


# THE BEE HERDER


A publication of the Medina Co. Beekeeper's Assn.

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## July 2007



**Next Meeting Monday**  
**July 16, 2007**  
**6:30 PM**  
**Fair Preparations**



The next meeting of the Medina Co. Beekeeper's Association will be held on Monday, July 16th 2007 at **6:30 pm** at our fair booth at the Medina County Fairgrounds. We will be doing a thorough clean-up of the booth, organizing sales and display areas, hanging up posters and beekeeping information, and deciding what will go where. And as in the past, pizza and soda will be served. If you plan to sell products at the fair, give a list to Mike Rossander so we know who will be bringing products. Do not bring your products to the meeting. You may drop them off on setup Sunday from 3pm – 6pm. Inventory sheets will be ready for you to record what you bring in to sell. Prices for standard honey products were posted in last month's Treasurers Report. If you have other products to sell like candles, etc. you must price and mark them before bringing them to the fair. Also price your products in 25 cent increments (and preferably dollar increments) to ease the sales process. The main entrance gate on Smith Road next to the fair office will be open for us. We need many helping hands for this event. Thanks!!

Don't forget to sign up for your fair entries !!! Entries close on July 21<sup>st</sup>. Remember to enter all the honey categories, white, light amber, or dark amber, as you may not know what color your honey will be if you have not already extracted and bottled it. You may view all the entries, rules and enter on-line this at [medina-fair.com](http://medina-fair.com).

Please bring cleaning products to the meeting for our cleanup....like brooms, pails, paper towels, rags, etc.



### FAIR ENTRIES READY?

**Please note:** the drop off hours for entering your honey/wax/baked goods into the fair is Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup> **noon – 6:00 pm**. Please be sure to have both your entries and your products in place by 6:00 because the building will be closed at 6:00 PM and no more entries will be accepted. **This year, the club's setup times will be 3:00 – 6:00 PM. Bring your honey and hive products to be sold during these times. The building will close at 6:00 PM.** Thanks.

It's time to get your entries ready for the Medina Co. Fair which will be held on July 30 – August 5, 2007. Start preparing now!! The deadline for registration is July 20, 2007 at 4:00 pm. No applications will be accepted by the Fair Board after this date. Be sure to read the rules carefully. Note that you can pick up your entry tags anytime after July 26<sup>th</sup>. Upon receiving your tags check to make sure there is a tag for each entry. If a tag is missing, report it to the fair office immediately. You are responsible for all tags for all entries at the time of entry.

Judging for honey, hive products, & baked goods is scheduled for Monday, July 30, 2007 at 10:00 am.



### Try out the new categories again!

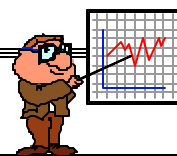
Pollen (3) 1 lb. jars, just like the honey entries.  
Honey Cookies (6) cookies, recipe attached  
Honey Cake (1) layer, recipe attached  
Honey Yeast Bread (1) loaf, recipe attached



### Volunteer needed:

To call fair workers the day before they work to remind them of their shift. Call Nancy Riopelle if you can help out in this way. 330-483-3360.

## Treasurer's Report By: Mike Rossander



Fair preparations are in full swing. The Club will have a number of expenses as we get ready but so far, we're still within the budget. One of those expenses will be pizza for all members who help clean and prep the Fair Building at the July meeting. We'll see you all in the fairgrounds.

As in prior years, the Club will be selling members' honey, candles and other bee-products on a consignment basis at the Fair. We encourage everyone to sell something if you can. It's a great way for new beekeepers to get an introduction to the customer side of beekeeping.

Remember that you have to exhibit something at the Fair in order to sell – and the deadline for registering with the Fair is 4 pm, 20 July.

We've updated the inventory template a bit. Please pick up an inventory template at the July meeting or download it from the website. Bring it with you when you drop off your product on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

Based on feedback from a number of other county associations and a lack of interest by the Medina membership, we have elected not to participate in the Cleveland Metroparks BugFest 2007. You should still consider going as an individual. You can read more about it at [www.clemetparks.com/events/bug\\_fest.asp](http://www.clemetparks.com/events/bug_fest.asp).

