

# The Skep

August 2018

Columbiana & Mahoning BeeKeepers' Association Newsletter

## President's Corner:

The Fair is fast approaching. Make sure you have your entry form into the Fair office before the next meeting. If you don't know how, call Bruce Deafenbaugh because we had to make a quick trip to FL & I don't have information with me.

At the next meeting I will continue to sign people up for times to work in the fair booth selling our honey products. We will be setting up the booth on Aug. 26 in Building #26 at 1:00. Hope to see you on Aug. 19 to bag candy at the Senior Citizen Center after the meeting. I hope to have the fair tickets to pass out at that meeting.

Also, please note this meeting will be held at the Senior center, not at Don Kovach's home.

Hope to see you at the meeting,

George Stacey

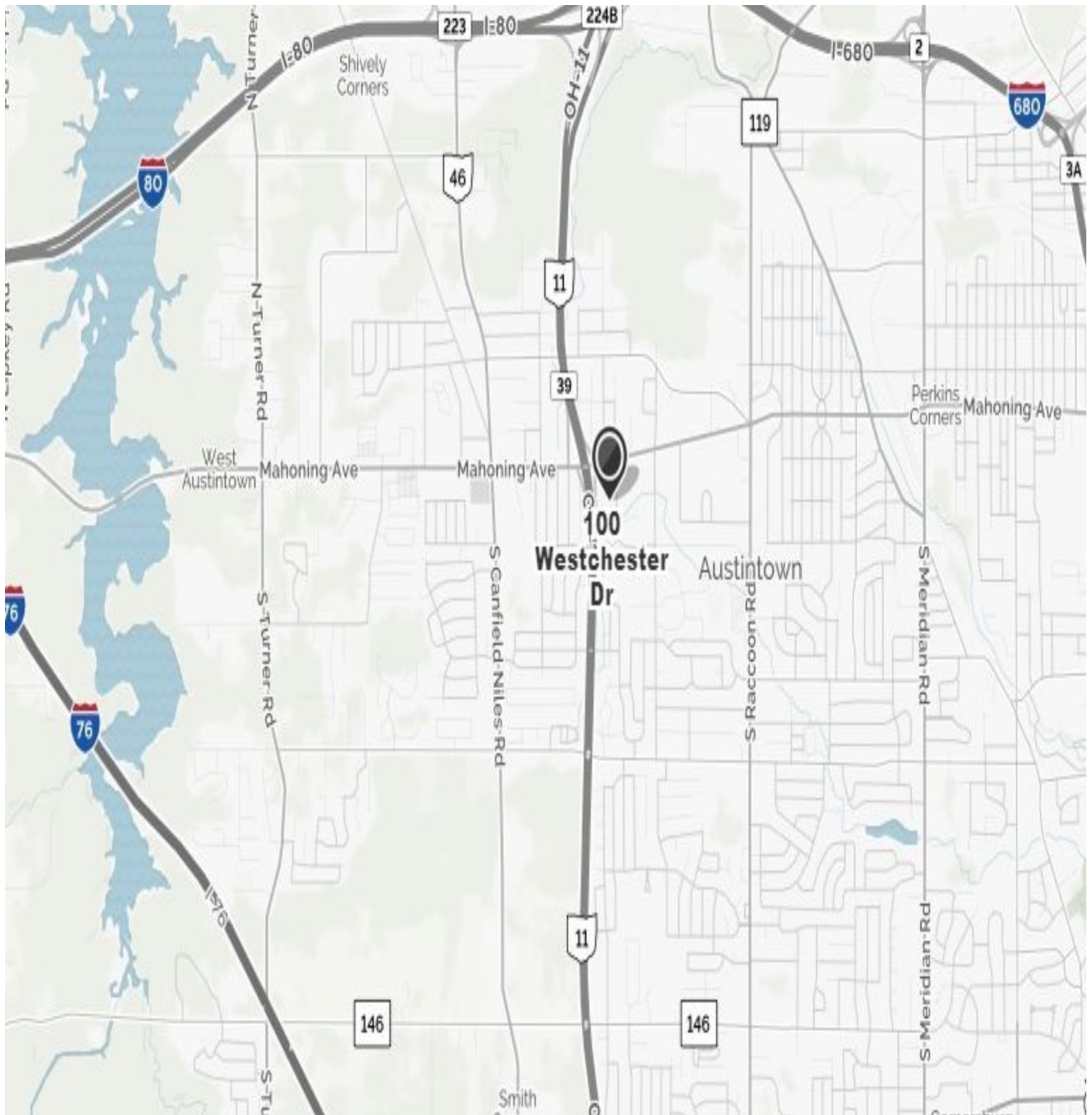
## August Meeting Information:

