

THE HONEYBEE TIMES

Summer is a time for fun, family and food!
Will CCD ruin your picnic?



Picnic with bees!

Picnic without bees!

(Pictures from Whole Food Market's Share the Buzz website.)

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President's Message

Hello Friends,

Well, June has come and gone and we've had a nice spring harvest. In our area we have a lot of locust trees, so you guessed it, we have locust honey. We extracted and put the boxes out so the bees could clean up and take back what we couldn't get. The heavy nectar flow is slowing down and will be ending soon. Continue to check your supers! You'll now be removing and extracting your honey.

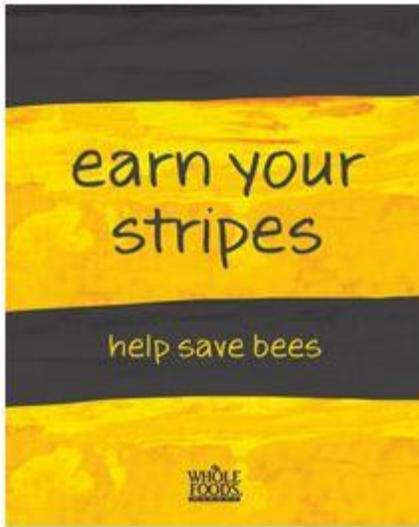
Now is the time to check for mites in your hive. Just remember that no chemical treatment can be done with the honey supers on. So wait until the last nectar flow is done and harvested. It's best not to disturb our bees during summer nectar flow unless you have an extremely heavy mite load.

Check your colony for any problems. Raise your problem combs and other full combs of honey to the upper brood chamber, and if you're feeding, cease. If using a queen excluder, never raise eggs or young larvae above it as this may confuse your bees into raising a new queen. Also, if you have multiple hives, be careful when working them not to let a strong hive rob a weak one – so be quick when in your hives.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the picnic. Until then, enjoy the summer weather!

Dennis

What's the Biggest Threat to Your Business?



I'm a long time stock market investor. It's been fun and mostly profitable. When I'm not reading about bees or working down the "honey-do" list around the house, I read boring economics stuff and articles about my favorite companies. Most of the times when asked the question above, companies respond by talking about the weather, a quip about the competition, concerns over Congressional action/inaction or just reply in CPA double-speak. So when Whole Foods Market (I've owned their stock for years.) said Colony Collapse Disorder was one of their biggest business threats I sat up and took notice.

If you aren't familiar with Whole Food Market (WFM), they are one of the largest, natural, organic food chains in the country. Not only are they a well run company, but they sell great products! To get the word out to the general public in the hopes the public lights a fire under Congress and helps combat CCD, Whole Foods Market along with several of its partners have started the "Share the Buzz" program.

As quoted at the Motley Fool website, WFM executive says,

It's not like there isn't going to be any food. We can dispel the idea that we are going to starve without pollinators. But it's going to be a much more boring, colorless, and nutritionless world of food if pollinators die off.

To this quote I would add "and expensive". Without this prolific pollinator crop yield will dwindle driving costs up. Let's be honest, WFM has a profit motive here. CCD potentially could destroy their business model since all organic fruits and dairy foods rely heavily on the honeybee. WFM estimates that without honeybees dairy production would drop by 50% since clover and alfalfa's rely on pollinators like the honeybee to grow. However profit motive aside, it's still good to see corporate America getting involved in a positive way.

To learn more about "Share the Buzz" and to see a list of their other bee friendly partners go to:
<http://www.wholefoodsmarket.com/sharethebuzz>

Is Your Honey Fake?

Sounds like a crazy question to ask a beekeeper, after all we know where we got our honey and some of us have the bee stings to prove it! However there's been a good deal of press in the last year running the gamut from "all" store bought honey is fake (a preposterous statement!) to it's "all" genuine because the USDA says so. (Probably another preposterous statement.) If your customers ever doubt your credibility or question your product, here are some simple tests they can do themselves.

