

THE BUZZZZZ



LORAIN COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER L.C.B.A. MISSION STATEMENT TO PROMOTE BEEKEEPING THROUGH EDUCATION, COOPERATION, OR ANY OTHER EFFICIENT MEANS

FEBRUARY 2008

www.loraincountybeekeepers.org

FYI

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

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 You must keep information & membership dues current to receive your newsletter in a timely manner.

DEADLINE For Submissions to THE BUZZZZZ

for the **MARCH** issue, are due **NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 23rd**. Items not received by that date will go in the next months issue.

Please send all articles, ads, and /or notes, to Valerie Weiss at 6080 Section Line Rd. New London Ohio 44851 or E-mail: buzzzzeditor@verizon.net

Please *do not* include layout or extra characters, (bold, italic, indents, etc.) as they must be removed during editing process.

Note: Submissions are subject to Executive Committee approval.

THE BEEKEEPERS LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT



They say about the time the face clears up the mind gets a little fuzzy. I'm not as young as I used to be, but still not to the point where I repeat myself over and over. I don't tell the same stories to the same people every time I meet them and I'm still good at names, just not the ones I heard yesterday.

They say everyone needs a will so I thought after last years beekeeping season I would be wise to get a will into print and what better place then here in the BUZZZZZ so everyone knew exactly where they stood, no squabbling like families are prone to do.

I leave my dead out colonies to Wayne Weiss; Valerie says he has much experience in this area. I leave all my living colonies to Valerie Weiss; I just hope I live long enough to see how soon they become the property of Wayne Weiss by default.

I leave those two colonies who I suspect are Africanized and sitting in a swamp on West road to Jim Toole. I have always suspected he could move faster then he pretends.

To Don Lyons, I leave all my leg hold traps with various and sundry black and white creatures. They say tomato juice removes the odor.

To John Person, our bee inspector, I leave six pairs of eye glasses and one magnifying glass and my book on bee diseases (with pictures).

To Bob Hooker, I leave my book, Roberts Rules of Order and a wood ball bat with which to translate it into English and also my 8000 plus empty feeder cans that have been so thoughtfully returned to me for the last 5 years. Maybe he can use the metal to patch his truck?

To Karin Wishner, I leave one drum of early spring blossom honey. The black ring around the sides is where the heat belt was left on for 5 days 10 years ago. I hear there is a good market for dark, well pasteurized honey.

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BUZZING AHEAD in 2008!!! Mark Your Calendars

- FEBRUARY 8- Scott Medwid speaking**
- MARCH 1– Tri-County Beekeepers Workshop-Wooster**
- MARCH 7- Beginner beekeeping class 1**
- MARCH 14- Beginner beekeeping class 2/meeting**
- MARCH 21- Beginner beekeeping class 3**
- MARCH 28- Beginner beekeeping class 4**
- APRIL 11- Regular meeting**
- MAY 3- FIELD DAY**
- MAY 9- Regular meeting**

Don't forget about LCBA Video & Book library. You can contact Jim Toole for the Book library and what is available. 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.



This was a picture from 2007 LCBA Beginner Beekeeping classes. It was a pretty full class.



THE BUZZZZ - DISCLAIMER

The BUZZZZ places For Sale items as a courtesy to paid members of LCBA and paid ads for non members. In purchasing used equipment the spread of disease is possible as taught in classes held by LCBA. Anything purchased through these ads cannot be guaranteed to be disease free. The BUZZZZ and LCBA will not be responsible for any problems incurred from purchasing items placed for advertising in The BUZZZZ. Any items purchased through these ads are at the purchasers own risk.
The BUZZZZ & LCBA

Check out the link below to Ohio Department of Agriculture, Apiary section. You will find a lot of information, links and forms such as, Colony Collapse Disorder, Small Hive Beetle Information, Apiary Inspection Law & Rules, Apiary Fact Sheets, Ohio Apiary Inspection Summary, Ohio Info Bee Newsletter, Apiary Resources, Apiary Forms

<http://www.ohioagriculture.gov:80/plant/curr/ap/plnt-ap-index.stm>

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To my good friend Bill Vittori, I leave all my ideas and one expired coupon to the stromboli stand at the fair and a signed picture of me.

I leave my dead out colonies to Wayne Weiss; Valerie says he has much experience in this area. I leave all my living colonies to Valerie Weiss; I just hope I live long enough to see how soon they become the property of Wayne Weiss by default.

To Shelly Bodkin, I leave all my Blue ribbons she tried so hard to win, and some tips on showing honey products, especially soap.

