

The Skep

May 2017

Columbiana & Mahoning Beekeepers' Association Newsletter

President's Corner

Hello Beekeepers!

With a wide variety of trees and flowers starting to bloom the bees are bringing in nectar and pollen!

They have also started to swarm. Two of my hives swarmed on April 14th. They landed about 40 feet up in pine trees so all I could do was wave bye bye. Hope you have better luck!

The May Beekeeper's To Do List includes adding honey supers to the hives and making splits from existing colonies. Now is a great time to get the solar wax melter out and melt down the old foundation that you culled out of your hives when doing spring cleanup.

Don't forget to order your club shirts for this years. See Andrea at the next meeting.

I hope to see you at the next meeting on May 21st.

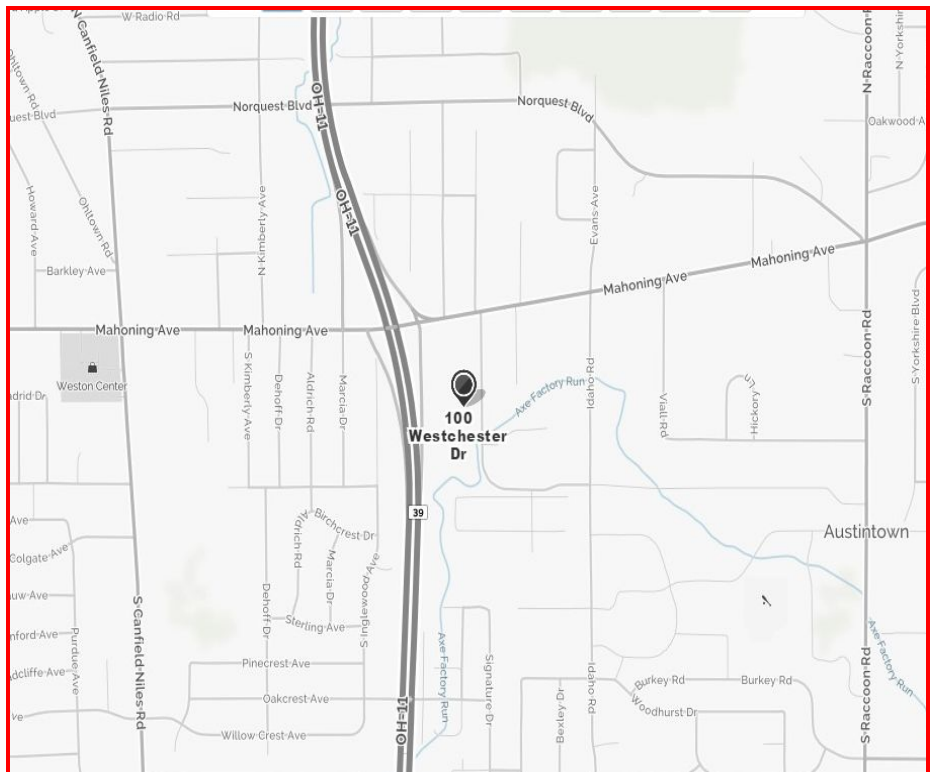
Bruce Zimmer

Meeting Information:

**Next Meeting: 05/21/2017,
Austintown Senior Center
100 Westchester Drive
Austintown, Ohio 44515**

**Pot Luck Lunch at 1:00 pm, business meeting
to follow at 2:00.**

(Please bring your own plates, cups and
silverware.**)**



Reminders from the April Meeting:

--Register your hives with the State by 6/1/17. \$5 fee per site. You can click this link to register via web: [Application for Apiary Registration - Ohio Department of Agriculture](#)

--Andrea is heading up the club shirt effort again this year. The color is Irish Green and available in both tee shirt and polo styles. Ordering will be thru the July meeting.

-- Sign up sheets for field days at Mill Creek Park Davis Center on 5/20, and 6/10 were passed around. Contact Don Kovach to sign up. There is a limit of 10 students per session.

