

# THE BUZZZZZ

NOVEMBER 2008

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## “NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT”

BOB HOOKER



It is hard to believe November is here already, although it sure is starting to feel like November with the temperature dropping and the possibility of snow showers in the forecast. The 2008 “season” is in the books and the bees are settling down to live off their hard earned stores for the winter. Except for a few last minute chores to prepare our hives for the winter and the occasional check during warmer days, it is a waiting game now. A time, according to the beekeeping manuals, to relax, enjoy the rewards of the past year and yes, before too long, to begin to prepare for the coming year. One time worn piece of advice for the winter for beekeepers is to spend some time reading about bees and beekeeping to brush up on our knowledge and gain new skills and knowledge.

If you are looking for good reading about bees for the winter months I would like to offer a few suggestions. I think one of the best all around books on beekeeping is The Hive and The Honey Bee, edited by Joe Graham, and published by Dadant & Sons. It is a large book and a bit pricey but it is the best one volume book on bees and beekeeping available in my opinion. It is well written and informative and covers just about everything you need to know about bees. If you get only one book on beekeeping this is the one to have. If you want to dig a little deeper into honeybee biology Mark Winston’s book, The Biology of the Honey Bee, is hard to beat. If you are interested in knowing more about the mites that attack honey bees the best resource is Mites of the Honey Bee edited by Tom Webster and Keith Delaplane. Although a lot of research has been done since the book was written in 2001 it contains a wealth of in depth information on the life cycle of the mites and how they affect honey bees. Two of my favorite books on beekeeping are Beekeeping, A Practical Guide and Hive Management, A Seasonal Guide for Beekeepers by Richard Bonney. These two are excellent books for the beginning or intermediate beekeepers and are good reading for the experienced beekeeper as well. Two excellent books for more in depth information on “splits” and queen rearing are Larry Connor’s books Increase Essentials and Bee Sex Essential. A new book just published this summer that is an interesting overview on Colony Collapse Disorder is A Spring Without Bees by Michael Schacker. Although some would question his conclusions on CCD this is an interesting read on the affects of chemicals on our bees and some practical suggestions on what we can do about them. One of the most interesting books on honey bees to come along in a long time is The Buzz About Bees, Biology of a Superorganism by Jurgen Tautz. This is a fascinating look at the life of the honey bee colony and how it all fits together. It is well written and the photography is stunning. Most of these books are available for sale at Queen Right Colonies and some are in our club library. Check out our LCBA book and video library for additional material to read or view and enjoy learning more about bees this winter.

**LORAIN COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER**

**L.C.B.A. MISSION STATEMENT**

**TO PROMOTE BEEKEEPING THROUGH EDUCATION, COOPERATION, OR ANY OTHER EFFICIENT MEANS**

### DONATIONS TO LCBA DEDUCTIBLE

Lorain County Beekeepers Association is now a 501c(3) organization. Any donations made to LCBA are now tax deductible.

## BUZZING AHEAD!!!!

**NOVEMBER 14 - Regular meeting - Re-queening & queen management-Election nominations**

**DECEMBER - Regular meeting - Christmas Banquet-Sister Bee Movie-Elections**

### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

For submissions to  
THE BUZZZZ .....

for the **DECEMBER** issue are due  
**NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER  
23rd. Items not received by that  
date will go in the next months is-  
sue.**

Please send all articles, ads, and  
/or notes, to Valerie Weiss at 6080  
Section Line Rd. New London Ohio  
44851 or

E-mail: [buzzzeditor@verizon.net](mailto:buzzzeditor@verizon.net)

Please ***do not*** include layout or ex-  
tra characters, (bold, italic, indents,  
etc.) as they must be removed dur-  
ing editing process.

***Note: Submissions are subject to  
Executive Committee approval***

### FYI

LCBA meetings are held the second Friday of each month at  
7:00 P.M.

First United Methodist Church  
45 S. Professor St. Oberlin, OH

Membership dues are \$20.00 per year and includes all immediate  
family members. Memberships run per calendar year, January to  
December. Membership expiration date is on your mailing label.  
Send dues to the Treasurer: Dave Williams - 11923 Green Road  
Wakeman, Ohio 44889

### EDITOR'S NOTE:

If you have moved, please notify Dave at a meeting or by e-mail,  
[dogpatch@centurytel.net](mailto:dogpatch@centurytel.net) You must keep information & mem-  
bership dues current to receive your newsletter in a timely man-  
ner.

