

THE BUZZZZZ



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

MARCH 2008

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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 APRIL issue, are due **NO LATER THAN MARCH 28th**. 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

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Note: Submissions are subject to Executive Committee approval.

“NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT”

BOB HOOKER



I get excited in February, particularly toward the end of February, because I know that warmer weather is not far ahead and with that comes the opportunity to get into the bees on a regular basis. I feel that once we get through February I have more opportunities to help my bees and to get them into shape for the spring buildup.

I also like February because it marks the beginning of the spring seminars that take place around the area. It gives me the chance to talk to beekeepers from across Ohio and even beyond, to find out how their bees have fared and to find out what is new in the world of beekeeping. The first day- long seminar of the year, at least in this area, takes place the third weekend of February in Monaco, Pennsylvania. The Beaver County Extension office and the Beaver Valley Beekeepers Association sponsor it. They had an exceptionally good program this year. Dennis Vanenglesdorp and Diana Cox-Foster from Penn State; Dave Miksa, a commercial queen raiser from Florida; Larry Conner; Jim Bobb, president of the Pennsylvania State Beekeepers Association; and Randy Oliver, a commercial beekeeper from California and writer for several of the journals, were the speakers. They shared a lot of timely advice on self-sufficiency, queen raising, nutrition, disease management, and gave an update on CCD. Randy Oliver gave some real practical information on how to treat for varroa and Nosema. Nothing really new was said on CCD. There is still no “smoking gun” that provides the answer to CCD. The more research they do the more it seems to confirm the conclusion that CCD is the result of a number of contributing factors, none of which by itself is the sole cause, but which when present in combination, are deadly.

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BUZZING AHEAD in 2008!!! Mark Your Calendars

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

**Swarm sign up sheet will be at
the March 14th meeting.**

MARCH FOOD THEME

The FOOD THEME for March is - STARTERS/ APPETIZER Make any appetizer using honey as an ingredient. Wow! This will be fun for everyone! So much to choose from, from dips to brie! There are Dips with fresh fruit, or raw veggies and dip, or how about Curried Chicken Wings, or Honey And Nut Brie, or Honey and Cream Cheese Tea Sandwiches or Moroccan Spiced Hummus? Check these recipes and many more on the HONEY BOARD recipe list, and have fun! The more food dishes the members bring in each month, the less LCBA has to spend on snack type foods. So, open those cupboards and get cooking! There is no contest, just good plain eating!

Connie Williams

PARTY FRANKS

1 lb. Chicken or Turkey Franks

1/4 c. Barbecue Sauce

2 T. Honey

1/4 tsp. dry mustard

1/2 tsp. Ginger

Cut each frank in fourths and set aside. Combine remaining ingredients in a saucepan or skillet. Add franks and continue cooking until heated through. Serve hot with cocktail picks as an appetizer. 8 Servings

Submitted by: Connie Williams



THE BUZZZZ - DISCLAIMER

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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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The best advice for equipment in which the bees died from CCD is, do not reuse it, at least until you have access to irradiation equipment to decontaminate the equipment. No one is recommending the equipment be burned, but just do not reuse it until more is known.

Encouraging word was shared on the possibility of controlling varroa with out the use of hard chemicals. Varroa is still the number one problem facing the bees. When you boil down the presentations to the basic message they had for the average beekeeper, it was a repeat of recurring themes of the past few years; Control varroa, control Nosema, give attention to proper nutrition for your bees, reduce stress on your bees as much as you can, and rely more on locally produced queens and nucs, make your own increase. You have heard all this before but it bears repeating. The more I hear at these workshops the more convinced I become that the role the small and medium sized beekeeper, like those in LCBA, is critical to the future health of the honeybee.

QUEEN RIGHT COLONIES

QRC is again selling package bees.

NWC - 2# - \$62.00

NWC - 3# - \$72.00

Italian - 2# - \$62.00

Italian - 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

43655 St. Rt. 162

Spencer, Ohio 44275

QRCstclair@midviewinternet.com

www.queenrightcolonies.com

(440)647-2602



Paid advertisement

GEORGIA PACKAGE BEES

Approximate delivery date of April 21

3# package w/Italian Queen - \$71.00 ea.

