



The Skep

April 2023

Columbiana & Mahoning Beekeepers' Association Newsletter

President's Corner

Hello Fellow Beekeepers,

Last month members talked about what that they learned at Wooster and picked up things for upcoming year. New things to try and what went wrong when you tried and to perfect it. Try something new this year. Have all boxes ready to go making splits or catching swarms.

-Bruce D.

Contact the following for testing bees and comb due to the derailment.

U.S Department of Agriculture
Bee Research Lab
476 E Barc
Beltsville, MD 20705
301-504-8821

<https://www.ars.usda.gov/main/site-main>

OSU OARDC & ATI
Dr. Reed Johnson
1680 Madison Ave
Wooster, OH 44691

April Meeting Information:

Meeting Date: 4/16/2023,
Monthly Membership Meeting and
Luncheon

[Austintown Senior Center](#)
[100 Westchester Drive](#)
[Suite 110](#)
[Austintown, Ohio 44515](#)

Potluck Lunch at 1 pm
Membership meeting at 2 pm

Guest Speaker: Don Kovak will speak on
handling swarm safety and the tools you
need.

Next Meeting: 5/21/2023



Meeting Highlights:

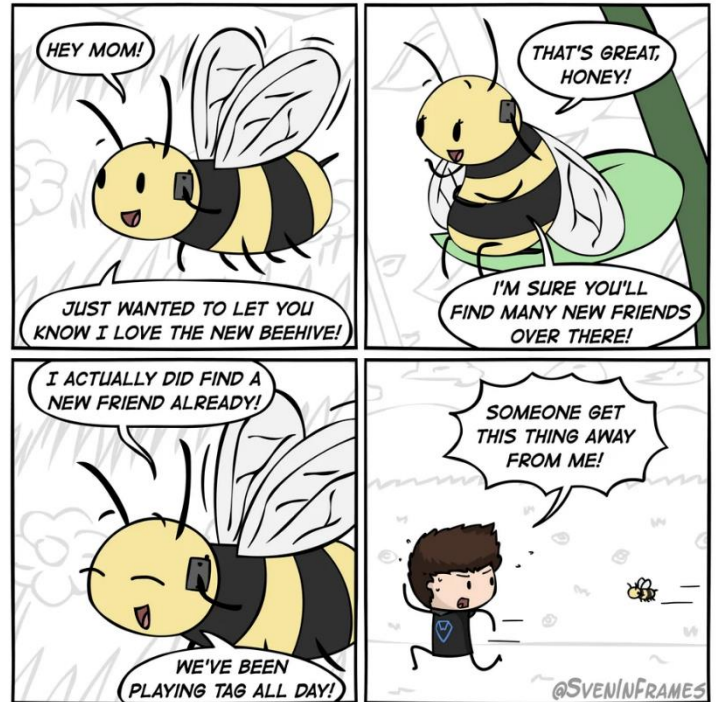
- New members and announcements
- Members discussed what was learned at Wooster.

Buzzing Activities:

- If you cannot get away from your bees, there is a webinar now available: [Webinar](#)
- End Of Summer Classic September 9th at Lorain County Fairgrounds info at <https://www.loraincountybeekeepers.org>
- World Bee Day Fun Day, May 20 2023 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM info at <https://www.greaterclevelandbeekeepers.com>
- Intermediate Beekeeping class April 8 2023 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM info at <https://www.loraincountybeekeepers.org>

Announcements

- Register your beehives with the state before June 1st. www.AGRI.OHIO.GOV
- Lorie Mowad has a signup sheet for working the fair.
- Lorain County Beekeepers hosting Field day June 3 2023 info at <https://www.loraincountybeekeepers.org>
- Order your shirts.
 - Money due at July Meeting will arrive in August
 - T-shirts with print on front
 - Small- XL = \$10.00
 - 2XL = \$11.00
 - 3XL - 5XL = \$12.00
 - Golf-shirts with print on back
 - Small- XL = \$14.00
 - 2XL = \$16.00
 - 3XL - 5XL = \$18.00
 - Golf-shirts with embroidery on front
 - Small- XL = \$14.00
 - 2XL = \$16.00
 - 3XL - 5XL = \$18.00
 - T-shirts with print on back and embroidery on front
 - Small- XL = \$18.00
 - 2XL = \$20.00
 - 3XL - 5XL = \$21.00



Happen in the Hive:

April: Bees will be arriving from order.
Install packaged bees.
Strengthen hives with queenless packages.
Cut out old/bad brood comb.
Equalize colony, reverse boxes.

May: Check for queen cells and brood diseases.
Manipulate hives for swarm prevention and make splits.

Honey never expires.

Honey is often credited as a multiuse wonder, known to soothe sore throats, heal burns, and add a little sweetness to drinks and desserts. But if a bottle in the back of your pantry has been collecting dust, you might be wondering if it's safe to eat. Don't worry: As long as it's stored properly, honey will never expire. Honey has an endless shelf life, as proven by the archaeologists who unsealed King Tut's tomb in 1923 and found containers of honey within it. After performing a not-so-scientific taste test, researchers reported the 3,000-year-old honey still tasted sweet.

Honey's preservative properties have a lot to do with how little water it contains. Some 80% of honey is made up of sugar, with only 18% being water. Having so little moisture makes it difficult for bacteria and microorganisms to survive. Honey is also so thick, little oxygen can penetrate — another barrier to bacteria's growth. Plus, the substance is extremely acidic, thanks to a special enzyme in bee stomachs called glucose oxidase. When mixed with nectar to make honey, the enzyme produces gluconic acid and hydrogen peroxide, byproducts that lower the sweetener's pH level and kill off bacteria.

Despite these built-in natural preservatives, it is possible for honey to spoil if it's improperly stored. In a sealed container, honey is safe from humidity, but when left open it can absorb moisture that makes it possible for bacteria to survive. In most cases, honey can be safely stored for years on end, though the USDA suggests consuming it within 12 months for the best flavor.

Mentor List 2023		
Bruce Deafenbaugh	Unity, Columbiana	330-565-5414
Don Kovach	Youngstown	330-272-3711
Chuck Laird	Mineral Ridge	330-646-9546



Honey Butter With Cinnamon Option

Mm! You're going to want to make this for toast, those nice hot dinner rolls, fresh bread, or on carrots.

This Honey butter can even be put in cute little jars.

and all dolled up for a gift, or those tiny containers.

for a sample for the fair basket. Great goodness! Oh, the possibilities beekeepers.

Recipe from The Framing Pastor's Wife YouTube channel



Ingredients:

-1 stick soft room temperature butter.

-2 Tablespoons powder sugar

- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup honey

-Optional couple pinches of cinnamon

-mixer

Directions:

In a small bowl that you can mix in with your mixer, put softened butter, powder sugar and honey in bowl.

Mix until creamy light and spreadable constituency.

Then mix in your cinnamon.

You're all set to enjoy!

Swarm List 2023

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