Check LCBA web site for meeting changes or cancellations due  
to bad weather. [www.loraincountybeekeepers.org](http://www.loraincountybeekeepers.org)

### L.C.B.A. EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

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**Don't forget about  
LCBA Video & Book  
library. You can con-  
tact Jim Toole for the Book  
library and what is avail-  
able. Bill Vittori brings the  
Video library with him to  
the monthly meetings. See  
what they have that might  
help you in your beekeeping.  
If you borrow them,  
be sure to return  
them at the next  
meeting so others  
can also view & enjoy them.**



**LEGAL NOTICE**

To Address the NEW CIVIL CASE - BEEKEEPER SLANDER from last months BUZZ'S "diminished beekeeping skills" remark.

673635 (Judge E. Zaleski) - William Vittori vs. Denzil St. Clair, Unknown Spouse, and Queen Right Colonies, Ltd.; 43655 State Route 162, Spencer. \$250,000.39; Tort-Slander.

Johnnie Lee Cochran Jr, atty.

"If the pigs lips don't fit ----"You can't acquit!!

To: Denzil St. Clair. You are hereby commanded to appear before this Court at 225 Court Street, 3rd Floor, on December 25, 2008 at 1:30 PM before Judge Zaleski when a hearing will be held on this matter. The person herein requested to appear shall not fail to obey this summons under penalty of law. You have the right to be represented by counsel. The court will not appoint counsel because it knows the person named herein is not indigent (besides he owns several nice cars and a new pick up truck, which can become a point of negotiation).

Petitioner Carol Gedeon --- Attorney at Law

November is COOKIE MONTH at LCBA. Any kind of cookie you want to make, just make sure it has honey as an ingredient. We sure love to see those baked goods come in to club! Now that the weather has turned cold, we don't mind the calories either! Here's a favorite cookie of mine that's good tasting and healthy too! It came from the Martha Stewart website. Dave loves these with a cup of coffee.

### **CHEWY CHERRY-OATMEAL COOKIES**

Makes about 4 dozen.

1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour

1 1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon

1 teaspoon baking soda

1/4 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg

1/2 teaspoon salt

1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter, softened, or 1 cup apple butter ( a healthier alternative)

1 cup packed light-brown sugar

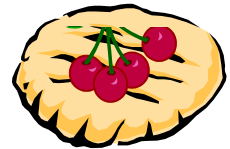
1/4 cup honey!!!!

2 large eggs

1 1/2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract

3 cups old-fashioned rolled oats

1 cup dried cherries



Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line baking sheets with nonstick baking mats or parchment paper. In a small bowl, whisk together the flour, cinnamon, baking soda, nutmeg, and salt, set aside. Place butter, sugar, and honey in the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with the paddle attachment; beat to combine. With the mixer on low, gradually add reserved flour mixture and beat until incorporated. Stir in oats and cherries.

Drop 1 tablespoon of dough at a time about 2 inches apart on prepared baking sheets. Bake until lightly golden brown, 10 to 12 minutes. Let cool on sheets for 5 minutes, then transfer cookies to a wire rack to cool completely. Cookies can be kept in an airtight container at room temperature for up to 3 days.

See you in November!

Connie Williams

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes September 24, 2008 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Home of Shelly and Bob Bodkin

Executive Members Present: Bob Hooker, Denzil St. Clair, Bill Vittori, Valerie Weiss, Don Lyons, Dave Williams, and Chris Lyons.

Members Present: Sheila St. Clair, Jim Toole, Shelly Bodkin, and Bob Bodkin

Guest: Phil Craft

The meeting opened with the Treasurer's report. Dave reported that the fair made a profit of approximately \$4300.00 and the building fund has \$4,897.56. See treasurers report for full details.

Birmingham Antiques and Crafts Fair is scheduled October 4 & 5 and there is currently six possibly seven members selling. Set up will begin Friday, October 3 at 6:15 p.m. Show times are Saturday 9:30 to 4:30 and Sunday 11:00 to 4:30.

The general meeting on October 10 will be the fall wrap up for beginner beekeepers. The topics will be fall wrap up with Bob Hooker speaking and Spring swarm prevention given by Dave Williams. There will be no food program at this meeting due to the fall banquet the following day.

The fall banquet will be a potluck like every year with the main dish being a pig roast. Members are encouraged to bring a side dish and/or dessert to share with group. The club will provide table settings and drinks. Members are encouraged to donate items to auction off at the banquet. There will again be a centerpiece contest with the winner receiving a \$25.00 gift card. The centerpieces will then be given away as door prizes.

Jim Toole reminded everyone that next year will be LCBA's 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary and suggested making a T-shirt for the occasion to sell. Jim is in charge of researching this idea and bring information to the next executive meeting in October.

