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The Ohio State Beekeepers Association serves beekeepers in Ohio and is associated with other organizations who have an interest in beekeeping.
Summer is here and the heat is on! It’s been a crazy swarm season across the state and calls are still coming in to rescue honey bees.

The OSBA event schedule is full with tables, talks, and the state fair all happening in the next few months. Please visit the OSBA tables at Wright Patterson Air Base, June 21, for their Pollinator Expo, Franklin Park Conservatory, June 24, for Pollinator Palooza, and of course the Ohio State Fair – this year’s dates are July 26-August 6. Visit the Honey show and check out who has bragging rights this year. September brings Lithopolis, Fulton County’s Breakfast on the Farm, End of Summer Classic, and Farm Science Review!

If your club would like to attend the fair and help greet the public at the OSBA booth, please contact me for admission tickets and parking passes. It’s a great way to spend the day talking bees and educating the public on how they can help the honey bees. We have a beautiful display, many brochure handouts, and “Save the Honey Bee” stickers for the children.

“Save the Dates” October 27, 28, 2023 for the OSBA Annual Meeting and Fall Conference. It will be held in Wooster, Ohio at the OARDC. Look for more information in this newsletter!

Elections are coming up quickly and if you know someone active in beekeeping looking for a good way to give back to our beekeepers in Ohio, please have them consider running for an OSBA office. OSBA is very much a volunteer organization and we need active board members. President and Secretary offices are coming up for election.

I’m looking forward to a busy summer –
Stay healthy, hug your loved ones, and I hope to see you at one of the events!

Peggy
In early May, my family and I headed to the Mahekal Beach Front Resort near Cancun, Mexico to attend the wedding of my niece. We also took a tour to the amazing Mayan ruins in Chichen Itza. Of course spring beekeeping activity was in high gear and as I left, the seasonal chores were still heavy on my mind.

I was chatting with the driver of the tour bus (I tend to be a little chatty) and the subject of honey bees magically came up to the dismay of my family members. The driver told me about Maya bees and how they produced honey for harvest and were stingless. I could just imagine trying to fill my suitcase and still get through customs. To my amazement, our tour guide at the ruins also brought up the stingless Maya honeybees.

The day after we returned to the resort I was sitting on the porch of our cabin and became aware of a flurry of flying insects swirling in the air near the roof. As I watched, they landed at the top of a post that held up the roof and began to march into a small rectangular hole. They were about the size of a substantial house fly but behaved like honeybees, much like a captured swarm marching into a hive box. I took a photo and a video. Later the personnel at the front desk proclaimed them Maya bees, although I cannot attest to their expertise. In the video the bees are quite dark. They can be of different colors and are often golden or brown.

Here is a photograph of the rectangular hole that the bees were entering and exiting.

The stingless bees that I encountered were of the genus:species Melipona beecheii. Their history goes way back to the early Mayan eras where they were cultivated for honey and religious purposes and ceremonies.

From wikipedia (1): “The Maya called them xunan kab. In accordance with Mayan history, M. beecheii are the embodiment of a link to the spirit world, an endowment of the god Ah Muzen Cab.[1] M. beecheii serves as the subject of various Mayan religious ceremonies.[1] M. beecheii has been greatly revered by Mayan culture throughout history, leading to its keeping by the Mayan people as a means of attaining a higher being, one which is closer to God. According to the Maya tradition, a priest would harvest M. beecheii honey during a religious ceremony that would take place twice a year. As a means of increasing the number of nests and honey production, beekeepers would regularly divide existing nests. This would also help to alleviate the predicament of excess queens that occurs with M. beecheii.[1]"
Stingless bees produce honey and wax but store the honey in honey pots located in a storage chamber. So, they are not amenable to the use of frames as in our traditional hives (they have cells for brood but not for storing honey). Their hives are usually in hollow logs or hive boxes without frames. The number of bees in a hive is much smaller than in our colonies and therefore much less honey is produced per colony. The honey extracted is relatively thin and has a distinct flavor with a slightly citrus tinge. The honey is used extensively for medicinal purposes.

Stingless bees are smaller than our European origin honeybees and all workers, drones, and queens are all about the same size. The basic features of these castes are similar to those of our honeybees but differ in several ways, see recommended literature.

Melipona are not parasitized by mites, and the only parasite of some significance is a fly, Pseudohypocera kerteszi (2).

The stingless bees obviously don’t sting but they can bite and when attack pheromone is released, all of the bees in the colony attack. Fortunately, the bite does not elicit an allergic reaction (2).

So it appears that the stingless bees must live in the tropics, don’t produce a lot of honey per hive, but have a very important role in pollination. They are rapidly disappearing from deforestation as pesticide usage expands. They need our help.

If you want to use them in your apiary you will just have to move to Mexico. But you won’t get stung. I did not load my suitcase!

For more information about the fate of this fascinating bee see this NPR article

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ONLINE REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!
Whether you are a hobbyist with a few hives in your backyard or a commercial operation, making sure your beekeeping operation has the right liability insurance coverage is essential. And, keep in mind, requirements can vary by state.

“People often decide they are going to do something like beekeeping but making sure they have the right insurance coverage is the last thing they think about, until it’s too late,” said Lance Reeve, Nationwide senior risk management consultant.

According to Nationwide, there are two key components to protect your beekeeping operation.

First, make sure you are in compliance with state and local regulatory statutes.

“If you’re just getting into beekeeping, you should contact the Department of Ag in your state,” said Derek Hommer, Nationwide risk management consultant. “For example, even moving beekeeping equipment in the state of Ohio requires permission. Make sure you are complying with state and local regulation.”