To Scott Medwid, Jeff Moehlman, and the Gallaghers, I leave two trailers each with which to haul bees. Almonds are done and the grower would like to have them moved.

To Dave Williams, I leave all the fleeces he help to shear on field days the last 2 years and my Beekeeping for Dummies book. Pay no attention the various and sundry statements you may find scattered through out its many pages making reference to Property of:

All my pollination contracts go to MJ and Anne. I just wish I could live long enough to see them move 250 colonies in the little white pick up.

To Rick Augustin, I leave my helmet and veil with the one small hole in the screen and my good smoker, which may need a new bellows.

I leave my dead out colonies to Wayne Weiss; Valerie says he has much experience in this area.

I leave all my various and sundry nuc boxes and queen rearing equipment to Brian Neuman, as well as some of my favorite customers like Mark Prinz, who likes Russians. However, if you don't have Russians, NWC will do, he doesn't know the difference. Dave Williams will take unmated queens with a mark. Sonny Barker will settle for Drone laying workers. I think with your new queen rearing program you will have a huge demand for each of the queens mentioned above.

This is supposed to be the presidents report, so the rest of you will have to attend the reading of the will. See Carol Gedeon for dates and times.

It's just like a politician to run such a smear campaign then leave and let someone else to do the work, thanks Bob.

This month we will be hearing from Scott Medwid about his trip to Scotland and beekeeping how-to's of that Great Country. See you at the next meeting February 8th.

Denzil

FOOD THEME CONTEST FOR FEBRUARY

What's a good way to keep warm on a cold Friday evening? Come to the L.C.B.A. meeting with your entry for the HONEY SANDWICH contest for Feb.! Yep, you read it right, a contest for the Best Tasting and Most Unusual HONEY SANDWICH will be held at our regular meeting night in February. So get those appetites ready, the pans out of the cupboard and let's have a great smorgasbord of sandwiches!! I'll have the coffee and hot cocoa going - you bring your sandwiches (with copy or copies of recipes for the judges), and we'll eat well, stay warm and hear a speaker too!!

If you need ideas, go to the NATIONAL HONEY BOARD web site. I counted 8 honey sandwich recipes!! Every thing from tea sandwiches to Honey Pulled Pork Sandwich. Yes, there was even a Peanut Butter Honey Crunch sandwich listed!!

Have fun and maybe you'll even win one of the prizes!!! One prize for the BEST TASTING SANDWICH and another prize for THE MOST UNUSUAL SANDWICH.

Connie Williams



**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes December 26, 2007 postponed to January 3, 2008 @ 7:00 p.m.
Oberlin United Methodist Church**

Executive Members Present: Bob Hooker, Bill Vittori, Jim Toole, Karin Wishner, Valerie Weiss, Dave Williams and Chris Lyons.

Members Present: Don Lyons, Sheila St. Clair and Denzil St. Clair.

Dave Williams opens the meeting by sending around a copy of the 501(C)3 financial portion of the application he completed on the past four years of the club. Dave has also received the bill for the Liability Insurance through Hartford. He also had copies of the bank statements for the first 11 months of 2007 which will be reconciled once the last month is available.

The cookbook was discussed regarding options available to get book printed. Discussion on hold until January 30, 2008 Executive meeting.

Beginning beekeeping classes were discussed. Denzil presented Chris with a copy of interested people for classes. Denzil will prepare outline for classes and notify speakers of their topics. Speakers will be Jim Toole, Karin Wishner, Dave Williams and possibly John Person. Field Day will be May 3, 2008 and rain date will be May 10, 2008. Kim Flottum will be main speaker and will discuss Queen Races. A number of hives with different queen races will be available to view at field day.

This year's fair was discussed and any changes to the agenda or rules are due by January 21, 2008. Several changes were made to last year's agenda demonstrations. There will be 3 bee beard demonstration, a hive inspection demo, candle dipping, Meade making, etc. Bill Vittori will be in charge of demonstrations and will make an announcement at the January members meeting that volunteers will be needed to bring their honey to fair for extraction and there will be a need for volunteers for demonstrations. Several changes will be made to fair rules. A fair committee meeting is scheduled for February 6, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Oberlin United Methodist Church and any member interested in volunteering time and ideas is welcomed. An announcement to be made at the general meeting in January. Carol Gedeon went over the 501(C)3 application for final review. Dave will need to file a 990 form yearly on the income and expenses of the club. Bob placed a motion to make Carol POA of the 501C3 application so that any questions in the future can be handled by her. Dave motioned first and Bill seconds the motion with all members approving motion.

A topic of concern for future executive meeting is to establish operating procedures, policies and job descriptions for the executive members.

