

The Skep

September 2019

Columbiana & Mahoning Beekeepers' Association Newsletter

President's Corner

The year is winding down and the fair is over. We sold almost everything and even had to replenish some items. We could have sold more cut comb and creamed honey. Maybe more of you can provide some next year. If you haven't taken off honey yet, it is time to make sure your bees will have enough to get through the winter.

President
George Stacy

September Meeting Information:

Meeting Date: 09/15/2019,
Monthly Membership Meeting and
Luncheon

Austintown Senior Center
100 Westchester Drive
Suite 110
Austintown, Ohio 44515

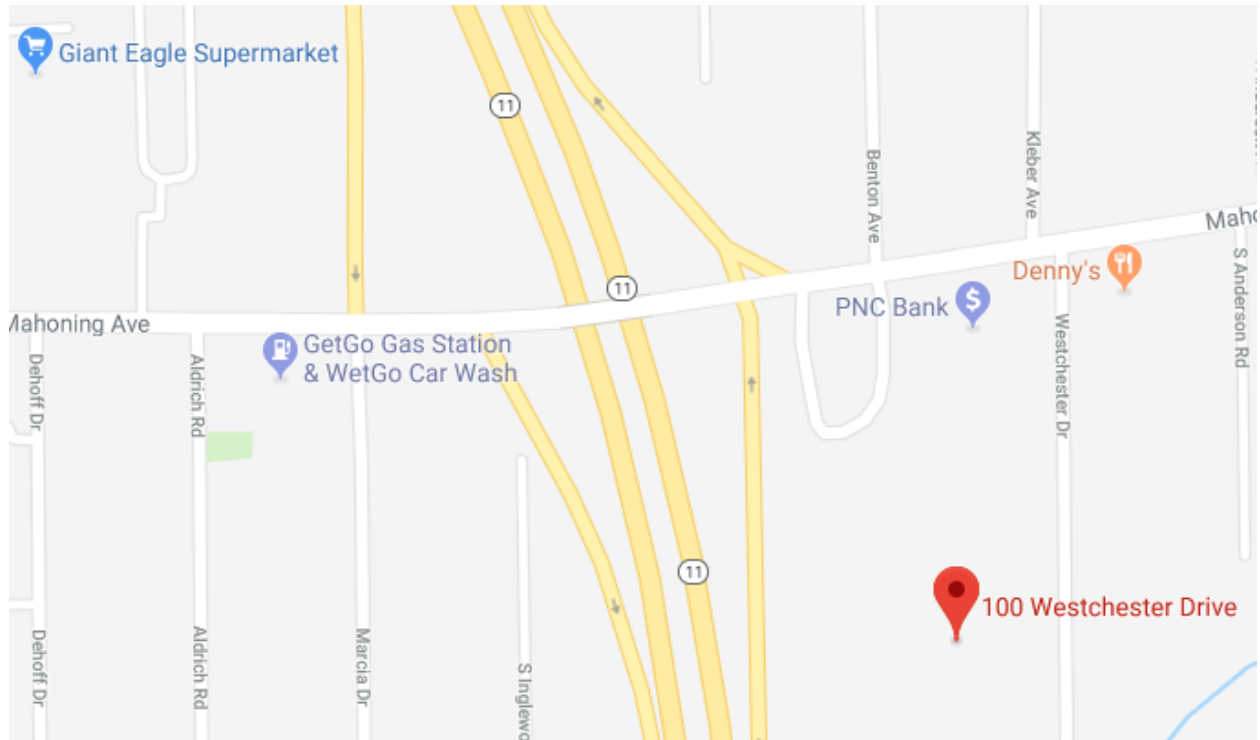
Potluck Lunch at 1 pm and
Membership meeting at 2 pm

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: Lori Mowad
Wax Processing

Next Meeting: 10/13/2019
End of Year Banquet

Guest Speaker: Melanie Seal
Topic: Four Seasons of Feeding (how and
when to feed to meet your beekeeping goals;
feeding as a tool not a task)



Meeting Highlights:

- Treasurer Recap:
 - Bill reviewed the financial accounts and reminded us about the library account.
- George mentioned the Board reviewed and verified the financial report.
- Anyone who has cherry display frames, which were made to be used at the fair, needs to let George know. The club needs to be able to keep track of these frames. If you will not be using them, please return them.
- Ralph informed us that the banquet will be on October 13 at A La Cart in Canfield. It will be buffet style. If you are attending the banquet, there will be a sign-up sheet at the September meeting.
- Dues for club membership will be collected at the January 2020 meeting and not at the banquet.
- Open positions for elections will be: President, Secretary, 1 Board member. Talk with Andrea if interested in any of these positions.
- The Club worked on bagging candy for the fair.

