



# The Skep

September 2017

Columbiana & Mahoning Beekeepers' Association Newsletter

## President's Corner

Bruce wanted to thank all 31 club members who showed up to help with the fair preparation. It was really nice to see so many members want to help make this club fundraiser a huge success.

Don Kovach reports that almost all the fair products were sold, making it a huge success for the club. Look forward to hearing from both Don and George Stacey for the recap of this years fair.

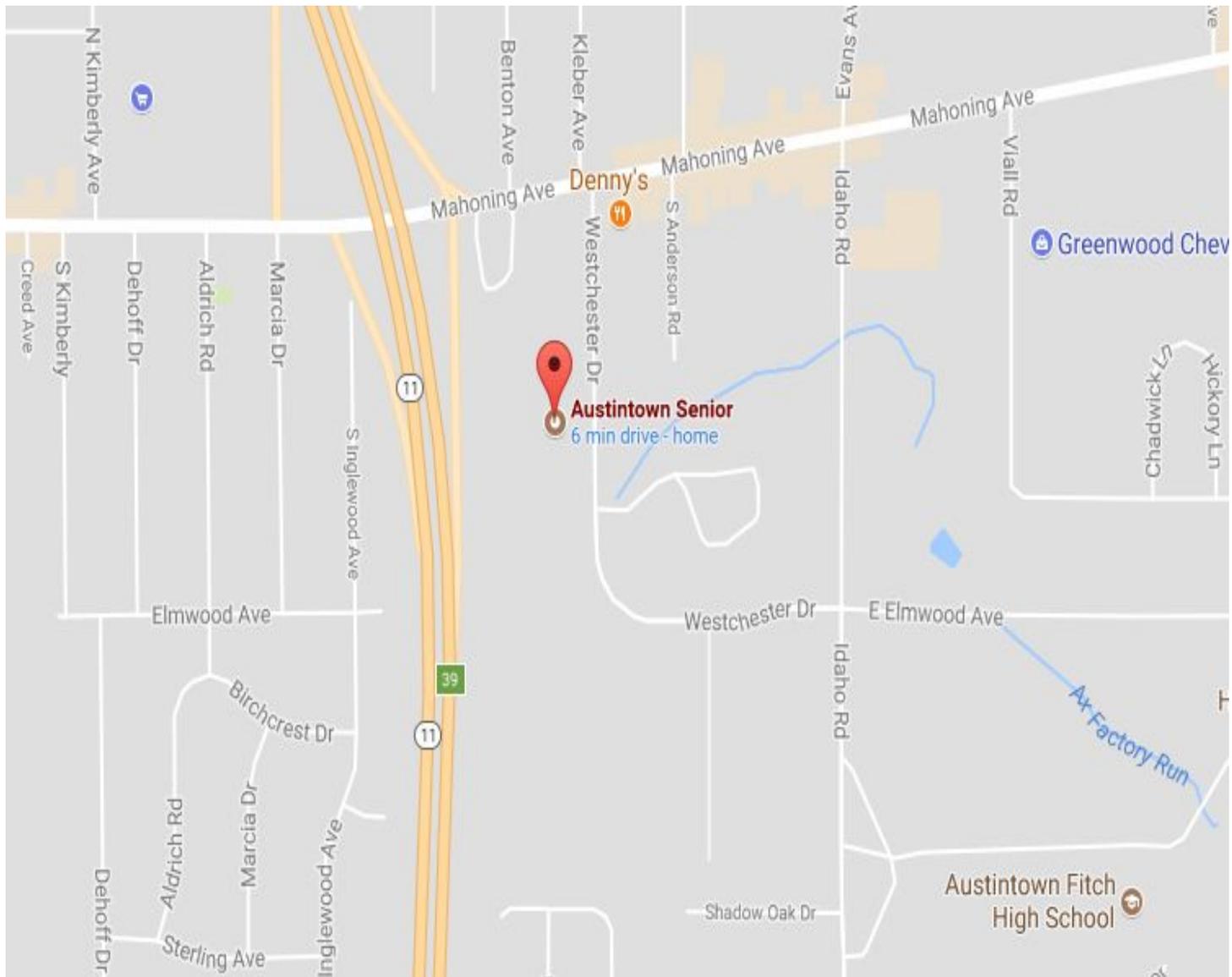
Hope to See you all on  
Sunday --Mike McNally

## Meeting Information:

**Next Meeting: 09/17/2017,  
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 August meeting:

--Not much of a recap from the August meeting since it was a work detail to prepare our honey products for sale at the fair.