Second, know what type of beekeeping operation you have, your plans for the future, and have an open conversation with your insurance agent.

“Knowing what your operation is, what your plans are and if you’re operating a business will help your insurance agent know whether your current policy is sufficient,” said Derek Bredlow, Nationwide farm product manager. “If we determine you have something more going on, we want to make sure you’re properly protected.”

Is my homeowners policy enough?

Your standard homeowners policy is not typically designed to cover a beekeeping operation. Your policy may have some minimal liability coverage, however it might not cover product liability, equipment, or other areas of your beekeeping activities.

“If you’re just jumping in with one or two hives, a homeowners policy may be adequate,” said Bredlow. “If you’re taking over a current operation or expanding your operation, you’ll definitely want to make sure your agent is aware of that to make sure you’re properly covered.”

Renting hives

For renters, it’s also important that they are compliant with any state or local ordinances and registrations. In Ohio, if you wanted to purchase, rent or otherwise have bees on your property, you would need a certificate from the state apiarist.

“If someone is renting beehives from an owner, they’ll want to make sure that they have the appropriate liability contract in place that properly transfers liability and responsibility from the owner to the person who is renting,” said Bredlow.

Larger commercial operations typically have their own legal counsel who can help draft the appropriate contracts for renting. The renter can take the contract to their insurance agent to help tailor a policy to fit those expectations.
Selling honey

When it comes to product liability, food safety should be a concern. If a commercial beekeeper is selling to food manufacturers to be incorporated in other foods and there is something wrong with that honey, or it's contaminated in some way, it’s important that they be covered. The same goes for hobbyists selling products at a farmer's market or festival to cover product liability.

“On the commercial side, it’s important to have trained personnel, food safety plans following the Federal Good Manufacturing practices, and there are audit programs,” said Reeves. “Hobbyists would be regulated locally and by the Ohio Department of Agriculture, so they’ll be making sure they have food safety measures in place, but not to the same level of the commercial audit program.”

How Farm Bureau can help

“OSBA members should join Farm Bureau to keep up local events,” said Peggy Garnes, president of the Ohio State Beekeepers Association. “I enjoy reading Our Ohio magazine, e-newsletters, having access to the Property Protection Program, the health plan available, the travel and recreation opportunities, and, of course, the insurance opportunities. I have found that the support from the local Farm Bureau has been helpful.”

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If you have skills that could serve our state organization, please consider volunteering to run for an office. If you know someone in a local club that has leadership skills, encourage them to volunteer and send their name in as a nomination. (Remember that the current president will still be on the board as past president, and she will be able to help new officers and directors get acclimated.) For more details of the positions, please check the Constitution on the website: https://ohiostatebeekeepers.org/our-constitution/

These positions are open for nominations.

- **OSBA President** - Shall:
  - Have the general responsibilities and duties commonly incident to the office of president and manage the day to day activities of the association.
  - Preside over all membership meetings and be the official spokesperson of the association.
  - Lead by example and encourage others and take initiative in all matters

- **OSBA Secretary** - Shall:
  - Manage the association’s records, communication, membership role and other duties of the office;
  - Initiate and/or respond to club correspondence in a timely manner.
  - Maintain a list of all members in good standing and send notices of delinquent membership.
  - Record all minutes of annual and special meetings of the membership, executive committee and Board of Directors.

- **OSBA Director of Buckeye Hills** – Athens, Hocking, Mid Ohio Valley, Monroe, Tri-State, id Ohio Valley
- **OSBA Director of Crossroads** - Carroll, Columbiana/Mahoning, Coshocton, Gurnsey-Noble, Harrison, Jefferson, Tri-County, Tuscarawas,

- **OSBA Director of Western Reserve** – Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Greater Cleveland, Lake, Lorain, Medina, Portage, Summit, Trumbull,

Download the OSBA Nomination Form here.

Voting will be done online during the Fall Conference. Only members in good standing, with current paid dues, will be permitted to vote. Members will receive an email with the link for voting. Please contact the Secretary for paper ballots.
Beekeeper of the Year

“Awarded to an Ohio individual who promotes beekeeping within the community and encourages collaboration and cooperation among other beekeepers, clubs, and organizations.”

It’s time for clubs to nominate a member for Beekeeper of the Year. Do you have someone in your club who goes above and beyond to help other beekeepers; serves the club by volunteering for tasks and events; and participates in outreach to the community?

Please take the time to fill out the nomination form so OSBA can recognize a beekeeper from a local club. Deadline is Sept. 30, 2023. (Only one person may be nominated, per nominator.) Download the OSBA Beekeeper of the Year nomination form here. Email to: nominating-committee@ohiostatebeekeepers.org

Sticky Honey Ribs

Wonderfully aromatic, sweet, hot, and sticky, these ribs are best made with a pungent dark honey. They are perfect for a barbecue, as they can be left to marinate in the sauce for up to 24 hours. Roast in the oven as directed in the recipe, then transfer the ribs to a hot grill for the last 20 minutes of cooking, turning regularly until dark brown and sticky. Serve with baked potatoes and coleslaw. Serves 4-6.