--Bruce reminded members who have the club's decorative Honey Frame display cases for the fair to return them in clean condition.

--John Grafton, honey judge for the fair, spoke to the club on the many facets of showing honey and associated products. He gave many tips on how to be a successful exhibitor. The main take away was to prepare for the show well in advance. Rushing the day before to submit entries generally will not work.



John Grafton's tips for successful showing:

- Get the fair board show rules early.
- Know the rules and honey classes
- Enter all the honey classes and know them
- Use nylon to strain honey, not cheesecloth
- Fill bottles to neck line, be consistent
- Bring honey moisture down to 16%
- Warm bottles prior to filling with honey
- Use toothpicks to remove bubbles or floaters
- Cut comb can be frozen for months
- Seek advice from other members who show
- Accept the judge's decisions
- Be proud of your blue ribbons!!

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Click on the company name to visit their web site.

Monthly Honey Recipe:

Sweet Spicy Salmon with Honeyed Mango Salsa



Ingredients

- 1 large - ripe mango, peeled and chopped
- 1/4 cup - red bell pepper, finely chopped
- 1/4 cup - red onion, finely chopped
- 2 Tbsp. - fresh cilantro, chopped
- 2 Tbsp. - fresh lime juice, divided
- 1 Tbsp. - honey
- 1 small - jalapeno pepper, seeded and minced
- 1/3 cup - honey
- 2 Tbsp. - Mexican hot sauce
- 4 (4 to 6-oz.) - salmon fillets

Directions

To prepare the salsa, combine the mango, bell pepper, red onion, cilantro, 1 tablespoon of lime juice, 1 tablespoon honey and jalapeno in a medium bowl. Stir well and refrigerate until ready to use. Whisk together the honey, hot sauce and remaining lime juice in a small bowl. Rinse salmon and pat dry; brush liberally with honey mixture. Place skin side up on a well oiled grill over medium coals; cook for 2 to 3 minutes until lightly charred. Turn and cook for 8 to 10 minutes more, basting liberally with sauce during cooking. Remove from grill and transfer to a serving platter. Top with mango salsa.

Bee Keepers Quiz:

This will be an ongoing section in our newsletter. It consists of 50 questions to test your knowledge of beekeeping--Ed.

Question 22 of 50 Winds in excess of ____ mph will cause foraging honey bees to stop flying.

- 10
- 15
- 18
- 25

Question 23 of 50 The chief value of the beekeeping industry to the U.S. economy is pollination. There are over _____ commercial crops pollinated by honey bees.

- 25
- 40
- 60
- 90

Question 24 of 50 Honey bees have been forced to adapt to being managed by man in the following way?

- by building comb within frames that can be removed from the hive
- by producing liquid honey
- by respecting the bee space discovered by Langstroth
- by living in a dry shelter

Question 25 of 50 Of the following trees, which is useful for early spring colony development?

- Sourwood
- Tupelo
- Basswood
- Willow

Question 26 of 50 To make a weak colony stronger, you might ...

- remove a strong hive from its stand and place the weak colony in its place
- move the colony to a new location with better nectar sources, closer to water, and less stress from other bees
- kill the queen and requeen with a young queen
- do nothing, let mother nature handle the situation

Question 27 of 50 The male part of the flower where pollen is produced is known as the:

- stigma
- ovule
- style
- anther

Question 28 of 50 A strong colony of bees should contain how many individual bees?

- 10,000
- 30,000
- 45,000
- 60,000

Question 29 of 50 If adding one honey super at a time, the next honey super must be added when...:

- the current top super is 3/4 full of capped honey
- when bees seem eager to come up into the box on top
- only when the top honey super is completely filled with honey
- at the end of the honey flow

Question 30 of 50 American foulbrood can be spread most likely by which of the following?

- sugar syrup
- queen cage candy
- honey
- water

Question 31 of 50 Traditional comb honey section boxes are made from...:

- walnut
- plastic
- basswood
- pine