

Beezette

March, 2022



Warren County Ohio Beekeepers
Meeting at Lebanon Presbyterian Church
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NEXT MEETING

Sunday March 13, 2022 at the Lebanon Presbyterian Church.

The speaker at the March meeting will be Dwight Wells presenting **Swarm Control, Nuc and Swarm Trapping**".

Bio of Dwight Wells: President of West Central Ohio Beekeepers Association (WCOBA), Life Member and Board Director of Ohio State Beekeepers Association (OSBA) Life Member of Beekeepers of Indiana and Life Member of Pennsylvania Beekeepers Association. A founding member and Director of the Heartland Honey Bee Breeders Cooperative (HHBBC). A board member of the Ohio Pollinator Habitat Initiative and a member of The Honey Bee Health Coalition. A member of the Propolis Project that has partnered with Wright-Paterson Air Force Base, we have a lease with the US Defense Department that allows us to have Honey Bees on the base. Because of our work at WPAFB, the base is a Bee City USA. We have 15 Ohio Locally Adapted Colonies on the base in 3 bee yards. Founding Member of the Ohio Queen Bee Improvement project. LLC. Recently created Rescuing Feral Honey Bees under the Propolis Project. Started keeping bees in 1954 at age 14 as a Penn State 4H project.

FEBRUARY'S MEETING: Special thanks to our speakers. Gary Keuffer presented "Pollinator Gardens". George Anderson presented information on feeding and treating. Thanks also to Bella Bee Supply LLC., and House of Honey for donating door prizes.

MEMBERSHIP

- 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 <https://warrencountybeekeepers.org/join-us-2/>. Payments are made via PayPal, but a PayPal account is NOT required.
- If you are not already on our email list, please subscribe to "Meeting Reminders and Important Information Notifications" on the website.

A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hello fellow members of Warren County Ohio Beekeepers!

I want to take this opportunity to welcome our new members. Our 2022 Beginning Beekeeping class had a record of eighty attendees! For those of you who are new to beekeeping, I have a few recommendations:

1. Find a mentor; an experienced beekeeper who can assist you with our first year. WCOB can help with this. Simply log on to our website, or attend our monthly meetings

2. Attend our meetings on the second Sunday of every month at 1:30 at the Lebanon Presbyterian Church. There are always members who love to talk bees!
3. Make sure your equipment is ready to go and set up before your bees arrive.
4. Practice with your smoker; there are several different fuel sources available. Find one that works for you, and practice lighting your smoker. The smoker should remain lit for 15-20 minutes.
5. The internet can be useful to all beekeepers and there are several exceptional sites. The Center at the University of Guelph produces lots of very informative You Tube Videos. Check them out at www.uoguelph.ca/honeybee.

6. Get involved! We are an all-volunteer organization and need your skills and gifts. Finally, I would like to thank the officers and board members, who make this organization run so well. Our Vice President Bea Woodall, has done a wonderful job engaging speakers for the year. Past President Paul Dorger does an excellent job emceeding the Bee School. Treasurer, Alan DeJarnette keeps the club's financial records in order. Our outgoing Treasurer, Keith Mealy, spent a lot of time and effort getting the financial records organized. Rose DeJarnette keeps the club's online presence up and running.. Thanks to Eileen Hahn for her past help with Facebook and the club's online presence. Our Current Club Secretary, Pat Miller keeps the membership informed with the Beezette, the Club's newsletter. I believe that the increase in the meeting attendance is a direct result of the hard work by these folks.

I hope everyone is as excited about the coming spring as I am!

Geoff

CLUB NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

- February's meeting attendance was 24.
- The club's library is being updated. Please help by returning overdue books for catalog and sharing with our new beekeepers.
- Registration to the SWOBA Beekeeper School can be reached at: <https://warren.osu.edu/program-areas/agriculture-and-natural-resources/southwestern-ohio-beekeeper-school>. The event will be held on March 26, 2022 at the Oasis Conference Center in Loveland, Ohio.
- Apiary Registration information with the Ohio Department of Agriculture is available at <https://agri.ohio.gov/apiary>
- Here are a few learning opportunities to consider:
 - o Ohio State Beekeepers Association: www.ohiostatebeekeepers.com
 - You can gain a wealth of information and additional resources at this site, as well as subscribe!
 - o Brown County Beekeepers Association: <http://browncountybeekeepersassociation.org/>

WHAT TO DO FOR YOUR BEES IN MARCH

- Visit your apiary!
- Check your hive entrances for any blockage, and the areas around the hives for any signs of animal damage.
- On a sunny warm upper 50”s day, when the bees are flying, you can open the hive and check food stores. *Feed the colony if low on capped honey. Feed a pollen substitute.
- *Reverse hive bodies
- *Perform the first comprehensive inspection of the season.
- *Perform seasons first check for capped brood and brood pattern
- Check your equipment for repairs and cleaning (propolis chips off more easily in the cold). Build and repair woodenware.
- Check out a new book about bees.
 - o *noted from Beekeeping for dummies by Howland Blackiston.

Do you have an announcement you want to include in the Beezette or a topic you'd like to hear covered at one of our meetings? Let us know at the next meeting, or call us at warrencountyohiobeekeepers@gmail.com or find us on FB.

