



The Skep

June 2023

Columbiana & Mahoning Beekeepers' Association Newsletter

President's Corner

Hello Fellow Beekeepers,

Thank you, Brian Kopler, for a lot of good ideas. Members try to put some of them to use. Maybe some of the things that you do don't work or need tweaked a little. Try something new.

-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

June Meeting Information:

Meeting Date: 6/25/2023,
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: Ray Wert discusses Queen rearing for sustainability.

Next Meeting: 7/16/2023
Changed due to Father's Day



Meeting Highlights:

- New members and announcements
- Brian Kopler of Castle Hives presented Intentional Beekeeping. Take aways for developing a plan. Use specific supplements during specific times of year. Preventative treatment and testing for mites. Get great queens that are calm and produce well.

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>
- Online beginner Bee class <https://www.chapelvalleyhoney.com/challenges>
- Loran County Beekeepers hosting Field Day June 3 2023 info at <https://www.loraincountybeekeepers.org>

Announcements

- Lorie Mowad has a signup sheet for working the fair. Signup sheet for items to enter must be turned in by August meeting and all items must be labeled prior to bringing to fair. If entering item in fair, you must work the fair. Will be assigned a color to correspond with items so all items can be rotated and evenly distributed.
- The Grant Funding Committee has been established and Don Kovach will chair the committee. Tier 1 for the railroad benefit allows anyone within 5 miles of the train derailment to obtain a voucher for bees that have been replaced. Proof of purchase and a form needs to be filled out to be able to obtain the voucher.
- A warm welcome to our new bee inspector for both Columbiana and Mahoning Counties, Art Cosner. If you want an inspection performed, please reach out to him at 330-482-2188
- There has been confusion regarding the swarm list. Moving forward there will be two swarm lists. The first one will have members only looking to receive swarms found at [Receive](#). The second one are members looking to go capture swarms and will have a coverage area along with a phone number found at [Get](#). If you are on the Get list there is no need to be on the Receive list. These places will be where the master lists are found for us to update the website and this publication. These lists are found in the google drive dropbox if the hyperlinks do not work. If you need access to the google drive, please email cmcbeekeeper@gmail.com.

Looking for Swarms 2023	The Receive List
Davis, Steven & Kelly	330-881-0755,
Gabrick, Robert & Chris	330-549-3771, 3307182935
Jakim, James	916-304-5859,
Marshall, Floyd	330-821-0563,
McKim, Mike, Ashley	330-398-7662, 330-303-3063
McMillan, Bob (Honey Sales)	724-651-6125,
Ocasio & Arroyo, Grimilda & Bobby	330-536-8714, 330-774-2808
Temelkoff, Paul & Sonja	330-759-2804, 330-519-8975

Mentor List 2023	
Chmelik, Bob	330-799-6279, 330-501-8843
Chuey, John	330-549-3527, 330-501-2924
Davis, Steven & Kelly	330-881-0755,
Hood , Richard & Cynthia	330-538-3522, 330-207-6179
Jakim, James	916-304-5859,
Kovach, Donald	330-272-3711,

Happen in the Hive:

June: Check for queen cells and brood

diseases.

- Manipulate hives for swarm prevention.
- Provide excess honey super space.
- Last chance to make splits.
- Extract spring honey if desired

July: Check for queen cells and brood diseases

- Add supers for summer flow.
- Check and provide water sources.
- Provide shade and water.



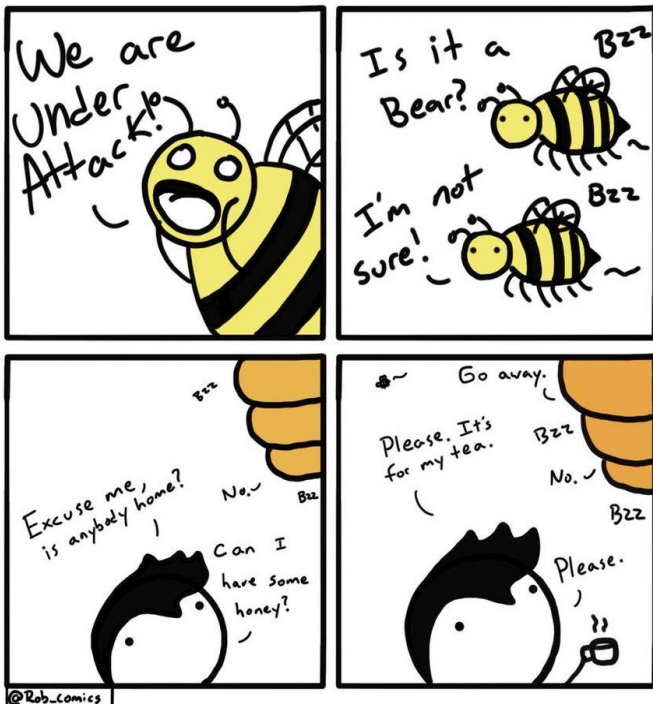
Philip Coy Catching a swarm High in a tree



