

LORAIN COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION



THE BUZZZZ

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NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT: Denzil St. Clair

Hello all. You may not want to hear it, but summer is officially here. The longest day of the year has come and gone. LCBA Fair committee is officially meeting and prepping for another great Fair this year, and of course you are invited. The Fair committee is meeting July 6, 7:00 p.m. at the Fair Grounds. All are welcome to attend and of course we want, and encourage you to enter in the fair. There are many classes that you can enter into. Not only is there seven categories of liquid honey, but there is

also creamed honey, flavored creamed honey, cut comb & chunk honey, wax, wax candles, bees, items baked with honey and the list goes on. The theme of this year's Fair is The Bees of Paradise, courtesy of Pam Schlichenmayer. This will be an ambitious undertaking and if our plans are realized, the LCBA booth will be beautiful and unique this year.

Also this year, we have decided to offer our Fall Wrap-Up Class a little earlier to enable beekeepers to prepare a little earlier for winter and

John Schick will teach that class at our regular meeting, July 8. It would be nice to go through a winter without losing half our bee population. I plan on doing a survey of beekeepers going into winter this year and their winter prep and then again in the spring in order to have a better understanding of what works and what does not, then sharing that information with our members on Field Day, 2012.

Have a great Summer
Denzil

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2011 BUZZZZ CALENDAR

- July 8 - Fall wrap up-preparing your colonies for fall-Fair info
- July 24 - Newsletter deadline
- July 27 - Executive Meeting 7:00 P.M.
- August 12 - **Regular Fair meeting - Meeting held at Lorain County Fair Grounds**
- August 21 - Newsletter deadline
- September 9 - TBA
- October 14 - NO MEETING – ANNUAL BANQUET OCTOBER 15th
- October 15 - **Annual Fall Banquet-Auction**

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

For submissions to THE BUZZZZ....
 For the AUGUST issue are due
NO LATER THAN July 24.
Items not received before that date will go in the next months issue.
 Please send all articles, ads, and/or notes to:
 e-mail- buzzzeditor@frontier.com
 Please **do not** include layout or extra characters, (bold, italics, indents, etc.) as they may be removed during editing process.

All submissions are subject to approval.

LCBA Executive Meeting is held the last Wednesday of every month unless holidays change the schedule.
 The meetings are held at the Henrietta Township Hall on Vermilion Rd. in Oberlin at 7:00 p.m.
 We encourage members to attend.

LOCATION & MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

LCBA meetings are held the second Friday of each month at 7:00 P.M.
The First Church
 (United Church of Christ)
 106 N. Main St. Oberlin, OH

Membership dues are **\$25.00 if you receive by mail**, \$20.00 per year if you receive by e-mail. Those receiving by e-mail can pick up a hard copy at the meeting. Membership includes all immediate family members. Memberships run per calendar year, January to December. Membership expiration date is December 31st of each year for mail or e-mail. You can renew your membership on the web site www.loraincountybeekeepers.com with Pay Pal or

Send dues to the Treasurer:
Dave Williams
 11923 Green Rd. Wakeman, OH 44889

EDITOR'S NOTE:
 If you have moved or your e-mail changes, 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.
 Check LCBA web site for meeting changes or cancellations due to bad weather.

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GETTING STARTED ON FAIR - 2011

Every year people come through the Bee Barn to see what LCBA has done to the barn. We usually "WOW" them every year and we are hoping that this year will be no exception.

We announced at the June meeting that we had two ideas for the 2011 Fair Theme. One idea was "Bees Of Paradise" and the other was "Alice in Honeyland" based off of "Alice in Wonderland". "Bees of Paradise" was voted for due to better availability of items. Alice in Honeyland will still be one for the future we hope.

With the "Bees Of Paradise", we are of course going with a Tropical type theme. We are looking for members to loan or donate some items if possible. One of the biggest items we are looking for are Palm Trees, Potted Hibiscus, & Potted Ferns. We are also looking for some children's Adirondack chairs, 1 or 2 small pools, kids sun glasses, plush bees, bagged play sand, small canoes, Tiki torches, Pink Flamingo's, Pineapples & Coconuts. Grass skirting to cover under the display and sales area are needed as well.

