

Beezette

August 2024

Warren County Ohio Beekeepers

Meeting at: Lebanon Presbyterian Church

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Next Meeting:

Our August meeting will be on **Sunday, August 11 at 1:30pm, at the church**. Our speakers will be Liz and Kevin Jones, owners of *HappBee Acres Bee Supply*. Their talk will be: ***Winter is Coming...Are you Ready? Summer Integrated Pest Management (IPM) and other Winter Preparations.*** (Yes, winter preparation in our part of the country starts in August!)

Speaker Bio: The Jones's story began with a tree full of bees that fell. Ok, more like years of research culminating in a tree full of bees that fell. After rescuing those bees, a passion was found. They did many cutouts, removals, swarm retrievals, and made lots of splits to grow their apiary. However, work was getting in the way of the passion. Serendipitously, an opportunity arose and they decided to sell their tree care business. They spent the next year growing their apiaries and producing honey for the local community. Purchasing lots of equipment in the spring, they were ready for the upcoming year...2019. Turns out, no one was ready for 2019. With the shutdowns and supply chain issues our local beekeepers were in a bind trying to get equipment. Kevin and Liz offered to sell the extra equipment they had purchased to help everyone out. They ended up going to get more, selling it, and then getting even more! This exposed a need in the community. They decided to change their business name from *HappBee Acres Honey* to *HappBee Acres Bee Supply*. In 2020 they officially opened their doors and have been helping the community in ways they never imagined. Equipment, bees and honey aside, they offer classes, education and field days to help local beekeepers be successful. Having already shipped to 47 states, a few countries and vendors at national bee conferences, helping those within driving distance in their priority. Its an honor to help rebuild the community that generations ahead will benefit from.

September meeting: Save the Date! Our club will have our **annual picnic** on Sunday, September 8 from 1 – 4pm at Warren County Armco Park, (shelter # 33), 1223 N. State Rt. 741, Lebanon, Ohio 45036.

Bring a dish to share. The club will be supplying fried chicken. **Please RSVP on our WCOB website so we will know how much chicken to purchase.** You are welcome to bring pollinator plants to share as well as selling/donating any **UNUSED** bee equipment.

OSBA Fall Conference:

Ohio State Beekeepers Association will be holding annual Fall Conference on October 25 – 26th at Central State University in Wilberforce Ohio, very close to our area. There are many informative speakers and presenters lined up. The cost is \$60 for OSBA members, \$80 for non-members. A \$5 discount will be given if you register by August 3rd. For more information and registration, go to <https://ohiostatebeekeepers.org/fall-conference>

Looking for another apiary?

The owner of a sixteen-acre farm in Maineville is interested in having someone place hives on their property with the goal of learning the process of beekeeping. If interested, contact the treasurer at wcoebetreasurer@gmail.com for more information.

What To Do in the Month Ahead:

- Referenced from “*Beekeeping for Dummies*” by Howland Blackiston from the Beekeeping Calendar for August:
 - Test / Treat for Varroa mites.
 - Evaluate queen’s productivity and replace her if needed.
 - Harvest honey.
 - Begin prepping the hive for winter (this will be covered in our August meeting.)

General Club Information:

MEMBERSHIP

- Membership renewals for 2024 continue to be accepted. Membership dues are due on January 1st of each year. 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.

Mentors

- 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. It's a great way to learn and share "beek" knowledge and experiences. Send an email with your comments or questions to warrencountyohiobeekeepers@gmail.com

WCOB Club Officers:

<u>President</u>	Paul Dorger
<u>Vice President</u>	Laura Fazekas
<u>Treasurer</u>	Alan DeJarnette
<u>Web Manager</u>	Rose DeJarnette
<u>Director of Education</u>	Beatriz (Bea) Woodall
<u>Secretary</u>	Dian Danino

A list of responsibilities for our board positions is posted on the WCOB website under "Members" at www.warrencountyohiobeekeepers.org/members/officer-job-responsibilities/

WCOB logo hats, shirts and outerwear can now be purchased online. Go to our website warrencountyohiobeekeepers.org, then click on Members/WCOB Logo Wear.



HONEY EXTRACTOR RENTAL

Warren County Ohio Beekeepers has a honey extractor that can be rented by members for \$5.00 per day. Any questions or comments should be directed to wcobetreasurer@gmail.com.