



Greater Cleveland
Beekeepers Association
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THE HONEYBEE TIMES

President's Message

Hello to all the Greater Cleveland Beekeepers, I hope you are staying warm because it certainly is not warm outside, but chin-up we're close enough till spring March the 20th to start a countdown. Make sure you are monitoring those colonies for resources, we always have a few days in the sixties or better to do a hive inspection, if you feel it is a must, keep entrances cleaned out of dead bees with a coat hanger or with something similar. We started beginner beekeeping classes this month Feb. 2nd and of course we expect to see everyone there to offer support to all the new-bees, you can expect to see a New Look at our meetings a bit more cheerful and up-beat. GCBA has great plans this year and we want you to be a part of them, plans for the Cuyahoga County Fair bee yard, make it an attractive garden for all to enjoy, smoker contests at regular meetings, starting this meeting a contest concerning the HONEYBEE Times, come and see what I mean, and more to come.

See Ya There!

Denzil

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February Meeting & Beginner Class

02/09/2022

Cuyahoga County Fair Grounds

Building #25

Doors open at 6:30pm

Meeting begins at 7:00pm

Board Meeting 02/15/22

same place @6:30pm

The Inspector's Corner

All quiet in the Inspectors Corner State Inspections are shut down until April 1st, So I'm kind of in "time out".

Registered Beekeepers should be getting their renewal letters in the mail soon. If you're planning on buying Nucs, please make sure it's a reputable seller and have been inspected by the State also you need to stay away from used equipment. We have had out breaks of AFB 2021. Hope to see you all in the spring and summer.

Thanks,

Phil Bartosh

Cuyahoga County Apiary Inspector



See what happened at our last meeting.

Honey Comb Production isn't a MYSTERY anymore!

Thank you Jeremy Workman



Greater Cleveland Beekeepers Association

Beginning Beekeeping Classes



This four-part course is designed for anyone interested in becoming a backyard beekeeper, no experience is necessary. Basic honey bee biology, beekeeping techniques, required equipment, best management practices, and more will be presented.

The Greater Cleveland Beekeepers Association's mission is to promote interest in beekeeping through education, training, and community awareness.

First class was all a BUZZ....



BUZZ....



BUZZ....



Renew your GCBA membership today!



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GCBA Membership Registration

New Renewal

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Annual Membership cost is \$20.00 per family. Membership in Greater Cleveland Beekeepers Association means you can learn and enjoy a new hobby, keep current with beekeeping, and meet other beekeeping members who live in the Greater Cleveland area.

GCBA monthly meetings are focused on educational topics including beekeeping best management practices, current events in beekeeping, research, and hive health.

Register at a GCBA monthly meeting or see more options on our website.

Your personal information is for club use only and will not be shared with anyone.

I acknowledge the risks involved in beekeeping activities which include and not limited to: stings, falls, shock, allergic reactions and personal injury. I agree to hold harmless the Greater Cleveland Beekeepers Association free from any liability, including financial responsibility for injuries or property damages, regardless of whether injuries are caused by negligence in the State of Ohio.

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APPLICATION FOR APIARY REGISTRATION

PLEASE INCLUDE PAYMENT WITH APPLICATION ON OR BEFORE JUNE 1

Form section for company information including fields for COMPANY NAME, ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP, PHONE, EMAIL, and COUNTY. Includes checkboxes for 'Registered previously', 'Additional Locations', and 'New beekeeper'.

Payment is required with application. Applications postmarked after June 1st are subject to a \$10.00 late filing fee.
Fee of \$5.00 per apiary location (property address) made payable to the "Ohio Department of Agriculture"
Number of Locations: @ \$5.00 each = Total Amount Due \$
Payment by check or money order only; Payment Method: Check # Money Order #
PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH

Table with 7 columns: Hive Location, # of Colonies, County, Township, Location Information (Address, City, Zip Code), Property Owner's Name, and Beekeepers (YES/NO). Contains 5 rows for location registration.