Our financials through the end of June are:

	June 2007	YTD
<b>INCOME</b>		
Sales:honey	0.00	17.50
Education Fees	0.00	765.00
Member Dues	40.00	1,140.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>40.00</b>	<b>1,982.50</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Bees	0.00	120.00
Education	0.00	320.00
Insurance	0.00	500.00
Miscellaneous	104.00	114.59
Newsletter	30.00	215.76
Refreshments	0.00	10.00
Speaker Honorarium	125.00	225.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>259.00</b>	<b>1,505.35</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>-219.00</b>	<b>417.15</b>

Balance as of 31 May 2007: \$2,602.58  
less Sales Tax Payable: 0.00

### Notes:

- Newsletter expenses for June are estimated.
- The \$104 for miscellaneous expenses covers the produce purchased to support the Pollination Display at the Post Office.
- The Speaker Honorarium for June represents the payments for both the May and June speakers.
- Sales taxes have to be filed at the end of June even though we have no taxable sales.

## Webmaster's Report

See [www.medinabeekeepers.com/Fair.html](http://www.medinabeekeepers.com/Fair.html) for updated information about selling at the Fair, entering your honey for judging and for manning the MCBA booth. You might also want to check out the page on judging standards and exhibition tips at [www.medinabeekeepers.com/HoneyJudging.html](http://www.medinabeekeepers.com/HoneyJudging.html).

If you are going to exhibit anything to the Fair (honey, wax, pollen, baked goods, etc), you have to register with the Fair before 4 pm, 20 July. You can register online but it can be a bit tricky to find the links. To register online, go to [www.meditina-fair.com/Agriculture10.pdf](http://www.meditina-fair.com/Agriculture10.pdf) and scroll down to the Bees & Honey section (page 4 and 5). We are in sections K 1 thru 18. Once you've decided what category you'll be entering in, click on that line of the page. This will trigger a hidden link that starts the ordering/entry process. Remember to go back if you are entering in multiple categories. Check out [www.theonion.com/content/news/single\\_bee\\_sends\\_gathering\\_of](http://www.theonion.com/content/news/single_bee_sends_gathering_of) for an interesting bee-related story. The link is also on our Resources page.



## SIGN UP FOR YOUR SHIFTS



The schedule sheets for working the fair booth will be at the meeting for you to sign up. Workers are needed in the afternoon and evening hours when we are the busiest. Candle rolling will be done all day. Honey extraction demo is on the schedule for 1:00 and 7:00. To sell your honey or wax products at the fair booth you must work at least two shifts and enter your honey/hive product into the fair. Shift times are 10am-2pm, 2pm-6pm, and 6pm-10pm. This year we will be giving out club T-shirts to anyone working 3 shifts, and a denim club shirt for 4 shifts.

Call Nancy & Buzz Riopelle 330-483-3360 to sign up early to get your desired slots. Let them know if you need an entry ticket. If you are a senior citizen, we wish for you to buy your \$2.00 ticket at the door, and bring your entry stub to the booth for reimbursement. The senior tickets cost less than the ones we can buy. Also Monday entry fees are "FREE TILL THREE" so anyone working the Monday 10AM & 2PM shifts get in free.

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## 2007 Meeting Dates & Agendas

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



## 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.

Can you receive the newsletter by email only?

Yes

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

The club will supply pizza and soda for us after we finish cleaning the bee booth at the Medina Co. Fairgrounds. Come and work up an appetite !

Thanks....Peggy

## Fall Foliage Tour

The Fall Foliage Tour will be held the weekend of Oct 13-14. Anyone interested in participating should contact Vicky Ciotta at 330-278-2260 or [works4meinc@yahoo.com](mailto:works4meinc@yahoo.com). She needs to know if anyone is interested so she can find a location to host us. Thanks.

## **Honey in Athletics** (from National Honey Board website)

According to ancient folklore, Greeks and Romans used honey to increase strength and stamina in their athletes. Although honey's benefits in sports were widely embraced by early civilizations, the need to scientifically show the benefits of honey for athletic performance and endurance is very modern.

The National Honey Board had commissioned a 3-part research study with a leading university to help show that honey works to give athletes an energy boost before and after exercise. The research also showed that honey may help tired muscles recover more quickly after heavy exercise. Though honey is one of the earliest foods, scientific knowledge of this wonderful product is just now beginning to grow.