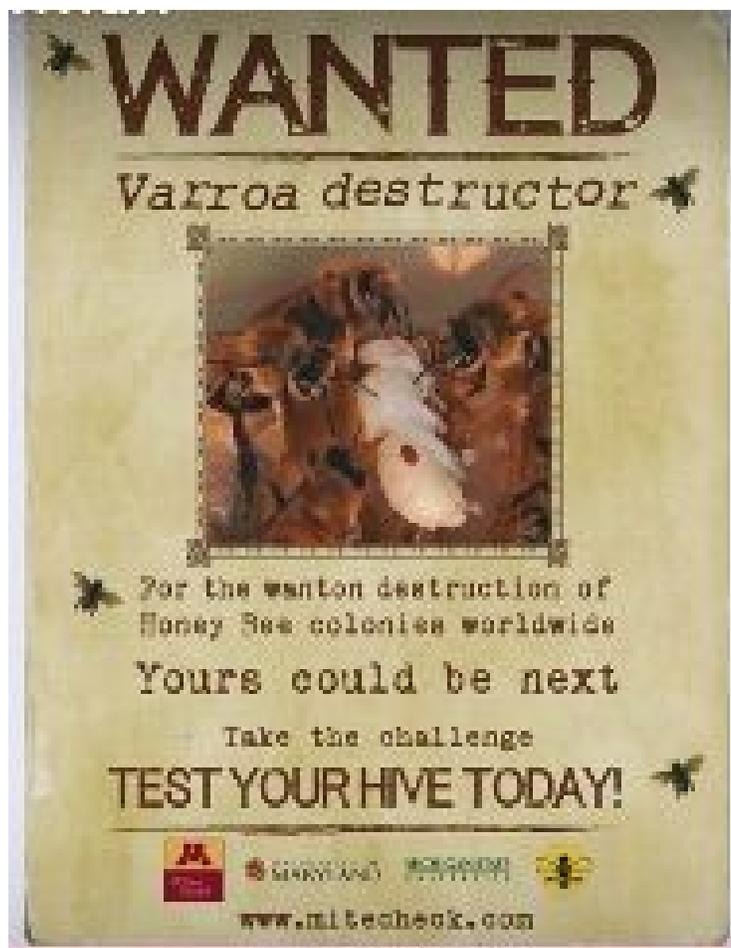
--There was a discussion by several members on the outbreak of West Nile Virus in the area and the spraying that was to take place in response. I personally witnessed the County spray truck in eastern Austintown the day after the meeting at about 9:30 pm. It was 1.5 miles from my house and I did not receive a notice on the spraying. Perhaps we as an association should reach out to the county board of health to start some kind of notification system? Please present your thoughts on this on Sunday.

--We will be having our year end banquet next month on 10/15/2017 at 2 PM. A La Cart Catering in Canfield will be hosting again.. Our speaker will be Melody from Bluesky Bee Supply in Ravenna, Ohio. The menu and pricing will be the same as last year, your choice of stuffed chicken or Swiss steak dinner. Our point of contact on reservations will be Don Kovach, ( 330 272-3711) [kovach87@aol.com](mailto:kovach87@aol.com), Deadline to make your reservation will be 10/8/2017. Cost: \$21 per person (\$10.50 if you worked one shift at the fair and complimentary if you worked two or more shifts) Guests are always welcome!

--Elections for several officers will take place, including President and Director. If you are interested in an office, please contact our election chair, Grimilda Ocasio, to be nominated.

--OSBA Fall conference registration is open. It will be held November 4 @ 8:00 AM - 5:00pm in Plain City, Ohio. 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
Click link below to register.

<https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07eejiks04e05137b9&oseq=&c=&ch=>



Varroa tip: Now is the time to prepare your colonies to go into winter. Mite checks and treatments will ensure future colony health. Sugar shakes and alcohol washes should be a must on your to do list now.

What you do as a beekeeper now, will dictate your colony's health going into the upcoming winter. Your colonies will soon begin to develop the winter bees that will need to survive the long cold winter ahead. You do not want a mite load going into this crucial time. Please check and treat for mites today!

Please see this link for more information on varroa and virus transmission:

<http://articles.extension.org/pages/71172/honey-bee-viruses-the-deadly-varroa-mite-associates>

## **2017 Officers**

**President--Bruce Zimmer 330 547-2273**

**V.President--Bruce Deafenbaugh 330-457-0326**

**Secretary-- Donna Birmingham 330-424-5305**

**Treasurer--Don Kovach 330-272-3711**

**Board: Bill Dehoff (2017) 330-549-2984**

**Chuck Hatch(2018) 330-807-0848**

**Andrea Deafenbaugh(2019) 330-457-0326**

## **2017 Club Sponsors and Donors:**

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**HillTop Honey Farm--Steve Davis**

Click on the company name to visit their web site.

# Monthly Honey Recipe:

## BAKED HONEY BACON BENEDICT



YIELD: Serves 6-8

### INGREDIENTS

4 tablespoons butter

1 package english muffins split

1 lb. thick bacon

1/4 cup honey

1 dozen eggs

Salt and pepper to taste

For Hollandaise:

2 packages hollandaise sauce

2 cups 2% milk

1 stick butter

Fresh parsley or chives and paprika for garnish

### DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 350°

Spread each muffin half with butter and bake for 10 minutes on a sheet pan, set aside.

Spread the bacon out on a parchment lined sheet pan and drizzle with the honey. Bake for 20-25 minutes turning once. Remove each piece of bacon to a cooling rack to drain and cool. Cut each piece of bacon in half.

