

THE BUZZZZZ



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

JULY 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 AUGUST issue, are due
NO LATER THAN JULY 26th. 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.

“NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT”

BOB HOOKER



Wow, here it is July already. Time to begin thinking about getting the honey supers off and getting the honey extracted. Also time to begin thinking seriously about the fair. I hope that many of you are planning to enter the honey show this year. Of course it is not just a “honey” show since there is a category for just about any interest you have in beekeeping from extracted honey, to comb honey, to wax products, to skin care items, to baked goods. You can even enter mead into the fair, although that is at a different show. Check the fair book for details on the categories and how to enter. Remember that if you plan to sell honey or wax products at the sales booth, you must also enter the same products in the show.

We are beginning work to prepare the displays at the barn this weekend, June 28, and several work days are planned to get the job done. We need a lot of volunteers not only to prepare the barn and the displays, but also to staff the various booths and display areas. If you can help, contact Valerie Weiss to sign up to work in the sales booth, Bill Vitorri to sign up to help with the various demonstrations to be held throughout the week, and Sheila St. Clair to help with the children’s booths (face painting and candle making).

Our regular meeting in July, July 11, will provide guidance on how to prepare your entries for the fair and how to extract honey for those new to beekeeping. During the fair, in the evenings, we will have demonstrations on honey extraction. This is a good time for those of you who don’t have an extractor to get your honey extracted. Just bring your frames of honey, just a couple or supers full – it doesn’t matter, to the fair during one of the extraction demonstrations and we will extract it for you, no fuss, no muss, no charge. Remember to bring jars with lids to put your honey in.

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BUZZING AHEAD in 2008!!! Mark Your Calendars

JULY 11- Regular meeting - Tips on fair entries

AUGUST 8- Regular Meeting - Meeting will take place at the Lorain County Fair Grounds

AUGUST 18-24 - Week of Lorain County Fair

SEPTEMBER 12 - Regular meeting

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The August meeting is at the fair grounds and will include a pot-luck meal and final preparations for the fair. I like this time of year because for beekeepers, it is pay day, the time when all the work starts to pay off with a fresh honey crop, and a time to strut your stuff a little bit at the fair.



Did you know???

It takes about 18 loads of pollen (pollen in legs of bee) to fill a cell in the hive. After cell is filled, the bees mix it with glandular secretions (to prevent germinating) then capped with honey and wax.

It is then bee bread.

Info taken from The Beekeeper's Handbook

By Diana Sammataro & Alphonse Avitable

RECEIVE YOUR NEWSLETTER SOONER

How would you like to receive the newsletter before it even gets to the printer to be printed? You can do that by getting it through e-mail.

With the cost of postage steadily increasing, LCBA will have to increase membership dues to \$25.00 beginning in **2009** to help cover the cost of postage increases. Postage will increase for the second time within a year on May 12th. With the cost of fuel constantly rising, it will probably continue to affect postage rates.

However, if you receive it by e-mail you can keep your dues at the same amount of \$20.00 in 2009.

If you receive by e-mail, you won't receive by mail. If you want to receive it both ways, it will be at the increased rate of \$25.00.

If you want to help LCBA save now and receive it by e-mail, send an e-mail to The BUZZZZ editor, Valerie, e-mail address is, buzzzeditor@verizon.net

You can also give Valerie your e-mail at a meeting, but make sure it is legible print.

2009 is many months away, but we wanted to let you be aware now so that you had plenty of time to make a decision on how you would like to receive your newsletter.

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

HONEYBEES IN THE SOFFIT OF A CHURCH

There are honeybees in a soffit of a church here in New London. We were going to try and get them, but time just hasn't allowed. The church wants to save them with all the trouble the honeybees have had. If there is anyone willing to get them, please give Valerie a call, 419-929-1110. I will give you a contact person with the church. The church was willing to set up scaffold to help make it safer.