*Please write on back of form to provide inspector with additional directions and/or hive location information, if needed. (GPS Coordinates are helpful and appreciated; please indicate by Longitude and Latitude, in Decimal Degrees.)

My signature below certifies that the information provided above is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

SIGNATURE: DATE:



Already February and the Fair is just 7 months away!

With the first GCBA board meeting of the new year behind us we now have a full Board and a brand-new Fair Chair in place. Thank you, Tom Kennish, for volunteering to take us into our second year of the Fair Chair program. I will be working with Tom to plan this year's fair by adding phase two to our projected goals from 2021. It was a great year and implementing the new ideas going forward will only improve on the interest in the Bee Yard, the Bee barn and beekeeping as well. Please support the Fair this year!

This year we are looking at the following ideas:

Beautification of the Bee Yard

Banners and signage to compliment what we already have in place.

The 2022 Motto...last year was the Helen Keller quote ...'Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much'.

Ideas to add to the bee barn.... inviting other entities such as landscaping, gardening, sustainability programs, wildlife, Metro parks, Butterflies, Mason Bees, anyone who works with nature.

A nice professional ad to place in the fair book.

Possibility to put a link or ad on the CCF website.

A schedule of events that we could make available to the fairgoers, listing a time each day when we might offer a class.

Signage outside the building to invite the public in....

We are looking into radio promotions

The list only ends where the imagination runs out, so I will just stop for now!

Tom and I and, the fair board will need everyone's help to make this year's fair the best! So, step up, volunteer, and share your ideas with us. What are your talents and skills?

We will be available at meetings, or you can send an email to Tom Kennish or myself. We look forward to working with everybody.

Watch for updates!

Tom Kennish tkennish@gmail.com

Sheila St. Clair info@queenrightcolonies.com

Thank You, Sheila St. Clair

Congratulations to our 50/50 Raffle Winner!!!

Tom Kennish

Don't forget to get yours at the beginning of every meeting.



Collected: \$124.00; Split: \$62.00

As the Club is providing Coffee at our Meetings, we thank the Members who have brought pastry and candy each month. It is greatly appreciated!



We are pleased to share our Community Educators

The Greater Cleveland Beekeepers Association was pleased to do the first of four quarterly daytime presentations at the Cleveland MetroParks Rocky River Nature Center on January 11, 2022.

Members and Officers in attendance were: Larry Theurer, Brenda Theurer, Phil Bartosh, Sarah Marie and Bob Kostya.

The program was an introduction to Beginner Beekeeping and was favorably met with good questions asked.

Stay tuned for the date of the next presentation there!!!





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Recipe Submitted by: Sarah Marie



IT'S GAME DAY !



Hot honey baked wings

Yield: 4 servings

Ingredients

- 1 ½ pounds bone-in chicken wings
- 1 tablespoon melted butter
- ½ cup honey
- ½ tablespoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon pepper
- ½ tablespoon cajun seasoning
- ½ tablespoon garlic powder
- ¼ cup olive oil
- 1 cup hot sauce
- ½ tablespoon fresh parsley

Directions

Preheat oven to 365 degrees. Place chicken in a bowl large enough for mixing. Dry the

wings with paper towels for crispy wings. Combine baking powder, salt, pepper, garlic powder and cajun seasoning in a small bowl. Set to the side. Coat the wings with olive oil. Add in all dry seasonings and mix well. Place the coated wings on a half sheet pan lined with parchment paper. Place into preheated oven. The wings should cook for 45 minutes (or until internal temperature reaches 165 degrees), turning them half way through. Meanwhile, in a small saucepan, combine hot sauce, melted butter and honey and mix well. Simmer on medium- to-low heat for 5-8 minutes. When the wings are finished baking, toss with hot honey sauce in a large bowl. Serve immediately; garnish with fresh parsley.





Do you have a question for Buzz the Beekeeper?

Ask anything!

