

# Beezette

May, 2022



Warren County Ohio Beekeepers  
Meeting at Lebanon Presbyterian Church  
123 East Street, Lebanon, OH 45036

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## **NEXT MEETING**

Please note: there is NO MEETING IN MAY.

Our next meeting is **Sunday June 12, 2022** and will meet at **Caesar's Creek, at the observation hive.**

Hive Inspection will be presented by Geoff Hultgren. Evaluating Your Queen will be presented by George Anderson.

Special thanks to our speaker at the April meeting, Tom Davidson, who presented Chemical Control for Varroa Management.

Thanks also to Bella Bee Supply LLC., for donating door prizes. Door prizes were also donated by the club.

## **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

## **CONTRIBUTING THOUGHTS FROM PAUL DORGER:**

### **Spring Beekeeping - Part 2**

I am writing this on May 3, 2022. Winter seems safely behind us with more days in the 70s and Mother's Day celebrated this Sunday. If your bees are not building up there is a problem. If you installed a new package and the queen was released, she may be under-mated. If so, best to replace her ASAP. Start with a call to the package provider and explain the problem, they may send a replacement queen at no charge.

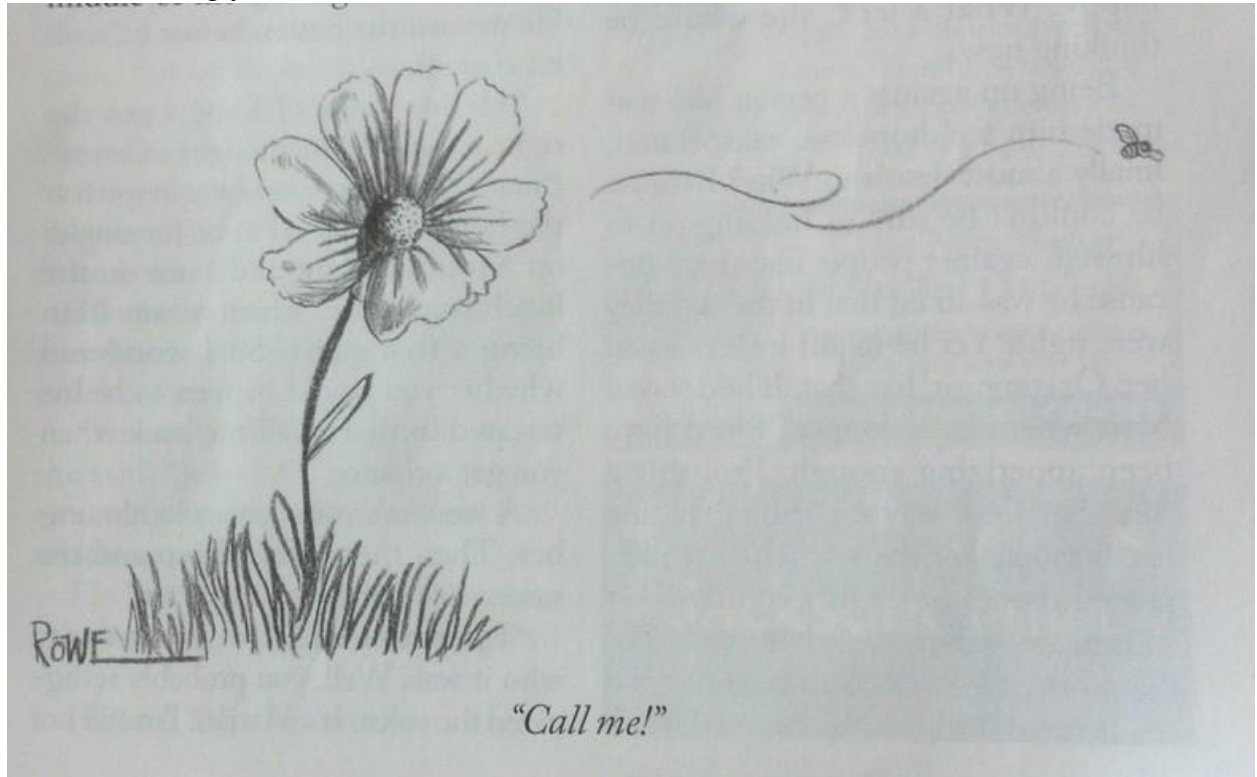
When I started beekeeping in 2010, I was enthralled with all aspects of my new hobby. I read a lot of books and journals, watched lots of videos and asked lots of questions of more experienced beekeepers. In a previous Beezette I recommended the University of Guelph's library of excellent YouTube videos. In this issue I recommend Randy Oliver's web site

ScientificBeekeeping.com. <https://scientificbeekeeping.com/first-year-care-for-your-nuc/>

It is a treasure trove of information with lots of factual data and helpful information. The URL above will take you to a page on "first year beekeeping". Randy Oliver has done lots of research on varroa management, and you will find several articles addressing the various pros and cons of each treatment method. It is more than the average person can read in a single session, but if you

stick with it and persevere it will be worth the effort. What I like about the site is its use of the scientific method to reach conclusions. Most of us hobbyist beekeepers don't have enough hives to conduct accurate studies, not so with Mr. Oliver. While he is located in northern California, a climate dissimilar to ours here in southwestern Ohio, lots of his practices transfer to our climate. While there are lots of issues to address in beekeeping, varroa management is among the most important, because if you do nothing and adopt a laissez-faire attitude, you will likely lose your bees after two or three years and possibly cause problems for other beekeepers.

I hope the cartoon below doesn't offend anyone. I hope everyone has a great May and I look forward to seeing you in June.



## CLUB NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

- Mentors are available to help new beekeepers. You can reach out by:
- Inquiring at the monthly meeting.
- Go-to->[www.warrencountybeekeepers.org](http://www.warrencountybeekeepers.org). Welcome->Contact Us
- Go-To->[www.warrencountybeekeepers.org](http://www.warrencountybeekeepers.org) Members->Scroll down to Mentors Map
- There is also a "FACEBOOK: FOLLOW THE BEE' link on this site.
- Email to->[WarrenCountyOhioBeekeepers@gmail.com](mailto:WarrenCountyOhioBeekeepers@gmail.com)
- If you are a new member or someone looking for help to our website, please ask one of the officers at the next meeting, or email: [warrencountyohiobeekeepers@gmail.com](mailto:warrencountyohiobeekeepers@gmail.com)
- Calling bee enthusiasts, many hands make light work, please consider getting involved with the club. A great way to learn and share bee experiences.
- Mark your calendars: the September meeting is a picnic! A great way to give and get bee experience. More information to come.

- 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](http://www.ohiostatebeekeepers.com) o
  - Brown County Beekeepers Association:  
<http://browncountybeekeepersassociation.org/>

Do you have an announcement 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 reach out to [warrencountyohiobeekeepers@gmail.com](mailto:warrencountyohiobeekeepers@gmail.com) or find us on FB.

