

WARREN COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

August 2010



MEETING NEWS

Sunday, August 1st at 1:00pm is our annual club picnic at the Warren County Conservation Club. Map and directions are on the website,

<http://www.warrencountybeekeepers.org/>.

Please bring a salad, side or dessert. The club will furnish fried chicken, bread, drinks, condiments and tableware. Bring your smoker, fuel and ignition system for the smoker contest. In addition we need donations for door prizes. We'll also have corn hole. For those of you who wish to commune with the bees Ray keeps 8 or 9 colonies there. If you've not attended the

picnic in the past it's a beautiful spot to spend an afternoon (to say nothing of the great company!).

Also, if any member can laminate 8 1/2 x 11 sheets, please let Roger know.

We have received the extractor. Dennis Malone is putting finishing touches on the base. For now, it will reside with Ray Alley on St Rt. 48 just north of Lebanon.

The Club shirt order is in and will be available at the picnic.

PROPOSAL TO AMEND CONSTITUTION-SECOND NOTICE OF THREE:

Proposal to amend the club constitution for the purpose of adding additional members to the Board of Directors. As discussed this change is necessary for budgeting and coordinating bee school and other activities.

- a. Ray Alley motioned the constitution be amended as discussed
- b. Paul ___ seconded the motion and a vote was taken.
- c. A majority was in favor of the new amendment.



BEEKEEPERS CALANDAR

AUGUST AND THE BEES: Since the nectar flow will end this month, the bees will become much more flighty, searching for nectar which is now not as plentiful to find. The bees are making a final effort to store up for winter, searching for final nectar sources. Golden rod and Aster plants can provide an average nectar flow in the fall.

AUGUST AND THE BEEKEEPER: If you have multiple hives, you must be careful not to let a strong hive rob a weak hive. If nectar is still coming in, continue to place supers on the hive. Be careful not to open up the hive for extended periods as other hives may try and rob the hive while it is opened. Place a 5 gallon bucket in your bee yards and fill it with 2:1 sugar water, 2 parts sugar and 1 part water. Then, fill it with clean sticks so the bees will not drown. After a few hours the bucket will be covered with thousands of bees. Don't put this close to your house. This is a great way to feed your bees and to prevent them from robbing other weaker hives. If you have just one or two hives, this will not be necessary.



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