



The Skep

January 2020

Columbiana & Mahoning Beekeepers' Association Newsletter

President's Corner

I hope everyone has had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday season. We finished our club season with another wonderful banquet. I want to thank the banquet committee for putting together a beautifully decorated facility, delicious food, and an enjoyable program. The centerpieces were delightful and the creative game to win them was fun.

As we start another club year, we are investigating new ways for members to become more involved with our club. Several new committees, in addition to our great banquet committee, are being formed to further our educational, outreach, and business of the association. These will be announced at the February meeting so start thinking how you can be more involved.

The board is putting together the programs for our monthly meetings and we look forward to another year to promote beekeeping in the region.

President
Ralph Rupert

January Meeting Information:

Meeting Date: 01/19/2020,
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: Bruce Deafenbaugh
Topic: Winter Hardware Maintenance

Next Meeting: 02/16/2019



Website Content

After a short break we are back to restoring the website. With the loss of the old server one of the things we lost was a number of old Skep issues. Anyone who has the following issues in either electronic or paper form please sent it/them to me at [The Skep](#) email address or bring it/them to one of the meetings.

2014	2015	2016	2017
January	February	January	January
February	May	February	February
March	June	March	March
April	August	April	April
May		May	
June		October	
August			

As a reminder the new website address is <https://cmcba.net>

Meeting Highlights:

There were no meetings in the months of November or December.

Our last meeting was on October 13th which was our 2019 banquet. At the banquet the following people were newly elected to office: Ralph Rupert – President, Mike Klem – Vice President and Bruce Zimmer – Board of Directors 3 year term. Retained in their current positions are Kelly Davis – Secretary and Bill Traynor – Treasurer.

This Month/Next Month in Beekeeping:

January

Monitor your hives to make sure winter winds have not disturbed the tops. Also, make sure that after it snows, that the openings are cleared of snow so that the bees can continue to get enough air, and move freely in and out of the entrance on warm days.

February

On a warm day, 50 degrees or more, you can open the top briefly and look in on the hive. Do not remove any frames, as this will chill the bees and the brood. Upon inspection you can assess if the colony still has enough stored honey for food. If not, you may want to consider emergency feeding options.

Sources for this section come from a number of locations.

Educational Opportunities:

2020 - Upcoming Honey Bee Education Events

Mike Klem

- American Beekeeping Federation (ABF) - National Conference - January 8th - 11th Schaumburg, Illinois. For more information: www.abfconference.com
- Summit County Beekeepers Association Beginner Classes 1/25/20 and 2/1/20 for more information contact: Rosanne Slivka at rslivka629@yahoo.com
- Beekeeping Basics Class - Mahoning County Career & Technical Center (MCCTC) Adult Education Thursdays from 6 PM to 8 PM - 2/6/20 through 3/12/20 (12 hours) Tuition \$99 For more information: www.mahoningctc.com/mcctc-adult-career-center.com

- Portage County Beekeepers - 2020 Beginner Beekeeping Class -2/9/20 and 2/16/20. Ravenna, Ohio \$60 per person. For more information: www.portagecountybeekeepers.com
- Western Pennsylvania Beekeeping Seminar - Friday evening 2/14/20 & Saturday 2/15/20
3000 Gateway Campus Blvd. Monroeville, PA 15146-3369
For more information: www.beavervalleybees.net
- Mount Chestnut Bee Club (MCBC) - Tuesday March 10th 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM - Bill Kopar will be speaking at this meeting. 727 W. Old Route 422 Butler, PA 16001
For more information - Facebook: MCBC - Mount Chestnut Bee Club

Bees in the News:

Can Science Replace the Bee?

Donna Gates writes about the possibility of science replacing pollinators. Apparently there are parts of China that have decimated their pollinator population to the point they have to manually pollinate their apple trees. Researchers at Harvard are exploring using insect size drones to pollinate plants. Researchers in Israel have developed a method to make artificial honey by mimicking the honey stomach.

https://www.times-news.com/news/slice_of_life/can-science-replace-the-bee/article_51a70a06-351f-54af-ab18-26e31ccae37f.html

Members Corner:

Fellow members we would like to ask you to submit content for this section. Anything from routine inspections to unique beekeeping experiences are welcome. Pictures are not required but really are a nice addition to the article. The content does not need to be something that happened recently. If you have a beekeeping experience that happened in the past you would like to share that also is welcome.

CHERRYCHEESE CAKE

Recipe taken from *SueBee Honey Collector's Edition Cook Book*, that can be found in your CMCBA Library.

Also, still available on line.

Hope you give this recipe a fun try.

Dorothy Sabol



Ingredients:

- 1 9-inch graham cracker crumb crust
- 1 8-oz. softened pkg. cream cheese
- 1/3 cup light to medium honey
- 1 14 oz. can sweetened and condensed milk
- 1/3 cup lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 21oz. can cherry pie filling

Directions:

In a large mixing bowl, beat cream cheese, and honey until smooth. Add milk, lemon juice, and vanilla and beat in until mixed well. Pour into crust and chill for 3 hours, or until firm. Top with cherry pie filling and refrigerate until ready to serve.

SueBee Honey Collector's
Edition Cook Book
Spiral-bound
Publisher: Sioux Honey Association
ASIN: B00X47GKOG

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