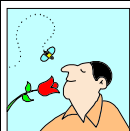


THE BEE HERDER

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Next Meeting Monday
January 15, 2007
7:00 PM

The next meeting of the Medina Co. Beekeeper's Assn. will be held on Monday, January 15, 2007 at 7:00 pm in our meeting room at the A. I. Root Co., 623 W. Liberty Street, Medina, Ohio (at the end of the West Liberty Commons Building).

Kim will be attending the 38th annual convention of the American Honey Producers Association January 9-13, 2007 in Phoenix, Arizona.

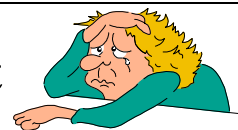
He will be returning with the latest current US Beekeeping Research information from this meeting and sharing it with our members at the next meeting. This is a national meeting of highly distinguished beekeeping minds, be sure to attend, and of course, refreshments will be served.

CHECK YOUR BEES FOR FEED !

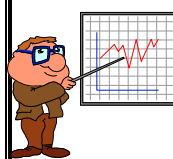
This unseasonable warm weather has not been good for the honey bees. During this time of year they are supposed to be clustered around the queen in the brood nest to keep her warm. Instead they are flying and eating their honey stores. Check your hives NOW while it's still warm to see if they have any honey left to eat. If necessary feed them sugar syrup or fondant so they will not starve. We're seeing dead bees all over the yard that never made it back to their hives which makes the cluster smaller every day. They were even flying in all the rain we had last week. Forecasts of this El Nino' weather has reports of this warm spell lingering into April. This could spell disaster with the current situation so keep your eye on their honey stores.

Secretary's Report

By: Gwen Rosenberg



There is no secretary's report for December because it was our Holiday party. Look for the Executive Meeting minutes later in this newsletter.



Treasurer's Report

By: Mike Rossander

Membership dues are payable as of January and will be \$20 for 2007. Thank you to the folks who have already sent in their dues. Everyone else, please see me at the January meeting (or you can send it to me by mail using the form below). Last year we did a great job holding our costs down by using email to distribute the newsletter instead of the postal service. If email can work for you, it makes a big difference to the club. Thanks for your support.

The Beginner Beekeeper class is set. Dates, times and locations will be on the website. The fee for the class will be the same as last year – \$45 for an individual, \$50 for a family. That includes the cost of materials and texts and includes the first year of membership in the MCBA. Please tell your friends and anyone else who might be interested in learning about beekeeping. Note: If you've taken the class before, you can come for a refresher for free.

The preliminary year-end financials are shown below. The club's financial position is a bit better than expected, largely because of the donations which several members made last spring. Thanks again to those folks. If you have any questions about the details of our financials, please see me at the meeting.

Our financials up through December are:

| Dec 2006 | YTD | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--|
| INCOME | | | |
| Sales | 0.00 | 6,230.85 | |
| Cost of Sales | 0.00 | (4,182.28) | |
| Education Fees | 0.00 | 1,065.00 | |
| Member Dues | 0.00 | 630.00 | |
| Other Income | 0.00 | 458.00 | |
| TOTAL INCOME | 0.00 | 4,201.57 | |
| EXPENSES | | | |
| Advertising | 0.00 | 10.00 | |
| Bees | 0.00 | 161.00 | |
| Charity | 0.00 | 100.00 | |
| Education | 0.00 | 820.00 | |
| Equipment | 85.00 | 85.00 | |
| Fees | 0.00 | 172.00 | |
| Insurance | 0.00 | 531.00 | |
| Meals & Entertn | 84.08 | 259.42 | |
| Miscellaneous | 0.00 | 30.00 | |
| Newsletter | 35.29 | 683.87 | |
| Sales Taxes | 0.00 | 110.55 | |
| Speaker Honorarium | 50.00 | 340.00 | |
| Supplies | 0.00 | 150.60 | |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 254.37 | 3,453.44 | |
| OVERALL TOTAL | (254.37) | 748.13 | |

Balance as of 31 Dec 2006: \$2,242.23
less Sales Tax Payable: 56.80



Notes:

- MCBA members attending the Beginner Beekeeper class as a refresher may attend the class again for free but do not receive the texts and materials for the class.
- Two outstanding checks from 2005 have been tentatively written-off.
- Meals & Entertainment in Dec was a reimbursement of the entrée for the Holiday party.

Sales Tax for July-Dec 2006 is payable to the State of Ohio in January 2007.

DUES ARE DUE

Per our constitution, The membership fee shall be payable January 1 to the Treasurer. Membership may begin any month. Fees paid during the interim carry to December 31. No partial-year dues are accorded.