Swarm Philip Coy caught, the bees congregated on the back of his coat in order to stay with the Queen

Club Shirt Info:

- Money due at July Meeting will arrive in August.
- Contact Andrea Deafenbaugh
- 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



Bees in the News:

[What to do if you see a honeybee swarm](#)

[Is 'No Mow May' the best way to help pollinators?](#)

[Bruce catches a swarm.](#)

Beeswax Lip Balm

Fun project with lots of flavors and other Diversities depending on how far you take it.
When adding essential oils and flavor oils
Make sure product says, "lip safe". Important.

Recipe comes from: sager family farm, "how to make beeswax lip balm," *youtube*.



Ingredients:

1/4 Ounces Cleaned Beeswax

1 ½ Tbsp (Or 4 ½ Tsp) Carrier Oil (Almond Oil
Or Coconut Oil)

3 Drops Vitamin E Oil-Optional

3 Drops Lip Safe Essential Oil Or 7 Drops Lip
Safe Flavor Oil -Optional

Small Pot With Stainless Steel Bowl That Fits
On Top Without Touching Bottom

Whisk

Pipette

Stovetop

Use Caution

Directions:

Create Double Boiler Over Stovetop.

Melt Beeswax On Lowest Setting-Do Not Boil
Just Melt

Add Carrier Oil

Mix With Whisk

Add Vitamin E Oil

Add Lip Oil

Mix With Whisk

Set Up Lip Balms

Use A Pipette -Keep Tip Pointed Down Don't
Pick Up Wait till Solid Opaque Solid

Put Lids And Labels On

Swarm List (Get) 2023

Name	Service Area	Phone
Hector Colon	Youngstown, Austintown, Canfield	330-782-0512
Bruce, Deafenbaugh	Columbiana, Unity, New Springfield, East Palestine	330-565-5414
Chuck, Laird	Mahoning, Trumbull Counties	330-646-9546
Terry Volad	Mahoning	330-881-8467
Lori, Mowad	Poland , New Middletown, New Springfield	330-770-2937
Paul, Pinto	Canfield	330-233-0923
Donald, Kovach	Youngstown, Canfield, Boardman, Austintown,	330-272-3711
Tina, McCoy	Columbiana/southern Mahoning	330-503-4297
AJ, Rehlinger	50-mile radius from Canfield OH	330-261-8458
David Shoaff	Leetonia, Lisbon, Salem, Columbiana	330-416-0995
Don Duda	Mahoning, Columbiana	330-503-6725
Tom McMonagle	Mahoning, Columbiana	330-787-7562
Larry Miller	Columbiana	330-651-5658
Eddy Ernhardt	Columbiana, Springfield, Poland	330-207-7025

2023 Officers

President	Bruce Deafenbaugh	330-457-0326
Vice President	Laurie Coy	330-692-7790
Secretary	Grimilda Ocasio	330-536-8714
Treasurer	Dianna Perrico	330-360-3088
Board of Directors:		
A.J. Rehlinger	2024	330-261-8458
Nate Williams	2023	330-510-1128
Andrea Deafenbaugh	2023	330-565-5414

2022 Club Sponsors and Donors: 2023 list will come out soon!

<u>A.I. Root- Bee Culture</u> <u>Applewood Seed Company</u> <u>Betterbee</u> <u>Bee Smart Designs</u> <u>Beeline Apiaries</u> <u>Blue Sky Bee Supply</u> <u>Brushy Mountain</u> <u>Buckeye Queen Producers</u> <u>Dadant - American Bee Journal</u> <u>Draper's Super Bee Apiaries</u> <u>Ernst Seeds</u>	<u>Heartwood Lumber</u> <u>Kelley Beekeeping</u> <u>Mann Lake</u> <u>Olivarez Honey Bees</u> <u>Pigeon Mountain Trading</u> <u>Queen Right Colonies</u> <u>Rossmann Apiaries</u> <u>Western Bee Supplies</u> Hilltop Honey Farm
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Click on the company name to visit their web site.