- Mike Klem will be teaching two classes on Beginning Beekeeping at the MCCTC.
 - <https://mahoningctc.com/fun-educational-special-interest-classes/>

Code	Name	Dates	Time	Hours	Days	Fee
Y20-SPC-675	Beekeeping Basics	Sep 19 2019 to Oct 24 2019	6 00 PM to 8 00 PM	12	Thu	\$99
Y20-SPC-676	Beekeeping Basics II	Feb 6 2020 to Mar 12 2020	6 00 PM to 8 00 PM	12	Thu	\$99

Beekeeping Basics

Could beekeeping be the hobby for you? If you love nature and have a passion for the environment, this is the perfect fit! Join us for a unique course that is focused on helping you lay a solid foundation in learning how to become a backyard beekeeper. Join us as a local beekeeper teaches you how to understand honey bee behavior and what is going on inside your hives. Learn about the importance of maintaining healthy bees and how to handle common problems and solutions. Class discussion will focus on raising your own queens, honey bee biology, how to obtain and install your bees, managing honey bee colonies, different season of beekeeping, all about honey and the other activities bees do besides making honey. The study of bees is vast and this course is designed to help you get your feet wet and gain an understanding of what you need to do to move forward with maintaining healthy, thriving bees.

Beekeeping Basics II

Spring is the season to take your beekeeping to the “next level.” It is so important to pay attention to the time of year when getting your bees to raise and this advanced class this class will explain why. Good planning is an important part of successful beekeeping. Learn the vital steps that are so important to taking great care of your bees. Lectures and discussions will include: Honey Bee Anatomy and Reproduction, Diseases and Pests, Queen Production and Grafting & Making Splits, Pollination and Honey Production & Anatomical Structure of Flowers, Honey Marketing & Labeling, Pesticides, Honey Bee Nutrition and Setting Up Your Apiary. If you are brand new to beekeeping, completing Beekeeping Basics before enrolling in this advanced class is suggested. The two classes are designed to work together to help you become a better beekeeper!

The sun has set on another successful Canfield Fair.



Canfield Fair Honey and Beeswax Judging Results 2019

Grand Champion	Lori Mowad
Reserve Champion	Phil Coy
Best of Show - Liquid Honey	Christine Blair
Best of Show - Honey and Comb	David Shoaff
Best of Show - Process Hive Products	Lori Mowad

Class	First	Second	Third	Fourth
White Honey	Susan Nutter	Josh Sanders	Steve Miletta	Carly Carcelli
Light Amber Honey	Christine Blair	Josh Sanders	Phil Coy	Lori Mowad
Amber Honey	Josh Sanders	Ralph Rupert	David Shoaff	Lori Mowad
Dark Amber Honey	Christine Blair	Steve Miletta	Lori Mowad	Rachael Mowad
Cut Comb Honey	Phil Coy	Ralph Rupert		
Round Comb Honey	Phil Coy			
Square Comb Honey	Phil Coy			
Extracting Frame - med	Phil Coy	Susan Nutter	Steve Miletta	Erica Moore
Extracting Frame - deep	David Shoaff	Lori Mowad		

Chunk Honey	Josh Sanders	Erica Moore	Ralph Rupert	
Crystallized Honey	Erica Moore			
Beeswax - block	Dave Shoaff	Susan Nutter	Lori Mowad	Ralph Rupert
Beeswax - molded	Dave Shoaff	Rachael Mowad		
Candles - dipped pr				
Candles - molded pr	Tyler L			
Candle - molded <8oz	Lori Mowad	Rachael Mowad	Ralph Rupert	
Candle - molded >8oz	Lori Mowad	Rachael Mowad		
Honey Gift Package	Lori Mowad	Rachael Mowad	Tyler L	
Pollen	Steve Miletta			

This Month/Next Month in Beekeeping:

September

The bees will still be working fall flowers but in most states, the amount of honey produced in September will be minimal. The days are still warm enough to allow the bees time to gather more last minute nectar prior to the first major hard freeze or frost which will kill the flowers. September is to some the start of the beekeeper's year! What you do in September will determine how well your bees do next year, and how well they overwinter. Here are some suggestions to over winter:

- Consider re-queening: You don't have to, if your queen has done well. But it is advisable to re-queen in September. If you can afford to re-queen your hive each year, it would be best to do so in September. A new queen means a much younger queen who has stronger pheromones and who will be more apt to lay eggs more efficiently in the Spring.
- Take off all your supers: Like most things there is some give and take here. Evaluate the capped honey in the brood boxes before removing the supers. You want to reduce the interior space the bees need to heat in the winter but you also need to have enough food for all the bees all winter long.
- Weigh your hives: When in doubt bring out a scale to figure out if there is enough honey in the hives. Keep in mind though it's not all about weight. It's also about placement. A hive can still starve out in the late winter with full frames of honey in the hive that they could not get to in the cold.