2007 Beekeeping Class Offered In Medina, Ohio

- The Medina County Beekeeper's Association will sponsor a 5-night Beginning Beekeeping class in February and March, 2007 on 5 consecutive Monday nights. Classes are on Monday, February 19, which is an important club meeting featuring necessary equipment construction; regular classes on February 26, March 5, and March 12; and then on March 19 another regular club meeting featuring honey plants you need to know. Classes are from 7:00 PM until 9:00 PM each evening.
- The class is open to anyone interested in honey bees, beekeeping or pollination. Youth younger than 16 must be accompanied by a participating adult.
- Topics covered include obtaining the right kinds of bees and equipment, good neighbor policies and hive placement, seasonal management, basic biology, troubleshooting your hive, harvesting your crop and products of the hive. There will be open hive demonstrations in the Club's bee yard and outside demo's during class (weather permitting), or as soon as weather does permit. The free club membership included offers mentor contacts for additional assistance.
- Class fee is \$45.00/individual, or \$50/family, which includes six hours of class and 4 hours of special Medina Beekeepers Monday night meetings, a \$20.00 Beginner's book, a packet of beekeeping magazines, catalogs and handouts, and a year's membership in the Medina Beekeeper's Association (families receive only one packet), for a total value of over \$75.00.
- Classes are at the A.I. Root Company meeting rooms (on the north and south sides of the street), 623 W. Liberty St., Medina, OH. The first and last meetings are in the meeting room on the South side of the street, the others are on the north side of the street. Look for the signs on the sidewalk.

For more information contact Kim Flottum, days at 330.725.6677, ext. 3214, or eves. At 330.722.2021, or email at Kim@BeeCulture.com. Additional information is on our web page at www.Medinabeekeepers.com.

Membership Application or Renewal Medina County Beekeepers Assn

Name _____

Check here if this is a renewal and all information on the roster is correct. Otherwise, fill out the section below:

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____

E-mail _____

Help MCBA keep costs low. Yes

Can you receive the newsletter by email only? No

(Optional) # of Colonies _____

Dues for 2007 are \$20 for individual or family. Make checks payable to **Medina Co. Beekeepers Assn.** and send to care of: Mike Rossander, 1871 Settlers Reserve Way, Westlake, OH 44145

Apiary Judging Accreditation

The Lorain County Beekeepers Association will be having a judging class for the purpose of training judges and to better qualify individuals to judge honey and honey related products. There is a real shortage of competent people to judge at county fairs around the state and it is our intent to work with other beekeeping organizations to help bridge this gap with a program of training judges. We are enlisting your organization's support in doing this by informing your membership of this program. We would also like your permission to use your club name in this promotion to be printed on all information materials.

The classes will be held February 24th at Copley United Methodist Church 1518 S. Cleveland-Massillon Rd. (located just south of intersection of Cleveland-Massillon Rd. and 162 in Copley, Ohio. Doors will open at 8:00 a.m. with coffee and donuts, class will start at 8:30 a.m. until approximately 4:00 p.m. The instructors will be John Grafton and Lynn Newell and we are only accepting 30 students on a first come basis. Cost of the class will be \$30.00 with a lunch served.

Instructions on judging the following will be taught:

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| Extracted Honey | Herbal Infused Honey | Honey Candy |
| Creamed Honey | Chunk Honey | Honey Cookies |
| Pollen | Cut Comb Honey | Honey Pie |
| Section Honey | Extracting Frames | Honey Cakes |
| Beeswax | Candles: Molded, Dipped and Figurines | Honey Breads |
| Hand creams | Soaps | Honey Cereal |
| Lip Balms | Honey Pots | Canned items w/ honey |
| Honey Gift baskets | Educational Booth displays | |

We anticipate this class filling up fast. If you are interested please call Denzil St.Clair at 440-647-2602 or e-mail at grcstclair@midviewinternet.com to reserve your seat.

Thank You,

Lorain County Beekeepers Association

Bob Hooker, President

Medina County Beekeepers Executive Meeting Minutes

December 27, 2006 by Gwen Rosenberg

Executives present: Kim Flottum, Mike Rossander, Gwen Rosenberg, Peggy Garnes, Judy Fox, George Hasek

Members Present: Matt Fox, Bruce Schneider, Buzz Riopelle, Nancy Riopelle

The officers and executives of the club met to discuss all sorts of things on a day remarkably close to my birthday without making it a surprise party, which is disappointing. We did, however, get a lot done as you shall see.

The first order of business was Stuart and the Medina County Fair- any changes to the premiums are due in Feb., the observation hive is not an entry but a contribution so the fair saves \$75, finally Nancy suggested the fair building get a better sign with a better name (other than Farm Produce). Stuart welcomed name suggestions (I like the "Memorial to Gwen Rosenberg's Many Years of Service to the Medina County Bee Club Farm Products, Produce and Honey Barn) The fair will be July 29 through August 5th with special draw Trace Atkins on Wednesday night. Then we all talked about Trace Atkins for a while.

The Treasurer also known as Mike, led a discussion on all things budget complete with past, present and future financial information. He really did a lot of work compiling, sorting and graphing everything relating to the bee club's finances so we really discussed it for a while.

Bruce then led a discussion on the bees in the bee yard- he says we have activity in all the hives which is a real testament to his ability considering the weather. He also reported on equipment he has already replaced and new equipment to consider. The club then approved \$50 in the 2007 budget for supplies (frames and a box).

Beginners Classes will be held for five Mondays in a row starting Feb. 19 through March 19 at the A.I. Root building from 7-9 P.M. The cost will be \$45 for an individual or \$50 for a family (one book and packet).

