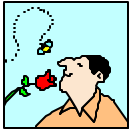


# THE BEE HERDER

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## Next Meeting Monday

May 21, 2007

6:30 PM

**Topic: Honey Extraction,  
marketing, and perennial exchange**

The next meeting of the Medina Co. Beekeeper's Assn. will be held on Monday, May 21, 2007 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). Refreshments will be served. We will start the meeting outside in the parking lot at 6:30 PM for a honey extraction demo. Afterwards at 7:00 PM we will venture inside for our regular meeting with Kathy Summers talking to us about marketing your honey (see details below). Also new this month we will be having a perennial flower exchange. Bring "honey plants" if you have any. Bring one, take one. Mark your plants what they are so everyone knows what they are taking home.

## *Hi, From The Prez....*

Lots in store this month, whether you're just starting out, or have been at it quite awhile.

We'll start with a demonstration on extracting...from uncapping, extracting, filtering, to bottling. If you haven't done this before, come see this fully setup system to see how you'll handle it this fall. (If you have, come and kibbutz and share what you know with the beginners!)

Then, Kathy Summers is going to give a short talk on Marketing Products Of The Hive. She was invited to England and Ireland last year to give this very talk, so there's lots of information....and lots you can pick up. If you're interested in making money with the many products your bees produce and the many ways you can package, market and sell your products, you'll want to catch Kathy's presentation.

Finally, we'll have a large display of, and a lot of information on...labeling and the role labels play in successfully marketing those products you choose to sell....Front labels, top labels, back labels, bar codes, what's legal, what's not, colors, sizes, shapes, names, contacts....it'll all be covered. So...extracting honey and selling honey...all covered this month. Don't miss it.

*Kim*

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

By: Gwen Rosenberg



## Medina County Beekeepers Meeting Minutes April 16, 2007

The meeting was called to order by a somber body count of hives that will not be producing spring honey this year. Based on our statistically unsound mathematics, club members lost about 50% of their hives. Lorain lost 80%, so by my estimate we are all 30% better at beekeeping than those guys. The club even lost two of four hives but there's another two carniolan hives on the way.

The secretary was completely overworked this week for zero compensation, yet again. That poor woman had to be responsible for both the minutes *and* the treasurer's report. Apparently, Mike the super treasurer just up and took the month off or maybe he had plans and told us- I can't remember exactly, but either way he just heaped all that work on the secretary. Speaking of the secretary, didn't she look a little heavy to you? I thought so. I did some snooping, and it seems that last month and the month before she reportedly turned down a beer after the meetings- so she's either pregnant or on some sort of work release with the sheriff's department. Well, it turns out she's going to have another baby with the ex-treasurer! This is like her 15<sup>th</sup> kid with that guy! I suppose now the club is going to have to pony up another fruit basket. Oh, and despite all this the club still passed both the minutes and her lame-o treasurer's report.

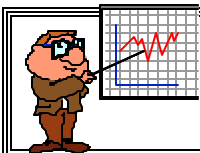
Our insurance company is going to be changing so hold on to your wallets people it's going to be a free for all. Okay so the rates may go up or not, I'm just preparing you for the worst.

The June meeting will be in the bee yard at 6:30 and there's no rain date so if it does rain we'll all meet at the usual place.

Next month will be an extraction demo at 6:30 before the meeting.

Call Bruce if you want to see him and learn for yourself how to install new packages.

This month's meeting culminated in a real CSI:Medina style autopsy. Thanks go to Tony for generously killing his hive over the winter and bringing it in as a specimen.



# Treasurer's Report

By: Mike Rossander

On Wednesday, the Fair Committee will be deciding what prices we will charge at our booth at the Medina County Fair. Last year we raised prices about 15% to bring our prices more in line with the market price for premium local honey. While our absolute sales for the Fair were down from prior years, that was largely due to lower than expected attendance. Sales per 1000 persons attending the Fair rose by about 6% last year. (See the [Aug 2006 treasurer's report](#) for more detail.) If you have any thoughts about last year's prices or what might be a reasonable price for this year, please contact any member of the Executive Committee.

