

Free Event!

26TH ANNUAL FIELD DAY

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Saturday, June 6, 2020



"Beekeeping and the Myths of Modern Farming"
Guest Speaker: Charles Linder

"As Beekeepers we are a part of the modern agriculture process. We owe it to ourselves and to those whose lands we use to take some time and become better informed about agriculture"

Charles Linder, ABJ,
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Welcome to the greatest Field Day anywhere! On Field Day there is something for everyone here at Queen Right Colonies, held in conjunction with the Great Lorain County Beekeepers Association, more door prizes, more games, more to see and do than any beekeeping event anywhere. In addition, there are non-beekeeping things to see and do as well such as: Alpaca sheering demo, tours of the farm, visit our mirage of livestock that include Mouflon Sheep, Muntjac Deer, Fallow Deer, Zebu Cattle, White Peacocks, Pigmy Goats, Red Fox, various species of birds, more White Homers than anywhere, plus it is all FREE. Tour an authentic Amish starter home, which we have converted into a shop for gifts and antiques. As you can see, this is not just for beekeepers but friends and family as well. The emphasis will always be on beekeeping but everyone is welcome here.

A lot has been stated over time on TV, in the print media, and in beekeeping publications as well about agriculture/farming and its negative impact on the environment and beekeeping. Unfortunately, because those in agriculture/farming are a smaller group and have a limited voice, as a consequence, they are not heard. This year we have Charles Linder as our featured speaker. Charles is a commercial beekeeper, producer of the Bee Bus, the Pro Nuc box, agriculture equipment engineer, and lifelong farmer. He will help shed light on some misconceptions propagated by all those in the media platform. All beekeepers are in agriculture whether you want to be or not, and we should not be closed minded to those we work with.

We also have the honor and pleasure of having the new editor of Bee Culture Magazine, Jerry Hayes making an appearance this year. Jerry Hayes was apiary section chief for the Florida Department of Agriculture and consumer services responsible for the regulatory health of 35,000 colonies. For 25 yrs. Hayes has written a monthly column in ABJ called the classroom. He has written a book by the same name. He is a founding member of the Colony Collapse Working Group, and a science advisory board member for Project Apis Mellifera and Bee Informed Partnership.



Jerry is the author of multiple research papers understanding and preserving honeybee health. Jerry will address "Assessing Colony Bee Health Part 1" and "Maintaining Colony Health Part 2" in the bee yard while doing so in open colonies of bees.

We are also fortunate to have Peggy Garnes, OSBA president. Peggy is a beekeeper with 20 yrs. experience keeping 140 colonies, queen breeder and nuc producer, traveling speaker for OSBA and past Western Reserve Representative. Peggy will do an open hive, one hour class on, "How and When to Requeen."

Another highlight to this year's event will be the addition of Tim Arheit. Tim is a past president of OSBA and a part of the OSBA traveling speaker program as well as the current web-master of OSBA. Tim will do a one hour, open hive demonstration on the topic of, "What Constitutes a Healthy Colony at Different Times of the Year."

We always address the current new beekeeper or the beekeeper wishing a refresher class, which is why we will be offering the topics of "All Things New" and "What should I be doing now and for the rest of the beekeeping season." This class will be taught by John Rose and Phil Bartosh; both of these gentlemen have eight to ten years of experience working with and teaching new beekeepers. Phil is the current Cuyahoga County Bee Inspector.

There is something here for everyone new or old, first timer or old timer, come and be with us and enjoy a great summer day with friends and family.

AGENDA FOR THE DAY

- 9:30 am Registration
- 10:00 am Welcome
- 10:15 am Charles Linder
- 11:30 am Lunch
- 12:00 pm Alpaca Shearing

Field Events

12:30 to 1:30 pm

- Don Downs: Apitherapy
- Jerry Hayes: Assessing Colony Health Part 1
- John Rose: My 1st Year In Beekeeping Part 1
- Phil Bartosh: My 1st Year In Beekeeping Part 1

1:30 to 2:30 pm

- Jerry Hayes: Maintaining Colony Health Part 2
- Tim Arheit: What Constitutes a Healthy Colony at Different Times of The Year?
- Peggy Garnes: How and When to Requeen
- Phil Bartosh: My 1st Year In Beekeeping Part 2
- John Rose: My 1st Year In Beekeeping Part 2

2:30 pm Closing Remarks & Contest Winners

We will have several contests at this time and about \$500.00 in door prizes, 50/50 Raffles, Honey Bee Races, Stuff The Queen Cage and more! There will be a limited number of guided farm tours to find baby Fallow and Muntjac Deer following lunch as well as a Rhea hunt!

No used gloves or hive tools. Helmets & veils a must for the bee yards.

LOCATION

Queen Right Colonies, Ltd.

43655 State Route 162
Spencer, OH 44275
Tel: 440-647-2602

This is a rain or shine event. Field events and contests may change to accommodate inclement weather.



Charles Linder

Lunch available for \$10, includes:
Bratwurst or BBQ Pork Sandwich,
Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Chips,
Brownie & Drink.
Lunch tickets will be pre-sold.