The Medina County Library wants an observation hive in the new library! The club will help establish it and maintain it and possibly sponsor it in some other way as well. Kim is assisting the architects with the design. We'll have more information in the future as the

project progresses. The A.I. Root Co is sponsoring a bee garden and other area businesses are contributing as well.

Swarm list time at the next meeting. Sign up to collect your neighbor's bees for free!

Kim would like the club to have business cards and a brochure- so we'll talk about quotes and my title soon.

Privacy policies are a real pickle you know that! We did finally decide on one that we're all quite pleased with and sure hope you are too. Here goes...First names only will appear with pictures on the website unless agreed upon in advance. The club roster will be private. The copyright will free for all so long as the MCBA is given credit. This was voted on and accepted. Mike abstained because he is the web guy.

The club will not be sponsoring a 4-H beekeeping group but out members will be able to assist youngsters if the need arises.

We talked about speakers and you should call Tony if you have any ideas. The next officer's meeting is May 16th at 7 P.M. The End!

**MEDINA COUNTY BEEKEEPERS
ASSOCIATION
BEGINNER'S CLASS, 2007
The A. I. Root Company,
623 West Liberty Street, Medina**

Monday Feb 19 7 – 9 PM South Side meeting Room

Join us for a regular Medina Beekeepers meeting for the first part of the evening. Meet the members, get a feel for the group and perhaps find a mentor. Then, move to the other class room and learn all about the equipment you will need, where to get it, and how to assemble it.

Monday, Feb 26 7 – 9 PM North Side meeting room

Starting Right

Where will your bees go

Zoning, Screens, hive stands, water, neighbors, shade, allergies, good neighbor behaviors

Resources Catalogs, magazines, books, Associations, mentors

Getting Bees This Spring Local sources, mail sources, packages, nucs, full colonies

Kinds Of Bees Which is best for you

Monday March 5 7 – 9 PM North Side meeting room

What To Expect – The Bees

Honey Bee Development & Biology Queens, drones, workers

Colony Development & Biology Through the seasons

Pests And Diseases To Be Aware Of

Monday March 12 7 – 9 PM North Side meeting room

Management – Beekeeping

Managing your colony through the seasons

Spring (starting your package), summer, fall (and harvest), winter

Monday March 19 7 – 9 PM South Side meeting room

Regular meeting of the Medina County Beekeepers Assn.

Topic for class to be covered – Northeast Ohio Honey Plants

Where are your bees, and what are they bringing home

Class wrap up and conclusion

Welcome Aboard!

SWARM LIST

We are starting to compile the 2007 swarm list for the county. If you wish to be on the list, please e-mail Kim@Beeculture.com or Mike_Rossander@yahoo.com. We need to know your name, phone number, and which part of the county you cover.

2007 Meeting Dates & Agendas

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| Jan 15 | Kim Flottum, Report from American Honey Producers Convention |
| Feb 19 | Equipment construction |
| Mar 19 | Honey Plants |
| Apr 16 | open |
| May 21 | Extraction demo |
| June 18 | Bee yard demo |
| July 16 | Clean Fair Booth (pizza & soda) |
| July 29 – Aug 5 | Medina County Fair |
| Aug 20 | Club picnic |
| Sept 17 | open |
| Oct 15 | open |
| Nov 19 | open |
| Dec 17 | Holiday Party |



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Honey Granola Bars

From The National Honey Board

5 C. low-fat granola
2 ripe bananas, mashed or pureed (1 cup puree)
2/3 C. Honey
¼ C vegetable oil
1 tsp. vanilla
2 egg whites

Spray 13 x 9" baking pan with cooking spray. Pour granola into large bowl; set aside. Combine honey, oil and vanilla in small saucepan. Heat until honey is dissolved; stir in mashed banana. Remove from heat. Pour over granola and stir until well coated. Stir in egg whites until well mixed. Spread mixture into prepared pan, using back of large spoon. Bake at 350F 30-35 min or until golden brown and firm. Cool in pan on rack. Cut into bars to serve. Cover tightly to store.

*Calories: 208 Carbs: 39g Cholesterol: 0mg Fat Total: 5g
Protein: 3g Sodium: 83 mg*

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MEDINA COUNTY BEEKEEPER'S ASSOCIATION

Privacy Policy December 2006

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Collection and Use of Member Information

MCBA collects personal information from the membership through membership application/renewal notices. The membership application/renewal process requests personal information such as name, address, telephone numbers for home or work, e-mail addresses and certain optional information about the size and nature of your beekeeping operation.

This information is used for the preparation of address labels or email distribution of the MCBA Newsletter and other mailings. The membership roster with address information is published to all members of the Association with the understanding that it will be used only for MCBA business, not for private commercial gain.

The membership roster may be released to local bee inspectors in order to facilitate their contact with members to schedule and conduct inspections.

If the member elects to participate in the "swarm list", the member's address information will be released to the local agencies such as police and fire departments which typically receive calls about available swarms.

Contact information of all Officers and Directors are published in every Newsletter for the convenience of the members.

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