

Buzzin' About

July 2021

# The Miami Valley Beekeepers Association

## Newsletter

### MVBA Contacts

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Chrystal Reese

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Patrick Reese

**Monday July 12, 2021**

**7:00 p.m.**

**430 Kirk Lane, Troy**

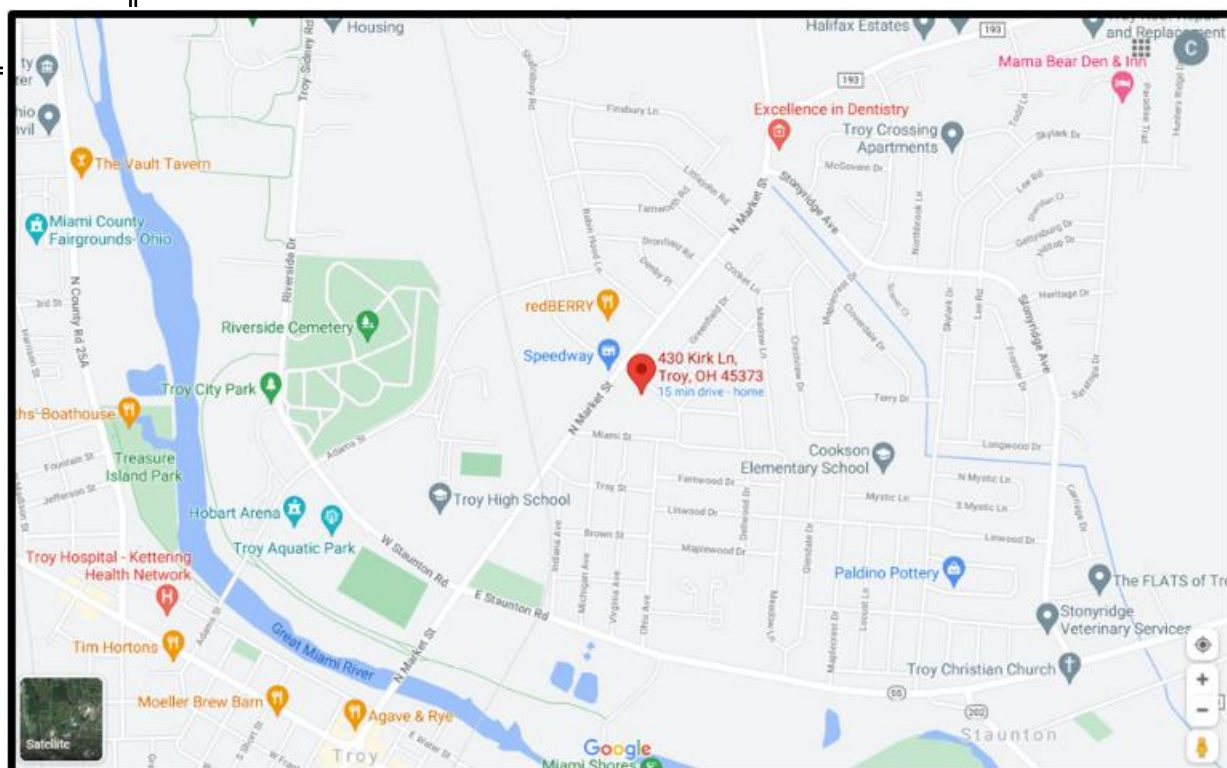
### **Agenda**

### **Club Updates**

### **Guest Speaker:**

**Mark Beougher from Beougher Honey Farm in  
Celina**

**Topic: Mentoring—sharing what you've  
learned with others**



## President Notes

It was wonderful to see everyone at the June meeting! Thanks to Tim Reuber for sharing his story. It is great to hear everyone's journey as we all have come to beekeeping through various paths and with different goals. We'll talk about making beekeeping presentations at a future meeting.

As we enter the heat of the summer, we also enter a peak in brood production and therefore the peak production of opportunistic varroa mites and other pests.

I once again encourage you to reference the Honey Bee Health Coalition Varroa Tool for choosing a treatment plan. The tool will give you the most up to date, best options.

Management practices and techniques are as numerous as there are beekeepers, so be sure

when determining the plan, either with the tool or a mentor, note the brood cycle and whether you have supers on.

Speaking of mentors, our July speaker will be talking about mentorship. Enjoy the Independence Day holiday and be sure to join us, or plan to Zoom in the second Monday of July. We will meet in Troy on Kirk Street again.

In August we will resume first Monday meetings and meet at our new meeting location, the Tipp City Library.

Have a great month. May your bees are fill the supers and your mite counts be low!

