

COBA is sponsoring a Tour bus trip to Wooster for March 6 to visit the Tri-County/OSU workshop "Largest Beekeeper Meeting (one day) in the United States". If the attached letter could be sent to your membership, COBA would appreciate it. I have met with Scioto Valley beekeepers and a number of them have indicated a desire to join the trip. I will be talking to the COBA members on Wednesday night of next week regarding the trip. However, all beekeepers living in the central Ohio region regardless of club affiliation are invited to go on the bus. The confirmation for a seat must be paid in advance and will be open as long as seats are available. The bus will be as described in the letter along with what has been worked out with Sherry and Jim at Wooster. This will be the first time they have had a tour bus of beekeepers join together to visit the workshop -- ever! As you know, if you go you stand in line -- some lines are long and the cost for walking in the door is \$35.00 if you preregister and \$45.00 if you register that day. Lunch is another \$12.00. Driving for an hour or so adds more depending on the number of people in a car and the milage the car gets.

So for a fixed charge of either: \$65.00 with lunch or \$55.00 without lunch, a member of your group could go with us -- have all registration paperwork done, name tags handed out on the bus before getting there, and walk right in to enjoy the vendors or donuts prior to the meeting. Plus, I am sure discussion on the way up will distract from driving time. If you have any members interested, make sure they contact me: Dana Stahlman, 3075 Mann Road, Blacklick, Ohio 43004, phone 614-855-1656 or email: stahlmanapiaries@aol.com as soon as possible. When seats are filled, we will close enrollment. Any checks written to me should be made out to COBA. Remember: Unless prepaid by January 29th, do not plan to getting on anything other than a standby list should someone decide to cancel.

Dana Stahlman, President of COBA

Arrangements have been made by COBA to:

- **Schedule a tour bus trip to Wooster with LakeFront Lines** for

The Ohio State University Extension and Tri-County
Beekeepers Assn. of Northern Ohio Annual

Beekeeping Workshop at OARDC in Wooster, Ohio

March 6 Cost is: \$65.00 with lunch

\$55.00 without lunch

- The trip will include pick up at 7:00 a.m. in Gahanna, Ohio (Parking has been arranged with the Gahanna Jefferson Schools to park in the school lot across from McDonald's restaurant on Hamilton Road). This is a highly visible area, however; the school or COBA will not take responsibility for any damage or theft to cars. The return trip will drop off at the same location approximately 5:30 on the evening of the 6th.
- Entry into the meeting at Wooster without having to stand in line to wait for registration. Name tags with admission and lunch (if chosen) will be issued on the bus by Dana Stahlman. If you do not choose lunch, you may carry your own with you.
- If you purchase any beekeeping items too large to carry onto the bus, there will be room for them in the baggage area of the bus.
- When the seating limit on the bus is filled, a stand-by list will be created if necessary. All confirmed reservations must be paid by January 29th. Seating will be arranged by the order of payment. A roll call will be made on loading in Gahanna and on leaving Wooster. Refunds will be issued only if the trip is cancelled by COBA due to being unable to fill the bus. We will be issuing refunds on January 30th if that should occur. Should you need to cancel, names on the stand-by list will be contacted – COBA in that case will send a refund if someone fills the seat vacated.
- No intoxicating beverages will be allowed on the bus. All individuals on the bus will be expected to respect the driver and each other and behave in a dignified manner.

The Tri-County meeting is the largest bee meeting in the U.S. year in and year out. All major vendors will be there if you are looking for beekeeping equipment. Some vendors will bring items you order so you can save shipping if you contact them and make arrangements with them. COBA will not be responsible for any problems you have with vendors.

Just remember: this is not a school bus. It is a tour bus with nice seating, restroom, TV and snacks.

Make checks: Payable to COBA and send to: Dana Stahlman, 3075 Mann Road, Blacklick, Ohio 43004. Checks must arrive prior to January 29th to be confirmed.