Ingredients

- 3.5 to 4 lbs pork spare ribs
- ½ teaspoon sea salt
- 5 tablespoons honey
- 1 teaspoon dry mustard powder
- 1 fresh red chile, seeded and finely chopped
- 1 tablespoon white wine vinegar
- ¼ dark brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon tomato paste
- ½ teaspoon ground ginger

Instructions

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F. Line a large roasting pan with a double layer of foil and place the ribs in the pan. In a small bowl, whisk together the remaining ingredients and pour the mixture over the meat. Rub the marinade into the ribs. Cover pan with foil. Bake in the center of the oven 30 minutes. Remove top foil. Turn the ribs over. Re-cover and return to the oven. Cook for 30 minutes longer, basting occasionally. Increase the oven temperature to 425 degrees. Roast uncovered for 5 to 10 minutes, until ribs are dark brown and sticky. Keep an eye on them so they don’t burn. Serve hot.
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During his career in business and agriculture, he was president of the Honey Industry Council of America, president of the Ohio Agricultural Council, president and chairman of the board for the Eastern Apicultural Society of North America, Inc., served on the Board of Directors of the National Candle Association and served on the Key Advisory Commission of the Agricultural Technical Institute in Wooster for nine years.

A loving and kind man, John will be deeply missed by the beekeeping community, his family, and friends.
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What Are Buckfast Bees?

Buckfast bees are a strain of honey bee that was developed through a breeding program by Brother Adam of Buckfast Abbey in England. They are highly resistant to the bee parasite Acarapis woodi or tracheal mite. This parasite blocks oxygen flow in the spiracles of the bees which can cause devastating colony loss. In addition, the bees are bred for calmness, low tendency to swarm, gentle behavior and high honey production.

Breeding Bees at Buckfast Abbey

In the first and second decade of the 1900’s, devastating losses of honey bee colonies occurred in England. At the time, the cause was unknown but since it seemed to have started on the Isle of Wight, the disease was named for its apparent origin. Much later it was recognized that the problem was caused by the parasitic mite Acarapis woodi or tracheal mite.

A young monk working with bees at Buckfast Abbey in Devonshire, England became intrigued by the tolerance or susceptibility of different races of bees to this disease. This monk, known as Brother Adam, spent the next seventy years breeding bees with a singular devotion.

Brother Adam was able to apply the recent revelations about genetics by designing a breeding system. He recognized that because queens mate with multiple drones of unknown genetic backgrounds, he would have to control the mating to achieve significant results. Fortunately, Buckfast Abbey was relatively close to the Moors, an area where no trees grow so no bees can survive in the wild. By moving colonies to this area with the drone stock he had selected, he could ensure that the virgin queens in his nucleus colonies could only mate with his selected drones.

Going one step further, he inbred the drone lines and had the drone colonies headed by sister queens. The drones produced in these colonies are therefore almost genetically identical so he could do pedigree breeding as it is practiced in mammal breeding programs. Each year one drone line was selected and multiple queen lines were mated with it. This produced a number of combinations to test each year. Pedigree breeding allowed him to keep records of all the genetic combinations from both the male and female side, similar to the family trees people use to record their ancestry.

Brother Adam’s breeding system had a three-year cycle. In the first year a minimum group of thirty queens of each combination were produced and introduced to colonies. In the second year the mature colonies were tested and several breeder queens were selected from each group. In the third year, larvae from breeder queens were grafted to rear new queens. The drone producing colonies were re-queen in the fall if a new drone line was required the following year. Since worker bees eject
drones in the fall, only drones from the new queens were present in the spring.

Brother Adam believed that managed honey bee colonies should be productive, easy to manage and pleasant to work with. His main selection criteria were therefore; low tendency of swarming, lack of aggression and calmness or what he referred to as comb stability. He developed a simple scoring system for recording observations of these characteristics. Colonies were also required to be above average in honey production to be selected for breeding. Because all combinations were made with only one drone line each year it was most important that the drone line have all the main characteristics consistently expressed. He travelled extensively to search for strains of bees which had positive traits and crossed these with his stable drone lines. Some of these new combinations proved worthwhile but others were abandoned even after years of re-crossing. High swarm tendency was the hardest trait to eliminate from some strains.

Many bee breeders, especially in Europe, have adopted Brother Adam’s methods and used his stock. After seventy-eight years of beekeeping Brother Adam retired in 1990 at the age of 93 and passed away September 1st, 1996 at the age of 98. His legacy of breeding productive, gentle bees is carried on internationally by many breeders.
End of Summer Classic

Saturday, September 9, 2023

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9:00 am: Opening Announcements
10:30 am: Connie Skolnicki
12:30 pm: Dr. Jim Tew
2:00 pm: Don Brooks
3:15 pm: Drawings

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4. Propolis cream
5. Pain relief
6. Ancient Egyptians

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**Fun Page**

**Answers**

- Label the Hive Parts
  1. Brick weight
  2. Telescoping cover
  3. Medium Honey super
  4. Medium super or brood
  5. deep brood box
  6. Landing board
OSBA’s Quality Awards Program

Is your club struggling to add members? Is it hard to get people to volunteer for offices or committees?

OSBA’s Quality Awards Program could help you with these issues. The various tasks found on the scoring sheet give ideas of things to do to help grow your club. Choose some tasks, set some club goals at the beginning of the year and check them at the end of the year. Each of the twelve parts introduce strategies for growing your club in number and impact. You can keep track of your work right on the form, which can be found on the OSBA website.

At the end of the year, the associations will be asked to turn in their results and according to their score, receive either a bronze, silver, or gold quality award. This award will be a beautiful pin to wear and show-off the status of your association. Clubs will need to purchase the pins for members who want them, at $3 each. Clubs will also receive a certificate suitable for hanging.

If you have any questions contact Dale Olson, Director of Western Reserve Region, the chairman for this program.