A motion was placed to pay a user fee for the 1023 form and/or determination letter. Valerie motioned first with Bill placing second motion and all members approved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30

Submitted by: Chris Lyons

PACKAGE BEES

Queen Right Colonies is again selling package bees.

NWC - 2# \$62.00 and 3# \$72.00

Italian 2# \$62.00 and 3# \$72.00

These are California packages and at present do not run as much risk of having SHB and AHB.

Unlike packages from some package producers, #2 packages are sold as a 2# package, interpretation when you order a #2 package it means number 2 not 2 pounds of bees and the same is said for their number 3 does not mean 3 pounds of bees.

Queen Right Colonies

Denzil St.Clair

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Paid advertisement

Monthly Cash Flow 1/1/2008 Through 1/23/2008**Income:**

50/50 Raffle - Unassigned 18.00

Membership : Dues 700.00

Total Income 718.00**Expenses:**

501C3 - Unassigned 0.00

Bills : Corporation Fee 50.00

Bills : Insurance 500.00

Entertainment : Food 14.85

Gift : Thank You 45.79

Total Expenses 610.64**Income less Expenses 107.36****Account Balances As of 1/23/2008****Assets:**

Lorain National Bank Savings 13,679.91

Lorain National Bank Checking 2,218.19

Petty Cash 193.00

Total Assets 16,091.10**Liabilities:**

Building Fund 4,763.56

Total Liabilities 4,763.56**Net Worth 11,327.54***Submitted by: Dave Williams***THIS & THAT**

We had a few warm days earlier this month. I think it was earlier this month. Seems like so long ago with all this cold weather in the single digits, I don't remember for sure. It could have been last December. The girls were out flying, taking their much needed cleansing flight, which left traces on my windshield. They were also looking for nectar & pollen sources I'm sure. It was in the sixties. Very deceiving. Before the warm spell though, I put my trusty grocery bags on my shoes because it was so muddy and went out and put my ear against the hive to listen. While giving a light tap on the side of the hive.

Hopefully you have been taking advantage of the time this winter to get your equipment prepared and ready to throw on when needed. You may need to just clean some supers up or throw some paint on some or just buy some equipment that you know you will need when spring breaks. The time goes so quickly that it might leave you a little unprepared. So now is a good time to think about what needs done. With those few warm days we had whenever it was, it should have allowed you to see if your colonies were still alive and if they needed feeders refilled or needed to be fed. They may have already gone through their honey supply.

Beginner classes will be in March and if you need to brush up on anything, current members can attend free. The dates are on the calendar page, which is page 2 of this newsletter. It will be all four Fridays in March. If you know someone interested in taking the classes, registration forms and class flyers are available on the LCBA website. Click on the education button. www.loraincountybeekeepers.org

There are also other forms available there. Apiary registration will need to be done again and that form is also available on our site.

Always visit the LCBA website to see what is there. Our web master does a great job of having forms and information available for us.

See you at the February meeting.

Valerie

Did you know???

In 1966, Sears, sold package bees in their Sears Suburban Farm and Fencing supplies catalog.

A 2 1/2 pound package with queen, of

Midnite Bees (breed) sold for \$9.50.

A 3 lb. Package of Italians sold for \$7.80.

Think we can still order from that catalog?

Information given by Diane Edwards

Joke:

Q. Where do the bees go on their cleansing flights?

A. At the B P Station

Submitted by Carol Gedeon

L. C. B. A. 's HONEY PRODUCTION COMPETITION

So you think you are a good beekeeper with lots of skill and expertise in honey production or you think your race of bee is the best at bringing in lots of honey.

Well here is your opportunity to put your honey where your mouth is, so to speak.

Contest starts the week of April 27 and all entrants must be in place by May 3. Colonies will be inspected and weighed the week of May 4-10. This is when the competition actually starts. The location will be just east of Oberlin on St. Rt. 511.

Colonies brought into competition apiary must be in two (2) deep boxes. Anything more then this must be removed before bringing colony into competition apiary.

Beekeeper cannot bring anything else from home to this apiary other than empty supers with frames or (other honey production equipment).

NO BEES, BROOD, QUEENS, HONEY, SUGAR, SYRUP, POLLEN, POLLEN SUBSTITUTE, OR ANYTHING ELSE NOT MENTIONED ABOVE OTHER THAN HONEY PRODUCTION EQUIPMENT.

Once colonies are in place, beekeeper will manage their own colony according to their skills or abilities and cannot open or inspect other colonies on premises.

All colonies must stay in place until competition is completed or colony is deemed to have a disease.

All colonies must be identified with beekeepers name and contact information.

