



Sandusky River Valley Beekeepers Association

President—Gary Wylie
Vice President— Dr. Michael Stone

Secretary— Kim Root
Treasurer—Tami Wylie

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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 July Monthly Meeting



**NO MEETING ON MONDAY THE 4TH—
HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!**

When: Saturday, July 9th, 2022 at 10am

Where: The Wylie's—Cherry City Honey

1000 CR 312, Bellevue, Ohio 44811

Presenter: Club Members

Topic: Beeswax Rendering/Candle Making

Light lunch provided (hot dogs/chips/water)



JULY IS...

Just
around
the
corner
→



Things to consider doing this month:

- ⇒ Weekly hive inspections
- ⇒ Feed during dearth
- ⇒ Queen monitoring
- ⇒ Mite monitoring/treatment if needed
- ⇒ Harvest spring/summer honey
- ⇒ Attend bee club meetings




Future Dates *(dates/times subject to change)*

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

- Celebrated in the United Kingdom

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

Field Day - TBD

August 20th is National Honey Bee Day

September is National Honey Month

September Monthly Meeting—Sunday the 11th @ noon

Summer Picnic @ Dr. Michael Stone's Home

Swimming available



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

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

October 28th/29th OSBA Fall Conference—Wooster

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

Label Bears/Election Nominations

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

Christmas Party/Election of Officers

CLOTHING ORDER
The order has been placed! Delivery is expected
sometime in mid July

Message from the President—Gary Wylie

Hi SRVBA Members!

Seems I get to experience something new during every bee season! This year was a treat! Although I had always heard of new queens not getting adequately mated, I had never had this experience. My problems started with an early season swarm. If you recall, we had days and days of May rains and I'm guessing the new queen, after she emerged, was not able to get out of the hive for mating flights.

Fast-forward to the hive inspection in June, when I discovered a puny-looking queen laying drone-brood throughout the hive. The amount of drone-brood was worse than I had previously seen with laying worker hive problems in past years. To fix the problem I had to re-queen the hive. This seemed a little tricky since the hive had made nine supersedure cells during the 72hours I had left them queenless, which I didn't find until after the new queen was introduced to the hive.

During my next hive inspection I found the new queen and the supersedure cells. The queen was laying great, but I was really concerned the bees might kill the new queen because of the supersedure cells. After considering all that had happened, I decided to remove the supersedure cells and continue to monitor the new queen. So far, all is well. This was a good learning experience.

The Club's clothing order was submitted to Benchmark Prints after our last meeting. We had a total of 77 items ordered. The clothing should be received from Benchmark Prints by mid-July and clothing will be distributed as soon as the order is received. In the future, our Club members will be able to go directly to Benchmark Prints and order clothing items with our logo.

I received great feedback on the June meeting. Dr. Stone did a nice job presenting the topic, "Exploring Artificial Insemination in the Honey Bee." Thank you Dr. Stone! We also had several members volunteer to coordinate the 2022 local county fairs.

This year, the Club is planning to have a table at the Erie County, Huron County, and Sandusky County Fairs. I want to thank **Sue Kosakowski, Jami Scott, and John Schick** for stepping-up and volunteering to coordinate Club activities at these fairs. This is a great success, since its been a couple of years since the Club has participated in our local county fairs. This year, we plan to sell honey straws at the Erie County and Sandusky County fairs. This money will be used to generate funds to support the Club's educational activities.

June was another busy month for our Club, since we provided several presentations related to bees and beekeeping topics. I want to thank our members who supported these presentations, **Jami Scott, Kim Root, and Tami Wylie**. The Club's involvement with educating our local communities about the importance of honeybees, beekeeping, pollinators, and the environment is our Club's primary mission.



I'm looking forward to the July 9th meeting. This meeting is being held on the first Saturday in July since our normal meeting day, Monday July 4th, is a holiday. Our meeting topic is "Beeswax Rendering/Candle Making." It's been a few years since we've presented a bee-related product such as candle making. I remember a few years ago we had a topic presented on soap making and another on making creamed honey. Very interesting topics!

Thank you for supporting SRVBA!