**Next Meeting: 08/19/2018,**

**Monthly Membership Meeting and Luncheon  
Austintown Senior Center  
100 Westchester Drive  
Austintown, Ohio 44515**


**Potluck Lunch at 1 pm and  
Membership meeting at 2 pm.**

**As a Reminder: Please bring your own  
tableware;  
Plates, Cups, Silverware etc.**



## Reminder for UpComing Education events:

August 13 - 17, 2018



# EAS 2018

Hampton Roads Convention Center, Hampton, Virginia

**Conference (Aug 15-17)**  
Speakers Include:

- Celia Davis, NDB (National Diploma in Beekeeping, UK)
- Dr. Jamie Ellis, University of Florida
- Randy Oliver, Scientific Beekeeping
- Mike Palmer, French Hill Apiaries, Vermont
- Fred Proni, North Carolina Grower
- Sammy Ramsey, University of Maryland
- Dr. Juliana Rangel, Texas A & M
- Dr. Jennifer Tsuruda, Clemson University
- Michael Young, MBe, Institute of Northern Ireland Beekeepers and MANY others

**Short Course (Aug 13 & 14)**  
Topics Include:


- Beginners Track
- Intermediate Track
- Apiary Track
- Electronic Hive Monitoring
- Excellence in Honey & Hive Products
- Queen Rearing

**Special Events:**

- Beekeepers' Beach Bash
- Tea with Celia Davis
- Queen of the Sun Film Screening
- Honey Show and Awards Banquet
- Silent Auction and Dinner
- Trip to historic Jamestown, entry point for honey bees into North America
- Trip to St. George's Brewery and Apiary

Centrally located along the East Coast, 40% of the US population is within one day's drive (10 hours) of Hampton, Virginia.

Fun and easy day trips to Colonial Williamsburg and the Virginia Beach Boardwalk are less than an hour away!



**VIRGINIA 2018**  
"Where it all began"  
**EAS**

# WANTED

## Varroa destructor




For the wanton destruction of Honey Bee colonies worldwide  
Yours could be next

Take the challenge  
**TEST YOUR HIVE TODAY!**

www.mitecheck.com

## THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Join Us for Monthly Webinars with Top Researchers and Experts



April 18, **Olivia Carril**, author and scientist  
Identifying Common Bees of the Great Lakes Region

May 16, **Reed Johnson**, OSU Entomology  
Where are Honey Bees Foraging in Ohio?

June 20, **Kim Flottum**, author and editor of Bee Culture Magazine  
Ethics in Beekeeping

July 18, **Alex Zomczek**, Master Beekeeping Instructor  
Insect/Animal Husbandry - What You Do and Don't Do Matters!

August 15, **Elizabeth Long**, OSU Entomology  
Protecting Pollinators from Pesticides

September 19, **Kelley Tilmon**, OSU Entomology  
Pollinator Diversity in Ohio Soybeans

October (date TBA), **Randy Mitchell**, The University of Akron  
The Ohio Bee Survey: In Search of the Rusty Patched Bumble Bee

Webinars are at 9:00AM EASTERN, typically on the third Wednesday of the month.

Quick Links

- [Ohio State Bee Lab](#)
- [Courses/Webinars](#)
- [TheBuzz@OSU News](#)
- [Ohio State Entomology](#)
- [Contact Us](#)

## Eversweet Apiaries HONEYBEE BREEDS

Honeybees are usually selected for their positive traits which are passed down from the queen & the drones she mated with. There are pros & cons for each breeds' traits. These breeds are the most common in the United States.

TRAIT	AFRICAN	BUCKFAST	CARNIOLAN	CAUCASIAN	CORDOVAN	ITALIAN	RUSSIAN
CALM ON COMBS	1	10	8	10	7	5	5
DEFENSIVE BEHAVIOR	10	1	1	1	1	2	7
EARLY BUILD UP	10	8	10	6	5	8	10
FORAGES EARLY	5	10	10	1	5	5	10
HONEY COLLECTION	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
HONEY STORAGE	1	10	10	8	8	10	5
NOSEMA RESISTANT	10	5	6	1	5	5	5
POLLEN COLLECTION	5	5	10	5	5	5	5
PROPOLIS COLLECTION	5	5	2	10	5	5	5
TENDENCY TO SWARM	10	2	5	2	5	2	7
TRACHEAL MITE RESISTANT	8	10	8	3	5	5	9
VARROA RESISTANT	10	3	4	3	3	3	5
WINTERS WELL	1	10	10	10	5	10	10

1 = Low Tendency for Trait      10 = High Tendency for Trait

85 Everhart Drive      Kearneysville, WV 25430      (304) 876-3832  
info@eversweetapiaries.com      eversweetapiaries.com      facebook.com/eversweetapiaries