November's general meeting will be the last day for nominations for an executive officer for the ballot. Also, the topic for this meeting will be Re-queening and Queen management being given by Denzil St. Clair.

December's general meeting will be election night and the Christmas banquet. There will be no formal meeting this night other than the elections. A movie, Sister Bee, will be shown this night as the entertainment.

Nominations are still needed for the various offices.

January and February 2009 meeting topics ideas are to be discussed at future meetings.

H.A.S. meeting will be held in Oberlin, July 9, 10, and 11, 2009. Some discussion was held with Phil Craft and Bob Hooker explaining what events will possibly be taking place at this event and how LCBA can participate.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Chris Lyons



The annual LCBA Fall Banquet was a "funtastic" event as usual. Bob Bodkin did the pig roasting with some help from Don Lyons, Bill Vittori and Olvin Johnson I believe in this picture sent to me by Bonnie Pierson Sorry if I am wrong. When members started arriving, they jumped right in to help get things organized and food set out. After the meal the annual auction took place. There were many items brought in for it, but not quite as unusual as last year though. We had turkeys and polish chickens last year. There were quite a few bee decorations, but there were also things like Christmas lights, yard poke decorations, a beautiful gift basket, glass tea pot, and many other items. I had more pictures, but am not familiar enough with my camera I guess. They were all blurry.



One item for auction was a large refrigerator magnet picture of Bill Vittori. The magnet was bid on by many. Another item up for bid were some children's bicycles. Denzil St. Clair being the good auctioneer that he is, gave a riding demonstration. I missed getting pictures of the pretty center pieces. Trying to enjoy the banquet and all that goes on, I tend to miss a few things. The pork must have been tender and all the food great because things were quiet while everyone ate their meal. I'm not a pork eater, but the meal I had was wonderful with a large variety of choices. The desserts were amazing. Check out one of the desserts made by Verna Wolfram on the next page. There are always so many laughs and good food at the fall banquet. If you haven't been in a while, you really should come to next years. You are missing out on some great food and extremely fun entertainment.



Photo submitted by Bonnie Pierson



Verna Wolfram's Bear Cake was an "oh, how cute" moment when she brought it in. It was supposed to be for dessert, but I think it ended up as a center piece. Verna is a very talented baker and does a lot of cake entries at the Lorain County Fair each year.

Photo submitted by Bonnie Pierson

### The BUZZZZ Advertising Fees

Members can place a maximum of four lines such as the ads above (approximately 3/4 inch by 3 3/4 quarter inch) for free on a one time basis. If the same ads are placed for more than a month, there will be a fee for placing the ads. There will also be a fee if ads are larger than the size listed above. Rates for ads are as follows:

**Full page ad as separate insert in newsletter** (customer provided) \$25.00 monthly/\$30.00 if double sided. **The printer also charges a fee of \$30 to place in newsletter before folding.**

#### Ads as a page on newsletter

Provided by customer-No set up fee charged

Full page-\$25.00 Monthly

1/2 page ad-\$18.00

1/4 page ad-\$12.00

1/8 page ad-\$10.00

Provided by LCBA-

Full page ad- \$25.00 monthly/\$15.00 setup fee

1/2 page ad- \$18.00 monthly/\$12.00 setup fee

1/4 page ad- \$12.00 monthly/\$10.00 setup fee

1/8 page ad- \$10.00 monthly/\$5.00 setup fee

Ads for members larger than four lines listed above or placed for more than one month, will be based on above rates.

**If any questions, call or e-mail newsletter editor. Number & e-mail listed on front page.**



LCBA Club Meeting at Oberlin United Methodist Church October 10, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Bob Hooker opens the meeting with business items. The fall banquet is October 11 at the Birmingham Community Center beginning with social gathering at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. There will again be a centerpiece contest and auction. Items are needed for the auction and anyone with a craft, service or items not needed are encouraged to donate to the auction.

Elections are coming up for the executive offices and the deadline to get your name on the ballot or nominations in by the general meeting November 14. Anyone interested contact Jim Toole.

Novembers general meeting topic will be on Queen Management and December's general meeting will be the annual Christmas banquet with a movie being shown called Sister Bee.

Next year the membership dues will be \$25.00 if you want to continue to receive the BUZZZZ by mail but if you chose to receive the BUZZZZ by e-mail only, dues will remain \$20.00.

Denzil made an announcement that he received a call from a lady who is looking for someone to help her manage her ten hives. For more details, see Denzil.