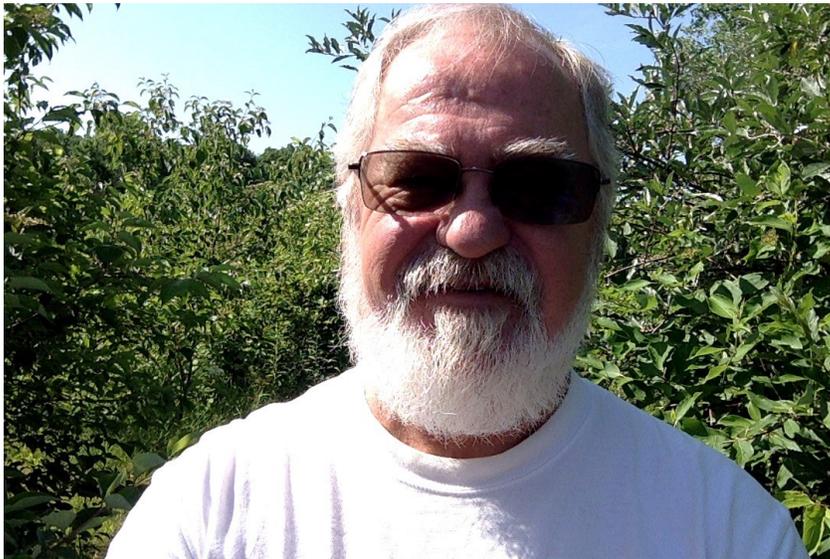
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IN THE HIVE by Dale Pocock



July is a great month for beekeepers and bees, but not without its challenges. Temperatures are climbing, robbing is possible, swarming may happen, and we still need to pay attention to the hive's needs.

Monitor temperatures and adjust ventilation by opening more entrances. Also make sure water is available for your bees with birdbaths, kiddie pools with rocks for landing, or fill the feeder jar with water. This will help with soaring temperatures.

If spring's flowers become summer fruit and vegetables, a dearth can cause robbing. Stay ahead of this with robbing screens, avoid entrance feeders, and limiting hive inspections.

Swarming happens for many reasons so limit the chance by adding a brood box or super if 7 of the 10 frames are covered (the 7/10 rule). This is also a good time to split the hive to prevent swarming, especially if you see swarm cells in an inspection.

The hive's needs are always met with observation in and outside the hive. When doing inspections always validate the presence of the queen and if you see supersedure cells, the queen is inadequate for whatever reason. Don't panic, wait, and let the hive give you a brood break and a young queen going into the winter. Finally, July is honey making month so less time in the hive means more honey.



SRBVA will be at the following county fairs:

Erie County—August 9-14, 2022

Huron County—August 15-20, 2022

Sandusky County—August 22-28, 2022

More information to be sent out in a future email!



OSBA Feature Page

(Ohio State Beekeepers Association)



Did You Know ?

There are 53
bee clubs in the
state of Ohio?

2022 Ohio State Beekeepers Association (OSBA) Fall Conference/Meeting

Friday, October 28th and all day Saturday, October 29th

Wooster, Ohio

Fisher Auditorium and Shisler Conference Center located at the OARDC CAMPUS

Registration coming soon late summer!

Guest Speakers will feature the following topics:

- Ohio Apiary Inspection Program
- Reasons that Honeybees Die and How to Prevent It
- Genetics and Breeding Mite-resistant Honeybees Stock in Ohio and the Midwest
- Ohio Pollinators Habitat Initiative Program
- Honeybee Pheromones “Common Scents”
- Age Related Task of a Worker Bee “Ethology”
- Mysteries and Management of a Laying Worker
- Fight the Mites “Understanding the Mysterious Tropilaelaps Mite”
- Varroa Anatomy, “Why it Matters to Your Bees”
- The Legal Ramifications of Doing Honey Bee Cut-outs, “Knowing the Liabilities and Your Limitations”
- Understanding and Minimizing Insecticide bee Kills in Soybeans

VENDORS GALORE

If you have questions about
the Ohio State Beekeepers
Association

Fall Conference/Meeting
contact

Vice-President Tom Rathbun
at 419-603-1749

RAFFLES

HONEY SHOW WITH JUDGING

The SRVBA Club has been asked to help out at the Fall Conference

When?

