



The Skep

January 2019

Columbiana & Mahoning Beekeepers' Association Newsletter

President's Corner:

Hello Fellow Beekeepers and welcome to 2019!! It is my sincere hope that all of you had a great and fun filled holiday season.

Just a reminder to please pay your annual membership dues by the end of March. These dues help us with the month to month operation of the club, so it's important to remember to keep current. Please see our new treasurer, Bill Traynor, to make your payment.

Our first meeting of the year in just a few weeks will feature three break-out sessions during the speaker time titled "Don't BEE Idle this winter". We will have sessions on swarm box construction, hardware maintenance, and wax processing.

Also don't forget registration for the big Tri-County Spring Workshop in Wooster will begin soon. The workshop starts the evening of Friday March 1st through Saturday March 2nd. This is an excellent educational forum beekeepers of all levels.

And finally, as we start the New Year, let us all hope for a successful and productive beekeeping season.

Vice-President
Ralph Rupert

January Meeting Information:

Meeting Date: 01/20/2019,
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

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

Guest Speaker:

Break-out sessions
"Don't BEE Idle this winter"

Next Meeting: 02/17/2019



Meeting Highlights:

There were no meetings in the months of November or December.

Our last meeting was on October 14th which was our 2018 banquet. At the banquet the following people were newly elected to office: Ralph Rupert – Vice President, Kelly Davis – Secretary, Bill Traynor – Treasurer, Julie Bartolone – Board of Directors 2 year term (2020), and Steve Davis – Board of Directors 3 year term (2021).

The 2018 Scholarship winners were:

Rachel Mowad

Rachel was a valedictorian at Poland Seminary High School. She currently attends the University of Cincinnati majoring in Chemical Engineering. Her beekeeping journey began by watching the Bee Movie with her grandfather. For the past 5 years, she has worked with her family to bring joy to others by sharing honey produced by their bees and educating them on the necessity of bees within our lives.

Erica Shafer

Erica is a graduate of Crestview High School. She currently attends Charleston Southern University with a goal of becoming a doctor of natural medicine. She started beekeeping as a 4-H project. She was the first student from Columbiana County to win the OSBA Equipment Scholarship. Through beekeeping she has gained a greater sense of responsibility and people skills. She has also strengthened her relationship with her grandfather by working the hives with him.

This Month/Next Month in Beekeeping:

January

The bees are in a tight cluster in the hive and should only come out when the temperature rises about 40°F. Monitor your hives to make sure they have not been disturbed by winter weather or overly inquisitive animals. On days warmer than 50°F you can open the hive to feed the bees. Dry sugar and winter pollen patties are the preferred fare. Cut the pollen patties the width of the frame so they do not span over multiple frames. This will keep moisture from condensing on them and raining down on the bees. They can handle the cold when they are dry but they can't when they are wet. Remember to order packages and nucs for the 2019 season.

February

The cluster is slowing making its way up the hive. Continue feeding the bees as this is a critical time for them. If they did not have enough stores they will starve. Now is a good time to start working on your equipment doing repairs, cleaning and disinfecting dead outs and assembling new items.

Educational Opportunities:

Western PA Beekeeping Seminar: February 15, 2019 - February 16, 2019

Speakers will be Randy Oliver and Grant Gillard.

<https://beavervalleybees.net/index.php/event/western-pa-beekeeping-seminar/>

2019 EXPO

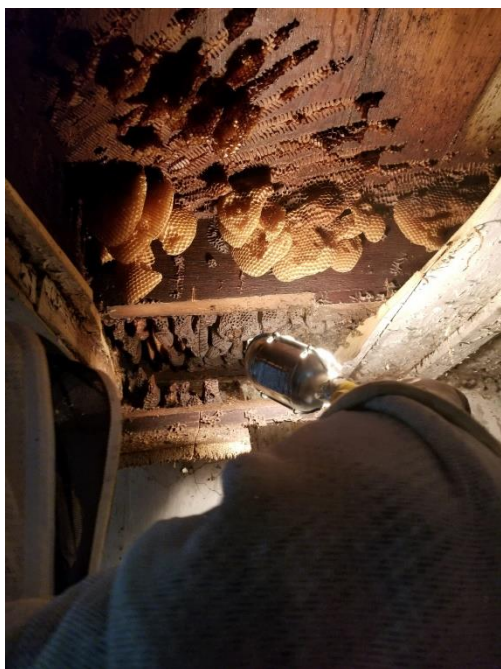


The Mid Ohio Valley Beekeepers' Association, in conjunction with the West Virginia Extension Services, will present the 17th annual Honey Bee Expo. This event will be held Saturday, January 26th, 2019, on the Campus of WVU Parkersburg, in Parkersburg, WV. Dr. Brock Harpur, Assistant Professor in the Entomology Department of Purdue University, will be the featured presenter. In addition, Krispn Given, Apiculture Specialist at Purdue University's Department of Entomology in West Lafayette Indiana, will be conducting workshops. There will be workshops for all levels of beekeepers from beginners to advanced. Cost is \$20.00 adult, \$8.00 youth 12yrs. and younger, if pre-registered by January 13th. After that, cost will be \$25.00 and \$8.00 at the door. Lunch will be an additional cost but will only be available for those who are pre-registered. Doors open at 7:30am for registration and complimentary coffee and pastries.

<http://movba.org/index.php/2019-expo/>

Members Corner:

Mike McNally sent us these images of a cut out he performed recently. Normally you would think that these types of beekeeping activities come to a halt after October. Mike got a call about a bee hive that needed removed from an old barn. The barn is scheduled to be torn down in February. The bees faced certain doom if not removed. On a warm day the bees were removed and placed in a hive. He is hoping they are able to survive the winter. They now have a better chance.



Monthly Honey Recipe:

Honey Garlic Crockpot Meatballs

<https://www.familyfreshmeals.com/2014/07/honey-garlic-crockpot-meatballs.html>

Ingredients

1/4 cup brown sugar
1/3 cup honey
1/2 cup ketchup
2 TB soy sauce
3 cloves garlic minced
1 28oz bag fully cooked, frozen meatballs

Directions

- In a medium bowl, mix together brown sugar, honey, ketchup, soy sauce and garlic.
- Place frozen meatballs in a 3-4 quart crockpot and pour sauce over meatballs. Stir so all meatballs are coated evenly. Cook on LOW for 4 hours, stirring occasionally.

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