

Sandusky River Valley Beekeepers Association



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Upcoming Events

- **Monday, July 2nd 7:00pm**

Monthly meeting at the First United Methodist Church.
510 W Maple Street, Clyde.

It's almost fair season!! If interested in helping out at any of the fairs this summer, please contact Rich Brutsche at rbrutsche@neo.rr.com. Thank you!

- **July 16th - 22nd**
Ottawa County Fair.
7870 W. SR 163, Oak Harbor, OH
- **July 23rd - 29th**
Seneca County Fair.
100 Hopewell Ave. Tiffin, OH
- **July 25th - Aug 5th**
Ohio State Fair.
717 E 17th Ave. Columbus, OH

- **August 8th - 13th**
Erie County Fair.
3110 Columbus Ave. Sandusky, OH
- **August 13th - 18th**
Huron County Fair.
940 Fair Rd. Norwalk, OH
- **August 21st - 26th**
Sandusky County Fair.
901 Rawson Ave. Fremont, OH



Anyone else noticing the sheets of white clover along roadsides, abandoned fields, and yards? It turns out, this plant is not native to America, but was probably introduced from Europe or Western Asia. The yield from white clover is very dependent upon the weather conditions. Cool, moist weather during the blooming period results in a low production of nectar and the honey crop is short. On the other hand, warm weather and particularly warm nights, tend to promote nectar secretion and the crop may be abundant. BUT, if the weather is TOO hot and TOO dry, the blooming period is short, the plants dry up, die, and the clover honey flow is over for another year. All of these factors have an important bearing on the management of your apiary. It is necessary that the beekeeper have his/her colonies ready to gather the white clover promptly. Sometimes the flow will last for weeks, sometimes the flow will last for a few days. It is important to keep an eye on the weather conditions and be ready for the heavy nectar flow to reap the full benefits in your hives.



<http://www.countryfarm-lifestyles.com/honey-plants.html#.WzALC6dKhPY>

Honey Bee Trivia

What will a newly emerged virgin queen do when she:

1.) encounters another virgin queen?

Virgin queens will fight with each other until only one survives.

2.) discovers capped queen cells?

The virgin will chew a hole in the side of the cell and sting the developing queen.

Sweet Treats

Show up to your July 4th cookout in style!

Honey-Fruit Pizza

- 1/3 cup sifted powdered sugar
- 3/4 cup butter
- 2 cups flour
- 2 Tbsp honey
- 1 Tbsp cornstarch
- 1/3 cup apple or orange juice
- 2 Tbsp currant jelly or apple jelly
- Fruit of your choice!



- Preheat oven to 375 F. For crust, in a medium mixing bowl beat butter with an electric mixer for 30 seconds. Beat in powdered sugar. Gradually add flour, beating until well mixed. Pat dough evenly into a greased 12 in pizza pan. Bake for 15-18 minutes or until golden brown. Cool in pan on wire rack.

- For glaze, in a small saucepan stir together honey and cornstarch. Stir in juice and jelly. Cook and stir over medium heat until mixture is thickened and bubbly. Cook and stir 2 minutes more. Remove from heat. Cool 5 minutes (do not stir)
- Spread half of the glaze onto cooled crust. Arrange fruit over the crust. Spoon remaining glaze over fruit. Chill at least 30 minutes before serving.

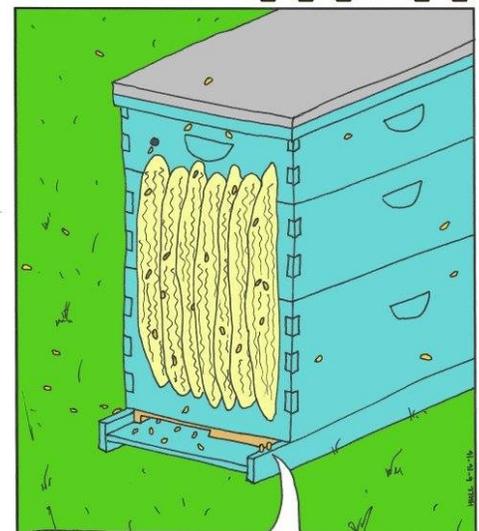
Everyone have a wonderful and safe 4th of July holiday!!

The club will be putting together a fundraising calendar and we need YOUR help! Please submit pictures to Carol Mahl, photosbymahl@yahoo.com. We will need images from all seasons to fill the calendar. Anything from your apiary with a beautiful sunset, to a worker bee landing on a flower, and everything in between!

Contact Carol with any questions on photo submissions. Thank you!

Don't forget to 'like' *Sandusky River Valley Beekeepers Association* on Facebook for updated news, pictures, articles and more!

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SO, YOU THINK OUR SIGNS AREN'T SO SUBTLE THIS WEEK THAT MAYBE THE BEEKEEPER WILL FIGURE OUT WE'RE OUT OF SPACE?