JULY FOOD THEME



The food theme for July will be beverages. Wow! This could be fun! Let's see, there could be Berry Honey Milkshake, Frosty Honey

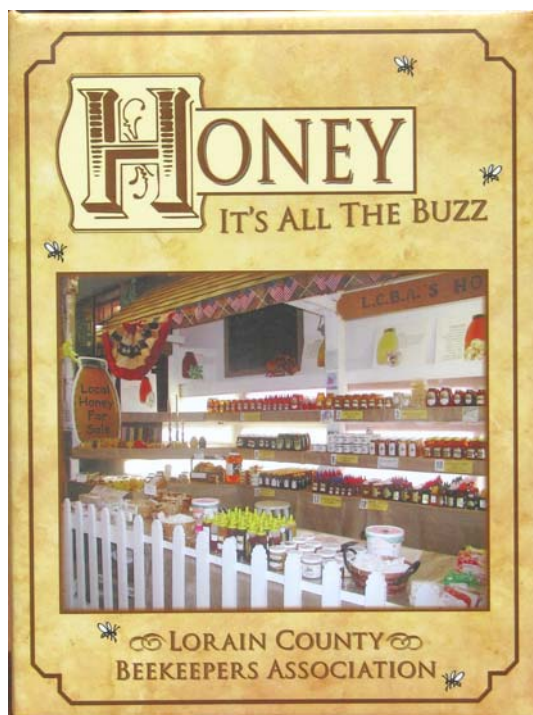


Latte, Holiday Party Punch, Homemade Chai Tea, Sweet Lemonade or Tropical Tea Cooler.

Of course the hard part for me will be choosing only one or two to bring to the meeting. All of these recipes have honey in them.

So get those blenders out and dust them off and make a honey beverage to bring for the July meeting. No alcohol please!

Connie Williams



This e-mail was sent to Bob Hooker.

I live in Grafton, Ohio and am looking for a source to "rent" a hive from to help our pumpkins, blueberries, fruit trees and garden plants grow. Can you please provide me with any contact information and / advice in this area.

Thank you, Stacie Foor

Contact Stacie at this e-mail: staciefoor@gmail.com

Speaking of beverages, have you checked out the new Lorain County Beekeepers Association new Honey, It's All The Buzz cookbook? It has beverage recipes in it.

You can purchase your copy of the cookbook at any of the upcoming meetings. It will also be available at the Lorain County Fair this year and the Birmingham Festival that we participate in every year. It is also available to order by mail off the LCBA web site.

The cookbook makes a great gift idea for friends and family. Get your copy today.

LORAIN COUNTY BEEKEEPERS AT LORAIN COUNTY FAIR

It is hard to believe we are coming up on another year with LCBA at Lorain County Fair. Plans have been in the works already for changes in the bee barn. The porch will come down soon and what's in store for this year will begin to go up.

As always, those interested in selling some of their honeybee products have already signed up to sell. There are forms available at the meeting. You must have your entries to show your products made to the fair grounds to be able to sell your products. Some may think it is a pain, but having those blue ribbons to display with your products helps show that it is good stuff and also gives you some bragging rights. There is usually a little friendly competition in it too.

You do not have to sell to work in the honey sales booth. We encourage members to sign up for some time to volunteer. If you can count change and talk to people about bees, you can volunteer. Even just a couple hours would be a great help. We also have the children's area where kids love to come and get their faces painted. If you know how to paint you could volunteer there. There is a chart of what the kids like and some can look at those pictures and are able to paint just by looking at it. (I'm not that talented)

As I said earlier, forms and also information will be at the meetings. You can pick it up there. Some info is also available on our web site and can be downloaded. You can sign up on the volunteer sheet there as well. So visit the fair table and check it all out. **SEE YOU AT THE FAIR IN AUGUST!!!!**

Bob Hooker recently received this e-mail. Don't know if any of our members would be interested in doing this, but we thought we would put it in.

German beekeeper needs host family:

Hi, my name is Patty and I work with international high school students coming to the US for an exchange program. One of my students from Germany, a 16 year old boy named Robin, belongs to a beekeeping club at his school and would like to continue to learn about beekeeping while he is here in the US. He is in need of a host family.

Can you help me spread the word to your members? Our students all speak English and have their own spending money and health insurance. Hosts provide room, meals and loving support during the exchange. There is no typical host! Single parents, empty nesters, large and small families can all enjoy welcoming a young ambassador. We are a non-profit program working with international students for over 30 years.

Anyone interested in learning more about Robin or any of our other incoming students can call Patty toll free at 866-755-0921 or email patty@pieusa.org.

Thanks!

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Photos courtesy of Carl Skalak Jr. taken at the Blue Pike Farm on E. 72nd street in Cleveland.

BeezNdaHood

Karin Wishner

When people ask me why I keep bees, I tell them that I can't help it. The bees found me. It's something I have to do.