The gold, silver and bronze coin-pins will be awarded to clubs for their members to wear with pride.
ERIE BASIN CLUB REPORTS

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The SRVBA meets the 1st Monday of each month at the First Methodist Church in Clyde, OH. at 7 PM. President Gary Wylie likes to keep the meeting held at an hour with social time before and after the meeting.

The June meeting speaker was club member Michael Gergley of Red Creek Honey Company discussing single hive brood management. A very interesting and thought provoking presentation.

The July meeting will have member Tom Rathbun discussing hive diseases and pests. This is from the club’s mission of topics for hive sustainability education.

The September meeting will be the annual summer picnic hosted by Dr. Stone at his horse stable. As usual, bees, food, horses, and fun will be on the schedule.

Many educational talks, workshops, and seminars have been done and are scheduled as well as local county fairs.

Always check our Facebook page and website for current events and zoom schedule. August Monthly Meeting—Monday the 7th @ 7p FUMC Topic—TBD.

August 19th is National Honey Bee Day September Monthly Meeting—TBD Summer Picnic October Monthly Meeting—Monday the 2nd @ 7p FUMC Topic—Successful Overwintering, We will hand out bears for filling for food pantries.

HEART OF OHIO CLUB REPORTS

REGIONAL DIRECTOR: Will Merrill
REPRESENTATIVE: Dave Jones

CENTRAL OHIO BEEKEEPERS

Mon., July 17 9 a.m. Franklin County Fair begins through Sun. July 23.
Volunteers welcome and appreciated.
Wed., July 19 6pm Bee Yard – Inspect hives. Topic: Barb Bloetscher: Diseases and Treatment

Sun., July 23 9pm Franklin County Fair ends
Mon., July 24 7pm Zoom meeting. Answer your questions.
Thu., July 26 4pm Ohio State Fair begins through Aug. 6 August 2023
Sun., Aug 6, 9 pm. Ohio State Fair ends
Mon., Aug 7 & 8 – 5p Pick up Ohio State Fair entries
Tues., Aug 15, 6pm Bee Yard – Inspect hives. Topic: Mark Cameron: Apitherapy and all products of the hive

Our website https://srvba.ohiostatebeekeepers.org/
HEART OF OHIO  Continued

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THE SCIOTO VALLEY BEEKEEPERS

Scioto valley beekeepers meet the second Thursday of each month. The next regular meeting begins at 6:00 PM. Thursday in the basement meeting room of Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, 310 E. Main St. In Circleville. Interested? Send an email sciotovalleybeekeepers@yahoo.com

EAST CENTRAL OHIO BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

Our meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at Taft Reserve South, located at 10383 Fairview Rd SE, Newark, Oh 43055. Meetings begin at 6:30 pm. It is a potluck/snack affair, so please bring a dish or snack to share with the group. We are currently seeking volunteers for our booths at several county fairs as well as the Lithopolis Honey Fest and Licking Parks Outdoor Adventure to sign up visit our website.

KNOX COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

June 10, 2023 the Knox County Beekeepers Association hosted a queen rearing class. Peggy Garnes, the current President of OSBA taught the class. Peggy has been rearing queens a long time. We learned more about queen mating biology and how to graft a queen. At the end of the class we even ended up with one of our own queens!

Calling All Vendors

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For more information contact: Jennifer Kurtovic at director@embchamber.org
MAUMEE VALLEY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

Maumee Valley Beekeepers Association meets the third Tuesday of each month at Wildwood Environmental Academy.

Past president Roger Myers explained No Mow May. No Mow May has been encouraged through Facebook. Homeowners should consider No Mow June and July. May is a time for young pollinator plants to grow. These plants really want to grow but need to be mowed. During May bees are primarily bringing in pollen from trees at this time. Consider not mowing when your yard is dry, later in the summer.

April Presentation Amy Stone, Lucas County Extension Agent Services are available through the Lucas County Extension Office, and other county extension offices.
1. Agricultural and Horticultural information
2. Invasive Species
3. 4-H
4. Consumer Sciences, Health and Nutrition
5. Community Development

If you suspect you have seen any of these invasive plants, take a photo and contact your local extension agent. If you clip a leaf or a portion of the plant, it can be sent to the Plant and Pest Diagnostic Lab in Wooster. https://ppdc.osu.edu/ If you would like to have your soil tested, contact your local extension office. They can test your soil for PH level and Nutrient Level.

Spotted Lantern Fly- A recent arrival in Ohio. These new pests are migrating into Ohio. They prefer Grapes and Tree of Heaven trees. They pierce the plant and squirt honey dew out. The honey produced is dark molasses color, tastes smoky and has a bad after taste. Contact your local extension office, if you see evidence of Spotted Lantern Fly.

May Speaker- Jacob Schoen, Toledo Zoo
Jacob.schoen@toledozoo.org www.wildtoledo.org

Wild Toledo’s goal is to inspire others to do whatever they can to make good choices to improve our environment. Encourage everyone to plant as many native plants as possible to focus on restoring the habitat.

NORTHWEST OHIO BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

We are meeting at the Ottawa County Extension Office, 1206 East Second Street, Ottawa, OH. The meetings start at 7:00pm. Email northwest.ohio.beekeepers.assoc@gmail.com.

