

THE BEE HERDER

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MCBA September Meeting

Monday, September 18, 2023

Medina County District Library 210 S Broadway St, Medina, OH 44256 Meeting

Room A and/or B

Q&A 6:30PM-7PM

Presentation 7PM-8:30 PM

Topic: Making Hive Products from your Hives

Emily Mueller from Mueller Honey Bee Rescue will discuss ways to make products from your beehives. Emily owns and operates [Mueller Honey Bee Rescue](#) in Akron, Ohio. A business centered on raising awareness about honeybees while also completing hundreds of cutouts and swarm removals over the past decade. She served as a County Apiary Inspector from 2014-2017.



Over the last ten years, Emily and her husband, Ryan, have teamed together to remove hundreds of swarms and colonies from a variety of unique places. Emily is very active within the beekeeping community, offering pollinator classes to children in public school, homeschool, and educational center settings, private adult lessons, and teaching classes to new beekeepers.

Class Info:

Learn the endless list of products you can make for your family and friends and set yourself apart from other Beekeepers. Want to start selling something but don't know what?

This class will show you a long list of things you can create and how to do it! This class answers:

- How do I sell my honey?
- What can I make from my house?
- What else can I sell?
- How to make cut comb.
- How can I sell in stores?
- Do I need a license or insurance?

Ten Minutes with the Bees

by *Paul Kosmos, MCBA President*

The Bee Yard in September

Do you Smell the Goldenrod?

For the first time in a while my bees have been very active and I see them on the Goldenrod. I'm also hearing from most of you that your bees have been equally active. But I haven't yet enjoyed that rich aroma. Hope it happens soon!

A great use of thermal imaging. Yvonne Gibson recently sent me information on a call she had for bee removal. After climbing a ladder to the top of the roof, she discovered that the bees were somewhere in a triple chimney. She was not sure how they would determine where exactly they were located.

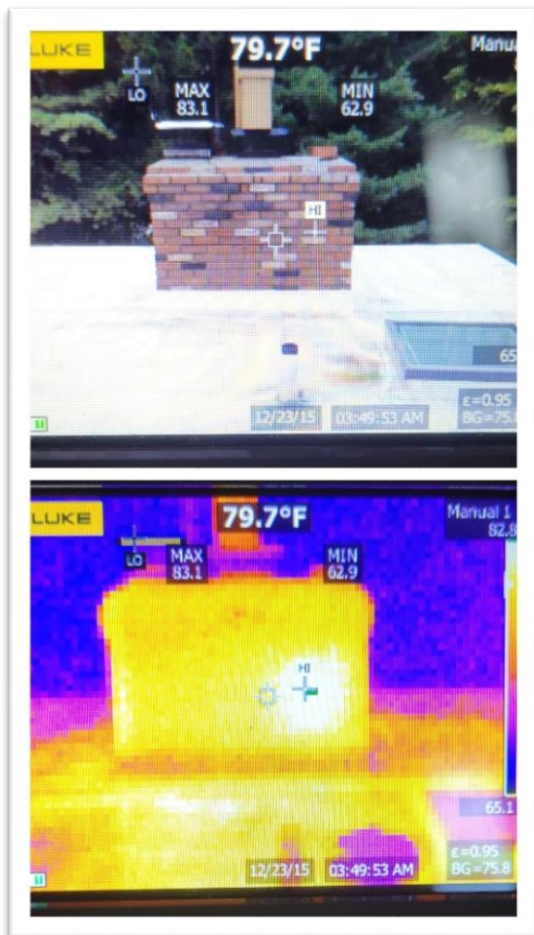
Turns out the owner worked for NASA and had access to thermal imaging equipment. This is the same type of equipment some beekeepers use to check where the bees are in their hives in winter.

It was fun learning something new about a great use of equipment. How much easier would this make most bee removals?

Food for winter. I know this is repetitious, but don't forget to check your hives to make sure they have enough winter stores!!!

Varroa Mites. Lastly, this will be the last reminder for this year regarding checking and/or treating for Mites in your hives. It is a bit of work, but the result can be a healthy hive better able to make it through the winter. You'll love yourself come Spring!

There is a ton less capped brood in your hives now, making it an excellent chance to knock the mites down since they are mostly phoretic (few cells to hide in).



One Type of Treatment - Formic Pro on the Lower Deep

UPCOMING EVENTS

Lorain County Beekeepers Fall Intro to Beekeeping Class

Saturday, September 23, 2023

Life Church, 1033 Elm Street, Grafton, Ohio 44044
10AM-Noon

An introduction to beekeeping to provide you with an overview of the equipment you need to start your first hive, the honeybee life-cycle, pests and diseases.

Cost: \$20

[Click here to register](#)

Greater Cleveland Beekeepers Beginner Beekeeping Class

Saturday, October 7, 2023

Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds, Building 30, 19201 E Bagley Road, Middleburg Heights, Ohio 44130
6PM

MCBA October Meeting

Monday, October 16, 2023

Medina County District Library 210 S Broadway St, Medina, OH 44256 Meeting Room A and/or B Q&A
6:30PM-7PM; presentation 7PM-8:30 PM

Topic: Four Corners Discussion

Ohio State Beekeepers Association Fall Conference October 27-28, 2023

Ohio Agricultural Research & Development Center (OARDC)

1680 Madison Ave. (at State Route 302 east and State Route 83) just south of Wooster.

Friday 5PM-9PM

Saturday 8AM-6PM

Registration opens September 1.

