

Beezette

May, 2023

Warren County Ohio Beekeepers
Meeting at Lebanon Presbyterian Church
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NEXT MEETING: June 11, 2023

Our next meeting is Sunday, June 11, 2023 at 1:30, and will meet at the Lebanon Presbyterian Church. **NOTE: There is no May Bee Meeting due to Mothers Day:** Make note on your planning calendars. Due to Mother's Day falling on the second Sunday of the month, the club does not meet in May.

The speaker at our June meeting will be Terry Lieberman-Smith, presenting 'Nucs - An Insurance Policy for your apiary'.

BIO: Terry Lieberman-Smith runs and is the owner/manager of Smith Farm Pure Honey which produces estate bottled honey and other hive-based products. Terry is dedicated to non-chemical beekeeping, integrated pest management and educating beekeepers and the general public on all things beekeeping. She co-teaches the annual 6 session Beginner Beekeeping Class for Greene County Parks & Trails. She has served as OSBA President, Vice-President, Conference Coordinator, Newsletter Editor, and grant writer. She is currently Communications Officer for Greene County Beekeepers, and has been a past board member of Miami Valley Beekeepers. In her spare time, she teaches beekeeping and mentors new-bees.

Our club expert for "What To Do in the Month Ahead" will be Paul Dorger sharing information about honey extraction.

At the April Meeting:

Mr. Bob Hooker presented **Swarm Management/splits and more.**

Joe Hahn was the guest expert for "What To Do in the Month Ahead". Joe brought and demonstrated three options of equipment crafted to collect bee swarms. His years of experience and learned knowledge provides great practical information and conversation.

CLUB NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Meeting sign-in:	<u>1:20-1:30</u>
Speaker Introduction & Presentation:	<u>1:30-2:15</u>
Questions:	<u>2:15-2:30</u>
Club Member Demonstration & What To Do in the month ahead:	<u>2:30-2:45</u>
Social (Door prizes & Snacks).	<u>2:45-3:05</u>

At the April meeting:

Door Prizes for the April meeting were donated by Happbeeacres, and Paul Dorger. Thanks to Eileen Hahn, Alan and Rose DeJarnette and Pat Miller for providing snacks and drinks.

Door prize winners were:

- Woodenware feeding tray....Hope Barnett
- Bee embroidered apron.....Laura Adkins

There were 34 attendees at the April meeting.

MEMBERSHIP

- Member Benefits: Warren County Ohio Beekeepers is funded by the annual dues paid by members and bee school attendees. These dues support the activities of the organization such as speaker fees for monthly meetings and the annual bee school, facility rental for the bee school, refreshments for the annual picnic and Christmas party, door prizes for meetings, 4-H sponsorships, and administrative expenses. In return, the member benefits include:
 - mentoring for those that need it
 - listing on the mentor map for those that would like to be mentors
 - listing on the website swarm and product sales maps
 - rental of the organization's extractor at nominal cost
 - voting in club elections
 - registering for meeting door prizes
 - and most of all the fellowship with your fellow beekeepers!

IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW!

- Membership dues are due on January 1st of each year. If you have not done so already, renew your WCOB membership now for 2023. Member dues remain the same at \$20/individual and \$25/family. Registration is online. Fill out the form at: <https://warrencountyohiobeekeepers.org/join-or-renew-with-paypal/>

- Payments are made via PayPal, but a PayPal account is NOT required.
- 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.
- Send an email with your comments or questions to info@warrencountyohiobeekeepers.org
- A more complete list of responsibilities for our board positions is documented and posted on the WCOB website under "Members" at www.warrencountyohiobeekeepers.org/members/officer-job-responsibilities/

WCOB Club Officers:

President – Paul Dorger

Vice President – Bea Woodall

Treasurer – Alan DeJarnette

Web Manager - Rose DeJarnette

Director of

Education - Currently an open position.

Secretary – Pat Miller

- Our WCOB Vice-President, Beatrice Woodall, has accepted a position with the Ohio State Beekeepers Association as a Regional Director, the Miami Valley Region. This covers Preble, Montgomery, Greene, Fayette, Butler, Warren, Clinton, Hamilton and Clermont Counties.
- WCOB Business meetings are scheduled via Zoom on the second Wednesday of each month from 7:00-8:20p.m.
- Digistitch is currently digitizing the logo selected for WCOB apparel. A new link coming soon to our website will enable you to shop and purchase clothing with the logo.
- Thank you to Patty and Wayne Siebert who volunteered to be our September 10, 2023 Picnic Coordinators. Be sure and offer to give them a hand at the next meeting.
- Please consider signing up online to bring drinks or a snack for our June meeting.
- Haley Adkins, a WCOB scholarship recipient and 4-H Member thanked the club for supporting her beekeeping project with a thank you. She is pictured below with WCOB President Paul Dorger:



CONTRIBUTING THOUGHTS FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

Old beekeepers know the rhyme, but here it is for new beekeepers.

"A swarm in May is worth a load of hay. A swarm in June, a silver spoon, but a swarm in July is not worth a fly."

Here in our area of the country, the main, and best, nectar flows are over by July. So a swarm in July, if hived by the beekeeper, will typically need to be fed if it is to survive winter. Hence, a late summer swarm is a mixed blessing. If it survives winter healthy and strong, it is worth the trouble. If not, you know first-hand what those elders were talking about.

The easiest and best way to prevent swarming, although not guaranteed, is to make sure the bees have adequate space. If your honey supers are 70% full, add another one.

Best regards,

Paul

- Referenced from **“Beekeeping for dummies by Howland Blackiston from the Beekeeping Calendar for May:**
- Check for eggs/queen.
- Install new bees in hive
- Season’s first check for capped brood and brood pattern.
- Look for swarm cells
- Add queen excluder and honey supers
- Add supers for surplus honey
- Test for varroa mites
- Treat for varroa mites

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 info@warrencountyohiobeekeepers.org.

