

THE BEE HERDER

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www.medinabeekeepers.com

April 2008

Meetings are held at 7:00 pm every third Monday at A. I. Root meeting room at 623 W. Liberty Street, Medina, Ohio (at the end of the West Liberty Commons Bldg). Check the website for any changes to our regular schedule .
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Next Meeting : Monday, April 21, 2008
6:30PM
Agenda: Beeyard Demo Meeting

April is the month when we will have our meeting out in the beeyard where we will install packages, demo vinegar vaporizer, do an ether roll and sugar shake for mites. We will meet in the beeyard from 6:30 – 7:30 pm and then go to our meeting room for Q & A, business meeting, and we can also talk about pests and disease maintenance, swarms and splits, and of course refreshments. Now, the beeyard demo will take place if it is **nice weather, over 50 degrees, and not raining.** If the weather does not cooperate, we will meet at our regular time of 7:00 PM at the A. I. Root meeting room for a similar agenda (of course we won't be installing packages inside). The beeyard is located on Smith Road, across from the Medina County Fairgrounds and behind A. I. Root Company.

Speaking of refreshments, we want to give a huge thanks and gratitude to all who brought in refreshments for last month's meeting. What a spread we had and I think we may have all gained a few pounds afterwards. Although we try to always have at least one person officially signed up for refreshments we definitely welcome any additions and creations to the regular line-up. It sure was fun trying all those assorted goodies. Let's try to do it again this month! In future months we are going to have different themes such as a honey BBQ contest. We will let you know more about that in the coming months. Thanks again.

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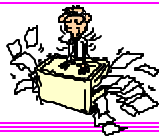
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SECRETARY'S REPORT

by: Gwen Rosenberg
March 17, 2009




All the Irish beekeepers in the county of Medina were in attendance at tonight's meetin' drinking green beer and remembering the good work of Saint Patrick. As you may recall, or not, St. Patty himself drove varroa out of Ireland and we remembered him with corned beef sandwiches and beer in the hopes that he would do the same for Medina. Club members attending the meeting were assigned new Irish sounding names for the special day and Peggy O'Garnes raffled off a beehive and package for the occasion. I'd bother to tell you who won if it were me, but since it wasn't me I'm just going to be a sore loser about it and not tell you who won. More on being a sore loser later. Speaking of Mrs. O'Garnes, her dear husband Chuck O'Garnes was deathly ill and gratefully has recovered on account of Peggy reading him last month's meeting minutes which cheered him right up and he did a little jig right out of that sick bed. Glad you're better Chuck, please remember that only the beer should be green- NOT the corned beef.

Bruce McSchneider's honey super decorating contest was held tonight and all the boxes were as festive as a St. Patty's day float in Dublin. You may


recall from last month that Bruce had completely rigged the contest to rule out any form of potentially abrasive decorations and we were all left to simply paint the boxes. Again, much to my chagrin I did not win. Bruce called in Jim McThompson to judge the boxes based on his apparent understanding of the exterior home decorating preferences of our dear friend McApis Mellifera. In his opinion bees prefer beautifully rendered landscape scenery reminiscent of the early post-impressionist movement of the nineteenth century. I however, firmly believe that McApis Melifera would prefer a more irreverent and wholly unexpected hive box particularly one that had been poorly stenciled and possibly still wet. Congratulations to all the winners and you should all go brag. 


Micheal O'Rossander reports that he'll come rapping at yer door with a shillelagh if you don't pay the dues you owe the club. He also reminded interested parties to sign up for the swarm list and register you apiaries by June 1st or the state sends you a mean letter- I got one last year and had to take my family and go into hiding until I could register this year and skip the \$10.00 penalty.

Matt and Judy McFoxyohan took issue with last month's meeting minutes, specifically the part about making me a birthday cake every month and showering me with gifts. Well, Pardon me for trying to force you into baking me a delicious cake each and every month. It's just that Judy makes such wonderful cakes and well...I thought perhaps it wouldn't be too much trouble to remember me once in a while....but that's fine....I don't need anything special...don't worry about me. I can bake my own cake. Which reminds me that last month had a dazzling array of treats and snacks. We should do that again and make more treats and snacks- nonbirthday related treats and snacks of course. Meetings are always improved with nibblies and goodies. 