So I think you get the picture on what we are going for. If you can help us out with any of this, contact

Valerie by e-mail, buzzzeditor@frontier.com or 419-929-1110, or Sheila St. Clair, qrcltd@hughes.net or 440-647-2602, or Pam Schlichenmayer, purpledogcreative@mac.com

Any help you can give us will be greatly appreciated. If items are loaned you would be able to get them back when fair ends.

Intent to sell forms, fair rules and other fair items, and the volunteer work schedule were also at the June meeting. Even if you aren't sure you are going to have honey to sell, it is still best to fill out a form to ensure your spot in the booth if you do have honey. If it ends up that you don't have any to sell, you just need to let Valerie know by no later than August 10th. The reason for that is because of preparing shelf space, name plates, etc., for the person selling, and also needing to know how the space has to be divided up. If you aren't selling than a spot doesn't need to be made. If you haven't let us know that your aren't, then it throws the whole shelf placement off.

The Intent to Sell forms were revised last year with places to check what items are being sold to make it easier to set up spots on the shelf. Some are selling more than bottled honey. There is creamed honey, cut comb honey,

chunk honey, pollen, etc. If a person is just selling bottled honey, less space is needed for that person than is needed for someone selling the other items mentioned. Deadline to sign up is also August 10th for the same reasons listed.

We hope our members will help out in the sales booth and the children's booth. There are two hour time slots for volunteering. The sales booth is helping people who want to buy members honey. No experience is needed. It is fun to meet and talk to different people while they sample sellers honey's. The children's booth is helping kids make wax crystal candles, and bracelets, and a few other things. We are always needing face painters. It is a big draw in the barn. Kids come early wanting their faces painted. There is a paper with some of the most commonly asked for pictures, or if you have a specialty you can do that.

If you would like to volunteer in either booth, please contact Valerie at the same number or e-mail in center column. The volunteer schedule will be at the July regular meeting. Intent to Sell forms will be there also. For either one, see Valerie at the meeting.

AUGUST MEETING TO BE HELD AT LORAIN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

We will have our annual August meeting at the Lorain County Fairgrounds. The date is Friday, August 12th. Same time as regular meetings. Last year we tried something different. We usually had a picnic type thing and talked about fair, but last year we told everyone to bring brooms, dust pans, shop vacs, rags, buckets, screw drivers for removing staples, pliers, trash bags, etc. and we had a clean up the bee barn night. Those who came and helped had

pizza and drinks provided by LCBA. It was a fabulous turnout and there was a whole lot accomplished. It made the week-end prior to fair so much better. Since it turned out so well, and was such a huge accomplishment to get ahead of the game before fair, we are going to do it again this year. So bring what you can to help with the clean up and

enjoy pizza and beverages with us on **August 12th.**





CURRENT FLORAL SOURCES

We were doing checks on our bees here in our home yard of New London, but also checked on our out yards in South Collins and they all seemed to be in the same condition, which was lack of honey stores. We have had a very strange spring/summer so far. Last year started off hot and stayed hot the rest of the summer and there was no shortage of honey. Seems like the hotter the summer, the more honey there is.

I remember Denzil's father, Billie St. Clair, telling us that very thing many years ago. And since then,

we've noticed it has been just that.

So far we've had some hot temps right off the bat, but then it seemed like the thermometers bottom just dropped out for what we should be having weather wise. A few days with highs in the sixties was quite shocking for this time of year and I keep hearing on the weather reports that we are ten or more degrees below normal.

I've seen quite a few things on our Face Book like "where is the nectar"?

Thistle seems to be one of only things available right now for the bees or at least

that is what I am seeing here in our area. There is also some white clover. So much rain was going on when there were things in bloom. Hopefully there is plenty of nectar sources elsewhere in your areas.

OARDC web site Growing Degree Days lists a few things in bloom right now or about to bloom and the pests that affect them.

<http://www.oardc.ohio-state.edu/gdd/>

You can input your zip code and see what shows up for your area.



