



The Skep

May 2018

Columbiana & Mahoning Beekeepers' Association Newsletter

President's Corner:

Well it is finally getting close to summer and warmer weather. I didn't think it would ever come. I hope those of you that got new packages of bees had good luck installing them. I had a package that had the queen's head caught and she was dead. I had to spend an afternoon driving to get a replacement queen.

One of our speakers at the May meeting will be the Bee Inspector with some new information. Please be sure to give our speakers your attention.

We need volunteers to fill positions on some of our committees. So please think about volunteering for one of these positions. We will be telling you more about those positions at the May meeting.

We will be updating our membership list soon. If you stop getting a Skep, it might be because you have forgotten to pay your dues. Please check to see if you have done so. We don't want to lose any members because of this oversight.

May Meeting Information:

**Next Meeting: 05/20/2018,
Monthly Membership Meeting and Luncheon
Austintown Senior Center
100 Westchester Drive
Austintown, Ohio 44515**

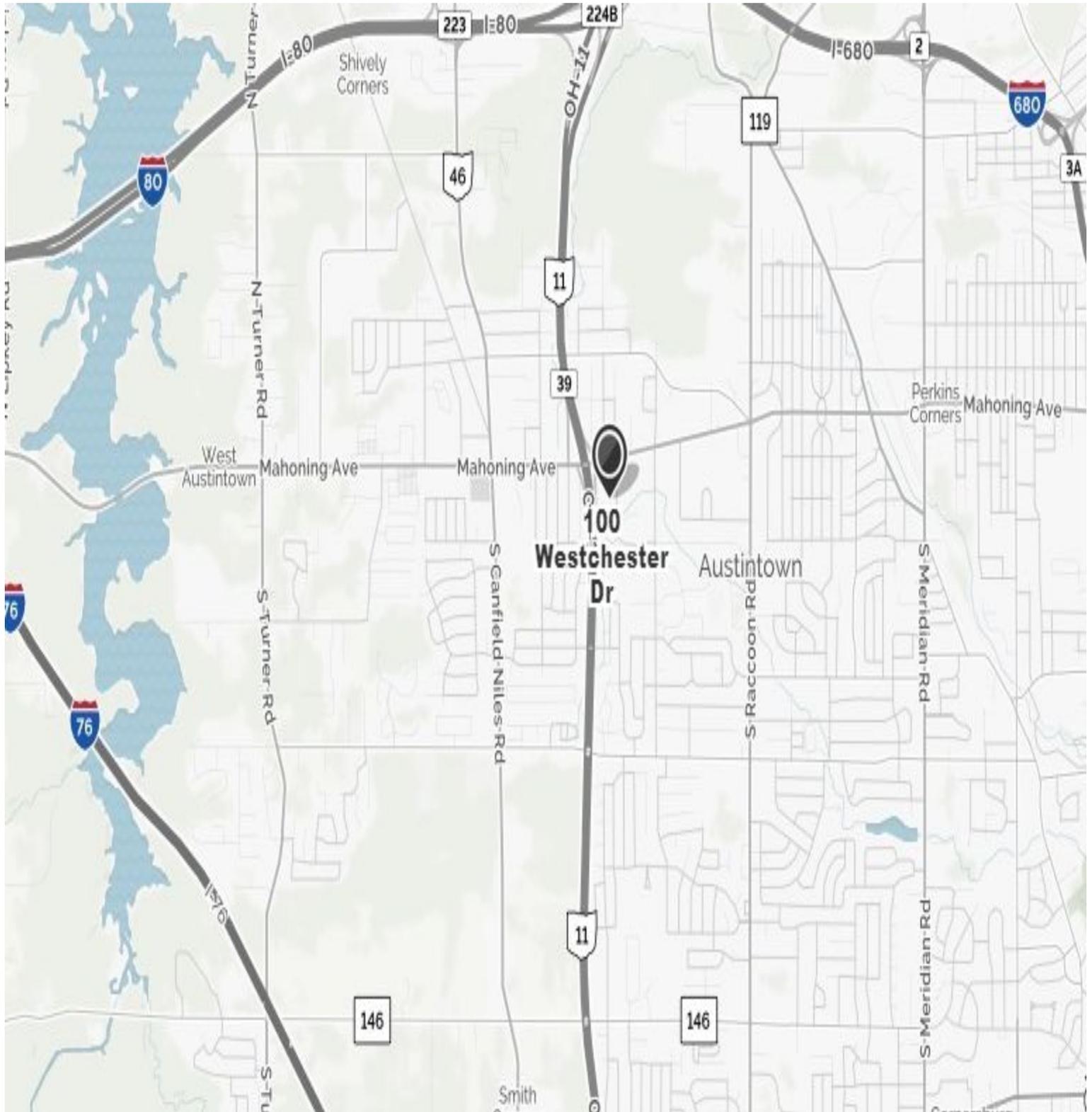
**Potluck Lunch at 1 pm and
Membership meeting at 2 pm.**

