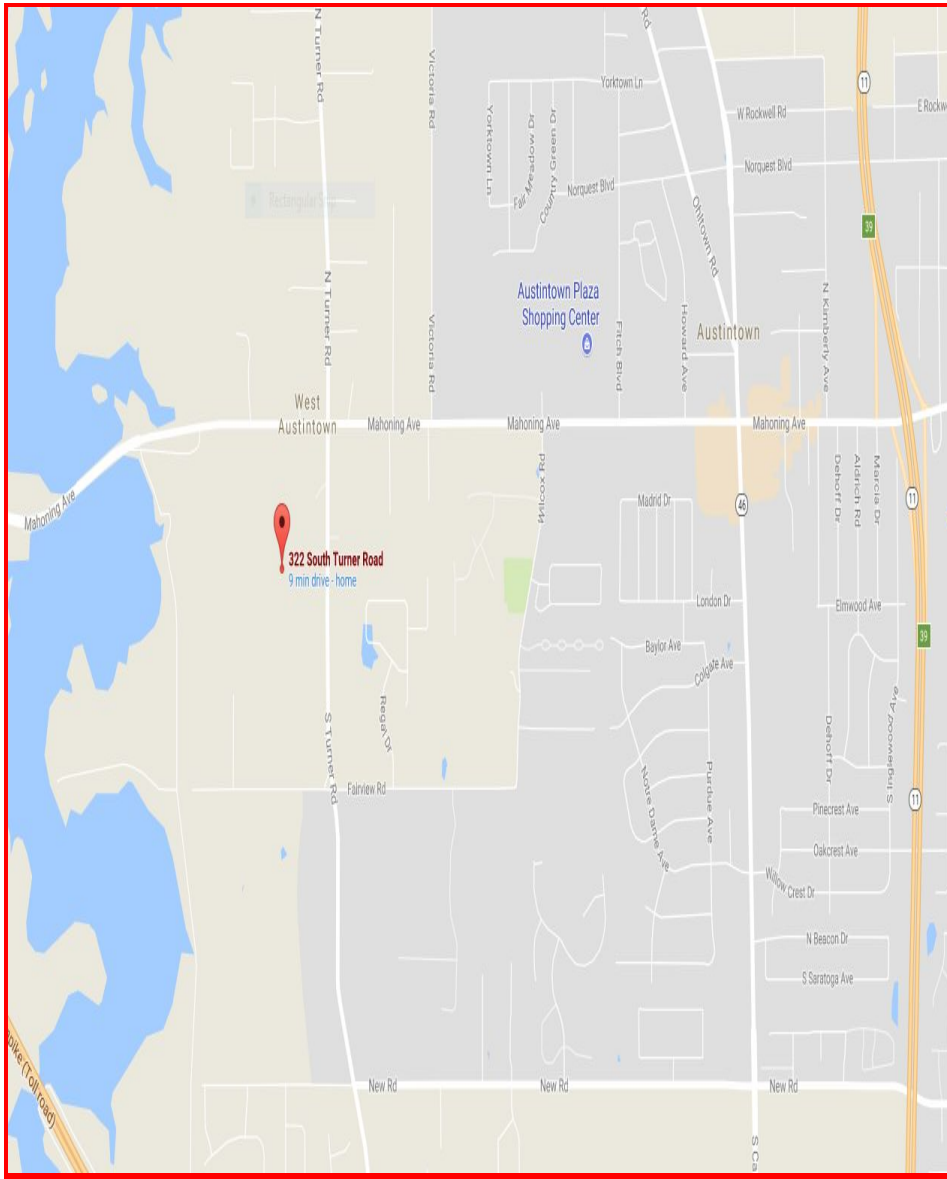
Don Kovach Parent's Home

322 South Turner Rd.

Austintown, Ohio 44515

**Pot Luck Lunch at 1:00 pm,
business meeting to follow at 2:00.**

(Please bring your own plates, cups and silverware.**)**



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Reminders from the July Meeting:

--Don Kovach reported on the successful queen rearing class that was sponsored by the club. 21 members took the class. It is Don's intention to have enough members rearing queens to be able to fulfil the entire membership's queen requirement from within our ranks. A big thank you to George and Edwynna for allowing us into their home for the class.

--Upcoming elections will be for a new President and one Board member at the October banquet. An Election committee will be headed up by Grimilda Ocasio to prepare for the election.

--Bob "The Bee Man" Chmelik stated he has had 75 swarm calls to date. He said that the nuisance bees calls are rolling in. Yellow Jacket calls are becoming more numerous. Last year's total was 114 swarm calls.

--George Stacey spoke on preparing for the fair. All members are asked to help in staffing the booth. Working 2 shifts will pay for your dinner at the fall banquet. Help is especially needed for setup and teardown. Please see George to sign up for fair shifts.

--Bruce Deafenbaugh spoke on the clamshells for cut comb packaging at the fair. He offered to make steel comb cutters for members that may need one.

--OSBA travelling speaker program sent Bob Hooker to give the presentation of the varroa management kit available thru the OSBA. He talked on all aspects of beekeeping, and focused on websites such as the Bee Informed database and the Honey Bee Health coalition for up to date helpful information. Thanks to Bob for his time and excellent presentation.



