

The Skep

July 2018

Columbiana & Mahoning BeeKeepers' Association Newsletter

President's Corner:

If you were not at the June meeting, the board decided that they would like to know ahead of time if you have something to discuss at the meetings. So please call me (330-360-8717) so it can be put on the agenda.

This is the last meeting to order t-shirts. Andrea will not place your order if it has not been paid for. Please bring your money.

Honey bottling is on Saturdays at noon this month. Call Don Kovach if you plan to help.

Looking ahead, the August meeting will be held at the Senior Center this year instead of at Don Kovach's honey house. We will be bagging candy for the fair at that meeting. At the July & Aug. meetings I will have a sign up sheet for working shifts at our booth during the fair. So be thinking about when you can work. We are thinking that some of you could be labeling bottles of honey, if they are not all done, during setup day.

Hope to see you at the meeting,

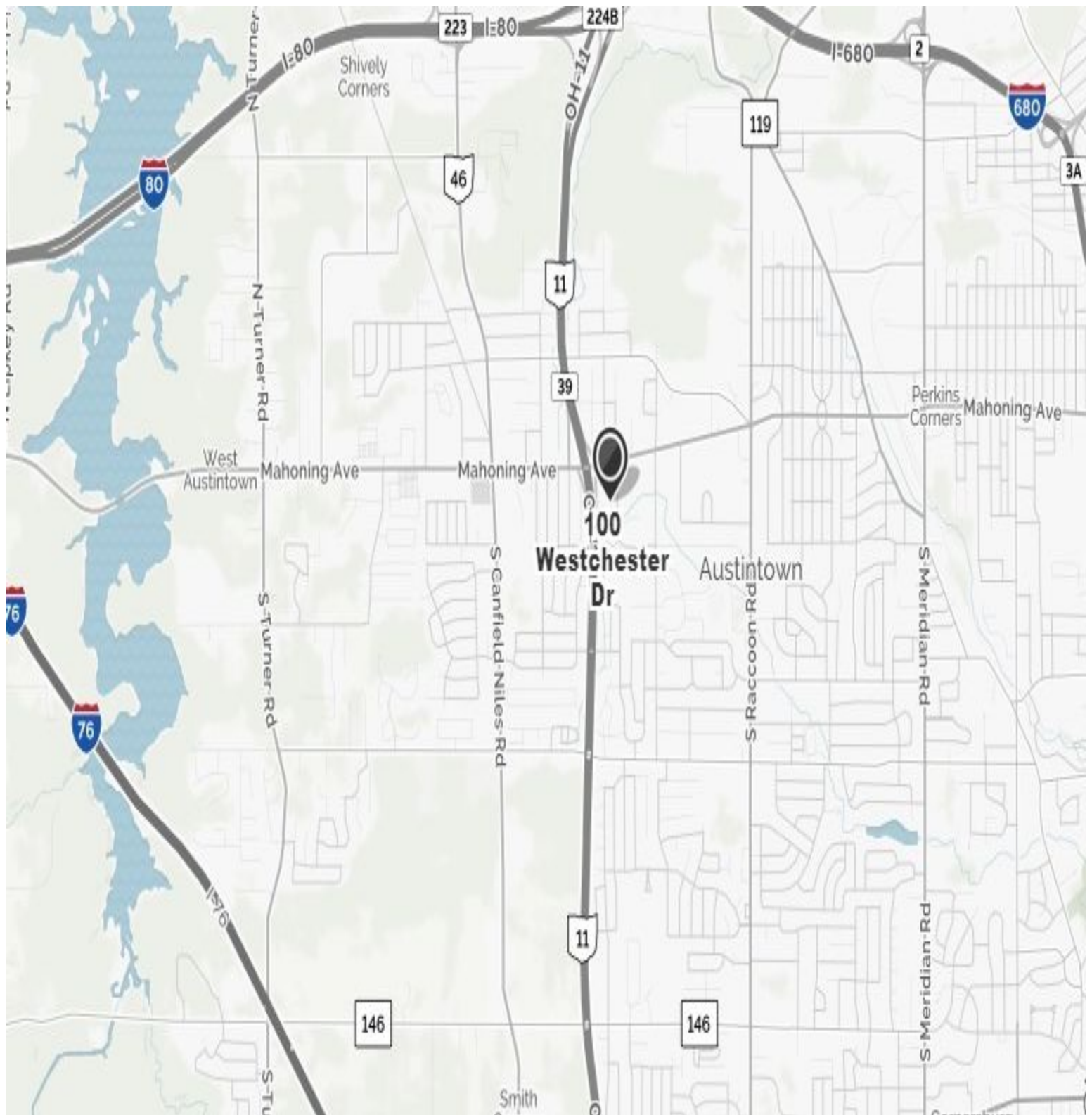
George Stacey

June Meeting Information:

**Next Meeting: 07/15/2018,
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

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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 Grown
- 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!

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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.

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>

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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

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HillTop Honey Farm--Steve Davis

Click on the company name to visit their web site.

Monthly Honey Recipe:

Honey Apple Slices

INGREDIENTS:.

1 apple

1/4 cup- peanut butter

2 T - honey

1/4 cup- almonds sliced

1/4 cup - walnuts, chopped

1/4 cup -coconut,shredded

1/4 cup - chocolate chips



DIRECTIONS:

Slice apple into thin rings and remove core. Set aside.

Mix peanut butter and honey together. Spread mixture over one side of apple ring.

Top with almonds, walnuts, coconut, and chocolate chips. Drizzle with honey, if desired.

TIP:

Additional topping options include granola, pretzels, raisins, cereal and sprinkles.

Don't BEE Cruel

Honey Fest

Honey Bee Awareness Day

August 18th, 2018
Exchange Park
Vermilion, Ohio



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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

June Meeting Notes:

--Andrea will be ordering the shirts for the club after the July meeting; \$7.25 for t-shirts, \$8.75 for polos

--**August meeting will be at the Austintown Senior center** for Canfield fair honey bottling and prep.

--July speaker will be Joe Kovaleski from OSBA. He is part of the travelling speaker program the state has in place. His topic will be sustaining apiaries using nuc colonies.

--The club has only had 14 swarm calls per Bob the BeeMan to date.

--The June speaker was Melanie from BlueSky and covered pollen collection. She recommends the Sundance Pollen trap.

--We will begin filling honey bottles for the Fair each Saturday, 12 pm, in July. Please contact Don Kovach (330-272-3711) to sign up as space is limited and can only accommodate a handful of volunteers at any one time.

--George Stacey asked for members to fill the officer spots that will be opening up in the fall.

--See the next page for the requirements and categories for Canfield fair entries.



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 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	
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