Kim McFlottum had some crazy story about giants demanding a festival in Seville or they threatened to trample all the villagers. That Kim, he's so wacky.

Stuart O'Neil says the county fair will be July 28th-Aug. 3rd and that any changes to the fair book should be made quickly. Also, he asked if we would like to advertise in the premium book.

Meetings Meeting Meetings It's the time of year for lots of bee meetings and bee talk and bee demos. Come to the Western Reserve Meeting hosted by us, here on May 24th. There's also the OSBA meeting, the Heartland Apicultural Society , EAS, a queen rearing class and Queenright's field day on May 1st. So don't complain that you're bored this summer. 

Apparently there is some old barn in Columbus that is historically significant to beekeeping and it's going to be torn down if beekeepers don't save it by moving it to OARDC. Now I know what you're thinking- I didn't want to have to carry any barns around either- the club voted to make a donation of \$300 to pay for the costs of moving the barn so we don't have too. It's a good cause and won't Jim McTew be happy when his barn arrives. 

2008 MCBA Meeting Agendas

<p>April 21 <u>Bee Yard Demo</u> Refreshments: Amy Milroy</p> <p>May 19 <u>Infused Honey</u> -Speaker: <u>Connie Williams</u> Refreshments: Bonnie Opperman</p> <p>June 16 <u>Lip balm, soap, creamed honey</u> Refreshments: Your name here</p> <p>July 21 <u>Fair Booth Clean-Up</u> Refreshments: Pizza and Soda</p>		<p>Aug 18 <u>Club Picnic-Buckeye Woods</u> Refreshments: Pot Luck</p> <p>Sept 15 TBA Refreshments: Kathy Summers</p> <p>Oct 20 TBA Refreshments: Pat Krepp</p> <p>Nov 17 TBA</p> <p>Dec 15 Holiday Party</p>
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Annual MCBA Family Picnic & Pot Luck Dinner -- Save the Date

August 18, 2008 5:00 PM – Dark



The club will provide burgers, bratwurst, and soft drinks, plates and utensils. Please bring a side dish or dessert. Spouses, families, and pets welcome. Pets have to be kept on a leash. If you like to fish, bring your fishing gear and bait. There is a nice pond and our picnic permit covers any necessary fishing licenses. We plan to have games like bean bag toss, horseshoes, croquet, and bocci ball (and prizes !).

2008 Western Reserve Beekeepers Field Day

Hosted by the Medina Beekeepers Association and AI Root

Saturday May 24th 8:30 – 2:30

A. I. Root in Medina will be the location of the Western Reserve Beekeeper's Field Day. Cost is \$20 for non-members of Western Reserve Beekeepers Association (\$20 Registration Includes \$5 WRBA Membership) or \$15 for current WRBA members. Pre-Registering by 5/19 guarantees FREE Hot Lunch, otherwise Walk-Ins are NOT guaranteed lunch. Pre-Register by Phone: 866-529-9233 or Mail to: Western Reserve Beekeepers, P.O. Box 1837, Hiram, OH 44234 or email: jamie@blueskybeesupply.com. Info at: www.westernreservebeekeepers.org

8:30 - 9:00 - Registration

9:00 - 9:15 - Introductions

9:15 - 10:00 - Jennifer Berry, Georgia State Apiarist - Small Cell & Natural Beekeeping

10:00 - 10:45 - Joe Latshaw, Ohio Queen Breeders - Ohio Queen Project

10:45 - 11:00 – VENDOR BREAK

11:00 - 11:45 - Jim Bobb, from Pennsylvania - Honey Plants

11:45 - 12:15 - Q & A

12:15 - 1:15 – LUNCH (Guaranteed if Registered by 5/19)

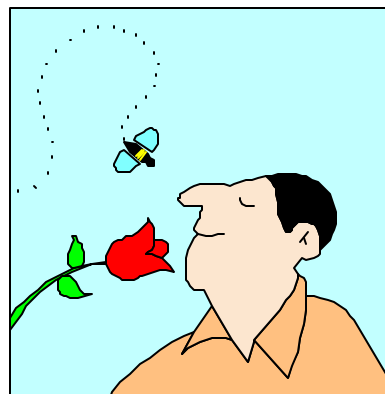
1:15 - 2:30 - Beeyard

Beeyard:

Colony 1 - Medina Beekeepers Beginners Course

Colony 2 - Jennifer Berry on Pests/Disease Analysis

Colony 3 - Joe Latshaw on Queen Analysis and Breeding Topics



If Rain and No Beeyard:

1:15 - 2:00 - Jennifer Berry on Nutrition Research

2:00 - 2:30 - Joe Latshaw on Evaluating Queens

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 _____

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Phone # _____

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Help MCBA keep costs low.