Varroa tip: Now is the time to prepare your colonies to go into winter. Mite checks and treatments will ensure future colony health. Sugar shakes and alcohol washes should be a must on your to do list now.

What you do as a beekeeper now, will dictate your colony's health going into the upcoming winter. Your colonies will soon begin to develop the winter bees that will need to survive the long cold winter ahead. You do not want a mite load going into this crucial time. Please check and treat for mites today!

Please see this link for more information on varroa and virus transmission:

<http://articles.extension.org/pages/71172/honey-bee-viruses-the-deadly-varroa-mite-associates>

DEPARTMENT N - HONEY AND BEES WAX



Director in Charge

Elwood Woolman

- A. Entries **MUST** be PRE-REGISTERED by August 20 (Entry form in back of book). Submit entries by mail to: Canfield Fair, P.O. Box 250, Canfield, OH 44406 or online @ www.canfieldfair.com
- B. Entry Fee: 50 cents for first entry and 10 cents for each additional entry.
- C. Exhibitors are limited to one (1) exhibit per entry number.
- D. Entries to be brought to the Hay and Grain Building on Tuesday, August 29, 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. Tags will be furnished at that time.
- E. Plaque or trophy awarded on total points system for all Classes combined.
- F. Entries must remain on exhibit until Monday, Sept. 4. Time to be determined.
- G. Judging will be Wednesday, August 30.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR DISPLAY

All items must have been produced between 2016 Fair and 2017 Fair.

****NOTE: Class 1: Entries 1, 2, 3 and 4:**

Must have 3 one pound Classic or Gamber style Queenline glass jars per entry.**

Class 1 - Liquid Honey

- Entry 1 -- White Liquid Honey..... Water White, Extra White, White**
- Entry 2 -- Light Amber Liquid Honey..... Extra Lt. Amber, Lt. Amber**
- Entry 3 -- Amber Liquid Honey..... Amber**
- Entry 4 -- Dark Amber Liquid Honey..... Dark**

* **Best of Show Ribbon - Class 1***

Class 2 - Honey & Comb

- Entry 5 -- Cut Comb Honey..... Needs 3 (approximately 4" x 4") blocks in transparent container.
- Entry 6 -- Round Comb Honey.. Needs 3 round 4" diameter (Ross style)
- Entry 7 -- Square Comb Honey.. Needs 3 approximately 4" x 4" square (Basswood)
- Entry 8 -- Extracting Frame..... Needs one shallow or medium frame. Extracting frames must be displayed with a clear bee-proof covering. Frames must be removable
- Entry 9 -- Extracting Frame..... Needs one deep frame. Extracting frames must be displayed with a clear bee-proof covering. Frames must be removable.
- Entry 10 -- Chunk Honey..... Needs one wide mouth pint jar.

Best of Show Ribbon - Class 2

Class 3 - Process Hive Products

- Entry 11-- Crystallized Honey..... Needs one regular mouth pint jar.
- Entry 12-- Bees Wax..... Needs molded block weighing at least 16 oz. and wrapped in clear plastic.
- Entry 13-- Fancy Molded Bees Wax... Needs molded Bees Wax weighing not less than 2 oz. and wrapped in clear plastic. (NO Candles)
- Entry 14-- Candles..... Dipped 1 pair (2 identical pcs.)
- Entry 15-- Candles..... Molded 1 pair (2 identical pcs.)
- Entry 16-- Candle..... Fancy Molded (1 pc) 8 oz or less
- Entry 17-- Candle..... Fancy Molded (1 pc) more than 8 oz
- Entry 18-- Honey Gift Package..... This display shall consist of a box or suitable container of packaged honey and honey bee related products. Total package (including container) to be 10 lbs or less and will be judged on attractiveness of package and quality of contents.

50% or more of the products produced by the exhibitor.

Best of Show Ribbon - Class 3

Premiums Paid on Classes 1-3 1st - \$8.00 2nd - \$7.00 3rd - \$6.00 4th - \$5.00

GRAND CHAMPION ~~~~~ Award
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION ~~~~~ Award

2017 Officers

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Secretary-- Donna Birmingham 330-424-5305

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Chuck Hatch(2018) 330-807-0848

Andrea Deafenbaugh(2019) 330-457-0326

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HillTop Honey Farm--Steve Davis

Click on the company name to visit their web site.

Monthly Honey Recipe:

HONEY-PEANUT BUTTER PROTEIN ENERGY BALLS



YIELD: 2 dozen

INGREDIENTS

- 1¼ cup old fashioned oats
- 3 tablespoons shredded coconut
- ½ cup sliced almonds finely chopped
- 1 tablespoon hemp seeds shelled (optional)
- 1 scoop whey protein powder
- ½ cup honey
- ½ cup dried apricots chopped
- ½ cup peanut butter

DIRECTIONS

In a medium bowl add the oats, coconut, almonds, hemp seeds and protein powder. Stir until well distributed. Add the honey, apricots and peanut butter and stir well. Put mixing bowl into the refrigerator for about 20 to 30 minutes. Then roll into rounded balls. When chilled, they can last about 5 days.

Below are two pictures of the editor preparing to treat for Varroa using oxalic acid vaporization. He is wearing a 3M acid gas respirator that is available for under \$25 at amazon. Do your lungs a big favor, and wear proper PPE when treating with oxalic acid!