4# packages w/Italian Queens - \$80.00 ea.

3# packages w/Russian Hybrid Queens - \$75.00 ea.

4# packages w/Russian Hybrid Queens - \$84.00 ea.

Italian, Queens only - \$15.00 ea.

Russian Hybrid, Queens only - \$19.00 ea.

Packages ordered and paid for by March 30, 2008 will be \$3.00 off per package.

Queens ordered and paid for by March 30, 2008 \$1.00 off per queen

Tom Jefferies - Phone # 1-440-236-5994 (Best way)

Email: tjeffhwb@aol.com

Snail mail 24564 Squire Road

Columbia Station, Ohio 44028

Or in person at a meeting

Thank you; Tom J



Paid advertisement

LCBA Club Meeting at Oberlin United Methodist Church January 11, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Bob Hooker welcomes new members to the meeting and gives a follow-up/introductions to December executive member's elections.

Bob updates members on business parts of the club. First mention is that the cookbook committee still wants to produce a cookbook, but still at a standstill on how to proceed due to cover/binding. Anyone interested in joining meetings contact a member. Next reminder is about the upcoming Beekeeping classes beginning March 7th, at 7:00 p.m. and will continue for the next three consecutive Fridays. March 14th class will include a regular members meeting with a breakout session for regular members. Field Day is May 3rd with Kim Flottum to be main speaker. There will be hives available to observe for comparison of different Queen races and breeders.

Some upcoming events are February 16th in West PA., this is similar to Wooster. Contact Bob or check out the website for more information. March 1st, is Tri-County Workshop in Wooster, which is a big event for LCBA because we normally teach the children's classes. Anyone interested in teaching a children's class see Sheila St. Clair. Participants who teach a class get their entry into the event free for the day and includes a free lunch. Classes are 45 minutes long and there are three group sessions. May 26th is Western Reserves meeting with Jennifer Berry as main speaker. More information on this meeting at a later date. Lorain County Fair is August 18-24. The fair committee meeting is scheduled for February 6th, at 7:00 p.m. at Oberlin United Methodist Church. Anyone interested in helping with fair details is welcome to come to the meeting. Lots of help is always needed for this event.

There is also the possibility of attempting another bee cloak this year in the fall. No date set yet. More information to come at a later date.

Denzil St. Clair presented a proposal to all members to have a Honey Production Contest. Some of the details are: it will begin the last of April beginning of May, one colony only to enter from own apiary, to be brought to an undetermined location at this time, and for each participant to do their best with their managing skills to raise the most pounds of honey. The colony will be weighed at entry and at the end of season and the winner will win \$100.00. During the course of the event, no additional equipment will be allowed to be brought from home to add to the colony except supers and foundation. All rules not yet set. There will be an article written by winner on what work was involved during competition and what didn't work. Queen Right will also donate a complete deep hive kit to winner. Bob Hooker made a motion to pay a \$100.00 prize. There was a first and second motion and approved by all members.

Dave Williams reminded members that membership dues are expected to be paid soon or the February issue of the Buzz will be their last issue. He also spoke about what all members should be doing at this time with their hives. Everyone needs to get into their hives when weather allows cleaning dead outs and feed. Need to start getting boxes ready. It is recommended to remove wax foundation every 4-5 years. Dave asked members to share their stories on who have already been into their hives.

Bob developed an evaluation form he wanted members to complete on tonight's presentation and leave at the end of meeting.

Bob was the speaker for the night and his Power Point presentation was on Spring Management and Swarm Prevention. Some topics were beekeepers plans/goals for the coming year, managing for build up of colony and examples of how to build, along with the honeybees plans for the coming year such as raising brood, goals to swarm which is all built into their DNA. The beekeepers and honeybee goals are at a cross- purpose. He also spoke about the biology, factors, and process of swarming and what the beekeeper should do to help manage/control this technique.

Connie Williams spoke to the members about the themes for each meetings food presentations. All members' kids and adults are welcomed to join and food should be made with honey in it somewhere. February's theme is Sandwiches with a contest on best tasting and most unusual.