Send your questions to our “contact” button on our website.

Questions will be chosen, answered, and published in next month’s edition.

<https://www.greaterclevelandbeekeepers.com/contact/>





Dear Buzz the Beekeeper, I have a question.

Buzz The Beekeeper:

I'm a new beekeeper this year, starting classes soon. Thought I would use the Langstroth hive taught in my local classes, but recently I have had a few people suggest, I use the Flow Hive or a Warre Hive. Can you give me your opinion, pros and cons on these two types of hives?

Good question, first common problems with both pieces of equipment. Availability is the first issue, neither are commonly used and as a result finding them locally no matter where you live is difficult, which means look, touch, and feel are out of the question. Finding replacement parts or supplement pieces of equipment/information is also difficult and a new beekeeper will not understand what those additional pieces are and if they are necessary to his or her type of beekeeping, lacking the necessary expertise.

Problems with the Flow Hive specifically: Foremost the Flow Hive is very expensive over \$1,000.00 and even at this price it is not a complete set-up, prices have come down in the past few years however, for knock off flow type hives. You could purchase four complete Langstroth type colonies for this price, the flow type equipment is usually used one to two years and then discarded. You will need additional locally produced support equipment and with that comes,



“will the two different supplier’s equipment marry well?”.



Buzz the Beekeeper Continued:

Some of the knock-off equipment is terribly manufactured, I think from China and a new-beekeeper will not be aware of any problem until items are in hand and not working. Honey directly from the hive in this manner sounds good, but without proper filtering the honey will prematurely granulate, and to properly process this honey eliminates the convenience aspects of this type of hive. Also, the temptation of taking unripe honey by a novice is real, further the temptation to treat for mite with consumable honey still on the colony is real. Robbing may also become an issue as taking the honey, with an open container of honey or the aroma of honey fluttering through the air can last from minutes to hours. This information is in regard to a new beekeeper not an experienced beekeeper! I know of NO positive aspects of the Flow Hive not even convenience!

Now for the specifics of the Warre type equipment: There are two main problems of Warre Hive, first the non-traditional frames will require a modified extractor because these frames will not fit a conventional extractor. Second, some, not all Warre equipment use an upper entrance which makes working bees very difficult. Because the first operation is to remove the upper entrance of the colony, which agitates bees to the max immediately and once irritated they can stay that way for some time. I know of no reason a (new beekeeper) should use anything but standard equipment!

In spite of what is indicated above I am always an advocate of experiments on the behalf of knowledgeable, experienced beekeepers, not a ***new-bee!*** New beekeepers should always shy away for anything not taught in class such as top bar, Styrofoam hives, eight frame until such a time as experience allows for expansion into other areas of beekeeping.

Buzz the Beekeeper

Beekeeping Terminology

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S U S N H M W U O E W H S P E E D A M E
A N L A O T M E U D A O H B E N F B Y E
F U A X N R E E Z L X N Q E V B W S Q B
K S R E E A A N U S G E S E I E I C K N
C O E P Y T V L P G N Y E K H E I O W E
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S P M S C T X S T G C Q R E K O M S D G

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APIARY	DISEASES	ITALIAN	QUEENLESS
APIS MELLIFERA	DRONE	LARVA	SKEP
BEEHIVE	EGGS	MATING FLIGHT	SMOKER
BEEKEEPER	EXTRACTOR	NECTAR	SOCIAL
BEE SUIT	FONDANT	NUCLEOUS	STING
BROOD	GLOVES	PIPING	SUPERSEDURE
BUCKFAST	HIVE TOOL	POLLEN	SWARMING
CLUSTER	HONEY	PROPOLIS	WAX
COMB	HONEY SUPERS	QUEEN BEE	WORKER BEE

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GCBA and
Sarah Marie!**



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GCBA events held throughout the year:

- Field Day in May
- Picnic in July
- Special Event in September
- Car Show in September
- County Fair Booth in August
- Holiday Party in December

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