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## Ohio State University Extension & Tri-County Beekeepers' Association 33rd Annual Spring Beekeeping Workshop "Honey Bees—Back from the Brink"

The 33rd Annual Spring Beekeeping Workshop in Wooster, Ohio on **Friday and Saturday, March 4 & 5, 2011**. As in the past, it will be held in Fisher Auditorium and the Shisler Center at the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center (OARDC). Located on 1680 Madison Ave (at State Route 302 east and State Route 83) just south of Wooster. Last year there were over 900 people from Ohio and neighboring states participating in the workshop. Once again there will be a block of rooms set aside at the *Hilton Garden Inn, 959 Dover Road, Wooster* which is within site of OSU's Fisher Auditorium. The room rate is **\$89.00 per night** plus tax for 1 king or 2 queen beds. When making reservations give them: *OSU Bee Mtg* as the code name. For reservations call 330-202-7701 For more information the web page is: [www.wooster.stayhgi.com](http://www.wooster.stayhgi.com)

On Friday evening, March 4, the "OSU Beekeeping Museum" in OARDC's Administration Building basement level will be open from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. for tours. At Fisher Auditorium from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m, you may hear Dr. Mark Headings present "Bee Biology for the Backyard Beekeeper" or Mr. John George discuss "Assembling Bee Equipment". On Saturday, March 5, the workshop will begin with the keynote address by Dr. James E. Tew, OSU Extension Specialist, Beekeeping. The three workshop sessions which follow will each have six different breakout topics from which to choose. One of the breakout topics in each session will be a Basic Beekeeping Session. These beginner sessions are designed to teach the basics of beekeeping. Also, a Kid's Session will be offered during each workshop session. These are open to kids 6 – 12 years old and will provide fun bee activities. Each Kid's Session is limited to a maximum of 25 children.

Other activities during the day include a Baked Goods Contest, a Guessing Contest, and Door Prizes given throughout the day. There will be a "Learning To Do Room" which will include practical activities such as assembling frames and supers.

Workshop registration on *Friday night is from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.* and on *Saturday from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. continuing throughout the day.* Registration fees are as follows:

**Pre-registration: \$35.00 per person**

**Children - 17 yrs and below: \$5.00 per person**

**Walk-in day of workshop registration: \$45.00 per person**

**For more information please go to:**

[http://www.gcbeekeepers.com/Documents/11\\_PRegistration\\_Packet.pdf](http://www.gcbeekeepers.com/Documents/11_PRegistration_Packet.pdf)

**PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**

*from John Grafton*

As I write this there are just a few days left in January, and it seems that we just winterized the colonies for winter. So what are we thinking about; how soon can we look inside the hives and see how many made it through, or do I have enough equipment ready for this season, or when is that bee workshop again, or what about that bee school, and the list goes on.

Ohio has a number of bee schools and workshops scheduled in various areas. This newsletter features the Tri-County workshop and the Southwest Bee School. OSBA is also helping to sponsor two queen rearing workshops April 15 & 16 in Piketon and May 20 & 21 in Wooster.

As we look at other activities connected to beekeeping in Ohio we see the formation of the Ohio Queen Producers Association, special fund raising activities to support the extension beekeeping program, supply dealers with the latest equipment and supplies, an inspection program that has been hit hard by budget cuts but is still one of the most comprehensive in the nation, we see the Lithopolis Honey festival promoting honey, and we see OSU considering adding an associate professor in beekeeping. These activities all indicate a very alive and moving beekeeping industry within the state.

We are in the process of doing a major overhaul of the OSBA website, [www.ohiostatebeekeepers.org](http://www.ohiostatebeekeepers.org), so it will be down for a short period but when it comes back I hope you'll check it out and be able to find the latest information on beekeeping in Ohio.

I look forward to meeting and seeing you at an Ohio beekeeping function.

John

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## **Beekeeper of the Year 2010.**



OSBA is proud to announce the Beekeeper of The Year award was given to Dr. James Tew.

Jim started beekeeping in 1973 and has been actively involved in beekeeping and education since that time. Jim earned his MS. and PHD. in Entomology from Auburn University and University of Maryland respectively. He has been associated with Ohio State University for over thirty years. In that time he has written books, numerous publications and received several awards. He is currently in charge of beekeeping extension and research at the Wooster campus.

Those who are lucky enough to have participated in one of his seminars, know how interesting and humorous he can make beekeeping. OSBA is fortunate to have Jim as a member and leader in our field.

Again our congratulations to Jim Tew, Beekeeper of the Year 2010.

## OSBA is supporting an effort to raise \$20,000.00 for the OSU Bee Lab

The OSBA board voted to join into the partnership called “The Queen Fund Project”. The leader of this group is Dana Stahlman. As the project leader he has put together a team including: The Walter T. Kelley Company, The OSU Bee Lab, Central Ohio Beekeepers Association, The Jefferson Township Trustees (Franklin County), Conrad Hive and Honey Suppliers, COBA Master Beekeepers, and other industry suppliers. As he wrote for the Walter T. Kelley newsletter, The OSU Bee Lab led by Dr. James Tew and Sherry Ferrell has faced a double whammy from the destruction of the bee storage barn by a tornado in September and reduced state funding for the bee lab. The project will create funds without government grants and give Ohio beekeepers the opportunity to support the bee lab by purchasing queens produced from superior stock.

