



The Skep

August 2019

Columbiana & Mahoning Beekeepers' Association Newsletter

President's Corner

We need to get things ready for the fair. Anyone that has display cases for framed honey from last year and are not using them, please return them for someone else to use. We would like to have a list of things you are planning to sell at the fair ahead of time. This will help with planning for space of all products. There are Clam Shells (25 cents each) & 4" Clear Square cases (\$1.50 each) for Comb Honey Judging at the fair. Also 1# glass jars for your honey. This saves you from buying a quantity you might not want and the trip to buy them. It also will make them alike. Call me for these items (George). If you are not able to be at this month's meeting to sign up for working the fair, Ralph has the schedule and you will need to contact him. Remember you get 1/2 of your Banquet meal paid for by working a shift.

President
George Stacy

August Meeting Information:

Meeting Date: 08/18/2019,
Monthly Membership Meeting and
Luncheon

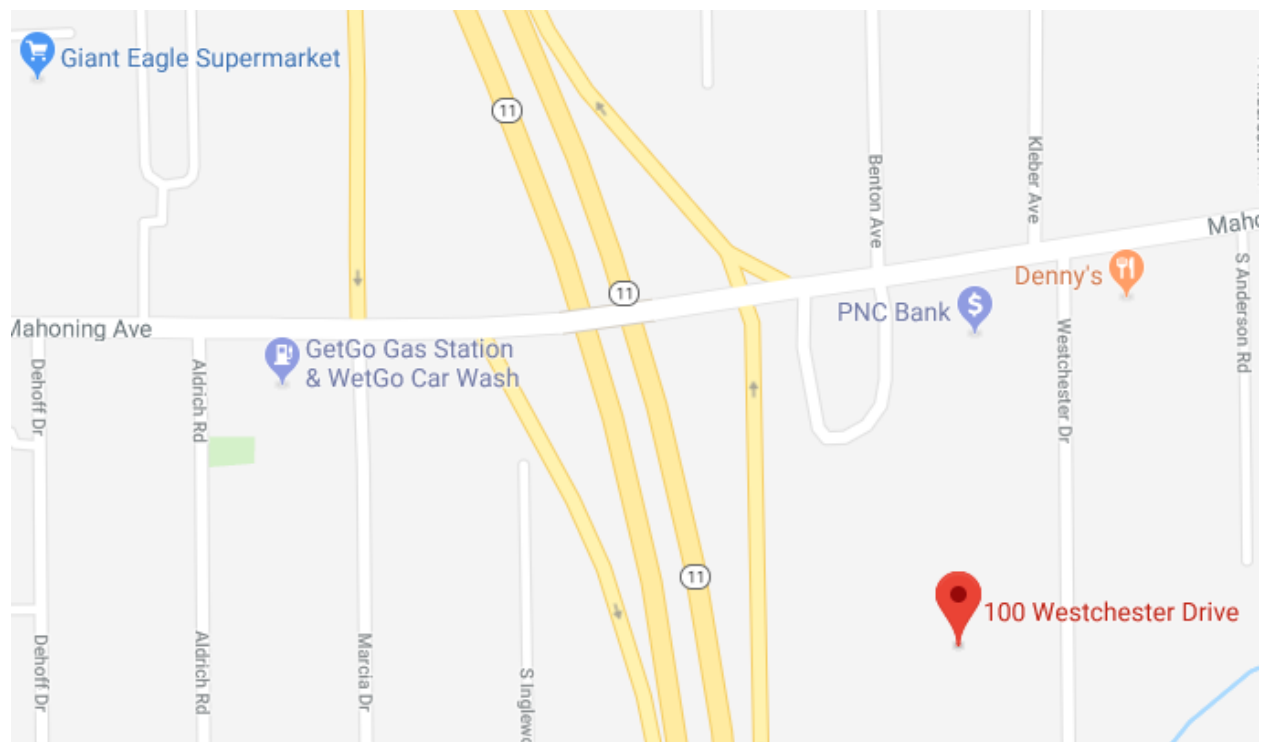
Austintown Senior Center
100 Westchester Drive
Suite 108
Austintown, Ohio 44515

Potluck Lunch at 1 pm and
Membership meeting at 2 pm

Effective May 2019 you no longer need to bring your own tableware; Plates, Cups, Silverware etc. These will be provided by the club.

Topic: Candy packaging for the fair.

Next Meeting: 09/15/2019



Meeting Highlights:

- Treasurer Recap:
 - The treasurer's report was given. It was available for members to look over. The report has been reviewed by the board and will be turned over to the audit committee.
 - An overview was given regarding several organizations that the club has given donations to.
 - There was a reminder that we have a library fund to purchase new resources for club members to borrow.
- Ralph made several announcements regarding the Canfield Fair:
 - Entries are due by August 20th.
 - Fair booth work schedule was passed around and will be passed at the next meeting as well.
 - Booth set-up will be Sunday, August 25th at 1:00 p.m.
 - Booth tear-down and pick-up will be Tuesday, September 3rd at 8:00 a.m.
 - Anyone submitting items to sell at the fair should bring them to the booth set-up. You need to have an inventory of your items and give that list to Bill.
- Ralph also announced there was an article in the Farm and Dairy on July 11th, page A8: "Weather has farmers scrambling, wondering what future holds". Part of the article discussed how the "Rain Hampers Bees". George and Ralph were interviewed for the article. <https://www.farmanddairy.com/news/weather-has-farmers-scrambling-wondering-what-future-holds/563150.html>
- Program: "FAQs"
 - Don Kovach talked about Oxylic Acid Treatments and showed videos related to the proper application using the vapor and drip methods.
 - Ralph reviewed several Frequently Asked Questions dealing with different topics

This Month/Next Month in Beekeeping:

August

Since the nectar flow will end this month, the bees will become much more flighty, searching for nectar which is now not as plentiful to find. The bees are making a final effort to store up for winter, searching for final nectar sources. Golden rod and Aster plants can provide an average nectar flow in the fall.

