



The Skep

August 2021

Columbiana & Mahoning Beekeepers' Association Newsletter

President's Corner

It is **fair time** and we are expecting a large turnout attendance. Many events this summer are exceeding expectations as everyone wants to get out after a year of being cooped-up. However, we are having a difficult time filling out all of the time slots with club volunteers to work the booth. Please contact Lori Mowad and sign-up now. As always, we will be setting up the booth the Sunday before the fair (Aug 29) starting at 1pm.

I also encourage everyone to get your fair entries ready. It is not only fun to enter but the entries are a big contributor to the success of our booth.

This is the busy time for beekeepers as harvesting is starting, wax to prepare, and most important – mite treatment. Now is a good time to treat right after taking off honey supers.

This month's meeting will focus on filling the candy bags. Next month we are planning a panel discussion with several of our member experts as the panel. So start preparing your questions.

Ralph

August Meeting Information:

Meeting Date: 08/15/2021,
Monthly Membership Meeting and
Luncheon

Austintown Senior Center
100 Westchester Drive
Suite 110
Austintown, Ohio 44515

Potluck Lunch at 1 pm
Membership meeting at 2 pm

Guest Speaker:

Next Meeting: 09/19/2021



Meeting Highlights:

- Ralph:
 - Bylaw changes: Check website and Skep. Voting to accept changes in September.
 - Canfield Fair: Sign up to work the fair, set-up and tear down. Set-up is Sunday, Aug. 29 at 1:00. Tear Down is Monday, Sept. 6 at 9:00 p.m. and Tuesday, Sept. 7 at 9:00 a.m. Need people to haul items to storage building. There will be an 80/20 split for items that members bring to sell at the fair. Talk with Lori about items you are bringing to sell.
 - Sign up for elected positions. Treasurer needed for 1 year term.
 - Box to donate to the library.
 - Sign up to help with banquet decorations. Receive an extra ticket for the drawing at the banquet for being on sub-committees/volunteering.
- Secretary Recap:
 - Reviewed happenings of the last meeting and mentioned that the board had met.
- Treasurer Recap:
 - Paid for several items pertaining to the fair and some other items for the club.
- Five new members were present
- Program: Mike Klem
 - Talked about continuing education: Find good mentor, join local club, join state/national organizations, take classes, read books and magazines, watch dvds or videos (social media/YouTube), consider taking Master Beekeeper courses.

Bees in the News:

Engineers may learn from bees for optimal honeycomb designs
by Krishna Ramanujan, Cornell University

<https://phys.org/news/2021-07-bees-optimal-honeycomb.html>

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