Yes

Can you receive the newsletter by email only?

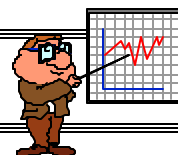
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(Optional) # of Colonies _____

Dues for 2008 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

Treasurer's Report

By: Mike Rossander



Thank you to everyone who renewed their dues. We have 82 households on our membership list this year including 20 from the beginner beekeeper class. Welcome all. I'll try to have the membership roster available for distribution at the next meeting. Please send me any last minute corrections.

Believe it or not, it's already time to start planning for the Medina County Fair. We do sell members' honey, candles and other bee products on a consignment basis. The club covers the covers insurance, sales tax, supplies, entrance fees, educational materials, etc. If you are interested, we will have more details at the next few meetings.

Financials through the end of March:

	Feb 2008	YTD
INCOME		
Education Fees	45.00	910.00
Member Dues	220.00	1,080.00
<u>Other Income</u>	<u>253.00</u>	<u>280.00</u>
Total Income	518.00	2,270.00
EXPENSES		
Charity	300.00	300.00
Education	0.00	400.00
Equipment	0.00	164.75
Licenses & Permits	0.00	5.00
Miscellaneous	51.50	51.50
Newsletter	49.80	132.76
<u>Speaker Honorarium</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>150.00</u>
Total Expenses	401.30	1,244.07
Overall Total	116.70	1,025.93

Notes:

**Other Income was from the raffle.

**The charitable donation was to the OSBA for the building move.

**Miscellaneous included the reorder of checks for the club's bank account.

Webmaster's Report

Swarms will be starting in just a few weeks.

If you want your name on the Swarm List, check the sign-up form at the meeting. The list will be faxed to the local police and fire stations and posted online at <http://www.medinabeekeepers.com/Swarm.html>.

Balance as of 31 March 2008: \$4,112.19

Packaged Bees Driven from Georgia Delivery April 21, 2008

QUEENS

Italian Queens	\$15 each
Russian Hybrid Queens	\$19 each

3 LB. PACKAGES

Italians	\$71 each
Russian Hybrid Queens	\$75 each

4 LB. PACKAGES

Italians	\$80 each
Russian Hybrid Queens	\$84 each

Early Bird Special:

\$3 off per package ordered and paid for by March 30, 2008

\$1 off per queen ordered and paid for by March 30, 2008

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(or see me in person at the meeting)



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Other Meetings to Attend:

May 1st 10:00 AM – Lorain County Beekeepers Field Day at Queen Right Colonies in Spencer. Visit loraincountybeekeepers.org for full agenda and updates. Keynote speaker is our own Kim Flottum who will talk on “Race Evaluation in a Colony”. Break-out sessions in the afternoon. Raffles. No used hive tools or gloves permitted. Helmets and veils required.

June 21 – Ohio State Beekeepers Summer Meeting – at Athens High School in Plains, Ohio. More details to follow in future newsletters.

July 10-12 – Heartland Apicultural Society Meeting at Marshall University in Huntington, W.Va. Visit heartlandbees.com for more details on meeting, lodging and agenda.

May 29, 31 and June 9, 2008 OSBA Queen Rearing Project 1:00 pm until finished. (about 2 hours)

There will be both classroom and field sessions on the 29th and 31st. On June 9th you will need to bring a nucleus colony in which to transport ripe queen cells home.

The class follows the "Queen's Biological Schedule". When raising queens, the various manipulations must take place on specific days, therefore our schedule. This is not like a cooking class where each step has already been done.

If you are an OSBA member there is no charge. If you are not a current OSBA member there will be a \$20.00 charge for the class and a 1-year membership to OSBA is included. All of the grafting materials and manual will be provided and are yours to take home.

Class Location: Dew-Bee Honey Farm
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Brian Neuman 330-872-7841
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