Crystal Reese  
MVBA President

## MVBA Treasurer Report

Brian Willis

| Checking Account  |             | Total Holdings     |           | Cash On Hand  |
|---|-------------|--------------------|-----------|---|
| Beginning Balance Checking Acct June 2021                                 | \$ 3,663.81 | \$ 3,906.41        | \$ 242.60 | Beginning Balance June 2021                               |
| Income  |             |                    |           | Income during Meeting                                     |
| Member Dues Paypal/Checks   | \$ -        |                    | \$ -      | Member Dues   |
|   | \$ -        |                    |           |   |
| Total for Deposit   | \$ -        |                    | \$ -      | Total meeting income (cash/checks received)               |
| <b>Total Income</b>   |             | <b>\$ -</b>        |           |   |
| Expenses  |             |                    |           | Expenses  |
|   | \$ -        |                    | \$ -      |   |
|   | \$ -        |                    | \$ -      |   |
|   | \$ -        |                    |           |   |
| Total Check Withdrawals/Debits  | \$ -        |                    |           | Total Cashbox Withdrawals                                 |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>   |             | <b>\$ -</b>        |           |   |
| Cash xfer (Deposit from Cashbox)  | \$ -        | \$ -               | \$ -      | Cash Xfer to lessen Cashbox contents                      |
|   |             |                    |           |   |
|   |             |                    |           |   |
| Ending Checking Balance June 15 2021                                      | \$ 3,663.81 |                    | \$ 242.60 | Ending Cash Balance June 15 2021                          |
| Monthly total Net change  |             | \$ -               |           |   |
| Previous month Net funds  |             | \$ 3,906.41        |           |   |
| Sum balance should equal total holdings (Bank activity +/- Cash Activity) |             | \$ 3,906.41        |           | This acts as a check to ensure activity = actual balances |
| <b>A Total Holdings 15 June 2021 (Checking balance + Cash Balance)</b>    |             | <b>\$ 3,906.41</b> |           |   |

# MVBA Secretary Report June, 2021

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chrystal Reese with 13 people in attendance. The meeting was also shared on Zoom.

## Announcements:

Miami Valley (also Hardin and Richland Counties) has a new inspector, Eugene "Sonny" Ward, "Forest, OH, 740-262-3734 If there is brood you should not treat your hives with oxalic acid for varroa. Visit <https://honeybeehealthcoalition.org/varroa> for guidance on how to treat using their Varroa Management Decision Tool. Also, you can only use oxalic treatment with supers on if the product contains the new labeling reflecting the new rules.

The July meeting will be held on July 12<sup>th</sup>, the second Monday of the month due to the holiday, at 430 Kirk Lane, Troy, OH.

The August meeting will take place at 7:00 p.m. at the Tipp City Library in the meeting room in the basement.

Program: Timothy Reuber gave a very entertaining and informative presentation on how he has grown his apiaries from 2 packages to 75+ hives in 3 years. He shared "Tanging a swarm" and how it has worked for him. He stressed go lighter as you age, keep accurate records, and don't think a swarm won't sting you. He highly recommends Field Watch and Bee Watch so you know when farmers are spraying and you can protect your bees. You can find his family business on facebook FlorReu' Apiaries.

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## Miami Valley Beekeepers Association Membership Form 2021

Membership dues are \$20 per calendar year

### Membership benefits include:

Monthly meetings (exp. For Dec/Jan) with educational speakers  
Monthly e-zine with beekeeping articles and other features  
Sponsoring public presentations  
Education in the MVBA Apiary  
**and more!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks out to: Miami Valley Beekeepers Association and Remit Payment to:

Miami Valley Beekeepers Association

2455 Piqua-Troy Rd

Troy, OH 45373

# MVBA Apiary Report June 2021

## Getting to the Business of Honey

Another swarm season has come and gone in The Apiary, and now the girls are getting down to the business of gathering and storing nectar and pollen to support colony growth and strength. And if they just happen to bring in a little extra nectar that gets cured and stored above the Queen excluder... we'll be able to partake of their golden goodness ourselves. Here's a run-down of the hives we have in The Apiary:

**Strong Hive** — This is the source hive for the two splits we made back in the beginning of May. The colony has recovered nicely, and we've added a super.

**Split #1** — Found the Queen and marked her. This daughter of the strong hive is doing well, and has laid in a lot of brood. She's well into the second brood box, so we added two supers.

**Split #2** — This colony is doing just as well as Split #1. The Queen has laid in a lot of brood in the second box. We've added two supers to this hive; it will be interesting to see what they do with that.

**Weak Hive** — This Queen has been slowly starting her Summer. We've added a couple frames of brood to hopefully "jumpstart" Her Majesty. The colony has two brood boxes, but we'll likely not be putting on a super. If the Queen is still slow, we'll be re-Queening this colony soon.

**Lazy Swarm** — This gang has moved right into an old hive, and has laid it full of brood. We've added two supers, because they seem to be bringing in a lot nectar.

Summer also brings on vacations and all kinds of distractions. As I write this, I'm sitting on the deck, looking over the tumbling ocean waves. When Mrs. President and I get back, we'll be going through the hives to see how the girls have been with resource gathering. Until we meet again, here's to a great nectar flow and may all your supers be full!

Patrick Reese  
Apiary Manager

## Get Your Gardens Ready for Blooms

**Nectar Sources:** Basswood (American Linden), Yellow Sweet Clover, White Sweet Clover, Milkweed, Mints, Bergamot, Loosestrifes, Vetches,

**Nectar and Pollen:** Catalpa, Bramble fruits, Roses, Coneflowers, Ohio Buckeye, Rubeckia, Thistles, Hyssops, Coreopsis, Caryopteris

**Pollen:** St. John's Wort

Want to know what is blooming in your area? Know what's blooming and you can plan your honey crop (or if you need to feed your girls)

<http://www.oardc.ohio-state.edu/gdd/>



## The Basic Buzz in the Apiary

### July

- Remove comb honey supers when properly sealed.
- Check for queen cells, especially in colonies used for queen rearing.
- Add sufficient super space (undersuper)
- Remove and extract early season honey crop.
- Freeze comb honey to prevent wax moth damage

### August

- Check colonies for disease and monitor/treat for mites
- Remove and extract summer honey crop
- Remove section Supers
- Do not work bees unless necessary to avoid robbing
- Add more supers if needed.
- Consider re-queening for a winter-ready hive.