LOST

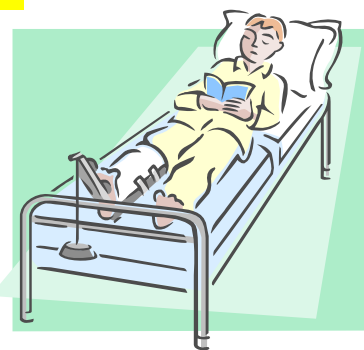
I came home WITHOUT my slotted metal serving spoon from Bee Field Day and I'd sure like to have it back. If someone inadvertently took it home with them, please contact me by phone at 419-929-8558 or email at deyoe4@gmail.com
Thanks a bunch!
Chantal

RECOVERING

Member, Ed Wolfram, is recovering for about a month from foot surgery at the Center Ridge Nursing Home in North Ridgeville. If you would like to send him a card, the address is 38600 Center Ridge Rd. North Ridgeville, OH 44039
Ed gets the hard copy newsletter so we hope he

sees our good wishes in here.

Take care Ed. Hope you are up and about real soon.
Members of LCBA are buzzing your way with good wishes for a speedy recovery.



FEEL BETTER SOON INA

Those who have been reading the newsletter for a while have heard the name Ina Campbell quite a few times. Ina is Sheila St. Clair's mom and for many years donated thousands of dollars worth of toys and misc. items for us to give to kids during fair. The

kids came by every year to see what we had. Ina hasn't been feeling well lately. We wanted to let her know we are thinking of her and sending her our best wishes to feel better soon.
So Ina, hope you feel all the buzzing coming your

way from LCBA to get you back on your feet and feeling better and pain free.
Right is Ina's daughter Shirley, Ina, and daughter Sheila, at fair 2010.



LCBA Executive meeting - May 27, 2011 7:00 p.m.

The original meeting date was canceled due to tornado warnings and storms.

Executives in attendance: Denzil St. Clair, Valerie Weiss, Dave Williams, Bill Vittori, John Schick.

Members in attendance, Sheila St. Clair, Bob & Shelley Bodkin, Bruce Sampsell.

Dave will issue a check for mileage expense for Joe Kovaleski. A check was also issued for speaker fee and expense reimbursement for Clarence Collison, Field Day speaker.

Dave will have Field Day totals at

next executive meeting.

QRC turned in bills for reimbursement for advertising in Bee Culture magazine for Field Day, \$500.00 for two ads.

Fair judge will be Carmen Conrad again this year. Sheila to get fair book and forms to her for judging.

Elina Lastro Nino will be June speaker. Dave and Connie Williams will host her while she is here.

OSU referred a woman to LCBA for help with equipment of her father's that she would like to sell. Dave will take a look at it.

QRC donated the two deep hives and the

bees in them for Field Day.

QRC turned in bills for beginner kits for Scholarship winners for reimbursement and also a bill for DVD's purchased for video library.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Submitted by: Valerie Weiss in absence of Vickie Eichof



LCBA Regular Meeting - June 10, 2011

Before the meeting began, members sang Happy Birthday to president, Denzil St. Clair. Sheila brought a cake to share with members. Bill Vittori brought a piñata bee and a bat for Denzil to TRY and hit it with and of course the usual banter between the two was going on. He did hit it, right off where it was hanging from. It was a fun way to start the evening off.

Bonnie opened the meeting with what you should be doing now. Bonnie said she is having an issue with Varroa mites. She brought in a drone with damaged wings which is one of the signs.

Bees have had a hard time foraging with all the rain. They of course can't get out when it is raining and the rain also washes out the nectar. She said her bees have been wash boarding, which is when they move back and forth on the bottom board or sides of the hive.

Bonnie had also posted on Face Book pictures of a white eyed drone.

Members were told what the possible fair themes were (see page 2) and that the fair committee would vote on which would be used at the next fair meeting. Forms and fair materials such as fair books were available for members. Those that have already entered receive books the next year.

Guest speaker was Elina Lastro Nino. She is Bosnian. Her bio was in the June issue.

One interesting tidbit she told the members was that if a queen hatches she will actually shoot feces at other queens which contains a pheromone that repels workers away from her so they won't care for her and she eventually dies. Another bit of interesting info was that workers can tell by queen pheromone of she mated with few or many drones. Queen insemination volume affects worker behavior. It was all fascinating information.

