

# The Skep

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 <a href="https://cmcba.net">https://cmcba.net</a> 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:**

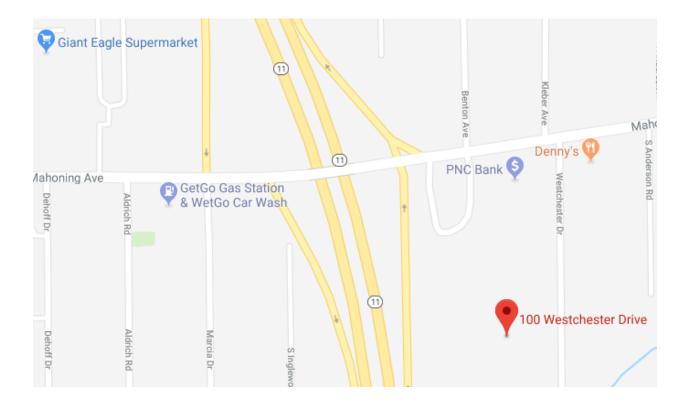
Meeting Date: 05/16/2021, Monthly Membership Meeting

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: <u>Honey bee importance and swarms</u>

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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