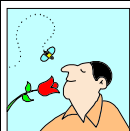


THE BEE HERDER

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Next Meeting Monday

February 19, 2007

7:00 PM

Speaker: Sonny Barker

“Advanced Spring Management”

The next meeting of the Medina Co. Beekeeper's Assn. will be held on Monday, February 19, 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).

Our speaker this month is Sonny Barker. Sonny is the past President of The Ohio State Beekeepers Association, and one of the most productive county inspectors in the state. He is a popular speaker and his topic will be **"Advanced Spring Management"**. He has been the Richland county bee inspector for the past five years. Don't miss this informative talk. And of course, refreshments will be served.

President's Message:

A friend from Kentucky sends along the following chores he does during February...good advice no matter where you live...
Kim

Five beeyard chores for February

1. It's too darned cold to do anything in the beeyard this month!!! If you just can't stand staying inside, get some White Dutch clover seed and sow it everywhere you can. The time to sow clover is on frozen ground in February.
2. Repair and build equipment. It is NOT the time to paint or stain equipment though, unless you have a heated building to do it in.

3. Make SURE you have everything ready for honey season (or queen rearing, or splitting seasons) When this weather breaks for the better, we will probably not be able to catch our breath good until August. Things you will need...and have too little of – supers with frames and foundation ready to go on a hive, queen cups, syrup, empty boxes to put swarms in, queen cages, queen cell protectors, tops, bottoms, smoker fuel, lighters for your smoker, extra hive tools (you will probably lose one sometime during the year), fume boards, Bee-Quick, **duct tape**, and several other things that I will not remember until I need them, in the middle of working through a bee yard.
4. Do some reading. Research Nosema Ceranae, European Foulbrood, etc. Go to one, or a number of, the bee schools being held at this time of year.
5. Guys, DO NOT FORGET VALENTINES DAY. It is tough to do much beekeeping with a head full of knots. On the other hand, if you do forget, it may become so uncomfortable in the house that you might just get lots of work done in the beeyard.

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.

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.*



Treasurer's Report

By: Mike Rossander

Thanks to everyone who has already paid their 2007 membership dues. If you haven't had the chance to pay dues yet, please see me at the meeting (or send it by mail using the form below). Again, if you can help us hold down costs by receiving the newsletter by email, please let either me or Nancy know. It makes a big difference to the club.

If you didn't have a chance to sign up on the Swarm List, we will be passing that around again at the February meeting.

Other than collecting the member dues, January was a slow fiscal month. Our financials through the end of January are:

	<u>Jan 2007</u>	<u>YTD</u>
<i>INCOME</i>		
Education Fees	45.00	45.00
Member Dues	500.00	500.00
TOTAL INCOME	545.00	545.00
<i>EXPENSES</i>		
Newsletter	44.64	44.64
TOTAL EXPENSES	44.64	44.64
OVERALL TOTAL	500.36	500.36

Balance as of 31 Jan 2007: \$2,685.79
less Sales Tax Payable: 0.00

Notes:

- Sales taxes of \$56.80 were filed with the State in January to cover July-Dec 2006.
- Education Fees represent the prepayment of the Beginner Beekeeper class fees.

2007 Meeting Dates & Agendas

Feb 19	Sonny Barker & 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

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

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 !

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Other Important Meetings You Can Attend

29th Annual Beekeeping Workshop
OARDC, Wooster, Ohio
Saturday, March 3, 2007
8AM – 4:15PM

Keynote Speaker:

The Secret Life of the Small Hive Beetle **Jamie Ellis,**
Univ. of Florida - Honey Bee Lab

Workshop Session 1:

Decoding Bees – How To

Sweet Aroma in the Kitchen

Parts & Pieces – Bee Anatomy

Grower's View – Pollination Expectations

Basic Beekeeping, Making 1st Year the Best

The Brood Nest-Kid's Session

Workshop Session 2:

The Second Wave – Africanized Bees

Bee Pollen: Research Studies in Mice & Man

Processing Wax – A Specialized Task

Doctoring your Bees – Diseases & Pests

Basic Beekeeping – Reading Frames

The Brood Nest-Kid's Session

Workshop Session 3:

Queen Production-Managing the Colony's Monarchy

Multiple Apiaries-Being in Several Places at Once

Mead Making for the Serious

Making your Apiary Grow-Nucs & Packages

Basic Beekeeping: Honey Production for the Beginner

The Brood Nest-Kid's Session

A Baked Goods (unlimited entries) and Home Made Mead Contest (limit 10 entries) will be going on during the day. ALL entries must be submitted by 9:00 AM. Visit the web site for all competition rules and regulations.

Registration is \$35/person; \$45/person at the door. A hot lunch may be purchased for \$10.75 or a box lunch for \$6.25 ea. There is also a cooking contest. For more information call Sherry Ferrell, OSU Honey Bee Lab, 330-263-3684 or ferrell.6@osu.edu. For more information about and directions to the workshop please visit their website at: www.beelab.osu.edu.

Package bees for Sale

Queen Right Colonies package bee prices for 2007

We are selling 2# packages for

Russian \$65.00

New World Carniolan \$60.00

Golden Italian \$60.00

For more information please call 440-647-2602 or e-mail

qrcstclair@midviewinternet.com

Package bees will again be in short supply this year, call early to confirm your order.

Southwestern Ohio Beekeeper School
March 24, 2007
Oasis Conference Center, Loveland, Ohio
9AM-4PM

9:00 AM

Keynote Speaker:

Dr. James E. Tew, OSU

Bees Coming to the Americas-History Lesson

10:00 am Breakout Sessions:

The Things You Need to Know Before you Begin
Pests in the Hive
Honey Bee Biology
Extracting for Small Producers
Let's Bee Crafty

11:00 am Breakout Sessions:

Things You Need to Know Part II
Varroa Control Products
Honey Plants
Thieving Bees-More Common Than you Think
Soap Making

12:00 Lunch Buffet

1:00 pm Breakout Sessions:

Getting Started Installing Bees
Seasonal Management Part I
Beekeeping Mathematics
Resistant Queens
Food Demonstrations with Honey

2:00 pm Breakout Sessions:

Getting Started Managing the Colony
Seasonal Management Part II
Diseases in the Hive
Propolis-Throwing Away Hive Profit
Candle-Making

4:00 pm Door Prize Drawings

Registration is \$30/person, \$20/youth under 17 (includes lunch). Walk-in registration is \$40. No lunch is guaranteed. Registration is limited to the first 400. Early registration ends March 16. For more information and directions, please visit www.warren.osu.edu or call Steve Bartels at 513-887-3722.

“Cool” Refreshments Column

The refreshment theme for this month is Valentine's Day. So of course there will be pink, red and chocolate. If anyone wants to bring something, call Peggy at 330- 723-6265 or leave a message. All baked contributions are always welcome.

Secretary's Report

By: Gwen Rosenberg



The minutes from the January meeting will be published in the next newsletter.

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