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President's Message

Hello to all,

October is here! After a remarkably warm September, October is starting off quite nicely. Out in the bee yard, the girls are bringing in the last of Goldenrod nectar and pollen; drones are being pushed out of the hives in preparation of winter. This is the bee's natural way of reducing the hive. I noticed that the queen is starting to lay fewer eggs, the empty cells are being filled with pollen and nectar, and the girls are getting the hives ready for winter. I've spoken with several beekeepers who are having problems with hive beetles and are taking the necessary steps to control this pest before winter. Remember, we want strong, healthy hives before the snow flies.

I'm checking my hives for winter stores and they are right on track. The queen is in the bottom box with ample supplies and brood. The second box is supplied quite nicely and I'm leaving a honey super on that's almost full. This should be full very soon. I haven't wrapped or insulated yet but will do that with an eye to the weather. I've got most of the material on hand to do this. Are we ready? I hope so, but only time will tell.

On another note, the club is always looking for new people to help lead and teach others about beekeeping. Just like in a hive, we need workers to make sure everything runs smoothly so think about what you can do for GCBA!

Dennis

Upcoming Events

OCTOBER 14TH GCBA MEETING

Rocky River Nature Center

7-9PM



The Four Pillars of Beekeeping, Sponsored by Bee Culture

Saturday and Sunday **October 24th and 25th** Medina, Ohio

See Bee Culture's website for registration information



OHIO STATE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

Fall Conference Saturday October 31st, 2015

Plain City, Ohio

Details on the OSBA website

(See newsletter entry from the VP of OSBA)



October Newsletter Announcements

MITE CHECK

Did you do a mite check on your hive?

If so we would like to know what you found so we can compile the results for the hives in our area.

Email Allyson May at acesaviators@gmail.com

With the following information:

Date of the mite check, # of mites per 100 bees

Treatment or intervention



Do you have honey to extract?

GCBA will offer another opportunity to extract honey

WHEN Saturday October 17th

TIME: 12-5pm

WHERE: Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds (Berea)

In the Bee Barn

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Call Larry Theurer to schedule an appointment

@ 216-741-3798

Honey must be capped

Frames will be evaluated prior to extraction

FEE: \$25 or 2 lbs of honey (to be used at GCBA events)



CHURCH HIVE RAFFLE

Ticket price is reduced to \$5

Don't worry if you already bought a ticket you now will have 2 chances to win this beautiful hive.

THIS RAFFLE WILL BE EXTENDED

Until 60 tickets are sold.



OFFICER NOMINATIONS

It is almost that time of year!!

In November we have nominations for next year's GCBA officers. In December we have elections at our regular meeting and potluck.

Please consider joining our executive group to help carry out the mission of our club to educate and support beekeepers in northeast Ohio.

Details on OSBA Fall Conference

The OSBA Fall Conference on October 31 in Plain City Ohio is just a few weeks away (<http://www.ohiostatebeekeepers.org/event/2015-osba-fall-conference/>). I wanted to update you and your association regarding the increased number of vendors. As you know, conferences are not just great educational opportunities, they are also a way for beekeepers to save money on their beekeeping needs. During the cold winter weather, beekeepers will have plenty of time to build equipment and prepare for the coming beekeeping season. This is also a good opportunity for clubs to combine their members' orders to save on bulk purchases.

Our current vendor list includes:

- ✓• Bee Culture
- ✓• Betterbee
- ✓• Blue Sky Bee Supply
- ✓• Bee-Pothecary
- ✓• Brushy Mountain Bee Farm
- ✓• Dadant (see special offer in the 4th quarter newsletter)
- ✓• Ernst Seeds
- ✓• Huron Bee Supply
- ✓• Kelley Beekeeping
- ✓• Mann Lake
- ✓• Parsons' Gold
- ✓• Reids Apiary & Bee-tique
- ✓• Rock Bridge Trees
- ✓• Simpson's Bee Supply
- ✓• Superior Bees
- ✓• Wicwas Press
- ✓• and others!

Looking forward to seeing you at the OSBA Fall Conference on October 31. *Terry Lieberman-Smith, Vice-President, Ohio State Beekeepers Association Connecting Beekeepers Across Ohio*

Treasurer's Report

September 2015

Beginning Balance.....\$15,992.81

Payables:

Extractor Motor (Tony Indovina) \$316.32

Fair Supplies (Larry Theurer) \$238.84

Earth Day Coalition \$50.00

Sponsor: Instrumental

Evening for the Earth

Total: \$605.16

Receivables:

Memberships (2) \$40.00

Raffles:

Church Hive \$40.00

50/50 \$28.00

Total: \$108.00

Ending Balance.....\$15,495.65



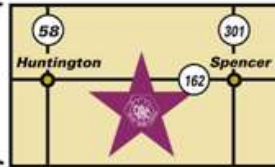
STORE HOURS:
 (March 1 - Oct. 31)
Monday - Friday
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Saturday
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 (Nov. 1 - Feb. 28)
Monday - Saturday
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