Meeting ended with 50/50 at approximately 9:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Chris Lyons

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - January 30, 2008 @ 7:00 p.m. - Henrietta Township Hall

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

The meeting opened with Valerie giving an update on the cookbook. Valerie needs all recipes printed out one recipe per page by February 8. For the club to receive all available discounts all information needs to be sent to the cookbook publishing company by February 28. Valerie also found out that because we chose custom tab dividers, we can choose our own categories. Valerie passed around the ordering book so that members can see what was chosen for the cover and tabs. Pictures are still needed for the cookbook and a few pictures were viewed at the meeting. Send any pictures to Valerie. The bee cloak picture will become part of the history page of the cookbook. Once the company has all the information for the cookbook it will take 45 - 60 days to print. Once books are complete, Chris Lyons will keep all books and log out to individuals wanting to sell. The possibility of selling the cookbooks on the Internet was discussed. There was a motion for Jim Toole to research Pay Pal on the website to sell the cookbooks. Denzil and Bill motioned with all executives approving.

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Dave Williams gives the Treasurers report. 2008 membership is currently at 68 members. Carol Gedeon will be given a lifetime membership to LCBA for her professional service and time given in completing the 501C3 application. LCBA's net worth is \$11,000 and the building fund has \$15,000. Dave asked that a motion be placed to pay Connie Williams for gifts she purchased for the cooking competition coming in February. A motion was placed to pay \$16.90 to Connie for gifts. Denzil and Bill motioned and all passed the idea.

The fair board has received the changes to the fair book. Sheila tried to get products related to The Bee Movie by contacting McDonalds, DreamWorks, etc. to give away at the fair, but has had no response from anyone. The next fair committee meeting is scheduled for February 6 at the United Methodist Church. This meeting will discuss a possible theme and the need to reconstruct the barn.

Dave has researched bee trading cards on-line which can be purchased at a cost of \$34.00 for 18 different sets of 100 cards each. These cards could be used at talks and at fair. There is also a poster showing the make-up of a Queen and drone.

Tri-County speakers are lined up for the kids events with Shelly Bodkin making cookies, Dave Williams teaching biology of the bee and Connie Williams teaching herbs and plants. There is \$25.00 available to speakers for supplies needed for their events.

March 14 regular club meeting starts the breakout sessions. These sessions will be for beekeepers interested in soap making, making creamed honey, making lotions and lip balms and making infused honey. The main topic will be new products available. Denzil will present products to members, which will be new or unusual products in beekeeping.

Denzil is to put together itinerary for the bee classes.

Field Day was discussed and it is very important that we improve upon field day due to the loss of last year's event. There were several suggestions made to improve revenue such as a future entry fee, have food catered, putting an emphasis on donations, decrease the number of porta potties, etc. There will be a raffle for hives, a possible Chinese raffle, and auction for services available from experienced beekeepers. Ask members at regular meetings if they have crafts or services they would like to donate for auction. Sunday, April 27 will be clean up day at Queen Right for field day. Don also suggested selling tickets for the hive raffle before field day beginning at March meetings and that members do not have to be present at field day to win.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10.

Submitted by: Chris Lyons

LCBA Club Meeting - Oberlin United Methodist Church - February 8, 2008 - 7:00 p.m.

Bob Hooker welcomes everyone to the meeting. Bob opens the meeting with business issues and begins with the Tri-County meeting coming up in March and that the children's speakers are in place. The beginner beekeeping classes begin Friday, March 7 and the instructors will be Dave Williams, Jim Toole, Karin Wishner and John Persons. There will be a regular club meeting on March 14, along with the beginner beekeeping classes. Business issues will open the meeting, then it will break off into class and a topic on new products on the market. Any member that has a new idea or product they would like to share, bring to this meeting.

Field Day is May 3 and Sunday, April 27 will be for clean up at Queen Right. Friday, May 2 will be set-up for field day. There will be a change to this year's hive raffle for 2 separate hives. Tickets will be sold before field day at the meetings. This year members do not have to be present at the field day drawing to win hives. This is to help increase income for the event. There may also be a silent auction for different items. For this auction, the club will need donations, which could be craft items made, services provided and the possibility of a certificate for a day of mentoring from an experienced beekeeper. Anyone interested in being a mentor check with Bob or Denzil. There may also be some changes in the future with an entrance fee.