If you have multiple hives, you must be careful not to let a strong hive rob a weak hive. If nectar is still coming in, continue to place supers on the hive. Be careful not to open up the hive for extended periods as other hives may try and rob the hive while it is opened. I usually will place a 5 gallon bucket in my bee yards and fill it with 2:1 sugar water, 2 parts sugar and 1 part water. Then, I will fill it with clean sticks so the bees will not drown. After a few hours the bucket will be covered with thousands of bees. Don't put this close to your house. This is a great way to feed your bees and to prevent them from robbing other weaker hives.

Source: <http://basicbeekeeping.blogspot.com/2007/12/beekeepers-calendar-of-important-events.html>

September

The bees will still be working fall flowers but in most states, the amount of honey produced in September will be minimum. The days are still warm enough to allow the bees time to gather more last minute nectar prior to the first major hard freeze or frost which will kill the flowers. September is to some the start of the beekeeper's year! What you do in September will determine how well your bees do next year, and how well they overwinter. Here are some suggestions to over winter:

- Consider re-queening: You don't have to, if your queen has done well. But it is advisable to re-queen in September. If you can afford to re-queen your hive each year, it would be best to do so in September. A new queen means a much younger queen who has stronger pheromones and who will be more apt to lay eggs more efficiently in the Spring.
- Take off all your supers: Like most things there is some give and take here. Evaluate the capped honey in the brood boxes before removing the supers. You want to reduce the interior space the bees need to heat in the winter but you also need to have enough food for all the bees all winter long.
- Weigh your hives: When in doubt bring out a scale to figure out if there is enough honey in the hives. Keep in mind though it's not all about weight. It's also about placement. A hive can still starve out in the late winter with full frames on honey in the hive that they could not get to in the cold.

Lastly stay out of your hive as soon as you finish your hive work. The bees will seal the hive with propolis. This will cut down on the cold draft in winter. It should be ok to remove the top and inner cover to replenish food stores but leave the boxes alone.

Events and Educational Opportunities:

2019 Lithopolis Honeyfest

The 2019 Honeyfest will be the 13th annual "BIGGER AND BETTER THAN EVER"

Friday, September 6, 3 - 7 pm

Saturday, September 7, 10 am - 7 pm

Lithopolis, OH 43136

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- Bee Beards & Beekeepers
- Honey & Honey Tasting
- Mead Competition
- Honeyfest Queen Pageant
- Honey Bake Off
- Ohio Honey Show
- Honey Extracting
- Hive Inspection
- Jr. Beekeeping
- American Honey Princess
- Mead & Wine Tasting
- Foods Made With Honey
- Busy Beehive Kids Crafts
- Photo Contest
- Great Art & Live Music
- Bloom Carroll Kiwanis
- Honey Beer Garden



Lorain County Beekeepers – 100 Years Celebration

October 5 @ 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

<http://lcba.rsvpify.com>



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Lorain County Beekeepers Association
Join Us Celebrating 100 Years

Please accept our heartfelt invitation to be our dinner guest at a once in a lifetime evening of fun, friends and laughter. Beekeepers from all over coming together to celebrate and share the passion of beekeeping. Lots of changes have taken place in the last 100 years, we all have much to be proud of. We remember those who have diligently cared about our history, to be record keepers of the years past, the keeper of the keys if you will.

An event not to be missed!

Saturday, October 5, 2019
5:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Appetizers, Dinner and Desserts
6:00 pm

Lorain County Fairgrounds
23000 Fairgrounds Road, Building #19
Wellington, OH 44090

Seating is limited, RSVP online by August 31
<http://lcba.rsvpify.com>

Bee Culture BEETALK September 16

September 16 @ 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

A.I. Root,

623 W. Liberty St

Medina, OH

BEETALK. Tired of the same 'ole, same 'ole every month? Try BEETALK, an off shoot of Bee Culture Magazine. No reports, no committees, no dues, no officers, nothing but questions, answers and solid information on honey, bees, beekeeping from beekeepers and bee specialists. Meet on Monday, September 16, from 6:30 – 9:00 pm, 623 W. Liberty St., Medina OH. Weather permitting; we'll look at some bees and beehives first. Then, inside for a review of Apimondia in Montreal this year.

Bees in the News:

There were no notable articles in the news this last month.

Members Corner:

There were no member submissions this month.

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Click on the company name to visit their web site.

Monthly Honey Recipe:

Creamed Honey Scones

<http://justjennrecipes.com/creamed-honey-scones/>



Ingredients:

2 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
pinch of salt
1/2 cup creamed honey
1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, softened
1 egg
1/2 cup heavy cream
1 teaspoon vanilla

Instructions:

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Prep a baking sheet with a silpat.

In a bowl whisk together flour, baking powder, cinnamon and salt.

Add the creamed honey, butter, egg, heavy cream and vanilla until just combined.

Scrape the dough onto the silpat lined sheet and spread it flat, about 1 inch thick. This mixture is pretty sticky!

Bake for 15 minutes, then cut into pieces and let cool on a wire rack.