



The Skep

June 2020

Columbiana & Mahoning Beekeepers' Association Newsletter

President's Corner

As we return to some semblance of normality (whatever that may be) I hope and pray this finds all of our members in good health and spirits.

Swarms continue to be very active this year and we have had numerous calls. Remember that the deadline to register your hives with the Ohio Dept of Agriculture is June 1st.

As of today, the senior center has not been given any directions as to when they can open and under what precautionary rules. We are hoping to have a meeting in July but we may have to find another location. While some fairs have cancelled (Ohio State and Trumbull), the Canfield fair is still planning to operate. We also got an official notice that the Geauga fair is also planning to continue. The board is ordering materials and we should be ready for our booth.

Take care and hope to see you soon.

Ralph Rupert.

June Meeting Information:

Meeting Date: Cancelled,
~~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.

Guest Speaker:

Next Meeting: ???

Meeting Highlights:

There was no monthly meeting in May

This Month/Next Month in Beekeeping:

June

The bees will be working hard filling supers. They can still swarm during June, so keep an eye out for swarms. There should be no need to feed the bees in established hives. New hives and new equipment may still require feeding with sugar water. Continue to monitor your hives, inspecting the hives every two weeks to ensure the queen is laying well. The bees will need water, so be sure to keep a water source near your hives.

July

The bees are acting as they did in June. Continue to inspect your supers. You will be removing them in July.

Bees in the News:

<https://www.post-gazette.com/life/lifestyle/2020/06/08/veterans-learn-beekeeping-basics-bee-bootcamp-ptsd-honey/stories/202006080035>

Pittsburgh area veterans are learning the basics of beekeeping through a “Bee Bootcamp”. The program is held once a month by the Pennsylvania Farming Project. They have a Troops to Tractors program that helps veterans and their families get into agriculture. Beekeeping can be a therapeutic hobby for people dealing with PTSD, anxiety and depression. Not to mention the delicious honey! For more info on the Bee Camp visit troopstottractors.org.

<https://www.wfmj.com/story/42179478/honeybees-pesticides-disrupt-nursing-behaviour-and-larval-development>

Scientists at the Bee Research Institute of the Polytechnical Society at Goethe University in Frankfurt, Germany are using new video technology to monitor the effects of pesticides (specifically neonicotinoids) on the development of honey bee larvae. The study found that nurse bee behavior is altered and the larval development is delayed. This new research is opening doors for future honey bee research and more insight into the effects of pesticides. Check out the article for more details and make sure to watch the video of the honey bee developing within the hive.

Members Corner:

Kara Swogger sent us this message:

I am so excited as a new bee keeper literally 2 months and 2 days. I have had several people ask me to get swarms and I directed them to the list but today my brother said he had a swarm at his work about 1500 bees in a low bush. So I decided I would go for it! And I caught it! I wanted to share the news with you!

I think we all remember our first swarm and how difficult we thought it was going to be when we looked at it. That one with all those tangled branches had to have been difficult.

Great Job Kara!



EASY HONEY LOLLIPOP RECIPE

DAWN COLDSNOW CMCBA member shares and sends this adorable recipe our way this month.

Dawn said, "I've made these, and they are AWESOME!!! Very addicting I make them for my craft shows. Big sellers! A recipe with many possibilities"



Picture and recipe by Titus, Sarah. "Easy Honey Lollipops."
Sarahtitus. Nov. 12, 2016.
<https://www.sarahtitus.com/easy-honey-suckers/>

INGREDIENTS:

1 CUP SUGAR

1/3 CUP HONEY

2 TABLESPOONS WATER

5 DROPS LEMON ESSENTIAL OIL

HARD CANDY LOLLIPOP MOLDS

LOLLIPOP STICKS

CANDY THERMOMETER

NON- STICK SPRAY

SPRINKLES (optional)

DIRECTIONS:

1. Place the sugar, honey, and water into a deep pot.
2. On medium heat, stir the ingredients together with a wooden spoon until the sugar has completely dissolved.
3. Once the sugar is dissolved, place the candy thermometer in your pot and allow the mixture to come to a boil. Let it boil until it reaches 295 degrees Fahrenheit. (or the hard crack stage).
4. While the candy is boiling, prepare your candy molds by spraying them with non-stick spray and adding the lollipop sticks. Add sprinkles to the bottom of the mold if desired.
5. Immediately after the candy reaches the hard crack stage, pour into a heat-resistant measuring cup. Add essential oil and stir. NOTE: The mixture is EXTREMELY HOT. Be careful not to burn yourself!
6. Carefully pour the mixture into your lollipop molds.
7. Twist the lollipop sticks to make sure they are fully coated on the back of the mixture.
8. Let the lollipops rest for at least 30 minutes before removing from the mold. Store in plastic wrap or in decorative bags.

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