- 1.) Put a few drops of honey into water. Real honey has very low water content and it takes a few moments to absorb water and dissolve into it. Fake honey will dissolve quicker. The actual rate depends on the % fraud.
- 2.) Taste it. (duh!) Fake honey will have a sweet taste but will lack the extra floral taste the honey lover craves. In short, fake honey is like putting table sugar in your mouth—boring!

Bee City USA

The future of beekeeping isn't one person with 60,000 hives, but 60,000 people with one hive.

So who wants to take the lead in making their city "Bee City USA"? I think this is a great idea for increasing the awareness of the plight of our bees while at the same time improving the pollinator habitat. Plus once designated a "Bee City", there's more momentum and commitment for city officials to "bee responsible".

Everything you need to launch a campaign is available on the site. BeeCityUSA.org

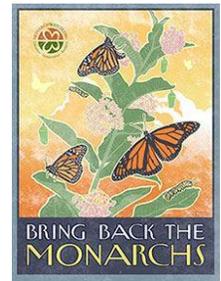


Where do Greater Cleveland Beekeeper Association Members Live?

Writing about Bee City got me wondering where our GCBA members live. We truly have the county and then some covered! Here's the membership list by city as of June 2014. We are 130 people strong!

Akron	1	Fairview Park	4	Parma Hts.	1
Auburn Twp.	1	Grafton	1	Pepper Pike	1
Aurora	1	Highland Hts.	1	Rocky River	2
Avon Lake	3	Hinckley	1	Seven Hills	1
Beachwood	1	Independence	2	Shaker Hts.	2
Bedford	1	Lakewood	10	Spencer	1
Berea	5	Lyndhurst	1	Strongsville	5
Brecksville	3	Macedonia	1	Valley City	2
Broadview Hts.	6	Medina	1	Valley View	1
Brook Park	1	N. Olmsted	3	Walton Hills	1
Brooklyn	1	North Olmsted	4	Westlake	9
Cleveland	29	North Ridgeville	1	Wickliffe	1
Cleveland Hts.	3	North Royalton	1	Willoughby	1
Columbia Station	1	Olmsted Falls	1	Willoughby Hills	2
Cuyahoga Falls	1	Olmsted Twp.	2	Willowick	1
Elyria	1	Painesville	1	Youngstown	1
Euclid	2	Parma	2		

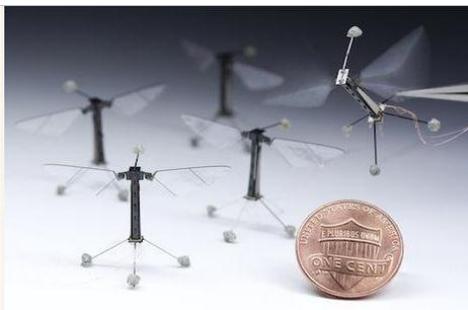
Save the Monarch. The Honeybee is not the only pollinator under attack. The beautiful monarch butterfly is in decline because it only lays eggs on the leaves of the milkweed plant, which unfortunately is considered an undesirable weed by most. The site sells milkweed plant plugs which in addition to helping the monarch, is a nectar source for the honey bee. Learn what you can do to save the monarch. <http://www.monarchwatch.org/>



Spiders to the rescue. I'm not a big fan of spiders, but if they can help save the bee, they are my new found friends. Read more. <http://newswatch.nationalgeographic.com/2014/06/06/spiders-honeybees-animals-pesticides-environment-science/>

Ready, Fire, Aim! The action of the LA City Street Department is wrong on so many levels. As reported in CityWatchLA.com, the LA City Street Department responds to calls made by persons making a bee complaint by cutting down the tree! Yes, you read that right. The entire tree goes! This seems rather extreme to me. Why not call a beekeeper? Besides being more environmentally friendly, it's most likely less expensive! Read the article [here](#).