It is no secret that athletes of all ages and abilities include honey in their training regimens. Honey is commonly found on training tables "before the big game," made into energy drinks to drink during exercise, or as an energy boost for athletes who have gone through the challenge of "making weight."

The National Honey Board and the honey industry have had a longstanding respect and admiration for athletes who believe in honey's message. We feel an obligation to constantly pursue research as well as to lend support to many athletic organizations in fields as diverse as wrestling and canoe racing.

We believe in honey's strengths. We believe in athletes who go all-out to become stronger.

## **Nutrition for the Young Athlete**

Nutrition plays a key role in athletic performance. Failure to provide the calories and carbohydrates that young athletes need to fuel their bodies, the fluid to maintain hydration, and the vitamins and minerals to support metabolism and tissue growth and repair will result in poor performance and an increased risk for injury and/or illness. The following nutritional guidelines (links below) will ensure that every young athlete is fueled and hydrated for optimal health and performance.

<http://www.honey.com/consumers/honeyhealth/athletics/fueling.asp>

<http://www.honey.com/consumers/honeyhealth/athletics/hydration.asp>

<http://www.honey.com/consumers/honeyhealth/athletics/exercise.asp>

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## RULES & GUIDELINES FOR SELLING PRODUCTS AT THE CLUB FAIR BOOTH

1. All **honey/hive products to be sold at the fair must be** brought on **setup Sunday**, July 29, 2006 **from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.**  
  
The Honey Committee will inspect the honey for:  
  
                    --taste            --cleanliness            --clarity            --jars filled to proper levels
2. Honey for sale **MUST BE IDENTIFIED WITH A LABEL** and you must also **supply a squeeze container filled with the same honey** which will be used for samples. If possible, identify honey with floral source or season in which it was produced. Squeeze containers will be provided if you need one. Everyone selling will be assigned a different color star or dot to identify their honey with.
3. You **must** label your honey with your **Name, Address, City, State, Zip** along with the **Net Weight** of the jar in pounds/ounces and metric weight. You **MUST** adhere to labeling laws. Complete labeling laws can be viewed on-line at [honey.com](http://honey.com) or [medinabeekeepers.com](http://medinabeekeepers.com).
4. In order to standardize containers and simplify price lists, your honey must be bottled in the following sizes:  
  
                    6 oz. jars glass or plastic  
                    8 oz.    "        "  
                    12 oz. "        "  
                    1 lb.    "        "  
                    2 lb.    "        "  
                    5 lb.    "        "  
                    4 oz. Bee-O-Pac comb honey  
                    8 oz. Ross Rounds comb honey  
                    12 oz. cut comb in plastic box  
                    12 oz. creamed honey-plain  
                    12 oz. creamed honey-flavored  
                    "Other Products – Prices as Marked"
5. Your honey is sold on a consignment basis. You will be paid for what honey is sold. Any unsold honey will be returned to you at the close of the fair. The prices that the club will buy your consignment honey for will be set by the Honey Committee. The prices for honey will be established using the market prices in the most current edition of Bee Culture magazine as a guide only. The prices for any "Specialty Honey" that are purchased for resale will be set by the Honey Committee at this meeting.
6. Sales of Honey Stix and Honey Candy: In the event of more than one person wishing to sell Honey Stix or Honey Candy to the club for resale, the Honey Committee has requested that interested parties submit bids to the Club by the June meeting where the committee will accept the lowest bid. If you wish to bid on Honey Stix, your bid must be for a minimum of 5,000 honey stix with at least ten assorted flavors. If you wish to bid on Honey Candy, your bid must be for a minimum of 250 lbs with at least five assorted flavors. All unsold candy/honey stix are returned to you at the end of the fair. All final decisions will be at the discretion of the Honey Committee.
7. You must be a dues paying member to sell any honey, hive product, honey stix, or honey candy at the fair.
8. If you sell products for the fair, you are **REQUIRED** to work at least two four-hour shifts.
9. If you sell products at the fair, you **MUST** also enter honey or hive product into the fair in at least one category.
10. Any ties on decisions by the Honey Committee will be decided by the President.