OSBA members - \$55

Non-member - \$65

Visit <https://ohiostatebeekeepers.org/fall-conference/> for more information

MCBA November Meeting

Monday, November 20, 2023

Medina County District Library 210 S Broadway St, Medina, OH 44256 Meeting Room A and/or B Q&A
6:30PM-7PM; presentation 7PM-8:30 PM

Topic: Jerry Hayes – Bee Culture Editor

Save the Date

Medina Beekeepers Annual
Christmas Party

Monday, December 18



State of Ohio Bee Inspector
Barb Bloetscher has retired
after 25 years of service.

Best of luck to Barb in her
retirement – she will be
missed!

Medina County Beekeepers thanks Richardson Farms

If you've volunteered at the Medina County Fair and sold honey, entered a bee product or baked good for judging, or brought the family in to the Ag Building to check out the bees and buy some honey sticks, you've benefited from the Department Sponsor, **Richardson Farms**.

Richardson Farms in Lafayette Township has been an area staple for six generations, raising local fruits, vegetables, and herbs. After the Civil War, the Richardson family began farming in Brooklyn Heights, Ohio before moving to Medina. Richardson's raises cows, chickens, turkeys, pigs – and bees! Bill Richardson is a member of the Medina Beekeepers and has a wealth of knowledge about beekeeping, honey, and apiary management from a small-farm perspective.



Bill Richardson and his son, **Ben**, and daughter-in-law, **Stefanie**, are also members of the Medina County Farm Bureau and have been heavily involved with the Medina County Fair for many years – from greeting fair attendees in the Ag Building and hosting free discussions on vegetable gardening to sponsoring the Bee Department, the Richardson's dedication to improving farming practices and quality local food is apparent in all they do. They practice what they preach – their farm store is full of items from local small businesses – from jams, jellies, and candies to breads, popcorn, and English muffins.



Richardson's market is at 6984 Lafayette Road, but they also have a booth at the Medina Farmer's Market on Saturdays and attend other local farmer's markets during the season. Bill, Ben, and Stef are knowledgeable and helpful, always willing to take time to answer questions about all aspects of the farm – from overwintering mums, to the turkey's diets, to best native plants for supporting our favorite pollinators – Richardson's has been a staple in Medina County, and the Medina County Beekeepers are grateful for their continued support!

Field Day Recap

On Sunday, September 10, **Kate Reusch** conducted inspections on the club hives at the Bee Yard near the Medina County Parks headquarters building. The plan involved pulling Formic Pro from Hive One, evaluating fall flow to determine food stores, a discussion of feeding options, and installing mouse guards.

Thanks to everyone who came out!



Observation Hive Update



On September 1, **Shari Baker** and **Sharon Carpenter** spruced up the observation hive at the Medina County Library. They added three frames of honey and cleaned up some burr comb.

Thanks for helping to keep the next generation interested in our favorite pollinators!

Medina County Bee Inspector **Michael Mohn** shared this interesting link about the health of our bees.

[Even on Farms, Bees Look For a Balanced Diet](#)

Get a bee's eye view of your landscape

[Beescape](#) is a web-based tool developed by Penn State University to help beekeepers, gardeners, urban planners, growers, researchers, and land managers assess the quality of their landscapes for supporting bees and other pollinators. Bees can fly up to 3 miles (5 kilometers) from their nest to find food, and Beescape provides an easy way for you to explore the landscapes surrounding your location.

After launching Beescape, select your location by entering your address or by manually navigating to your location using the web interface. Beescape will return information on habitat quality, the economic impact of pollinators, land use, climate, and more. Visit <https://pollinators.psu.edu/bee-health/beescape> to view more information.

OSBA Fall Conference – Have you registered?

The Ohio State Beekeepers Association Fall Conference will be held at Fisher Auditorium and Shisler Conference Center on the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center (OARDC) campus, located at 1680 Madison Ave. (at State Route 302 east and State Route 83) just south of Wooster. Confirmed speakers include:

- **Stephen Scheel** of Steve's Bees;
- **Ron Zickefoose**;
- **Barbara Bloetscher**;
- **Jeff Gabric**;
- **Dwight Wilson**;
- **Dave Noble**;
- **Joe Kovaleski**;
- **Dr. Tracy Farone**;
- **Dr. Reed Johnson**.

Registration is live, \$55 for OSBA members and \$65 for non-members. Visit [OSBA Fall Conference](#) for more information and to register.

More info on bees in chimneys

In his Ten Minutes article this month, Paul shared **Yvonne Gibson's** experience with a unique chimney extraction. Yvonne also shared some additional information she found about bees in chimneys.

<https://swarmcatcher.co.uk/removing-bees-in-a-chimney/>

Member **Renee Moore** shared this interesting article about using drones to modernize agriculture

[How NE Ohio man's using drones to protect planet, modernize agriculture](#)

2022 MCBA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL

MCBA offers webinars and lectures, a monthly newsletter, the opportunity to sell honey at the county fair, and email updates. \$20 for emailed or \$25 for a printed, mailed newsletter. Membership includes one family member in activities other than voting.

Renew your membership [online here](#) or complete the form below, make a check payable to **Medina County Beekeepers Association**, and mail to Medina Beekeepers, PO BOX 1353, Medina, Ohio 44258.

Membership Form - Please complete so that we have current roster information for the newsletters!

Member Name _____

Email address (please print) _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone # _____ (Optional) # of colonies _____