If you didn't get a copy of the membership roster at last month's meeting, please see me for a copy.

There was a minor error in last month's financial report. The YTD Speaker Honorarium line should have read \$100, not \$10. The subtotal lines were correct.

Our financials through the end of April are:

	Apr 2007	YTD
<b>INCOME</b>		
Education Fees	0.00	765.00
Member Dues	0.00	980.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,745.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Education	0.00	320.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	10.59
Newsletter	35.79	157.49
Refreshments	0.00	10.00
Speaker Honorarium	0.00	100.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>35.79</b>	<b>598.08</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>-35.79</b>	<b>1,146.92</b>

Balance as of 28 Feb 2007: \$3,332.35  
less Sales Tax Payable: 0.00

Notes:  
None

## 2007 Meeting Dates & Agendas

May 21	Extraction demo and Marketing
June 18	Bee yard demo
July 16	Clean Fair Booth (pizza & soda)
<b>July 29 – Aug 5</b>	<b>Medina County Fair</b>
Aug 20	Club picnic
Sept 17	open
Oct 15	open
Nov 19	open
Dec 17	Holiday Party

**Bee equipment for sale - total pkg. \$225.00**

**Rose Deis 330-722-1167**

Electric capping knife  
Small smoker  
2 cases (48) glass 1# bottles & lids  
20 plastic 1# bottles & lids  
19 plastic bears & lids  
2 boxes deep foundation (unopened).

Sz. 42 overalls, cap, veil  
3 shallow supers w/frames  
5 deep supers w/frames  
1 deep super (poor cond't)  
3 inner covers  
3 top covers (1 poor cond't)  
3 bottom boards  
1 queen excluder  
1 entrance reducer

3 lg. hive tools  
1 sm. Hive tool  
1 gal. Bucket w/gate  
1 soft bee brush  
1 sm. Feeder pail

How to do it Book of Beekeeping

## 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

## "Cool" Refreshments Column

There is no special theme for this meeting. Any bakery or snacks would be lovely and most appreciated.

I would also like to thank Bonnie Opperman for her wonderful contributions to the refreshment table (lots and lots) and everyone else who send bakery along.

If anyone wants to bring something, call Peggy at 330-723-6265. All baked contributions or snacks are always welcome.

Thanks....Peggy

Refreshment sign-ups:

May: George Emmert

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## Bees in the Garden Coleslaw

(from National Honey Board)

1 head green cabbage, shredded	2 T. vinegar
1 green bell pepper, diced	½ t. salt
½ C sweet red pepper, diced	½ t. dry mustard
½ C mayonnaise	½ t. celery seed
1/3 C honey	¼ t. black pepper

Toss cabbage and peppers in large bowl. Combine remaining ingredients in medium bowl, then toss with cabbage mixture. Mix well, cover and refrigerate until thoroughly chilled. Serves 8-10.

## Broiled Lemon-Honey Chicken Breasts

(from National Honey Board)

¼ C. honey	1 t. rosemary, crushed
¼ C. lemon juice	1 t. grated lemon peel
2 t. vegetable oil	½ t. salt
1/8 t. pepper	
4 boneless skinless chicken breasts	

Combine all ingredients (except chicken) and mix well. Marinate chicken in honey-lemon mixture 1 hour in shallow dish. Broil chicken 5 minutes, brush with pan drippings, turn and broil 5 minutes longer or until juices run clear. If desired, bring marinade to a boil, simmer 2 minutes. Strain hot marinade over chicken. Serves 4.

## Honey-based drinks for all seasons

(from National Honey Board)

What do iced tea, margaritas, lemonade and apple cider all have in common? They taste better when made with honey! Honey is the perfect all-natural sweetener, with just 21 calories per teaspoon. Whether it's snowing or sweltering outside, you can quench your thirst year round with these simple and tasty drink recipes!

### FRUIT AND HONEY PUNCH

Sweet and spicy honey punch is delicious on cold, winter nights. Makes 8 servings

#### Ingredients

- 2 cups apple cider
- 2 cups cranberry juice
- ¼ cup pure honey
- 1 cinnamon stick
- 4 slices lemon
- 4 whole cloves
- \*One or two cups of dry red wine can be added.