POLLINATOR SANCTUARY AND TRAINING FACILITY

BLACK SWAMP BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

We cover Defiance, Paulding, Henry, and Williams Counties. You are welcome to email blackswampbeekeepersassoc@gmail.com with questions.
MIAMI VALLEY CLUB REPORTS

REGIONAL DIRECTOR: Rich Stewart
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OHIO STATE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

MIAMI VALLEY Continued

MORROW COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION
We hold our meetings at the Wildwood Environmental Academy

SOUTHWESTERN OHIO BEEKEEPERS
FACEBOOK PAGE

BUTLER COUNTY BEEKEEPERS
We typically hold monthly meetings the second Thursday of every month at the Miami University Ecology Research Center (5806 Somerville Road, Oxford, OH 45056) check our FB page

CLINTON COUNTY BEEKEEPERS
The members of the Beekeepers of Clinton county meet the second Tuesday of every month at Dove Church in Wilmington at 7:00 pm. These meetings are very insightful for new and experienced beekeepers and are great to share knowledge and the trials of beekeeping. The meetings are led by Rich Stewart, Clinton County Beekeeper President and Master Beekeeper. To reach the club, please contact the communications representative, Brenda Compliment

GREENE COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION
GCBA is the hub of beekeeping activity in the Greene County area. Visit our new website www.gcbbeekeepers.org for activity details. Local beekeepers learned from nationally acclaimed speakers such as Steve Repasky, Anthony Nearman, Bridget Mendel, and Becky Masterson, and were updated on local information and received timely seasonal beekeeping tips. Our meetings are like mini-conferences 10 months out of the year, without the need to travel long distances or pay expensive conference fees to hear speakers. Our 4-H Program and our GCBA Mentor Program continue to help educate and create a strong sense of community in our area. GCBA Committees are working on our upcoming Honey Harvest, a popular educational opportunity for the public, along with our annual picnic. These great activities, along with an incredible roster of national speakers and local training, will carry forward our beekeeping outreach and member fun well into the next quarter.

GREATER DAYTON BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

WARREN COUNTY BEEKEEPERS
Sunday, July 9, 2023 We met at the Hollingsworth Farm, at 4780 Hollingsworth Road. Hollingsworth Farm is an all natural lavender and honey farm practicing Regenerative Farming, established in 2017. Vice-President Beatriz Woodall was our host for this event. George Anderson of GM Bee Farm opened hives at the farm and shared hive knowledge. At the June Meeting: Door Prizes for the June meeting were donated by HappBeeAcres, President Paul Dorger, and club member Dian Danino. Thanks to the member that brought in cookies for the meeting! Winners were:
- Uncapping knife ...Keith Mealy
- Embroidered bag...Dian Danino
- Frame spacer........Carol Conrad

The speaker at our June meeting was Terry Lieberman-Smith, presenting ‘Nucs - An Insurance Policy for your apiary’. Thanks to Terry for a great presentation and a wealth of information. Our club expert for 'What To Do in the Month Ahead' was Patty Siebert sharing a "Liquid Honey Exhibit Judging Form" (and great tips) from her experience for honey preparation for the Warren County Fair.
Fair week is July 17th-22nd this year. July Meeting: Bottled water will be provided. Save the date - The annual WCOB picnic will be held at Armo Park shelter #9 on September 10, 2023. Make plans now to attend and socialize with like minded bee enthusiasts. Patty and Wayne Siebert are coordinating the event and would appreciate any help you can offer. More details will be provided in the August
Youth Scholarship winners of 2023 are being assisted by Hollie Bunn and Shayla Taylor. Recent meetings have included swarming, mite treatments and dealing with Dearth. As usual meetings are held the third Thursday of each month 6:30 to 8:30 at the Bible Baptist Church 9840 State Route 41 West Union. It is always a carry in meeting, please bring a dish if you wish to share.

The Brown County Beekeepers Association meeting on April 12th featured an educational program discussing royalty. No, not the newly crowned king, but the queen bee of your hive. George Anderson, owner and operator of GM Bee Farm discussed, “Assessing Queen Quality.” Spring and fall are critical times of the year to assess the quality of your queen, and George’s presentation covered what to look for in a good queen. “April showers bring may flowers,” but April also brings the Brown County Beekeepers Association to participate in a number of horticultural events in our area. On April 22 we participated in the spring open house of Grant’s Farm and Greenhouses in Willamsburg, Ohio. On April 29th we were part of the Rowe Arboretum Annual Spring Plant Sale in Cincinnati, Ohio. At these horticultural events we not only discuss what’s involved in beekeeping but also encouraging people to plant flowers, shrubs and trees that are beneficial to all pollinators.

OHIO VALLEY Continued

were the various techniques for extracting your honey and the wide variety of tools and equipment required to do it in an efficient manner. In Southern Ohio, many folks with established hives extracted their spring honey in June. June’s meeting featured Dwight Wells and State Apiarist Barb Bloetscher presenting on the state of bee genetics in Ohio.

Gallia County Beekeepers Association mission is promoting bees and pollinators. June’s meeting was Rob Cassell’s world famous pulled pork an special guest speaker Carmen Conrad of Conrad Hive and Honey. In July Corey Ruby of Precious Stone Honey had a great morning spent with summer school students from Gallia County Schools. They have been studying insects and we were invited to share about honeybees! We had a great audience that enjoyed the history of beekeeping, building a hive, and modeling beekeeping gear! As a group, we believe all beekeeping is local and welcome all members in the Tri-State area to our Facebook page.

OHIO RIVER BEEKEEPERS SOCIETY
Also known as Lawrence County Bee Association. We are Beekeepers and love to educate others on the benefits of keeping honeybees. We are hoping to add members from southern Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia.

