



Sandusky River Valley Beekeepers Association

President—Gary Wylie
Vice President— Dr. Michael Stone

Secretary— Kim Root
Treasurer—Tami Wylie

Directors—Rosemary Clifford, Chris Earnhart, Jackie Kindred

FEBRUARY 2022

NEWSLETTER



MISSION:

- To promote and support Beekeeping through education.
- To educate the public about the value of honey Bees and the impact of Honey Bees on the world through classes, public meetings and educational appearances.
- To promote the products of the hive to the general public.
- To promote the common interest and general welfare of the Ohio Beekeeping and the Beekeeping industry.
- To help and mentor new Beekeeper with knowledge and education.

Upcoming Event

February Monthly Meeting

- Presenter: Gary Wylie, SRVBA, President

- When: Monday, February 7th, 2022 at 7pm

- Where: First United Methodist Church, 510 W Maple Street, Clyde, Ohio 43410

Join Sandusky River Valley

Beekeepers Association:

1. Fill out membership form

<http://srvba.ohiostatebeekeepers.org/>

2. Mail form to: SRVBA

c/o Tami Wylie, 1000 CR 312

Bellevue, OH 44811



Future Dates *(updates will be made after February meeting with member input)*

Beginner Bee Class—Saturday, February 19th @ 8a-5p @ Wylies

July 10th "DON'T STEP ON A BEE DAY"

March 4th/5th Tri County Beekeepers Assoc Spring Workshop-Wooster

- Celebrated in the United Kingdom

MEMBERSHIP DUES DUE BY MARCH 7TH \$20.00/FAMILY

August Monthly Meeting—Monday the 8th @ 7p Wylies

March Monthly Meeting—Monday the 7th @ 6:30p FUMC

Field Day - TBD

Pancake Supper/Speaker-TBD

August 20th is National Honey Bee Day

April Monthly Meeting—Monday the 4th @ 7p FUMC

September is National Honey Month

Speaker-TBD

September Monthly Meeting—TBD

May Monthly Meeting—Monday the 2nd @ 7p FUMC

Summer Picnic

Speaker-TBD

October Monthly Meeting—Monday the 3rd @ 7p FUMC

May 20th is World Bee Day (United Nations)

Speaker-TBD/Hand out bears for filling for food pantries

June Monthly Meeting—Monday the 6th @ 7p Wylies

November Monthly Meeting—Monday the 7th @ 7p FUMC

Field Day - TBD

Label Bears/Election Nominations

July Monthly Meeting—Saturday the 9th @ 10a Wylies

December Monthly Meeting—Monday the 5th @ 6p TBD

Field Day - TBD

Christmas Party/Election of Officers



Message from the President—Gary Wylie

Hello SRVBA Members!

As we go through the month of January, I find myself getting impatient, wanting to move forward to warmer weather. These cold nights leave me wondering about my bees and how many hives will survive our long winter.

January is also the time I begin to think about and research planting more and different perennials to help provide food for the bees. Seems every year I see more fence rows being removed and land being developed, that at one time provided habitat for the pollinators. Seems we beekeepers have a lot in common with the area's Master Gardeners.

In the December newsletter, I assured everyone that I would work to advance SRVBA, and try to keep our monthly activities interesting for the members. An email was sent to our members a few weeks ago requesting topics for the 2022 meetings. We have received feedback from several members suggesting topics for 2022. We will review these topics at our February 7th meeting.

Everyone's participation in the February 7th meeting is important to help focus the Club on activities important to our members. Please plan to attend the February 7th meeting.

Our officers understand there might be some members with concerns about getting together due to the high number of Covid-19 cases in our county. If this is a concern that prevents you from attending our meeting, please send me an email so I know about your concern. If there is a wide-spread concern, maybe we can make the meeting available via ZOOM.

The February 7th meeting will begin 2022 with our annual business meeting where we will review and approve the annual budget, review the Treasurer's Report, and finalize, as much as possible, topics for 2022.



We will also collect annual dues at the February meeting. The dues are still \$20. We have included a membership form within this newsletter to submit with your dues. This will allow us to update your information for any changes.

The annual dues are due on or before the March 2022 meeting. Please pay dues to Tami Wylie, SRVBA Treasurer. Dues can also be sent via US mail to:

SRVBA, c/o Tami Wylie

1000 CR 312, Bellevue, OH 44811

Thank you for supporting SRVBA!