**As a Reminder: Please bring your own
tableware;
Plates, Cups, Silverware etc.**

Also, if anyone is aware of where our BEE INFO LIBRARY might be, please let us know at the meeting. If you have it in your possession, please bring it with you to the meeting or let us know you have it if you can't attend the meeting this month.

Hope you can all attend the meeting.

George Stacey, President



Reminder for UpComing Education events:

To Join a webinar, follow the link below and LOG IN AS A GUEST at about 8:55 the day of the event: <http://go.osu.edu/theOSUbuzz>

<https://honeybeehealthcoalition.org/varroa/>

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Monthly Honey Recipe: HONEY-ALMOND-BANANA SUSHI

INGREDIENTS:

1/4 cup almond butter

2 tsp. banana flour

1/4 cup honey roasted or roasted almonds

chopped

1 whole wheat tortilla

1 banana

1 T honey to drizzle

Pinch salt

DIRECTIONS:

In a food processor, grind the honey roasted almonds until fine like gravel, set aside in a bowl.

In a separate bowl, mix the 1/4 cup almond butter with 2 tsp. banana flour and a pinch of salt. Make sure the almond butter mixture isn't too wet to spread easily onto the tortilla. It should be the consistency of play dough. If too wet, add a little more banana flour.

Lay whole wheat tortilla on a sheet of parchment paper.

Spread an even layer of the almond butter mixture onto the tortilla, making sure to cover the entire tortilla.

Flip the covered tortilla over, so that the almond butter side is facing down on the parchment.

Drizzle with 1 T of honey onto the uncoated side of the tortilla and lay a whole banana across the tortilla on top of the honey.

Use parchment paper to roll the tortilla up around the banana until you've made a complete roll.

Now with almond butter side up, coat the entire roll with the finely chopped almonds.

Refrigerate for 30 minutes and then cut into sushi-style rolls with a sharp knife.

Swarm Trap Information from Mike Ferreri:

Our own Mike Ferreri has submitted the following link to help provide members with planning and making their own swarm traps. Swarm season will be here before you know it, and he has graciously provided you with all the information you need to make and setup your own traps. Please read his email below.

“I was planning to talk about swarm traps at the next club meeting. However, I will not be able to do so because speakers are already lined up for March and April. I would like to get as much info to club members about swarm traps as possible before our May meeting. Last year there were already 15 swarms on my property by May 20, which is our next meeting date.

You usually mention some type of bee work in the Skep that we should be doing in the winter to prepare for the upcoming beekeeping season. Maybe this could be one of them.

I have revised the swarm trap details for which you have a link to on our club website. It now includes a cutlist for optimizing the plywood panel cuts, and instructions on how to use the swarm traps to catch honey bees.”

Please click on the link below to go to his google drive and get the information.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xYAdy7TKH9Q5SVErDdkGBucC4FvUcaWT/view?usp=sharing>

