

THE BEE HERDER

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www.medinabeekeepers.com

May 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, May 19, 2008
7:00 PM

Speaker: *Connie Williams*
Herbal Honey



Connie Williams and her husband will be coming on May 19th to present a PowerPoint on HERBAL HONEY. They have been beekeepers and members of Lorain County Beekeepers Assn. for 7 years and have been making herbal honey for 5 years. As an 8 year member of THYME FOR FRIENDS herb club, she has grown as a gardener an herb lover. Connie started HERBAL THEATRICALS 5 years ago and wrote original skits and performs them with Karen Rodachy all over the state. She has won blue ribbons for her herbal honey at the Lorain County Fair. Connie is retired from the Lorain County Health Dept. where she worked in the WIC program. She is a wife, mother of 4 grown children and grandmother of 3.

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2008 AMERICAN HONEY QUEEN TO VISIT OHIO

Rachael Seida, the 2008 American Honey Queen, will visit Medina, OH from July 24th-27th. She will be make appearances at Root Candles and the Medina Honey Festival during her stay, speaking about how honeybees are vital to a core part of the human diet. She will also share information about how honey can be healthy beyond the kitchen, host honey tastings, and share cooking demonstrations at the Medina Farmer's Market.

Rachael is the 19-year-old daughter of Steven and Melody Seida of Wylie, TX. Rachael is a graduate of North Central Texas College in Gainesville, TX, where she studied equine science.

As the 2008 American Honey Queen, Rachael serves as a national spokesperson on behalf of the American Beekeeping Federation, a trade organization representing beekeepers and honey producers throughout the United States. The Honey Queen and Princess speak and promote in venues nationwide, and, as such Queen Rachael will travel throughout the United States during her year-long reign. Prior to being selected as the American Honey Queen, Rachael served as the 2007 Texas Honey Queen. In this role, she promoted the honey industry at fairs, festivals, and farmers' markets, via television and radio interviews, and in schools.

The beekeeping industry touches the lives of every individual in our country. In fact, honeybees are responsible for nearly one-third of our entire diet, in regards to the pollination services that they provide for a large majority of fruits, vegetables, nuts and legumes. This amounts to nearly \$15 billion per year of direct value from honeybee pollination to United States agriculture.

For more information on Queen Rachael's Ohio visit and to schedule an interview, please contact Heather DeRoshia at (330)723-4359 or via email at hderosha@rootcandles.com

2008 MCBA Meeting Agendas

May 19 Infused Honey-Speaker: Connie Williams
Refreshments: Bonnie Opperman/Amy Milroy

June 16 Lip balm, soap, creamed honey
Refreshments: Your name here

July 21 Fair Booth Clean-Up
Refreshments: Pizza and Soda



Aug 18 Club Picnic-Buckeye Woods
Refreshments: Pot Luck

Sept 15 TBA
Refreshments: Kathy Summers

Oct 20 TBA
Refreshments: Pat Krepp

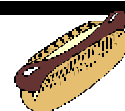
Nov 17 TBA

Dec 15 Holiday Party



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)

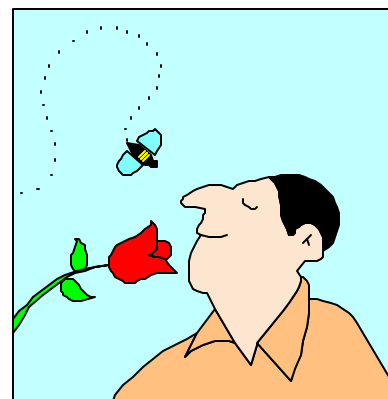
1:15 - 2:30 - Beeyard

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 _____

Zip _____

Phone # _____

E-mail _____

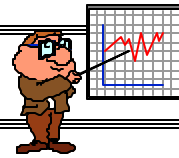
Help MCBA keep costs low. Yes

Can you receive the newsletter by email only? No

(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**



Not much to report this month. I'll try again to have the membership roster available for distribution at the next meeting. Please send me any last minute corrections.

We're moving quickly into Fair season. We'll have some significant expenses in the next few month as we start to ramp up. Our insurance premium is also due in March. After the newsletter costs, the club's insurance is the largest single line item in the budget.

Postage is going up again. If the emailed version of the newsletter is working for you, please let Nancy or I know if we can take you off the hard-copy newsletter list.

Webmaster's Report

Swarms will be starting in just a few weeks. Since we didn't get to put out the Swarm list at the last meeting, check the sign-up form at this meeting or call Mike. The list will be faxed to the local police and fire stations and posted online at <http://www.medinabeekeepers.com/Swarm.html>.

Financials through the end of April:

	Apr 2008	YTD
INCOME		
Sales	121.50	121.50
Education Fees	0.00	910.00
Member Dues	40.00	1,120.00
Other Income	0.00	280.00
TOTAL INCOME	161.5	2,431.50
EXPENSES		
Advertising	150.00	150.00
Bees	204.00	204.00
Charity	0.00	300.00
Education	0.00	400.00
Equipment	62.54	227.29
Licenses & Permits	0.00	5.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	51.50
Newsletter	43.33	176.09
Speaker Honorarium	0.00	150.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	499.93	1,703.94
OVERALL TOTAL	-338.43	727.56

Balance as of 30 April 2008: \$3,293.82

Notes:

- Sales were for the last of the club's 2007 honey.
- Advertising was a half-page ad in the Medina County Fair book.
- Bees were replacement bees for the beeyard. Equipment was also for the beeyard.

Other Meetings to Attend:

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
3524 Ravenna Warren Rd
Newton Falls, OH 44444
Brian Neuman 330-872-7841
www.dewbeehoney.com
for more information visit: www.ohiostatebeekeepers.org

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

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.



SECRETARY'S REPORT



Since the meeting last month ended up in the beeyard the whole time, there are no official minutes to report this month. Stay tuned for next months minutes as Gwen will have her pencil and “wit” sharpened.

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