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## 2007 Spring Meeting

**Meeting Topic – Getting Started With Honeybees**

**Keynote Speaker – Mr. Dana Stahlman – renown beekeeper**

*Date – March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007*

*Location – Allen County Extension Office, Rhodes State College Campus, Lima, Ohio*

*Time – Doors open at 8:00 AM; lunch will be provided*

**Registration Fee is \$10.00, which will include the text. Pre-registration is encouraged. You can pre-register by calling one of the following NWOBA members:**

*Tim Arheit – 419.647.8018*

*Dwight Wilson – 419.293.2369*

*Alan Wischmeyer – 419.523.6855*

***Afternoon sessions will address advanced beekeeping topics.***

***Beekeepers of any age are encouraged to attend this session!***

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## It's February—Do You Know Where Your Bees Are?

### CCD—Colony Colapse Disorder

You would almost have to be living under a rock not to have heard something about Colony Collapse Disorder, Fall Dwindling or a 'mysterious disease' killing hives lately. It has been in the newspaper, on the radio and even on the national primetime news. News reports read 'Mystery of the missing insects', 'Blueberry Growers Uneasy About Latest Honeybee Die-Off' and other similar titles.

Yet this disorder seems to have come from nowhere and no one really seems to know what is happening. Some beekeepers seem completely unaffected, yet others have lost nearly everything. My wife personally talked to two beekeepers just this week who lost everything (or just about everything). The first was a hobbies with 3 hives where the bees just were missing when she checked a few weeks ago. The second was a commercial beekeeper who had to cancel all the orders for all the packages he sold, and he quit beekeeping and took on a full time job.

It's too early to tell how big a threat, or how widespread CCD could be. But no one is sitting around idle to see what might happen. The National Honey Board released \$58,000 in emergency function to study

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## Tri-County Beekeepers Association – 2007 Workshop

The Twenty-Ninth Annual Beekeeping Workshop will be held in in Wooster, Ohio on Saturday, March 3, 2007. As in the past, it will be held in Fisher Auditorium and the Shisler Center at the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center (OARDC). Located near ST. RT. 83 (Madison Ave.) just south of Wooster. Last year there were 650 people from around Ohio and neighboring states who participated in the workshop.

Once again there will be a block of rooms set aside at the Hilton Garden Inn, The Inn is within sight of OSU's campus The Inn's address is: 959 Dover Road, Wooster; tel: 330-202-7701. The room rate is \$79.00 per night plus tax for a 2 queens/non-smoking. When making reservations give them: Honey Bee Lab as the code name. Web page: [www.wooster.stayhgi.com](http://www.wooster.stayhgi.com)

On Friday evening, March 2, at OARDC's Stone Administration Building there will be two activities: Dr. James E. Tew will speak at 7:00 p.m. on the topic, "Beekeeping: Where Are We Going? - Do We Really Want to Get There?" in Room 206 (2nd floor) and the "OSU Beekeeping Museum" will be open from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the basement.

On Saturday, March 3, the workshop will start with the keynote address and three workshop sessions which will have six different breakout topics for a total of 18 to choose from. One of the breakout topics in each of the three sessions will be a Beginner Beekeeping Session. These beginner sessions are designed to teach some of the basics of beekeeping. Another breakout offered in each of the three workshop sessions will be a Kids Session. These are open to kids 5 – 12 years old and will offer a variety of bee related activities.

A Baked Goods (unlimited entries) and Home Made Mead Contest (limit 10 entries) will be going on during the day. ALL entries must be submitted by 9:00 a.m. Competition Rules and Regulations are enclosed in the packet.

For more information or registration forms Contact Tim Arheit @ 419-371-1742

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### Colony Collapse Disorder continued...

CCD last week according to the Palm Beach Post and other organizations are looking to provide additional funding.

**So What is CCD:** *(From USDA/ARS, read the full report on the Mid-Atlantic Apiculture site <http://www.ento.psu.edu/>)*

Symptom's similar to those described for this disorder have been described in the past, and the condition has received many different names. These include autumn collapse, May disease, spring dwindle, disappearing disease, and fall dwindle disease. The CCD working group felt none of these names were appropriate for the current condition. The reasons are as follows:

1. References to the season are inappropriate as there is increasing evidence that the condition manifests itself throughout the year
2. Dwindle implies a gradual decline of colony population. While the actual rate of adult bee loss in populations have not been recorded, it is clear that otherwise strong colonies can quickly lose their entire workforce in a matter of weeks.
3. Disappearing has been used to refer to a host of other conditions that do not necessarily share the same symptoms as those presently being described.
4. The term "disease" is commonly associated with a pathogenic agent. While the definition of disease does have a broader meaning (i.e. coronary disease), until (or if) such an agent is found the use of the word disease would be misleading. Should a biological or other agent(s) be found the name of this condition will likely be reconsidered.

## Recipe of the Month

### Bee Nutty Choco-Chip Cookies

#### Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup honey
- 1/2 cup peanut butter
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
- 1/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 1-1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 6 oz. chocolate morsels (chocolate chips)
- 1/2 cup roasted peanuts, coarsely chopped

Combine honey, peanut butter, butter and brown sugar in a large bowl; beat until light and fluffy. Add egg and vanilla; mix thoroughly. Combine flour, soda and salt; mix well. Stir into peanut butter mixture. Stir in chocolate morsels and peanuts. Using a 1/4 cup measure for each cookie, drop onto ungreased cookie sheet; flatten slightly. Bake at 350°F 8 to 10 minutes or until lightly browned. Remove to rack and cool.

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### Colony Collapse Disorder continued...

#### Symptoms of CCD

##### In collapsed colonies

1. The complete absence of adult bees in colonies, with no or little build up of dead bees in the colonies or in front of those colonies.
2. The presence of capped brood in colonies.
3. The presence of food stores, both honey and bee bread. which is not immediately robbed by other bees
4. when attacked by hive pests such as wax moth and small hive beetle, the attack is noticeably delayed.

##### In cases where the colony appear to be actively collapsing

1. An insufficient workforce to maintain the brood that is present
2. The workforce seems to be made up of young adult bees
3. The queen is present
4. The cluster is reluctant to consume provided feed, such as sugar syrup and protein supplement



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Membership is open to anyone interested in bee culture. Dues are \$6 per calendar year. This is a family membership. Everyone is welcome to attend meetings. Members are encouraged to submit articles to the editor for publishing.

Meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of each month at the Pandora School, Pandora, Ohio. Time 7:30 p.m. Field trips and or picnic in June, July and August as announced in "The Beehive". No Meeting in December

The Associations' book and video library is free to be used by all members. Materials may be withdrawn from the librarian at the meeting and are to be returned at the next meeting.

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