Competition will conclude on Sept. 28 and all colonies will be weighed. All empty frames not having honey, pollen, brood will be removed and not weighed. Anyone wishing to be present may do so. Further information will be forth coming in the BUZZZZ and at regular meetings.

To calculate finish weight, start up weight will be deducted from gross weight. The balance is the amount of honey or bee related product to be allowed as the competition amount.

Winner of competition will be awarded \$100.00 from LCBA and a complete deep hive kit with frames and foundation, bottom board, inner cover, telescoping cover from QRC. Winner of competition must give detailed information of what was done to their colony and also why they feel they beat the competition. This information will appear in an issue of the BUZZZZ. Other contestants will be given an opportunity to speak at an LCBA meeting to discuss what was done in their hives.

If you would like to participate in this Honey Production Competition, contact Denzil St. Clair, 440-647-2602



Here are a couple photos submitted by Bonnie Pierson. She took them while attending the National Beekeeping Conference in Sacramento, CA in January. She was able to tour The University of California, Davis, and went into Sue Cobey's lab, in the Harry H. Laidlaw, Jr. Honey Bee Research Facility.



OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION & TRI-COUNTY BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

OSU Honey Bee Lab, OARDC/Dept. of Entomology,
1680 Madison Ave., Wooster, OH 44691

*** News Release***

Ohio State University Extension and Tri-County Beekeepers' Association Spring Beekeeping Workshop Friday evening, February 29 & Saturday, March 1, 2008

Saturday, March 1, 2008, at The Ohio State University, Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center (OARDC). OARDC is located on Route 302 and south of US 30 in Wooster, Ohio. This is the largest one-day workshop in the United States.

This year's Workshop theme is: *Practical Management of the Modern Bee Colony*. Key speakers on the program are: **Mr. John Grafton**, Apiary Supervisor, Ohio Department of Agriculture, **Mr. Dennis Barclift**, State Apiarist, Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries, and **Mr. Ed Levi**, State Apiarist, Arkansas State Plant Board. *On Friday, February 29, 2008*, will start the Spring Workshop with an evening program on *Honey Bee Nutrition* or *Candle Making* at OARDC's Fisher Auditorium. After the scheduled talks the Beekeeping Museum will be open for tours.

On Saturday, the opening talk will be John Grafton, Dennis Barclift, and Ed Levi. Throughout the day there will be breakout sessions on Varroa Mites, CCD, Small Hive Beetles, Management, Cooking with Honey, Gardening, Basic Beekeeping and Children's program. Other interests are the Baking Contest, Door Prizes, Vendor Displays, and **NEW** for this year: Hands-on/Demo Room of bee equipment. Registration starts at 8:00 a.m. with the program starting at 9:00 a.m. until 4:45 p.m. The pre-registration fee is \$35.00 per adult over 17 (walk-in registration is \$45.00); Children (17 years and under) registration is \$5.00 per child. A hot turkey lunch with mashed potatoes, vegetable, and homemade pie will be offered for \$10.50 each or boxed lunch for \$6.75 (pre-registration only). Vendor registration is \$75.00 per table with one person's registration included.

For more information contact: Sherry Ferrell at (330) 263-3684, e-mail: ferrell.6@osu.edu, or visit the OSU Honey Bee Lab web site: www.beelab.osu.edu



NSQBA News Release

A new queen breeders association, called the Northern States Queen Breeders Association (NSQBA) is being formed. The focus of the association is for the improvement of northern genetics, a queen exchange program thus allowing diversification of genetics between members, and the ability of queen breeders to come together and learn from one another. For a brief outline and additional information, please see www.NSQBA.com

The BUZZZZ Advertising Fees

Members can place a maximum of four lines such as the ads above (approximately 3/4 inch by 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.

Green Honey Glow Mask

Makes 2 treatments

Benefits: Beautiful glowing skin that feels youthful and tight.

Ingredients

4 cups fresh spinach

1 cup fresh mint

3 Tbsp. honey

1 piece (1-inch) ginger

1 ripe banana

2 egg whites

Directions

Rinse spinach thoroughly in colander. Cut and peel ginger, set aside. In food processor or blender combine spinach, mint and ginger. Blend on low setting. Add honey and banana and blend until liquid consistency. Add egg whites and blend until all ingredients are mixed thoroughly. Transfer to porcelain bowl or glass dish. On clean skin apply a small amount of Green Honey Glow to entire face and neck. Apply using a fan brush or finger tips. Allow to remain on skin for 15-20 minutes. Rinse and apply appropriate moisturizer. Store covered in refrigerator for up to one week.

This recipe found on the National Honey Board web site.

www.honey.com