Lastly stay out of your hive as soon as you finish your hive work. The bees will seal the hive with propolis. This will cut down on the cold draft in winter. It should be ok to remove the top and inner cover to replenish food stores but leave the boxes alone.

October

<http://basicbeekeeping.blogspot.com/2007/12/beekeepers-calendar-of-important-events.html>

There are less reasons for the bees to leave the hive. Flying is cut way down. The queen is laying very few eggs. They are now shifting to winter mode.

Prepare your hives for winter. A wind break should be considered. Entrance cleats should be placed in the front opening to restrict mice from entering the hive. A word about bees and winter. A large hive will not die from cold weather. They stay warm by clustering in the hive. They keep each other warm. The temperature in the hive is only warm within the cluster. They do not warm the entire inside of their hive, only the cluster. They can survive extreme cold weather. But, moisture can develop within the hive as bees do give off moisture like we do. If this moisture gathers above them, it can drip onto the cluster. This is what can kill bees during the winter. They are much like us. We can be cold and get by. But, we cannot stay alive long if we become wet and cold. Bees can get wet in the summer and it is not a problem. But you must prevent your hive from becoming cold and wet from condensation developing within the hive.

Here's how we do it. We use screen bottom boards, fully opened. We do not restrict or cover our bottom boards for winter. Nor do we place any gaps near the top cover. The open screen bottom board allows enough ventilation within the hive to alleviate moisture build up. We do not wrap for winter, although many do. It has been shown to slightly help. Black roofing paper works great. We have too many hives to wrap. Keep in mind that by wrapping your hive, you might be increasing the chance for condensation to collect within the hive.

Winter winds can be strong, so place a heavy concrete blocks on your hives.

Educational Opportunities:

Bee Culture BEETALK September 16

<https://www.ohiostatebeekeepers.org/event/bee-culture-beetalk-september-16/#more->

September 16 @ 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

BEETALK. Tired of the same 'ole, same 'ole every month? Try BEETALK, an off shoot of Bee Culture Magazine. No reports, no committees, no dues, no officers, nothing but questions, answers and solid information on honey, bees, beekeeping from beekeepers and bee specialists.

Meet on Monday, September 16, from 6:30 – 9:00 pm, 623 W. liberty St., Medina OH. Weather permitting, we'll look at some bees and beehives first. Then, inside for a review of Apimondia in Montreal this year. The biggest bee meeting in the Universe. Reviewed, and discussed. Talks, posters, vendors, especially the vendors and more. Free. Tell your friends, share on FB and Twitter. Bee There!

Annual Beekeeping Conference sponsored by the Ashtabula County Beekeepers Association

<https://www.ohiostatebeekeepers.org/event/annual-beekeeping-conference-sponsored-by-the-ashtabula-county-beekeepers-association/#more->

October 19

Annual Beekeeping Conference sponsored by the Ashtabula County Beekeepers Association will be held on Saturday, October 19th from 10 a.m. till 3:30 p.m. at Giddings Hall, located at 104 East Jefferson Street, Jefferson, OH 44047 behind the police station.

The speakers for the conference will be Dave Noble, apiarist at Stratford Ecological Center, John Schwartz, commercial beekeeper and OTS Queen Rearing expert and Melanie Seal co-owner of Blue Sky Bee Supply Ltd. Light Lunch Provided.

For more information or to RSVP call Sharon at 440-576-8818 or e-mail sjriccio@yahoo.com. Cost \$20.00 per person. For more information visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/AshtabulaCountyBeekeepersAssoc/>

OSBA Fall Conference 2019 November 2 @ 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

<https://www.ohiostatebeekeepers.org/event/osba-fall-conference-2019/>

OSBA – Annual Fall Conference

Registration opens in September!

November 2, 2019- Plain City, Ohio Tolles Career Center – 7877 US Highway 42 S – Plain City OH 43064

The Ohio State Beekeepers Association, Inc. is holding the annual Fall Conference at Tolles Career & Technical Center in Plain City, Ohio. We anticipate attendance of over 650 beekeepers. This year we are excited to offer many breakout session on the subject of “The Business of Beekeeping.” Our powerhouse line-up of guest speakers include: Kirsten Traynor, Erin Macgregor-Forbes, Dr. Reed Johnson, Dawn Combs, Shannon Trimboli, Andrew Connor, And others! We are also excited to include our annual Honey Contest, and Nosema Testing through The Ohio State University this year at the OSBA Fall Meeting. See registration for details.

