

Beezette

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Warren County Ohio Beekeepers
Meeting at Lebanon Presbyterian Church
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NEXT MEETING:

Our next meeting is **Sunday October 9, 2022** at 1:30, and will meet at the Lebanon Presbyterian Church. Be sure to get a door prize ticket at the sign-in table.

The topic for the October meeting: How to Treat Varroa Mites via IPM (Integrated Pest Management) in Southwestern Ohio. Our speaker will be Mr. Paul Dorger. Paul has been a beekeeper since 2010. He sells locally raised Nucs in the spring, and was the WCOB Club President in 2019 and 2020.

Paul has provided us with supporting article information for October's Meeting:

The most difficult challenge facing beekeepers is treating varroa mites. Why? Because there is no best treatment and all are a little complicated and confusing. Consequently, many beekeepers do nothing, and this leads to either winter losses or weak colonies in the spring.

IPM stands for Integrated Pest Management. Because mites develop resistance to treatments, using different treatments during a year is recommended to slow any resistance. In October's meeting I will present a few IPM plans and explain their use and cost.

Whether you are able to join us at the meeting or not, try to watch some of the videos below. The university of Guelph Honeybee Research Center's videos can be found at: <https://hbrc.ca> .

University of Guelph Honey Bee Research Center:

Varroa Mite Control - Apivar, 6:51 minutes

Varroa Mite Control - Formic Pro, 7:05 minutes

Varroa Mite Control - Oxalic Acid, 2:36 minutes

Honey Bee Health Coalition:

How to Use Oxalic Acid to Control Varroa Mites, 6:44 minutes

How to Use Formic Acid to Control Varroa Mites, 5:41 minutes

How to Treat Varroa Mites with Essential Oils, 7:38 minutes

Introduction to Varroa Mites and Integrated Pest Management, 5:26 minutes

Regards,

Paul

SEPTEMBER MEETING: Our September Picnic held September 11th at Armco Park was a beautiful day. Thanks to all that took the time to come and share good food and bee conversation and knowledge.

MEMBERSHIP

- New members can apply at WarrenCountyOhioBeekeepers.org.
- If you have not done so already, renew your WCOB membership now for 2022. Member dues remain the same at \$20/individual and \$25/family. Registration is online. Fill out the form at: www.warrencountyohiobeekeepers.org/membership-application-or-renewal. Payments are made via PayPal, but a PayPal account is NOT required.

CONTRIBUTING THOUGHTS FROM GEOFF HULTGREN:

Many of us think that autumn is the best season, and it is a great time of year; however, it is a very busy time for beekeepers. As beekeepers we need to be thinking one season ahead, that is planning for winter now – you can bet your bees are! The queens are producing winter bees that will carry the colony through the winter, while the worker bees are evicting the free-loading drones. What should you be doing in the apiary? You should make sure that your colonies are strong going into the winter months. Treating for varroa mites is a very important task; if you haven't treated yet do not delay! Our speaker for the October meeting, Paul Dorger, will be discussing IPM (Integrated Pest Management) and treatment for mites. Paul is an engaging speaker and very knowledgeable about all aspects of beekeeping. You should also consider preparing your apiary for the winter.

This may be done by setting up windbreaks and wrapping the hives for insulation. Placing mouse guards in the entrances of the hives will keep the mice out and your hives clean. The University of Guelph You Tube channel, as always, can provide useful information for winterizing your hives. The university of Guelph Honeybee Research Center's videos can be found at: <https://hbrc.ca> .

Finally, save the date for our club's Christmas Party and officers election, more details will be in the upcoming Beezette. Please consider helping the club by volunteering for an officer's position. Geoff

CLUB NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

- Club members with a minimum of three years of beekeeping experience looking to mentor are welcome to fill out a Mentor Form on the club website.
- For members looking for mentors, Go to www.warrencountyohiobeekeepers.org/mentors.
- Calling bee enthusiasts, many hands make light work; please consider getting involved with the club in a volunteer position. A great way to learn and share bee experiences

Honey Extractor Rental

Warren County Ohio Beekeepers has a honey extractor that can be rented by members for \$5.00 per day. The Maxant 6 frame extractor is stored in a storage unit near Monroe Ohio.

To reserve the extractor go to our website www.warrencountyohiobeekeepers.org. From the menu, select Members>Reserve Honey Extractor. This page will describe the procedure for cleaning the extractor and also allow you to enter your name, email address, date you would like to pick up the extractor and number of days you will be using the extractor.

Once you complete and send the reservation form, our treasurer will verify your membership and availability of the extractor for the desired dates. If all is OK you will receive an email from the treasurer. The email will contain a link to the storage facility contact information. It also will include a password that lets the facility know that you have been approved for the extractor rental. The facility contact will provide you with a temporary gate code for the storage facility, the storage unit number and the location of the key. The extractor has a large wooden platform that should be used as it stabilizes the extractor during operation.

Please return the extractor clean and sanitized per the instructions. Once you have returned the extractor select Members>Return Extractor from the website menu. Once you complete the form on this page you will be directed to Paypal for the rental amount.

Any questions or comments should be directed to wcobeetreasurer@gmail.com.

Do you have an announcement to include in the Beezette, or a topic you'd like to hear covered at one of our meetings? Do you have ideas to benefit our club members and our bees? Let us know at the next meeting, or reach out to warrencountyohiobeekeepers@gmail.com or find us on FB.