Prepare the hollandaise sauce according to the package directions and keep warm.

Place the muffin halves on a sheet pan and evenly divide the bacon over each muffin. Gently break one egg over each muffin half and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Bake for 12-15 minutes or until the eggs are cooked to your preference.

Serves immediately topped with warm hollandaise and garnished with fresh herbs and a sprinkle of paprika.

*Tip: You can use the traditional method of poaching the eggs if you prefer, but this method of baking the eggs is much easier and great for entertaining.*

## Upcoming Educational Opportunities:



**SEPTEMBER 22-24, MEDINA, OH**

**COME HEAR THE VOICES OF BEE CULTURE  
SPEAKING THE WAY THEY WRITE**



**ANN HARMAN** – Cooking with honey and being a better beekeeper



**CLARENCE COLLISON** – The science of honey bees



**TONI BURNHAM** – Urban bees and beekeeping



**KIM LEHMAN** – Kids and bees



**ED COLBY** – Tales from Colorado

**JAY EVANS** – Found in Translation

**PHIL CRAFT** – Ask a Q, he'll have an A

**LARRY CONNOR** – Bee biology and more

**JESSICA LOUQUE** – Honey bee research, in person

**KIM FLOTTUM** – Herding cats

**KATHY SUMMERS** – Keeping it all on time

**NOT IN PERSON, BUT FROM THE MAGIC  
OF TECHNOLOGY...**

**JIM TEW** – Beeyard thoughts from Ohio and Alabama

**JENNIFER BERRY** – Raising queens and cane

**ROSS CONRAD** – From Vermont, Naturally



### **PLUS –**

All day Friday, Root Candles Factory Tours so come early and see that show.  
**SIGN UP ON REGISTRATION FORM**



#### **Friday, September 22:**

Tours all day 10AM – 4PM, then,  
5PM – 7PM meet the speakers, social hour up close and personal



#### **Saturday, September 23:**

8:30 – 4:30, speakers all day, bring your camera and notebook, a  
Wonderful lunch included, plus live demos, and weather permitting,  
be in the beeyard with *Bee Culture's* beekeepers (bring your veil)



#### **Sunday, September 24:**

8:30 – 4:30, speakers all day, bring your camera and notebook, a  
Wonderful lunch included, plus live demos, and weather permitting,  
be in the beeyard with *Bee Culture's* beekeepers (bring your veil).

*Schedule details, updates and information on our web page and in the next issue.*

### **HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:**

**Holiday Inn Akron West:** 4073 Medina Road, Akron OH,  
p: 330.666.4131

**Hilton:** 3180 W. Market St., Akron OH, p: 330.867.5000

**Hampton Inn:** 3073 Eastpointe Dr., Medina, OH, p: 330.721.9855

**Spitzer House B&B:** 504 W. Liberty St., Medina, OH, p: 330.952.2129

**Super 8 Motel:** 5161 Montville Dr., Medina, OH, p: 330.723.8118

**Quality Inn:** 1435 S. Carpenter, Brunswick, OH p: 330.225.1112

# This Year Get Your Bees Past THE HARDEST SEASON

## October To April

Saturday, Oct. 14, 2017, 9:00 AM – 4: 00 PM  
Bee Culture Conference Room  
623 West Liberty Street, Medina, OH 44256

Sponsored by Bee Culture Magazine

- Session 1 – Fall mite, disease management – Tracy Alarcon  
Session 2 – Winter Nutrition, evaluation, fall feeding – Kim Flottum  
Session 3 – Winter Protection – Roy Hendrickson  
Lunch  
Session 4 – Emergency Winter, and Spring Feeding – Roy Hendrickson  
Session 5 – Swarm Management and Mite Control – Tracy Alarcon  
Session 6 – Spring flow, supering and making splits – Kim Flottum

**Registration \$50 includes lunch**

**Send checks to Hardest Season, 623 W. Liberty St, Medina OH  
44256**

**OnLine – go to <http://store.bee-culture.com/events/>**

**Call 800.289.7668 ext 3255 or 3214**

**Walk-ins welcome, but lunch not guaranteed**

### Tracy Alarcon

- 30 colonies, raises queens and Nucs
- Portage Cty Inspector 6 years
- OSBA Certified MB Manual BMP author
- NL Editor; Medina, Portage Board member



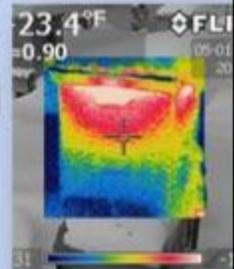
### Kim Flottum

- Bee Culture and BEEKeeping Editor
- Author 4 beekeeping books
- 40 years in the business



### Roy Hendrickson

- Keeping bees 43 years
- Retired 300 colony Commercial Beekeeper, + pollination, honey, nuc sales
- Writes for Both Bee Journals and OSBA NL
- Runs 30 colonies



SAVE THE DATE



**Fall Conference**

*Featured Speaker: Dr. Jonathan Lundgren*

**Sat., Nov. 4, 2017**

Tolles Career Center, Plain City, OH

Registration opens online in September!