Tonight's topic was fall wrap-up which was presented by Bob Hooker. He spoke about managing hives through the year, cycle of brood, bee nutrition, balance in the hive and management issues. He also mentioned that this was an average to good year for honey production depending on your location. Bob encourage feeding to begin in March because April and May begins the nectar flow and you want to boost your hive into production. Bob also spoke about Mite control and the various products available.

Dave Williams was the second speaker for the night with the topic of Swarm Prevention. He spoke about what is swarming, what causes swarming and the reproductive swarm.

The night ended with the 50/50 drawing and the door prize give away. 50/50 was won by John Schick and the door prize, Hive tool donated by Queen Right, was won by Vicki Noosen.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

**1/1/2008 Through 10/27/2008****Income :**

50/50 Raffle - Unassigned 290.50  
 50/50 Raffle : Field Day 60.00  
 Advertisement : Newsletter 72.00  
 Auction : Banquet 602.29  
 Auction : Bee Hives 770.00  
 Auction : Misc. 129.00  
 Bank Verification 0.15  
 Bee Classes - Unassigned 1,105.00  
 Beekeeping for Dummies 20.00  
 Cook Book Sales 885.00  
 County Fair Entry Prize 100.00  
 County Fair Sales 13,271.50  
 Donations : Event Food 593.50  
 Donations : Individual 67.00  
 Harvest Festival Sales 1,617.00  
 Membership : Dues 1,783.48  
 Savings Interest 25.24

**Total Income 21,391.66****Expenses**

501C3 - Unassigned 750.00  
 Advertising : Advertising 36.00  
 Bills : Corporation Fee 50.00  
 Bills : Insurance 500.00  
 Buzz Newsletter : Postage 592.09  
 Buzz Newsletter : Printing 1,623.37  
 Charitable Donations - Unassigned 115.00  
 Check Insufficient Funds 26.00  
 Cook Books 2,401.46  
 County Fair : Advertising 125.00  
 County Fair : Assoc .Entry 350.00  
 County Fair : Entry Fee 20.00  
 County Fair : Honey Sales 7,774.30  
 County Fair : Prize 225.00  
 County Fair : Supplies 930.95  
 Education : Books 115.00  
 Entertainment : Food 209.29  
 Entertainment : Hall Rental 200.00  
 Entertainment : Speaker fee 358.00  
 Field Day : Auction 214.00  
 Field Day : Porta Potties 95.00

Field Day : Supplies 191.38  
 Gift : Thank You 147.07  
 Harvest Festival Payouts 1,253.51  
 Prizes : Baking Contest 40.78  
 Supplies : Office 68.12  
 Supplies : Postage 22.80  
 Supplies : Signs 47.08  
 Supplies : Tickets 15.81  
 Web Site : Quarterly Fee 109.55

**Total Expenses 18,606.56****Income less Expenses 2,785.10**

Account Balances As of 10/27/2008

**Assets:**

Lorain National Bank Savings 12,705.15  
 Lorain National Bank Checking 5,888.76  
 Petty Cash 174.93  
 Total Assets 18,768.84

**Liabilities :**

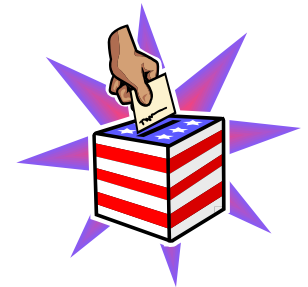
Building Fund 5,499.85  
 Total Liabilities 5,499.85

**Net Worth 13,268.99****2008 Birmingham Harvest Festival****Income Categories:**

Harvest Festival Sales 1,617.00  
 Total Income Categories 1,617.00

**Expense Categories:**

Harvest Festival Payouts 1,253.51  
 Total Expense Categories 1,253.51

**Grand Total 363.49****Submitted By Dave Williams**

## Election Ballot 2009

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|-----------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>President</b>      | <b>1 Yr. term</b> |                        |                       |
| <b>Vice President</b> | <b>1 Yr. term</b> | <b>William Vittori</b> |                       |
| <b>Secretary</b>      | <b>1 Yr. term</b> |                        | <b>Chris Lyons</b>    |
| <b>Treasurer</b>      | <b>1 Yr. term</b> |                        | <b>David Williams</b> |
| <b>Trustee</b>        | <b>3 Yr. term</b> | <b>James Toole</b>     |                       |

As of the newsletter going to print, this was the latest information. We are still in need of filling the president's position. If you are willing to run (you have lots of help from the executive committee), please contact Jim Toole or a member of the executive committee. Be sure to come and nominate and vote.