Our May 9th meeting featured the educational program of “Tips and Tricks of Honey Extraction”, presented by Kevin and Liz Jones, owners and operators of HappiBee Acres Bee Supplies of Batavia, Ohio. This was a very informative program for both novice and experienced beekeepers. Covered in the presentation...
WESTERN RESERVE Continued

GEauga COUNTY BEEKEEPERS

Geauga County Beekeepers have been very busy planning and executing their field day in the month of May. They had three main speakers: Jay Handam talked about what he does to be successful to get his bees through winter with less than 1% loses. He keeps about 75 hives per year. Dale Olson talked about how to do walk away splits and other ways to do splits. Randy Oliver gave a zoom talk on how to read the bee comb. After lunch Pat McGuigan gave a demonstration on how he inspects hives. We finished the meeting with a raffle, many people got some very good prizes.

Our June meeting will be at Munson township June 15, 2023, 6:30pm. Dick Cryberg talked about summer and fall treatments for varroa mites. For July we will be having a meeting at Big Creek Park in Geauga County, July 15, 2023 at 12 noon for potluck lunch followed by making something related to beekeeping. (See our website for more information).

In August we will be getting ready for the fair and helping to set up for the fair the week before it opens. We will need volunteers to help man our booth over the Labor Day weekend. In September we plan on attending the Honey Festival at John’s Country Nursery September 16, 2023. We will need people to man the booth and help to answer questions about bees.

GREATER CLEVELAND BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

GCBA has had a very busy winter and spring season! In February, we welcomed over 50 new beekeepers for the beginner beekeeping classes. We were lucky to have tenured speakers volunteer to share their knowledge and experience with our new beekeepers. A huge shout out to Rick Moranz, Eric Manthey, and Phil Bartosh for graciously volunteering to be our speakers for the class!

This spring we had some amazing speakers. Tom Nolan, from NOD spoke to our members about the importance of treating for Varroa mites and in April, Robert Najjar, the SCBA President spoke about what it means to be a beekeeper. Both presentations were great and filled with so much information. We look forward to June where we will have Dave Noble from Red Beard Bees speak to us about Queen Management in an Urban Setting.

World Bee Day Weekend was a success! GCBA collaborated with LCBA, MCBA, OSBA, Republic of Slovenia, Edward Jones, Queen Right Colonies and many others to host a weekend of demonstrations and educational activities surrounding the importance of pollinators. On May 19th, we received close to 300 school children from the Cleveland area and on Saturday we welcomed the public. Thank you to all of the volunteers that made this event such a success. Without their willingness to pitch in, this event would not have been such a success.

Summer will be equally as busy for GCBA! In July we will host our annual summer picnic and August is the Cuyahoga County Fair! We are currently looking for a volunteer to be Fair Chair and for members to volunteer at the fair to help educate the public on the importance of the honeybee and all pollinators! Fair week is August 8-13. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Sarah Alonso at s.alonso@myyahoo.com. Our guest speaker during fair week will be Charles Heaton, the owner & operator of Peaberry Culinary. Charles will give us a demonstration on how to successfully use honey while cooking and baking. He will speak on Wednesday, August 9 at 7pm in the Bee Barn.

We are very excited to announce that our pollinator garden is thriving! Members of the board hung our beautiful pollinator sign and we are still receiving donations to add to our garden. We look forward to having a bee yard where our bees flourish and beekeepers learn!

MEDINA BEEKEEPERS

MCBA has been busy with meetings, bee yard visits, volunteering at World Bee Day, and installing bees at the Hope Recovery site. Meetings have been with Mark Beougher on Sustainability, Dr. Larry Connor on Splits and Increases, and upcoming meetings with be hands on preparing hive products for fair entries, getting ready for the fair, and selling hive products to the public. The meetings this year have been near room capacity with members and visitors gathering to share and learn new beekeeping thoughts. Volunteers for the World Bee Day event held at the Cuyahoga Fairgrounds had a great time visiting with the children on Friday and talking with the public on Saturday.

Our bee yard is up and running with a new crew of bee stewards and visitors gathering to share and learn new beekeeping thoughts. Volunteers for the World Bee Day event held at the Cuyahoga Fairgrounds had a great time visiting with the children on Friday and talking with the public on Saturday.

Our area is lacking rainfall and we are hoping that we receive enough rain for a goldenrod flow this fall.

- Please check out our website: MedinaBeeKeepers.com for more information.

Shari Baker, Jim Johnston
Kate Reusch with Beginners Greg and Cindy
LORAIN COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

Lorain County Beekeepers Association is off and running for the season. With great spring weather, our hives are doing very well, our Memorial Gardens are blooming and the bees are busy, busy, busy! We had 124 attendees to our Beginner Beekeeping Classes in March and then continued the education at our hands-on Hive Openings throughout April and May. Our President, Marilyn Teeple, and Trustee, Sheila St. Clair were guests on New Day Cleveland, introducing beekeeping to viewers. There is a follow up segment in the future. Our Community Education Program has many of our members being guest speakers around Lorain and surrounding counties to all age groups. LCBA helped GCBA celebrated World Bee Day on May 19th and 20th at the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds. Over 300 students were bused in on Friday, Kids Day, and had the opportunity to learn about bees and enjoy lunch! Each student was given a world passport and received a passport sticker for each booth they visited to learn something different about the honeybee, pollination and bee products. The afternoon was open to home schooled students. We are looking forward to our Field Day event on Saturday, June 3 with Charles Linder speaking on Commercial Beekeeping. Plan on visiting the Lorain County Fairgrounds the week of August 21st to 27th as LCBA hosts the “Wizard of Buzz” as our theme for our bee display! Follow our yellow brick road throughout the bee barn and take a few pictures with our Buzz friends.

