

MARCH 2024

NEWSLETTER



Sandusky River Valley **Bee**KEEPERS Association

Club Officers

President: Gary Wylie

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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.

A Message from the President

Hello SRVBA Members!

With spring approaching, this is a great time to decide what changes you'd like to make to your apiary for 2024. This might include adding additional hives, using different strategies to manage your hives, or purchasing new equipment to produce and sell queens, or bottle and sell additional honey. The new year should begin with a plan!

You might also want to begin the bee season by sharing your knowledge about beekeeping with newer members of our club. Becoming a mentor can be a rewarding experience that builds life-long friendships. Please let me know if you'd like to be a mentor.

The 2024 first Beginner Beekeeping Class was conducted on Saturday February 24th. We have a second Class scheduled for Saturday March 9th. The classes are held at Gary & Tami Wylie's barn and taught by members from our Club. The March 9th class has some openings so we are still accepting additional registrations.

The upcoming March meeting will be a busy evening. We're having a chili supper. The supper will be potluck-style, so we're asking everyone to bring a dish to share. The Club will provide tableware, crackers and fixings for the chili, and drinks. The chili supper will begin promptly at 6:30 pm, as this will allow time for the meal and fellowship before our evening speaker.

Our speaker for the March meeting is Barbara Bloetscher. Barb recently retired from The Ohio Department of Agriculture working as the State Apiarist/Entomologist. Barb is also well-known and respected among Ohio beekeepers. Barb will present a session on "Nosema." Let's all thank Barb for making the long drive to spend the evening with SRVBA. The March meeting will also be made available via ZOOM for those who can't attend the meeting.

We are continuing to collect annual dues for 2024. So far, we've collected dues from 55 members. The dues are still \$20. We've 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 meeting. Please pay dues to Kim Root, SRVBA Treasurer. Dues can also be sent via US mail to:

SRVBA, c/o Kim Root

1000 CR 312, Bellevue, OH 44811

Thank you for supporting SRVBA!

Gary Wylie

SRVBA President

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March Monthly Meeting Info

Presenter: Barbara Bloetscher, Apiarist/Entomologist

When: Monday, March 4, 2024; **6:30pm** (Chili supper before 7:00pm meeting)

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

Topic: Nosema



Be sure to come early to the March meeting for our chili supper! Bring a side dish to share.



BEEKEEPER CLASSES - Come One, Come All!!

The SRVBA is hosting a class for new and novice beekeepers. Here's the scoop:

WHEN: Saturday, March 9th

9am - 4pm (lunch included)

WHERE: 1000 CR 312, Bellevue, OH

COST: \$75 (includes materials, lunch, door prizes, experienced beekeepers)

We need you!

Your experiences, successes, failures and beekeeping ideas are all valuable in helping others learn about beekeeping. Contact Gary Wylie if you're able to help during the beekeeper class indicated above.

YOU can make a difference.

From the honeycomb . . .

Are you familiar with the term the 'bee's knees'?

Here's a little background on that popular saying:



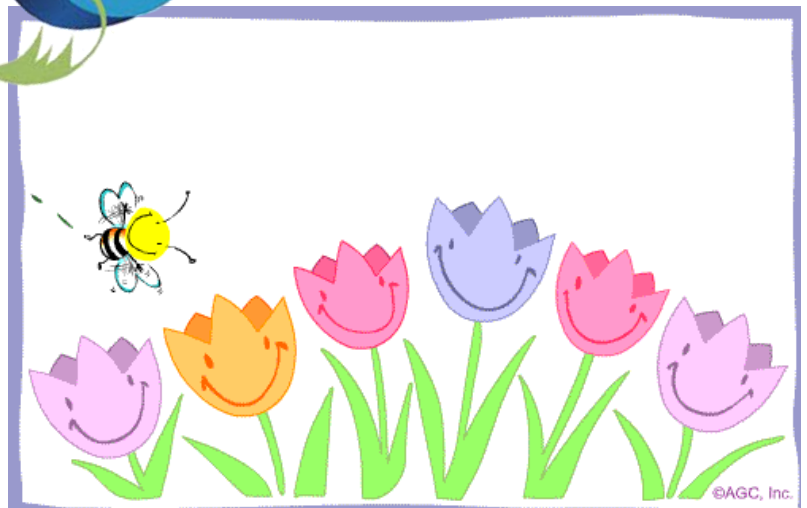
"The bee's knees" **apparently came into use during the 1920s when the flappers compared almost anything they considered excellent to a part of an animal.** It seems that American cartoonist Tad Dorgan is responsible for this particular expression; and also for "the cat's pajamas", and possibly for "hot dog". (www.bookbrowse.com)

Dues are due!!

If you haven't already mailed your 2024 dues, please plan on bringing them to the March meeting. At \$20, your dues are the best investment around for beekeepers! A membership form is included in this newsletter for your convenience.



Do you have items of interest to other beekeepers? To sell? For free? For trade? Submit your ad information to Sue Kosakowski (sekosak@bgsu.edu) for the next newsletter.





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 Kim Root 1000 CR 312, Bellevue, OH 44811.**

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Spouse: _____

Additional family names _____

Email address: _____

Address _____ County _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone number (home) _____ (cell) _____

Membership since: _____ Number of Hives _____

Please check all that apply:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> New Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> I'm interested in being a mentor in
_____ County |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal | <input type="checkbox"/> Add me to the swarm list for
_____ County |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual | <input type="checkbox"/> Tax deductible donations for supporting
Beekeeping \$_____. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Willing to help with committees for
club activities. | |

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.

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