Fair issues are reconstruction to the fair porch area is needed this year. There will be a need for a lot of help in the reconstruction and preparing the barn for fair. More information will be presented at future meetings.

The cookbook has been a long work in progress and will possibly be ready to sale by Field Day. Some pictures are still needed particularly one's with a lot of honey products pictured. Anyone with pictures, please send to Valerie. The cookbook needs to be finalized and to the publisher by February 28.

Denzil asked the members who will be entering the upcoming honey production competition to get an idea of the number of participants. The winner will receive \$100.00 and one complete deep hive kit. Read details of competition in the January Buzz.

Denzil needs competitors.

The winners of the sandwich competition were for best tasting, the Helzer family for their Roasted Pork Tenderloin and for most unusual, Judy Hazard for her Chocolate, Walnut, Peanut Butter, Banana Wrap.

Dave spoke a little on what should be done with hives now and it is feed and order packages if needed.

Denzil St. Clair and Tom Jefferies will have packaged bees for sale.

The beekeeper of the month interview was with Scott Medwid. He is a licensed massage therapist. He has a side business specializing in air loom woods and has an Australian style lumber mill. He's been married for 23 years and has two daughters. He has been in beekeeping for seven years and has had as many as 15 colonies. As of 2007, he has three colonies.

Scott Medwid was the speaker for the night and he spoke about his travels to Europe. He visited England gardens, which many are intricate with water features, trees, etc. and the gardens are even found on tops of buildings. They have a major loss of bees

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and are not sure what happened. They believe it may be due to the climate changes. Scott also traveled to Scotland and Finland. Finland has 3000 beekeepers with a total of 50,000 hives. The average apiary has 16 colonies. Their national honey harvest per hive averages 66 pounds a year. They are strict on pesticide and herbicide use in their hives and they have a lot of organic foods. They are regulated by the European Union. They do not have a mite problem and do not use chemicals. They have not yet experienced CCD. Their feelings are that pesticides and herbicides are the cause of CCD. Scott was surprised that the cell phone theory of CCD had managed to make it to their country. Scott also mentioned how they manage American Foul Brood. They take the infected colony and shake it away from the home zone and all the flying bees go back to the home hive. They do this procedure twice and replace the home zone with new equipment and the old equipment is destroyed. Scott has sent the website for the hot wax dip done by Queen Right to them.

Before the meeting ended for the night, Bob brought Carol Gedeon up front to award her with a lifetime membership to LCBA for all the work she preformed putting together the application for the 501C3 status. She put a lot of time and effort into preparing this application and LCBA is very appreciative for her services. The meeting ended with the 50/50 in which Jim Toole won and donated \$20.00 back to LCBA. Thank you Jim.

Submitted by: Chris Lyons

A GOOD THING FOR EVERYONE TO KNOW, EVEN US BEEKEEPERS

It only takes a minute to read this...

A neurologist says that if he can get to a stroke victim within 3 hours he can totally reverse the effects of a stroke... totally. He said the trick was getting a stroke recognized, diagnosed, and then getting the patient medically cared for within 3 hours, which is tough.

RECOGNIZING A STROKE

'3' steps, STR. Read and Learn! Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer severe brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke. Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

S * Ask the individual to SMILE.

T * Ask the person to TALK and SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE (Coherently) (i.e. It is sunny out today)

R * Ask him or her to RAISE BOTH ARMS.