#### Directions

Combine all ingredients in saucepan; heat only until mixture boils. Pour into serving glasses or mugs; serve immediately.

### GOLDEN HONEY MARGARITA

Taste the perfect combination of sweet and sour with this smooth drink. Makes 1 beverage

#### Ingredients

- 1 oz. gold tequila
- ½ oz. Triple Sec
- 1 oz. Honey Simple Syrup\*
- 2-1/2 oz. sweet & sour or margarita mix

#### Directions

Shake well with ice, and strain into a large cocktail glass with salted rim. Garnish with a lime wheel.

### HONEY SIMPLE SYRUP

#### Ingredients

- Pure honey
- Hot water

#### Directions

Mix 4 parts honey to 1 part hot water in a covered container that is convenient to pour from.

### HONEY LEMONADE

Honey adds just the right amount of sweet to this traditional lemonade recipe. Makes 4 servings

#### Ingredients

- 6 Tablespoons pure honey
- 1 cup lemon juice
- 1 lemon, thinly sliced
- Ice cubes
- 1 quart carbonated water

#### Directions

Dissolve honey in lemon juice. Add lemon slices and refrigerate until ready to use. Fill a 12 oz. glass with ice cubes. Add ¼ cup lemon juice mixture and fill glass with carbonated water. Garnish with a lemon wedge.

### HONEY RASPBERRY ICE TEA

Sweet and fruity tea is perfect for a hot summer day. Makes 4 servings

#### Ingredients

- 2 cups freshly brewed tea
- 2 cups cranberry-raspberry juice
- ¼ cup pure honey

#### Directions

In large, heat-proof pitcher, whisk together all ingredients until thoroughly combined and honey is dissolved. Chill until ready to serve. To serve, pour over ice.

## **NHB Provides Additional \$100,000 in Funds for Research on Colony Collapse Disorder**

Firestone, Colo. – The National Honey Board (NHB) has approved \$100,000 in additional funding for research on the phenomena recently termed Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD), bringing NHB's total funding to date for CCD research to \$158,000.

The funding has been awarded to a CCD Working Group composed of university faculty researchers, state regulatory officials, cooperative extension educators and industry representatives. In January, NHB approved an emergency funding request for \$13,000 for the group. In addition, NHB approved \$45,000 for a CCD research project as part of its 2007 production research funding.

In late 2006, some beekeepers began reporting large losses in honey bee colonies. Although bee experts have identified several possible causes, a prevailing theory has yet to emerge.

The CCD group and Bee Alert Technology are asking beekeepers' assistance in reporting instances of honey bee CCD. Beekeepers can assist with this effort by participating in the National Bee Loss Survey at [www.beesurvey.com](http://www.beesurvey.com).

For more information about CCD and the CCD Work Group, visit <http://maarec.cas.psu.edu/index.html>.

NHB conducts research, advertising and promotion programs to help maintain and expand domestic and foreign markets for honey. These programs are funded by an assessment of one cent per pound on domestic and imported honey.

## **National Bee Loss Survey**

Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD) is the latest problem facing bee keepers today. Symptoms of CCD are:

- 1) In collapsed colonies The complete absence of adult bees in colonies, with no or little build up of dead bees in the colonies or in front of those colonies. The presence of capped brood in colonies. The presence of food stores, both honey and bee bread
  - i. which is not immediately robbed by other bees
  - ii. when attacked by hive pests such as wax moth and small hive beetle, the attack is noticeably delayed.
- 2) In cases where the colony appear to be actively collapsing An insufficient workforce to maintain the brood that is present The workforce seems to be made up of young adult bees The queen is present The cluster is reluctant to consume provided feed, such as sugar syrup and protein supplement

Please take time to fill out a survey, whether or not you have experienced CCD. All data collected is confidential and helpful for determining the exact cause of CCD. The CCD group and Bee Alert Technology are asking beekeepers' assistance in reporting instances of honey bee CCD. Beekeepers can assist with this effort by participating in the National Bee Loss Survey at [www.beesurvey.com](http://www.beesurvey.com).

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