Friday, October 28th and/or Saturday, October 29th

Jobs to Do

Putting signs out before event/after event, Room monitors, Transport speakers to/from Cleveland Airport, Registration, Lunch help, Work with speakers, Help vendors unload to their area, plus more

What's in it for You?

Free admission to conference, Free Der Dutchman catered lunch,
Access to all presentations

How Can I Help?

Contact: OSBA Vice-President Tom Rathbun at 419-603-1749





Honey Apple Pie

- 9-inch pastry
- 1 C honey
- 2 T flour
- 1 T cinnamon
- 1/8 t salt
- 6 C apples,
peeled/sliced
- 1 T lemon juice
- 2 T butter

Combine honey, flour, cinnamon and salt. Spread 1/2 of this mixture over pastry. Add apples. Sprinkle remainder of mixture over top of apples. Sprinkle with lemon juice and dot with butter. Add slitted top crust and seal edges. Bake in 425° F oven for 30 to 40 minutes.

Trivia Fun Facts by the Numbers

HONEY VOLUME = WEIGHT

- 1 Gallon Honey = 12 Pounds
- 1 Quart Honey = 3 Pounds
- 1 Pint Honey = 1.5 Pounds
- 1/2 Pint Honey = 12 Ounces

FRAME SIZES & AMOUNT OF HONEY IT CAN HOLD

- Deep = 19 inches x 1-1/16 inches x 9-1/8 inches = 6 Pounds Honey
- Medium = 19 inches x 1-1/16 inches x 6-1/4 inches = 4 Pounds Honey
- Shallow = 19 inches x 1-1/16 inches x 5-3/8 inches = 3 Pounds Honey

HONEY PER 10 FRAME BOX

- A shallow super will typically yield between 25 and 30 pounds of honey, or 2 to 2 1/2 gallons.
- A medium (6 5/8") depth super will typically yield between 35 and 40 pounds, or 3 to 4 gallons.
- A full-depth box will typically yield between 60 and 70 pounds, or 5 to 6 gallons.



Archive

Did you miss a meeting?

The following meetings have been archived so you can catch up or review what happened by clicking on the months logo you want to watch.....

Join Sandusky River Valley Beekeepers Association:

1. Fill out membership form

[http://
srvba.ohiostatebeekeepers.org/](http://srvba.ohiostatebeekeepers.org/)

2. Mail form to: SRVBA

c/o Tami Wylie, 1000 CR 312

Bellevue, OH 44811



June Meeting:



Sandusky River Valley
BeeKEEPERS
Association





This page is for members who would like to sell, trade, buy bee related items/business. Please submit your ad by the third week of the month so that it will be in next month's newsletter.



Send ad to: Kimmie_59@hotmail.com

Pro Uncapping Bench for Sale

This pro uncapping bench has been used for only three seasons.

We needed to get a larger one and the reason why we are selling this one.

If you are interested in purchasing please contact Kristy Miller at kristymiller@gmail.com

(This item is located north of Tiffin near Bettsville)

The description and photo of the uncapping bench is from Blue Sky Bee Supplies catalog.



Asking \$400.00.

CHERRY CITY HONEY FARM BEE HIVE SUPPLIES

Tami & Gary Wylie — 1000 County Road 312, Bellevue, OH 44811

We stock the bee supplies you'll most likely need. Our beehive boxes and other woodenware is of the highest quality and comes already assembled and ready to paint.

Due to our location in the Clyde-Bellevue-Fremont area, it's approximately a one-hour drive to the nearest bee equipment supply store. This drive is time consuming and expensive. Also, online orders from distant suppliers often require purchase of larger quantities to obtain fair pricing and shipping/freight rates for new equipment are expensive.

Please compare our prices and consider us for your beehive equipment needs.

Our price list is on the SRVBA Classified Web Page.

We can arrange for local delivery in the Bellevue-Clyde-Fremont area.

We accept cash, check, or credit cards for payment.