My adventure with beekeeping started a few years ago when I realized that time was slipping by and I might not get to do everything on my list of interests to pursue before it's too late. I first became interested in beekeeping years ago when I started researching my ethnicity and found that beekeeping and honey were part of the culture. The more I read, the more interested I got. After years of thinking I would keep bees some day, I finally acted on it. I got my first package of bees in 2006. During that first season, I experienced the demands and the rewards of keeping bees. I learned to respect bees. I find that taking care of bees teaches me to slow down and pay attention to nature. I notice what's in season, the weather, and how all of it will affect my bees.

I'm a part-time urban beekeeper. Sometimes we don't think of bees in the city. They actually exist in most environments. Honeybees belong everywhere. In urban settings, they benefit the many community and private gardens around the city. They help pollinate crops that people are growing for farmers' markets and for their own consumption. With an increased interest in local foods, honeybees are critical to the success of food production. They also pollinate food sources for songbirds and other animals. Without the honeybee, our world would change drastically.

Last year I had the idea of keeping bees in the city. I thought about possible rooftops for hive placement. I thought about community gardens. I drove around the city and looked at potential sites. Then I discovered the Blue Pike Farm on E. 72nd Street-----an oasis in the city. The farmer, Carl Skalak, Jr., welcomed me and the new "guest workers" to the farm. The crops grown at the farm had plenty of pollinators. The bees had a wide variety of nectar sources. They produced honey that took a third place in the Lorain County Fair and two first places in the Ohio State Beekeepers Association Honey Show. Needless to say, I was pleased.

The bees also became a point of interest to volunteers and visitors at the farm. They are fascinating to watch. (See picture on page 4.) I often pull up a chair and sit with them. They let me know what is in bloom by the types of pollen they are bringing in. Many people expressed an interest in learning more about bees and stopping by when I am scheduled to open the hives. Others wanted apiaries on their property. This year, I started an apiary in south Collinwood as well. I believe bees help to restore a balance in the city.

An advantage to having bees in urban areas is that they are not exposed to the variety of pesticides that are sometimes used in other places. The old neighborhoods of the city provide a wide range of nutrients. Bees are healthier when they consume pollen and nectar from varied sources. I was curious to see how urban honey would differ from rural or suburban honey and whether my bees would be more resistant to disease.

Thanks to the recent attention to bees, people are becoming more aware of the importance this small insect has in our lives and the tremendous impact its disappearance would have. When people ask me what they can do to help bees, I tell them to first stop using chemicals. Secondly, I say they should consider keeping a hive or two on their property. They will change your life in ways you never imagined.

LCBA Club Meeting at Oberlin United Methodist Church - June 13, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Bob Hooker welcomes everyone to the meeting and opens with the introduction of Amanda Dennis from the Lorain County Farm Bureau. Amanda gave a brief history of the organization and what they can offer LCBA members. Amanda had handouts available for members to sign up for a 6-month free membership.

Connie Williams spoke on the past food themes for '08 and what themes are on the upcoming schedules. July is Honey beverages; August no theme due to meeting at fair grounds; September is pies; October is fall banquet; November is cookies and December is Christmas banquet.

Business issues were discussed. There are only two meetings left before Fair. Saturday, June 28 at 9:00 a.m. is scheduled for barn clean up. Fair books will be available at the next meeting. Sign up to sell at fair has already begun with the deadline being August 10. There are new rules this year for selling honey so make sure to pick up a copy of the rules and read them. All members were encouraged to work sales booth even if not selling any products. If selling at the fair, products have to be entered into the fair. Saturday and Sunday before fair volunteers are needed to help set up. Sheila is in charge of the children's booth. Valerie is in charge of honey sales booth. Bill is in charge of demonstrations. New beekeepers are encouraged to bring in honey for extraction demonstrations.

July meeting topic is Getting honey ready for fair.

Ohio State meeting is scheduled for June 21, 2008.

A thank you goes out to Chris and Barb Gallagher for their donation of videos to the library.

Dave Williams spoke about what's happening now and what should you be doing now. It has been a good year for Black Locust blossom, and spoke about degree growing days. May and June is main honey flow months. New beekeepers should have a second brood box on and established beekeepers should be putting on supers. Dave also spoke a little about swarms.

Denzil St. Clair spoke about the race evaluation performed at field day. He tried to get several vendors of different types of queens for the evaluation with not much response. Some of the races evaluated were Carniola's, Stracken New Worlds, Russians, Golden Italian, Hygienic Minnesota, etc. The judges had no idea what race they were evaluating. The winner of the evaluations was the Kona Carniolians.

Denzil also gave a demonstration on creative comb honey production and went through the steps for creating this type of comb. Valerie Weiss also gave a demonstration on creamed honey and had recipes available for members.