Our first large order came from the Medina Beekeepers Association with an order for 100 queens. Queens produced by this project can be purchased from OSBA, Simpson’s Bee Supply, Queen Right Colonies, or directly from Dana Stahlman. The schedule for queen delivery will be based on when orders are placed. The first queens will or should be available in early May. Queens can be mailed or picked up directly from Dana Stahlman. All queens will be sold for \$25.00 each. All income and profit from this project will be given directly to the bee lab.

This will be a great way to support the bee lab and a way to benefit your club. If your organization would like to order queens for members, contact Dana Stahlman, 3075 Mann Road, Blacklick, Ohio 43004, phone 614-855-1656 or email: [stahlmanapiaries@aol.com](mailto:stahlmanapiaries@aol.com). All funds collected by Dana Stahlman will be given over to the OSU bee lab. He request that all checks sent to him be made out to the OSBA Bee Lab Fund. He does not want cash or credit cards. Check with him regarding scheduling and shipping cost or pick up times.

The Bee Lab fund Project Group would like to thank OSBA for its generous contribution of funds and support. OSBA has given funds from the Ohio Queen Project in the amount of \$2,531.00. This funding is earmarked for stocking 250+ nuc hives with bees, feed, and start up cost. Combined with funding from other sources such as materials for nucs (wood, frames, foundation etc.), volunteer labor to be donated, land to set up the nuc yard, and the other things to bring this project together, will lead to all Ohio beekeepers benefitting not only to support OSU bee lab but improve their own queen stock as well.

Submitted by Dana Stahlman

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## **“Telling the Bees” Memorial Committee**

This is an old tradition among beekeepers to “Tell the Bees” whenever a change happens in the beekeepers family. You may Google “Telling the Bees” and find a poem from the 1800’s about this subject. You will also find some history on the subject.

What OSBA wants to do is to recognize any Ohio beekeepers that have recently died.

The plan is to have an article in each OSBA Newsletters and also to recognize them by “Telling the Bees” at the summer and fall meetings.

All associations are asked to forward the name and home county of the beekeeper and the date of death if available. Any personal info may also be beneficial such as how long they may have kept bees, associations they belong to and any offices they may have held in the association, etc. A photo may be sent if available.

Hopefully this will be some small way to recognize our fellow beekeepers as they pass on. It may also serve as notice of friends we have made when their passing comes.

Please appoint someone in your association or you may individually notify me when a loss occurs so proper recognition will be made.

Those passing in early 2011 that the committee has been notified of are:

### **A Kentucky Friend**

A friend of many Ohio beekeepers was Richard Broyles of Paducah KY. They presented programs at HAS and sold cosmetics, compounds, etc. Richard died suddenly last January 20, 2011. Please remember Annie and her family and if you wish to give a memorial tribute, send it to the Lake Barkley Beekeepers Queen rearing project, c/o Kent Williams, 580 State Route 385 North, Wingo, KY 42038.

Annie’s address is 4445 Clinto Road, Paducah Ky 42001.

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### **Bob Smith**



Bob Smith, formerly from Perrysburg, Ohio, and lately from Oberlin, Ohio, passed on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Bob was instrumental in forming the club in Perrysburg, and was the resident beekeeper at the 577 Foundation in Toledo, running the beehives and observation hive there. Working with Jim Tew and Kim Flottum, he produced the Vesta Video series of how-to videos sold by the Root Company for many years. Most notable of these was the Honey Bee Emergencies tape, used world wide by firemen and rescue personel when dealing with honey bees and accidents. He bottled and sold his honey at gift stores and farm markets in Perrysburg, and

Please send notice if you become aware of one of our beekeeping friends passing to [beefarm2003@AOL.COM](mailto:beefarm2003@AOL.COM).

Wishing all well,  
Ron Hoopes, Past President, Life Member OSBA  
Memorial Committee Chair

[Beefarm2003@AOL.COM](mailto:Beefarm2003@AOL.COM)

## The Business of Queen Raising

A workshop featuring Dr. James Tew of the OSU Bee Lab will be held two times this Spring. Agenda includes: Business Structures, Planning, Finances, Queen Biology, Trait Selection, Methods of Producing Queens, Setting up Mating Nucs, Processing, Queens for Sale. Includes Hands on Grafting and take home materials!

OSU South Center @ Piketon April 15 & 16 or

OARDC @ Wooster May 20 & 21

Seating is Limited, Registration \$75

For more information e-mail: [beelab@osu.edu](mailto:beelab@osu.edu)

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## Southwestern Ohio Beekeeper School

You are invited to attend one of the largest and most educational beekeeping schools in the State of Ohio. The 2011 Southwestern Ohio Beekeeper School will be held at the Oasis Conference Center on **Saturday, March 26th**. The program is designed to be educational for anyone interested in honeybees, with programs for the beginning and moderately experienced beekeeper. Vendors will also have beekeeping equipment for sale throughout the day.