IN THE HIVE

The months of January and February are difficult months to talk about and mention what we should be doing in our hives. Here in Ohio the bees are clustered in the hive, hopefully keeping the queen and what little brood they have warm.

We, the beekeepers, really don't need to do much of anything with the bees, except to keep the front entrance clean of dead bees so bees are able to make cleansing flights when the weather is permitting, check the weight of the beehive to confirm it's heavy with food stores, and to check your sugar boards to see if the bees are up in them. If not, that's not a bad thing, since there might be plenty of food right where they're at.



If the bees are in the sugar boards, please pay attention to them so they don't run out of the sugar that you are providing them.

The most important activity is to start thinking and planning what your goals are for 2022. What are your expectations for your bee yard for the upcoming season? How big do you want to grow? Start planning for your next season. Do you want to start raising queens, building nucs, setting swarm traps, or building up your honey harvest production. Lots to think about!

I always like to think that the bee season starts with the Tri-County Beekeepers workshop in Wooster, Ohio. Each year around the first week of March Tri-County Beekeepers host an excellent two-day workshop starting with Friday night and all day Saturday. Here every major vendor is present, each bringing a warehouse supply of beekeeping equipment. The speakers are always the best with knowledgeable, experienced individuals with the latest knowledge on what is happening in the bee world and what is to come, and not to mention, is the wealth of knowledgeable friendly beekeepers, over 800 that are attending and always eager to answer any question any beekeeper has to ask. You know there is no stupid question with beekeeping, it's how we all started and learned.

Like I just mentioned, Tri-County is the start of my season for beekeeping but to be honest beekeeping doesn't ever end, it doesn't have a season. We, as beekeepers, are in beekeeping mode all year, we might not be tearing hives apart, but we can still read, attend your local bee club meetings and learn from each other. I haven't been a beekeeper very long, around 13 years, but something I do each year is attend my club's Beginner Beekeeping class each year. I just sit in the back and listen, maybe answer a few questions but what I gain out of that experience is wonderful, each year I learn a little bit more and pick up a new technique. There isn't always a right or wrong way, it's what works for you.

Stay safe and enjoy the bee yard!

Tom Rathbun



Honey Mustard Salad Dressing

6 tablespoons mayonnaise
2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
2 tablespoons honey

In a bowl, combine the mayonnaise, mustard and honey, mix well. Store in refrigerator. Makes ½ cup. 2 T = 192 calories

Strawberry Salad Dressing

20oz pkg frozen unsweetened strawberries, thawed
½ cup water
3 tablespoons raspberry vinegar
2 tablespoons honey
2 teaspoons canola oil

1 teaspoon reduced-sodium soy sauce
¼ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon dried thyme
¼ teaspoon pepper

In a blender, combine all ingredients. Cover and process until smooth. Store in refrigerator. Makes 3 cups. 2 T = 17 calories

Beginner Beekeeping Class

***If you're interested in becoming a beekeeper,
don't miss this great opportunity!***

Saturday, February 19, 2022

8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Cherry City Honey, 1000 County Road 312, Bellevue, OH 44811

The cost of the class is \$50

One additional family member can attend for an extra \$10.

Please contact Gary Wylie, SRVBA President, at 419 271-2638, for class registration or any questions. The class registration form must be submitted to attend the class, since class size is limited.

The Sandusky River Valley Beekeepers Association (SRVBA) is conducting the class.



SRVBA Membership Form

We welcome you to join the Sandusky River Valley Beekeepers Association! Yearly membership dues are \$20.00 per family & due by March 1st. You do not need to own honey bees to join - just have an interest in the welfare of honey bees. Please make checks payable to the Sandusky River Valley Beekeepers Association. Complete this form & mail it to: **SRVBA, c/o Tami Wylie, 1000 CR 312, Bellevue, OH 44811.**

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Spouse: _____

Additional family names _____

Email address: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone number (home) _____ (cell) _____

Membership since: _____ Number of Hives _____

Please check all that apply:

- New Membership
- Renewal
- Individual
- Family
- Willing to help with committees for club activities.
- I'm interested in being a mentor in _____ County.
- Add me to the swarm list for _____ County.
- Tax deductible donations for supporting Beekeeping \$_____.

This information will never be shared with others, outside of the club. All information is confidential.

Meetings are held at the First United Methodist Church, 510 W. Maple Street, Clyde, OH 43410.

For office use only

Check number _____

Cash amount _____

Calendar year _____

Verified info _____