Submitted by: Valerie Weiss in absence of Vickie Eichof



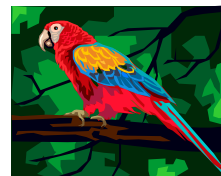
The black board in the background was one of the highlights of the evening. It says:

I like— My food run through a blender, Geritol on the rocks, that I only turn "70" once, that the Vet makes me feel "60". Can you guess who did the black board?



Last years sales booth theme was Nature's Candy Shop (top picture). Up on the roof we had wrapped candy (fake of course), and also throughout the booth. Lots of bright color to get your attention. With what is in the planning it will be another colorful and unique year for the sales booth and the association booth.

2009 we celebrated our 90th anniversary with colorful party items, presents, etc. So as you see, we love lots of color and to do it up big in the bee barn. No wonder people come through every year just to see what we've done. We are hoping the volunteers have



some Hawaiian print shirts to help make it more fun. In a few months from now you will see new wondrous décor for your viewing pleasure. You can get your Hula on.



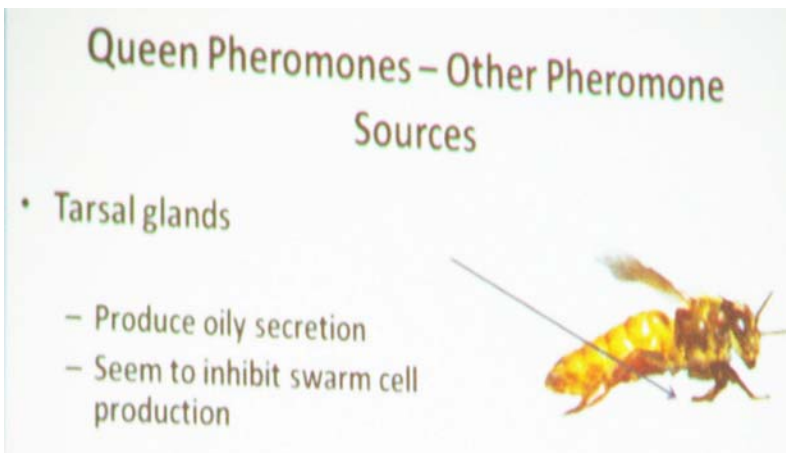
Carmen Conrad will be our judge again this year at the fair.

Have you thought about whether you will make fair entries yet or not? Now is the time to think about it. It comes so quickly. For those new beekeepers, even you can enter. All you need is three jars of honey. You can extract a few frames to get that.

There will be some fair info discussed at the July meeting so if you are thinking about it, join us and ask your questions if you have any. A little friendly competition is fun. There are so many categories aka classes to enter. Check them out in one of the fair books.



Connie Williams presented Elina with a gift basket she made of various items from her and other members.



One of the power point slides Elina presented during her talk.

Treasurers Report

Account Balances - As of 6/23/2011

Bank Accounts

Lorain National Savings 24,396.87
 New Lorain National Checking 2,708.32
 TOTAL Bank Accounts 27,105.19

Cash Accounts

PayPal 0.00
 Petty Cash Fund 211.10
 TOTAL Cash Accounts 211.10

OVERALL TOTAL 27,316.29

Income/Expense by Category - YTD

1/1/2011 through 6/23/2011 (Cash Basis)

Category Description 1/1/2011- 6/23/2011

INCOME

Class Books 225.00
 Classes 1,350.00
 Donations 1,186.60
 Membership 1,614.08
 Raffles 880.00
 Sales 120.00
 Sales LCBA Honey 36.00
 FROM New Lorain National Checking 4.60
 FROM PayPal 192.60
 FROM Petty Cash Fund 229.00
 TOTAL INCOME 5,837.88

EXPENSES

Advertising 150.00
 Events 1,538.63
 FICA 20.00
 Food 81.90
 Insurance 500.00
 Meeting Hall 100.00
 Newsletter 892.65
 Overpayment-return 50.00
 PayPal Fees -0.28
 Postage 88.00
 Prizes 50.00
 Scholarship 447.55
 Speakers 1,351.00
 Supplies 421.48
 Web Site 29.85
 TO New Lorain National Checking 421.60
 TO Petty Cash Fund 4.60
 TOTAL EXPENSES 6,146.98

OVERALL TOTAL -309.10



As you celebrate Independence Day, don't forget those who fight for us to keep it and protect us.

Have a safe and Happy 4th of July.

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