Jim Toole spoke about how to get bees out of supers for extracting.

Bob Hooker thanked all the speakers for the night for staying well within the time frame of the meeting and he also spoke about drone comb and why it is used.

Cookbooks are for sale for \$15.00. Anyone interested in a cookbook contact an executive member or check the website.

Raffle was drawn and meeting adjourned about 9:15 p.m.

Submitted by: Chris Lyons

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes May 28, 2008 @ 7:00 p.m. Henrietta Township Hall

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

Members Present: Jim Toole and Sheila St. Clair

The meeting opened with the Treasurer's report. Dave gave a run down of income for Field Day and that not all expenses had been turned in as of meeting time. Dave paid remaining bill for the cookbook of \$1372. Dave also received a form to complete two questions from the IRS on the 501C3.

There was some discussion on future field days such as posting or notifying of field day cancellation due to inclement weather; parking safety, and renting two porta potties again.

Fair was discussed and a work day to tear down the old porch is scheduled for Saturday, June 28 at 9:00 a.m.

A queen rearing class is scheduled for June 12 and June 14 at Bob Hooker's apiary on Gifford Road and 13 - 14 people have signed up for the class.

A number of cookbooks have already been sold. 19 at Field day and approximately 10 - 12 additional outside sales. Jim Toole checking into shipping cookbooks via internet sales.

General meeting topics were overviewed with June being a potpourri of topics. July - extracting honey, getting honey ready for fair, selecting jars with members to bring in jars and breakout session. August meeting will be held at the fair grounds and September speaker will be Joe Latshaw.

There was some discussion on a future raffle of an extracting package. The feeling is there is not enough time for this to happen this year and has been put on hold until '09.

Lorain County Farm Bureau contacted Bob Hooker with the option of LCBA members getting a 6-month free membership. This will help build contacts for LCBA, offer discounts to various things and help lobby for state government issues.

A list of fair committee members needs to be drawn up and available during fair. The fair committee answers to the executive committee.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by: Chris Lyons

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.

Monthly Cash Flow 1/1/2008 Through 6/24/2008

Income

50/50 Raffle - Unassigned 143.50

50/50 Raffle : Field Day 60.00

Advertisement : Newsletter 60.00

Auction : Bee Hives 770.00

Auction : Misc. 87.00

Bank Verification 0.15

Bee Classes - Unassigned 1,105.00

Beekeeping for Dummies 20.00

Cook Book Sales 330.00

Donations : Event Food 593.50

Donations : Individual 67.00

Membership : Dues 1,585.24

Savings Interest 16.98

Total Income 4,838.37

Expenses

501C3 - Unassigned 750.00

Advertising : Advertising 36.00

Bills : Corporation Fee 50.00

Bills : Insurance 500.00

Buzz Newsletter : Postage 324.06

Buzz Newsletter : Printing 907.65

Charitable Donations - Unassigned 115.00

Cook Books 2,401.46

County Fair : Assoc .Entry 350.00

Education : Books 115.00

Entertainment : Food 176.81

Entertainment : Speaker fee 125.00

Field Day : Auction 214.00

Field Day : Porta Potties 95.00

Field Day : Supplies 191.38

Gift : Thank You 91.58

Prizes : Baking Contest 40.78

Supplies : Office 68.12

Supplies : Postage 9.60

Supplies : Signs 47.08

Supplies : Tickets 15.81

Web Site : Quarterly Fee 59.70

Total Expenses 6,684.03

Income less Expenses (1,845.66)

Account Balances As of 6/24/2008

Account Total

Assets:

Lorain National Bank Savings 13,696.89

Lorain National Bank Checking 324.44

Petty Cash 116.75

Total Assets 14,138.08

Liabilities:

Building Fund 4,897.56

Total Liabilities 4,897.56

Net Worth 9,240.52

Both reports submitted by: Dave Williams



There were lines to purchase raffle tickets for the drawings of two bee hives on Field Day.

Field Day Report

Income Categories

50/50 Raffle

Field Day 60.00

Total 50/50 Raffle 60.00

Auction

Bee Hives 770.00

Total Auction 770.00

Donations

Event Food 593.50

Total Donations 593.50

Total Income Categories 1,423.50

Expense Categories

Field Day

Auction 214.00

Porta Potties 95.00

Supplies 191.38

Total Field Day 500.38

Total Expense Categories 500.38

Grand Total 923.12





These beautiful pictures were taken in Austria by Heinz Hehenberger, a friend of Karin Wishner. Thanks to Karin for sharing them with us.