**MON. CO. BEEKEEPERS ASSOC. 2013 HIGHLIGHTS (SUMMARY)**

How time flies. It seems 2013 just whizzed by! I think our year went well. I will briefly review some of the events of the year for us.

We had our first year of meeting monthly instead of quarterly meetings and that went very well. Attendance remained high throughout the year. It appears to have gone over very well. The meetings were on the first Tuesday of each month and 2014 WILL REMAIN THE SAME. **2014-FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.**

We had several guest speakers thanks to Paul Cappas who arranged for most of the speakers this year.

**\* Colin** Carpenter spoke on the Honeybee and the Bear.

**\*** A.J. Dean Watson gave a presentation on checkerboarding. He also shared his experience with bubble wrap and the hive.

**\*** We had Janet Clayton speaking on the topic of getting honey prepared for show.

**\*** Joyce Frey , former State Apiary Inspector, presented two times this year.

**\*** Steve Hemrick, Fmr. Pres. Of North Central Beekeepers in Clarksburg, visited and gave a good presentation with much class participation on the Snelgrove method.

**\*** Dr. Amrine gave a presentation on the variety of bees in the world.

**\***Donald Dristle, Prof. of Biology/Fairmont University, was here to discuss bee disease.

\* Steve McClelland attended the EAS conference this year and he and his wife Chris shared with us. He gave a good summary of the events there. There was a lot of question and answer intermixed with his sharing.

\* We reviewed Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter management at the appropriate times throughout the year.

Show and Tell went over very well this year. Several people participated by bringing in something unique and/or different that could be useful in the beekeeping arena.

One of our members, Barbara Fallon, had several articles in the Dominion Post this year as the

Guest commentary in the Opinion Section.

* 04/14/2013 Honeybees : This is How You Can Help
* 06/23/2013 The Perfect Excuse
* 11/03/2013 Thank You to Dedicated Honeybee Researchers

All of the commentaries can be found in the archive section of the Dominion Post newspaper.

We participated in the WVBA gift basket, along with other participating clubs, for the Fall Meeting at Jackson’s Mill , with a WVU lanyard and a WVU travel cup. This went to the guest speaker James Tew who spoke about Urban Beekeeping.

We tried a couple of raffles courtesy of Perry Arlia. A 50/50drawing, A beekeeping apron, etc.

Our ending balance for the year 2013 is $741.75.

Sadly there were a few deaths for us to remember this year.

* Alice Helm passed December 20th, 2012.
* Longtime member Herb Shaffer passed in April, 2013
* Robert Forrest Goff, son of Forrest Gene Goff, passed in June. 2013

Marta Polanka has suffered illness this year. She and her husband have been longtime faithful members.

Fred Eddy welcomed in a new grandson in July.

We held a beginner beekeeping class on 2/09/2013, 2/16, and 2/23 that was well attended. A lot of our members participated in helping in the classes. 15 new people attended.

Paul Cappas has been taking orders for the Little Linden Tree.

Overall, I think our year went well.

Thanks to all.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

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