Hey bee-brain! I've been called a pea-brain, but never a bee-brain...although it may be a compliment. Interesting article on how the small brain of honeybee processes visual information. Our larger brains can grasp a scene and make decisions in one pass. Bees however need to make several passes around a scene to absorb and process what it sees. We've all seen bees dart around a new object. They may be taking in the whole scene. Despite the size and limitations they do an amazing job navigating around their huge foraging territory. I get lost getting to the GCBA meetings! [Read about it.](#)



Robo Bees to the rescue. As reported in the Boston Business Journal, we go from one bizarre story to another! Don't worry about the LA Street Department killing off those bees. The LA city government can spend even more money replacing the natural bees with robo bees being developed at Harvard. No I'm not kidding. On the plus side, they do have other possible and hopefully more useful applications in mind for these flying machines. [Learn more.](#)

Unintended Consequences. Awakening to the realization that Federal legislation requiring more biofuel crop production has greatly diminished the food resources of bees in the Northern Great Plains, a new land mapping study by the Department of the Interior promotes conservation and change. [The article](#) is not light reading but interesting for those following the bigger bee story.

Greater Cleveland Beekeepers Association
Balance Sheet
As of June 30, 2014

	<u>Jun 30, 14</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Fifth Third Bank	14,310.15
Petty Cash	100.00
Total Checking/Savings	<u>14,410.15</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>14,410.15</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>14,410.15</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	12,126.59
Retained Earnings	31.77
Net Income	2,251.79
Total Equity	<u>14,410.15</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>14,410.15</u></u>

Greater Cleveland Beekeepers Association
Profit & Loss YTD Comparison
 June 2014

	Jun 14	Jan - Jun 14
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Beekeeping Class Fees	0.00	2,705.00
Books-Beekeeping for Dummies	0.00	20.00
Conference		
Admissions	0.00	130.00
Food Sales	0.00	158.50
Raffle 50/50 - Conference	0.00	20.00
Raffle Hive-Conference	0.00	427.00
Sponsors	0.00	1,000.00
Total Conference	0.00	1,735.50
Membership Dues	60.00	920.00
Raffles		
50/50	31.00	237.00
Raffles - Other	0.00	214.00
Total Raffles	31.00	451.00
Total Income	91.00	5,831.50
Expense		
Conference Expense		
2014 Conference Raffle Items	0.00	334.00
Conference Speaker Fees	0.00	219.00
Food Expenses	0.00	741.53
Printing and Reproduction	0.00	9.17
Supplies	0.00	46.37
Total Conference Expense	0.00	1,350.07
Contributions	0.00	147.00
Drawing Prize	0.00	173.55
Dues and Subscriptions	0.00	57.00
Equipment	0.00	33.90
Exhibitor Fees	0.00	75.00
Insurance		
D&O Insurance	0.00	798.00
Liability Insurance	0.00	348.00
Total Insurance	0.00	1,146.00
Marketing / Advertising	0.00	82.50
Office Supplies	0.00	60.70
Ohio Registration Filing Fees	0.00	50.00
Postage and Delivery	0.00	69.20
Printing and Reproduction	0.00	116.80
Professional Fees		
Speakers	0.00	200.00
Total Professional Fees	0.00	200.00
Refreshments	0.00	17.99
Total Expense	0.00	3,579.71
Net Ordinary Income	91.00	2,251.79
Net Income	91.00	2,251.79



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2014 California Package Bees

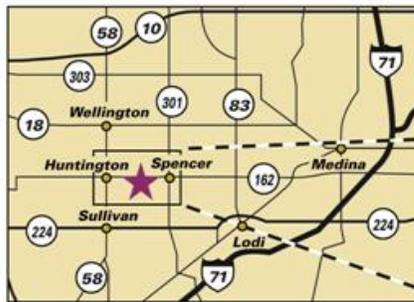
Cordovan Italian & New World Carniolan Package with Queen

3 lbs. for \$105

*Prices subject to change

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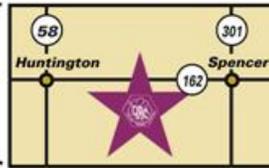
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