Mark your calendars now for our “End of Summer Event” on Saturday, September 9th at the Lorain County Fairgrounds. Our guest speaker is Dr. James Tew.

Hope everyone has a great summer and lots of honey!

Cathy Rhoades speaking at St. Mary’s of the Woods Assistant Living

New Day Cleveland with Marilyn Teeple and Sheila St. Clair
BUCKEYE HILLS Continued

MID-OHIO VALLEY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION
MOVBA meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. May through September meetings will be held at Tomlinson City Park on Highland Ave., Williamstown, WV 26187. We do not meet in December. The meeting place in April and October is the Lions Club in Boaz, 315 Valley Manor Lane Williamstown, WV 26187.

MONROE COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

TRI-STATE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION
Our club presently consists of 45-50 members meeting on the third Thursday of each month, February-May and September-November. We meet in the Good Zoo Building on Oglebay Park in Wheeling tristatebees@gmail.com. We are a group of hobbyists in Ohio, Marshall, and Belmont counties who are dedicated to promoting beekeeping. As our mission, we are dedicated to the protection and preservation of the honeybee. To accomplish that goal, we put an emphasis on education of the public in the value of the honeybee as a pollinator and the perils that it now faces, education of the novice beekeeper in proper management of a colony, and education of the experienced beekeeper in new concepts and practices while providing a forum through which they can pass their knowledge and experience to the next generation. All of our meetings are open to the public. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend any and all of our gatherings.

CROSSROADS CLUB REPORTS
REGIONAL DIRECTOR: Lloyd Horst
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COSHOCTON COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

JEFFERSON COUNTY BEEKEEPERS
JCBA meetings are held at the Jefferson County Joint Vocational School 1509 County Highway 22 A, Bloomingdale, OH 43910. Meetings take place at 7 PM, usually on the last Monday of the month, February through October. Please Note: We do not meet at the JVS during the months of June and July.

STARK COUNTY BEEKEEPERS
We will have a picnic on July 22nd and typically meet the first Tuesday of the month St Timothy’s Episcopal Church.

HARRISON COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION
Mark your calendar for the next meeting on August 12 at the Cadiz Presbyterian Church at 6pm with a covered dish.

TUSCARAWAS COUNTY BEEKEEPERS
Hey Folks! The Family Farm Field Days event is coming up quickly on July 14th, and 15th! As usual, it looks like there are some good speakers in the Beekeeping Tent this year! If you have the time, this is a fun event!
Meeting Schedule for 2023
July 8, 2023 - Picnic - Deis Hill Park
August 10, Regular Meeting
September 14 - Regular Meeting
October 12 - Regular Meeting
November 9 - Regular Meeting (Election Night)
For more information, call Association President Stephen Beattie (330) 987-8596, or Vice-President Ray Wirt, 330-323-5525.

COLUMBIANA MOHONING COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION
We meet the third sunday of the month at the Austintown Senior Center. The potluck starts at 1pm, the meeting is at 2. Join us at the Canfield Fair August 30 to September 4th. Our end of year banquet will be in October. Date TBD
TOP OF OHIO CLUB REPORTS

REGIONAL DIRECTOR: Dan Braden
REPRESENTATIVE: Ben Keller

GREATER GRAND LAKES BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION
mdosohio9866@gmail.com
In early June, the annual GGLBA (Greater Grand Lake Beekeepers Association) field day was held with 40 participants. The gathering started off with a potluck and a question and answer session. After the discussion, there was a smoker lighting competition, which was based on who could keep their smoker smoking the longest and with the best smoke. There were also several other presentations conducted by various club members: PPE and what to have in your bee inspection bag, wax management and solar wax melter demonstration, concluded with a trip out to the bee yard. There we looked at a couple of the club hives, learned how to make splits, what honey, larva and brood looks like, and found a queen. There was also a demonstration on how to do an alcohol wash for mites and an alternative method of using CO2. Coming up in the summer months, our club will be doing presentations at local fairs and continuing to educate people on honey bees.

WEST CENTRAL OHIO BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION
Our meetings: are the 3rd Thursday of month at The Hayner Center in downtown Troy. 6:30PM A swarm moved into this trap which is located in a remote location in West Central Ohio. This area has been isolated for many years which has allowed the local feral bees to become mite biters plus other behaviors to keep mites at a very low level. The bees DNA will be checked to see where they originated from Europe during the period of importing between 1622 to 1922. A second swarm moved into the left trap. The swarm is approximately 10 pounds. Both swarms are being fed protein patties for the next 6 weeks.

MIAMI VALLEY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION
We promote beekeeping by teaching and mentoring all those interested in the world of honeybees. We invite anyone interested in learning more about bees and beekeeping to attend our next meeting or event and join our organization! Membership only $20/year. Join MVBA Meetings 7:00 p.m. In-Person (Tipp City Library)
A VISION FOR THE FUTURE
by Sheila St. Clair

Since 1919, Lorain County Beekeepers Association (LCBA) has been a leader in raising awareness about the impact of honey bees. We also promote the vital, centuries-old practice of beekeeping. As one of the largest associations of its kind in Ohio, we are committed to bringing honey bees and beekeepers together to improve bee ecology and protect one of our most precious natural resources.

Beekeeping and pollination are as essential to agriculture as sunshine and rain. The yield and quality of fruits, vegetables, and grain depend on pollination. From backyard beekeepers to commercial operations, the LCBA has been committed to honey bee education for the past 104 years. LCBA provides year-round classes and events for families, all of which emphasize the value of pollinators.