### **Important for 2011:**

- **Limited to the first 350 pre-registered participants.**
- **No walk-ins or late registrations will be accepted.**
- **Participants must be one of the first 350 people to pre-register.**

The following are some important reminders about the 2011 Beekeeper School:

- Registration deadline is March 1, 2011. Last year, registration closed well before the deadline.
- Information and registration forms can be found on-line at [warren.osu.edu](http://warren.osu.edu).
- Registration fee is \$35 for adults and \$25 for youth under 17 years of age.
- Checks should be made payable to "OSU Extension – Warren County".
- Mail your check and registration form to:

**OSU Extension – Warren County**

**Attn: Beekeeper School**

**320 E. Silver Street, Suite 101**

**Lebanon, OH 45036**

- No refunds are possible. We have to pay for your meal whether you show up or not.
- No confirmation of your registration will be sent to you.

This program is sponsored by Ohio State University Extension in Butler, Montgomery and Warren Counties.

### **FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO:**

[http://warren.osu.edu/topics/uploaded-files/Bees10\\_registration%20packet.pdf](http://warren.osu.edu/topics/uploaded-files/Bees10_registration%20packet.pdf)

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## Hall of Fame

The Hall of Fame Committee has selected the following for induction into the Hall of Fame this fall. Wendle Smith, Donald Cooke, Charles Reese, and Hobart Fulton. Our committee needs to locate family members so we can get photographs of these gentlemen and also invite family members to the OSBA fall meeting such as we did when the 12 original members were inducted in 2009. Please contact Jim Thompson Chairman of the committee. You can contact Jim at 8227 Eby Road , Smithville, Ohio 44677 (330-669-3352)

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West Central Ohio Beekeepers Association is hosting Dr. Larry Connor

March 24, 2011

At Clark State Community College located at 570 East Leffel Lane, Springfield, Ohio 45505. Off exit 54 on I-70.

His topic is:

### *The Biology of Colony Management*

Meeting starts at 6:30. Cost is \$10.00 at the door and will include a year's membership in WCOBA.

Clark State: Telephone 937-325-0691 or 1-877-412-5275

For Information Call Dwight Wells at 937 667 8101 or Larry Lavey at 937 447 4715

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## An Evening with Jim Tew

Join beekeepers from around the state on Thurs., May 12th in Circleville, OH for a spaghetti dinner with guest speaker Dr. Jim Tew, OSU Extension Specialist, Beekeeping. All proceeds go to the Honeybee lab tornado relief fund. Dinner served from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the K of C Hall, conveniently located off U.S. Route 23. Tickets are \$15 and available by calling 740-474-7086. Seating is limited and by reservation only. No tickets sold at the door.

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## OSBA Membership Incentives

At the most recent OSBA Board of Directors meeting held January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011 in Reynoldsburg, OH the following proposals were presented to the Board.

1. **A challenge** was presented by The Central Ohio Beekeepers Association (COBA) to attain the highest percentage of their membership belonging to OSBA by the end of 2011. This is a challenge to all Ohio Beekeeping Associations. Note: This is not the percentage of increase within the association but only the total percentage of the associations that belong to OSBA at the end of Sept. 2011.

2. **A proposal** was presented to allow all associations to retain \$5.00 of the \$20.00 membership fee for all NEW, "Never Before" members to OSBA they recruit.

The retention of the \$5.00 applies only to regular membership \$20.00 but not to any discounted membership fees.

### **Proposal 1:**

A. The association with the highest percentage of OSBA members will receive 4 (four) passes to the OSBA 2011 Fall Meeting. They will also be recognized at the meeting.

B. The percentage is to be calculated through the end of September, 2011 and forwarded to the OSBA Secretary, Margaret Reid. Receiving this information at this time will permit OSBA to determine the winning association and present the 4 passes. By receiving the passes in early October will allow the association to hold a drawing among their OSBA members and hand out the awards.

C. When submitting the total percentage of the associations membership belonging to OSBA it must be certified by that Association President and two other officers of that Association.

This information will include the total number of members in the association and the number belonging to OSBA in 2011.

D. IN CASE OF A TIE: A two way tie will have 2 passes to each Association. (This number could change-increase- by direction of the BOD). A tie of three or more will be settled by a drawing held by the President of OSBA and 2 other officers. The association drawn as the winner will receive all 4 passes.

E. Proposal #2 will give the associations \$5.00 to retain all NEW, "Never Before" members to OSBA they recruit. A method of reporting these "New" members will be developed by the OSBA Executive Committee.

## HAVE A FRIEND TO JOIN OSBA THEY COULD WIN A COMPLETE NEW HIVE

To encourage new beekeepers to become members of Ohio Beekeepers Association, they are going to have a drawing at the Wooster meeting and also at the Southwestern meeting.

Every new member signed up at each meeting will be entered in the drawing for a new complete hive with 1 deep hive body and frames. That's about an \$80 dollar value.



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