If he or she has trouble with ANY ONE of these tasks, call 911 immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

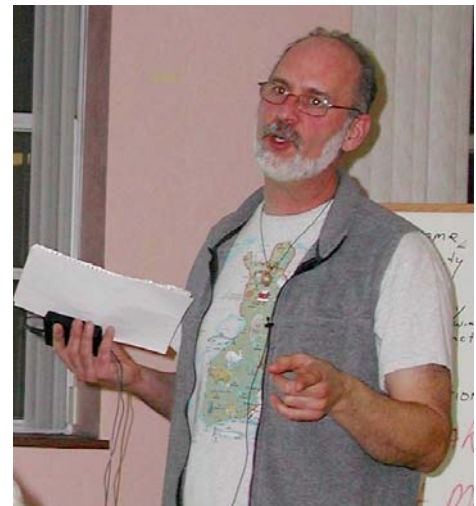
New Sign of a Stroke --Stick out Your Tongue NOTE: Ask the person to 'stick' out his tongue.. If the tongue is 'crooked', if it goes to one side or the other, that is also an indication of a stroke.

This was a familiar site for quite a while at my house (Valerie). Working on the LCBA cookbook was no simple task. It had been in the works since November of 2006. Some ideas were drawn up and things tried that didn't quite work out the way we



wanted, but we didn't give up. We went at it again. Things were done and undone, put in a category envelope and taken back out for a double check or a change here or there, then finally to a point where the category title went on a sheet on the stack and then into its envelope. The picture above was the final gathering, organizing and packing it up to go in to be printed. I've had dreams and woke up worrying I forgot something or did something wrong. Sure hope not, just a bad dream. But, in the near future, for real this time :

Watch for the LCBA cookbook coming soon!!!!



Scott Medwid spoke to members at the February meeting on a trip he took to Europe recently. Scotland and Finland were just a couple of his stops. Read about it in the February meeting minutes from our secretary.

1/1/2008 Through 2/25/2008**Income Categories:**

Donations 20.00
 50/50 Raffle 52.00
 Bee Classes 140.00
 Membership 1,240.00

Total Income Categories 1,452.00**Expense Categories:**

501C3 0.00
 Entertainment 14.85
 Expense - Unassigned 29.85
 Prizes 40.78
 Supplies 68.12
 Gift 91.58
 Charitable Donations 115.00
 Buzz Newsletter 498.67
 Bills 550.00

Cook Books 1,018.50

Total Expense Categories 2,427.35**Grand Total (975.35)****Account Balances As of 2/25/2008**

Account Total

Assets:

Lorain National Bank Savings 13,679.91
 Lorain National Bank Checking 1,142.26
 Petty Cash 186.22

Total Assets 15,008.39**Liabilities:**

Building Fund 4,763.56
 Total Liabilities 4,763.56

Net Worth 10,244.83

Submitted by: Dave Williams



Ina Belle Campbell



Sheila St. Clair

SHE'S AN LCBA TREASURE

You probably don't know the lady on the left, but you should. She's given a great treasure chest of goodies to LCBA. Ina Belle Campbell is the mother of Sheila St. Clair, the lady on the right, whose face is probably real familiar to many (Queen Right Colonies).

Ina is 80 years young and still going strong. She has resided in Williamsburg, Kentucky for about forty years. Volunteer work and fundraising has been at the top of her to do list for about the same number of years. Ina has received the Kentucky Colonel award, which is for outstanding citizenship and volunteer work. The award is signed by the Governor, and Secretary of State of Kentucky.

Ina works with all the local non-profit organizations to see that children are taken care of with toys, making sure food baskets are distributed to those in need, veterans are visited on holidays and their needs met, does fund raising for monies to purchase items not donated and I'm sure more that we don't even know about.

Besides being the mother of one of LCBA's best supporters, Ina is the one who gathers all those great goodies that **we** pass out every year at the Lorain County Fair. Toys, candies, and many other things that have come our way. We had chocolate roses one year, candy bars, stuffed animals, videos, and so much more through out the many years she has donated to us. We always have boxes and boxes to pass out to kids every year thanks to Ina.

When Sheila goes to visit her mom, she comes back with more than she left home with. Ina sends whatever she has collected for LCBA back with Sheila. Sometimes Sheila makes a trip just to be able to pick things up from Ina because Ina can't move in her home from things she has collected for LCBA. She gets the bonus of seeing her mom though.

LCBA wanted you to know about Ina and also to thank her for all the wonderful items she has donated to our association all these years. Knowing what she has donated to LCBA, we definitely know why she received the award. We can't thank her enough.

Valerie

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Members can place a maximum of four lines (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.