Every year, information on crop yields is made public, including a list of all the seed-dependent crops, like corn, soybeans, wheat, fruits, vegetables, cattle, poultry, and dairy. Without pollination, we'd have no seed clover, for example. The crop would cease to exist.

Pollinators are necessary for 35% of the world’s food supply, with the honey bee accounting for the majority (70–80%) of those pollinators. According to the Ohio Department of Agriculture, there were 24,000 colonies and about 10,000 registered apiaries in Ohio in 2022. From its founding, the Lorain County Beekeepers Association has worked hard to make sure that everyone has a true understanding of why we need to safeguard the honey bees.

Our vision for the future is to build a cutting-edge, multipurpose building equipped with the newest technology and having the ability to teach and share beekeeping and agriculture in a variety of capacities. The building may also be utilized for events, programs, and other purposes; ideally located in the Village of Wellington at the Lorain County Fairgrounds in Lorain County.

We would not have made it to where we are today without the continued support of our members, the Village of Wellington, the Lorain County Fair Board, the Ohio Farm Bureau, neighbors, and friends, just to name a few.

Please visit www.loraincountybeekeepers.org. There you will find our building fund plans, history, upcoming and past events, articles, and pictures. Be sure to catch all of our public service announcements on local radio, WOBL/WDLW, and follow us on Facebook.
World Bee Day

What a success the 2 day event was this year! On Friday, May 19, it was Children’s Fun Day with School Buses bringing loads of elementary children to the Cuyahoga Fairgrounds for several hours learning about honey bees and how their food is impacted by the honey bee. Seven Cleveland schools, over 250 students, 30 teachers, were able to attend. There were many different stations that the children visited with their passports, including candle rolling by OSU Extension, and after the presentations they received a sticker to place in the passport. The children are looking forward to the Honey Breakfasts that will be served at their schools in November along with a beekeeping presentation. Please visit the OSBA Facebook page for viewing the school children day video, courtesy of Ms. Alenka Jerak, the Slovenian Consulate General.

On Saturday, May 20th, World Bee Day was celebrated by the public who were able to visit the two buildings with displays, demos, and speakers. Stations such as Flowers and Pollen, Types of Honey, Hives of the World, Beekeeping Equipment, Fruits and Vegetables, were busy all day with volunteer beekeepers from several area clubs talking bees.

Next year’s event is already in the planning stages.
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OSBA Youth Scholarship
Student Reports

Brianna Sellers
Just in the start of this year, I have done more than I thought I would. This year was definitely my best year in beekeeping yet - my 4th year. In these few months I have caught 3 swarms, queened a hive, and harvested honey. There is an abundance in pollen and honey from my very active hives. I have learned more in this short period alone than almost any other year in this hobby so far, and I look forward to expanding. This year I have also taken up a role in teaching and sharing my experiences, where I have shown and talked about bees in elementary schools and preschools.

Bryce Johnson
The bees arrived on April 30th, and it has been an exciting experience ever since. My bees came from a local man, Rick Henry, who was generous enough to not only supply the bees, but to also bring them to my apiary and help get them in their hives.

In my short time as a beekeeper, I have already lost a queen, watched over time as the hive developed a new queen, helped my mentor put out a swarm trap, and started a resource hive. There is so much to learn, I'm thankful for the help from my mentor, Russell Boes.

Valerie Stroup
On May 21st, we got our first nuc and introduced the first colony to a hive; it was an exciting experience and a great introduction! We received the second on the following Sunday, and both seem to be doing exceptionally well. Everybody's bringing in pollen, and keeping themselves busy. Watching them take off from the landing and do their work is fun; they've settled in quickly. The queen is absolutely gorgeous! She and all the other bees are hard at work.

As a fun experiment, we took out the white paneling from the bottom board and looked at it under a microscope. That was pretty interesting! Each side of the panel had something different on it, but corresponded with the frame above it; there was structure and organization to it. I'd like to paint flowers onto a few boxes and see how they take to them (I'll probably talk about that in the next report!).

Jacoby Campbell
Thanks again for this exciting opportunity. I received my bees about three weeks ago. My mom and I installed my first nuc together. It started out pretty well. But I won’t lie, I got a little intimidated when it became a giant bee explosion. With my mom’s okay, I gave the hive a little space while she finished up. That ended up creating a bit of an interesting situation when we checked the hive a week later. Come to find out, when we were putting in the second box on the hive, we only installed 5 of our 8 frames. Oops! Our bees took matters into their own hands and created a giant work of art in that free space. After a few phone calls, we realized we were going to have to cut out their masterpiece. It went fairly smoothly, only 1 sting in the entire process. The bees seem to have forgiven us for destroying part of their home and are back to work. Our second hive went off without a hitch and both hives are doing well now. Hope the honey keeps flowing.

Liam Velderrain
So far I have had wonderful success beekeeping, this is a short timeline showing what I have done since my last Quarterly Report.

In early January, I completed (with the assistance of Pete Farron,) the construction of all 7 of my hive boxes which I will be using this year, and enough frames to fill each one. In late March I painted the aforementioned hive boxes, bottom boards, feeders, and outer covers.

On April 8th, I received a package of bees for one of my hives from OSBA, and installed the bees into the hive the next day. I began weekly inspections of the hive, to continue throughout the year. A couple weeks later, I received a swarm from Rod Pritchard, which I began inspecting the following Thursday. To date, I have continued inspecting both hives, usually every week on Thursday or Friday, occasional help from Pete Farron.

I have also been attending the COBA bee yard on Wednesdays and Tuesdays.

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