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May 2021

Columbiana & Mahoning Beekeepers' Association Newsletter

President's Corner

I hope that everyone has heard that the Senior Center has opened and we will be having our first meeting in over a year. We are starting out slowly, so we will not be having a Luncheon. The program will start at 2pm. We will be following standard social distancing protocol so please bring a mask.

Spring has started with a lot of bee activity. I have gotten several swarm calls already. Please refer people to our home webpage <https://cmcba.net> that has a big link to the swarm page at the top with a list by location. This is easier and better than using the contact link.

So – please spread the word and I hope to see you on May 16th.

President
Ralph Rupert

May Meeting Information:

Meeting Date: 05/16/2021,
Monthly Membership Meeting

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

Membership meeting at 2 pm

Guest Speaker: Mike Klem

Next Meeting: 06/20/2021



Meeting Highlights:

There was no April meeting.

Reminder:

Remember to register your hives with the Ohio Department of Agriculture before June 1st. Applications postmarked after June 1st are subject to a \$10.00 late filing fee.

You can find the form here.

<https://agri.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/oda/divisions/plant-health/licenses/apiary-licenses>

Educational Opportunities:

For new beekeepers and members who just want a refresher the OSBA has this online course. My first year of beekeeping I crammed all of these lessons in a very short amount of time. Back then I had ordered 2 bee packages, bought 2 hive kits and didn't have a clue what I should be doing or when I should be doing it.

[A Web-Based Introductory Beekeeping Training Program](#)

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Presenting Beekeepers:

John Grafton & Jim Tew

Don't forget to download the free Backyard Beekeeping book

Supporting On-Line Text Book:

[Backyard Beekeeping](#)

By Dr. James E. Tew

Bees in the News:

Greg Bowman from Northwest Georgia News talks about Honey Bee Swarms. I agree with him that the term swarm is misused and not generally understood by the non-beekeeping public.

Greg Bowman: [Honey bee importance and swarms](#)

On April 9th Sci Tech Daily published an interesting article of a study that videotaped the inside of a hive.

[Researchers Capture Rare Honey Bee Behavior From Within the Hive](#)

Members Corner:

Some of you may remember that back in January 2020 I showed a small educational hive that Amy and I purchased from Weller Bee Supply. We had intended to provide this hive to members who are giving educational talks, but the pandemic brought everything to a halt.

Since educational opportunities are starting to happen now, we are again offering this hive to CMCBA members who are conducting educational speaking.

To request the hive call David Shoaff @ 330-271-6818

The Hive consists of

- 1 screened bottom board with insert
- 1 deep broad box
- 1 medium super box
- 5 deep frames with foundation
- 5 medium frames with foundation
- 1 top feeder with 2 x floats
- 1 inner cover
- 1 telescoping lid



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