Bees in the News:

Apiaries as Part of an Ecosystem of Wildlife

<https://americanbeejournal.com/apiaries-as-part-of-an-ecosystem-of-wildlife/>

Except from the article:

We see very little of what occurs in our apiaries. During hive inspections, we glimpse some of the inner workings of the colonies. Around our hives, we do not see much either. At night, we witness even less.

All of my apiaries are at rural locations. Two apiaries are even by wildlife trails, upping the critter traffic, in addition to the variety of them. Night brings numerous small animals to my apiaries, scavenging for dead bees. Or maybe they just pass through as chance encounters. How do I know? Game cameras...

The picture below is not from the article. It's from one of our hives in the spring of our second year of beekeeping. Sometimes it is not just small animals that come visiting.



Members Corner:

From Bruce Zimmer

We are excited to announce a new group page for our members. Facebook will not allow pages to be changed to groups, so this is the next best thing. Select our new tab "Visit Group" (top right, under profile photo) and request to join. You must be a current member of the Columbiana-Mahoning County Beekeepers Association Club to join. If you are not currently a member, please join at our next meeting! This group page is an interactive page, where you can ask and answer other member's questions. And better help other members of the club, especially the newbies. The page is currently a public group page, so non-members will still be able to view and learn. This can change in the future to a closed group. Please follow the rules of the group page.

2019 Officers

President	George Stacey	330-360-8717
Vice President	Ralph Rupert	330-400-8581
Secretary	Kelly Davis	330-881-0755
Treasurer	Bill Traynor	330-720-2669
Board of Directors:		
Andrea Deafenbaugh	2019	330-457-0326
Julie Bartolone	2020	330-720-2669
Steve Davis	2021	330- 881-0733

2019 Club Sponsors and Donors:

[A.I. Root- Bee Culture](#)
[Applewood Seed Company](#)
[Betterbee](#)
[Bee Smart Designs](#)
[Beeline Apiaries](#)
[Blue Sky Bee Supply](#)
[Brushy Mountain](#)
[Buckeye Queen Producers](#)
[Dadant - American Bee Journal](#)
[Draper's Super Bee Apiaries](#)
[Ernst Seeds](#)

[Heartwood Lumber](#)
[Honey Bee Ware](#)
[Kelley Beekeeping](#)
[Mann Lake](#)
[Olivarez Honey Bees](#)
[Pigeon Mountain Trading](#)
[Queen Right Colonies](#)
[Rossman Apiaries](#)
[Valley Bee Supply](#)
[Western Bee Supplies](#)
[HillTop Honey Farm](#)

Click on the company name to visit their web site.

Monthly Honey Recipe:

Honey-Ginger Glazed Salmon

<https://www.myrecipes.com/recipe/honey-ginger-glazed-salmon>

Hands-on Time: 30 Mins
Total Time: 30 Mins
Yield: Serves 4
Serving size: 1 fillet
(1/2 cup rice, and 2 1/4 teaspoons marinade)

By Katie Workman
June 2016
RECIPE BY [Cooking Light](#)

Ingredients

- Cooking spray
- 1/2 cup honey
- 1/4 cup lower-sodium soy sauce
- 1 (1 1/2-inch) piece peeled fresh ginger, thinly sliced
- 1 garlic clove, grated
- 4 (6-ounce) salmon fillets
- 2 cups cooked brown rice

Nutritional Information

Calories 408
Fat 10.4g
Saturated Fat 2.2g
Monounsaturated Fat 3.5g
Polyunsaturated Fat 3.6g
Protein 39g
Carbohydrate 38g
Fiber 2g
Cholesterol 90mg
Iron 1mg
Sodium 299mg
Calcium 30mg
Sugars 15g
Estimated added sugars 15g

Directions

Step 1

Preheat oven to 400°. Line a jelly-roll pan with aluminum foil; lightly coat foil with cooking spray.

Step 2

Combine honey and next 3 ingredients in a small saucepan over medium heat; simmer 2 minutes, stirring frequently. Cool marinade to room temperature.

Step 3

Place fillets in an 8-inch square glass or ceramic baking dish. Pour cooled marinade over fillets, turning to thoroughly coat each. Let stand 10 minutes.

Step 4

Transfer fillets to the prepared pan. Strain marinade through a sieve into a small saucepan; discard solids. Bring the marinade to a simmer over medium heat; cook 5 minutes. Reserve 2 tablespoons marinade in a small bowl and 3 tablespoons in a separate small bowl. Discard any remaining marinade.

Step 5

Roast fillets at 400° for 5 minutes; remove pan from oven.

Step 6

Preheat broiler to high.

Step 7

Brush fillets with reserved 2 tablespoons marinade; broil 1 to 2 minutes or until fillets are done and glazed on top. Serve fillets over rice; drizzle with remaining 3 tablespoons marinade.