To Join a webinar, follow the link below and LOG IN AS A GUEST at about 8:55 the day of the event: <http://go.osu.edu/theOSUbuzz>

<https://honeybeehealthcoalition.org/varroa/>

## **2018 Officers**

**President-- George Stacey 330-360-8717**

**V.President--Bruce Deafenbaugh 330-457-0326**

**Secretary-- Donna Birmingham 330-424-5305**

**Treasurer--Don Kovach 330-272-3711**

**Board: Steve Davis (2018) 330- 881-0733**

**Andrea Deafenbaugh (2019) 330-457-0326**

**Ralph Rupert (2020) 330-400-8581**

## **2018 Club Sponsors and Donors:**

**A.I. Root- Bee Culture**

**Applewood Seed Company**

**Betterbee**

**Bee Smart Designs**

**Beeline Apiaries**

**Blue Sky Bee Supply**

**Brushy Mountain**

**Buckeye Queen Producers**

**Dadant - American Bee Journal**

**Draper's Super Bee Apiaries**

**Ernst Seeds**

**Heartwood Lumber**

**Honey Bee Ware**

**Kelley Beekeeping**

**Mann Lake**

**Olivarez Honey Bees**

**Pigeon Mountain Trading**

**Queen Right Colonies**

**Rossman Apiaries**

**Valley Bee Supply**

**Western Bee Supplies**

**HillTop Honey Farm--Steve Davis**

Click on the company name to visit their web site.

# Monthly Honey Recipe:

## PUMPKIN MUFFINS WITH CREAM CHEESE FROSTING

### INGREDIENTS:

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1/2 tsp. Salt
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts
- 1 cup solid-pack pumpkin
- 1 cup honey
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 2 eggs at room temperature, slightly beaten
- 1/4 cup low-fat buttermilk
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract



### DIRECTIONS:

In a large bowl, stir together flour, cinnamon, baking soda and salt. Stir in walnuts.

In a separate bowl, blend pumpkin, honey, oil, eggs, buttermilk and vanilla until smooth. Pour pumpkin mixture over dry ingredients. Stir just until mixed.

Spoon batter into paper lined muffin cups, filling each to just below the rim. Bake at 350°F for about 25 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near the center of muffins comes out clean.

Let pan cool on rack for 5 minutes. Remove muffins from pan and let cool on rack completely.

Frost with Cream Cheese Frosting, if desired.

### Cream Cheese Frosting:

In a small bowl, with electric mixer, beat 8 ounces cream cheese (softened to room temperature) with 1/3 cup honey, until fluffy.

Makes 12 Muffins.

Don't BEE Cruel

# Honey Fest

## Honey Bee Awareness Day

August 18th, 2018  
Exchange Park  
Vermilion, Ohio



Sponsored by ~Friends of Harbor Town

### OSBA Fall Conference- November 3, 2018 Plain City, OH

**Invest a day in your education for a lifetime of better beekeeping**

*This year's OSBA Fall Conference will be another record setting event.*

Speakers include:

Dr. Marla Spivak

Dr. David Tarpy

Dr. Reed Johnson

Gabe Blatt

Mike Connors

Dr. Abigail Snyder

And other educational break-out sessions, large vendor area, honey contest, OSU Beelab honey testing, auction table, and more!

*Registration opens the beginning of September*

## July Meeting Notes:

- August meeting will be at the Austintown Senior center for Canfield fair honey bottling and prep.
- George Stacey asked for members to fill the officer spots that will be opening up in the fall. Steve Davis will be coordinating the nominations.
- The deadline for Canfield fair entries will be on August 20, 2018. The address to send your paperwork is
- There are 5 offices that need to be filled, Steve Davis will be taking nominations. Please contact him at 330-881-0733
- Joe Kovaleski spoke to the club about the value of keeping nucs in your apiary. This was part of the OSBA travelling speaker program.



**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](http://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 28, 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, September 3. Time to be determined.
- G. Judging will be Wednesday, August 29.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR DISPLAY**

All items must have been produced between 2017 Fair and 2018 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 (approx. 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 approx. 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\*\***
- Entry 19-- Pollen.....Must have 1 one pound classic, Gamber or QueenLine glass jar for this entry.

**\*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

- 4. If mailing, a list of entries (not articles) for all departments must be postmarked by August 10 and mailed to: *Canfield Fair Entry, P.O. Box 250, Canfield, Ohio 44406.* **EXCEPTIONS: Department A and Department Q are due August 1; Department H, Department I, Department J, Department K, Department L, Department M and Department N are due August 20. Please note some of these dates are new.**



