

# THE BUZZZZZ



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

AUGUST 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

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

### “NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT”

BOB HOOKER



The month of July brought a welcome break from the routine for us as we spent two weeks vacation at our property in Harrison County. While we had a lot of work to do with several garden plots, an orchard, an acre and a half to keep mowed and bee hives to care for on the property, the change of pace from usual activities was refreshing. We were able to concentrate on doing the kinds of things we really enjoy most and it gave us a foretaste of our retirement when we will be there all the time and be able to focus full time on our gardens, orchard and hives. Much of my time was spent building a stone retaining wall along one side of the patio we are adding behind the house. That was hard work in hot, humid weather and I was glad when I got the wall done just as our vacation ended. I was sort of glad to get back to the usual routine and figured that was the mark of a good vacation. If you enjoy yourself while you are gone and are ready to return when it is time to come home, it doesn't get much better than that. One of the highlights of the vacation was the three days I spent at the Heartland Apicultural Society (HAS) Conference at Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia. It was three days of speakers, workshops and field sessions in the apiary, sort of like a three- day “Field Day”. I had the chance to hear some good speakers, learn some new ideas, visit a score of vendor's tables, eat some good food, meet some new friends and renew acquaintances with some old friends. Dennis VanEnglesdorp, from Penn State, gave an update on CCD. The latest news on CCD of course is that there really isn't much new information to share. It hasn't gone away. It has reappeared again

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# BUZZING AHEAD in 2008!!! Mark Your Calendars

**AUGUST 8 - Regular Meeting & Pot Luck - 6:30 - Meeting will take place at the Lorain County Fair Grounds-  
Fall prep-Fair talk**

**SEPTEMBER 12 - Speaker-Joe Latshaw, Demonstration of Instrumental Insemination**

**OCTOBER 10 - Fall wrap up**

**OCTOBER 11 - Annual Fall Banquet**



**Don't forget about LCBA Video & Book library. You can contact Jim Toole**

**for the Book library and what is available. Bill Vitori 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.**



## **AUGUST MEETING AND POT LUCK AT THE LORAIN COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS**



Our August meeting will take place as usual at the Lorain County Fairgrounds. We will have our annual Pot Luck as well. Everyone brings a covered dish that can include meat in it and dessert. If you can't bring a dessert, just a covered dish will do. Hungry members are grateful for anything. As they say, variety is the spice of life. There might be some good recipes in the new LCBA cookbook, so if you need one, check that out.



Tips on what you bring: Make your dish all inclusive. If you decide to bring Sloppy Joes, bring the buns to go with it. If you bring sausage or hot dogs, also bring buns, ketchup, mustard, etc, salad needs dressing. You've got the picture.

LCBA will provide the beverages.

There will be some fair talk and fall preparation talk also. Sometimes fall wrap up class is a little to late for some things that should be done in September, so some of these things will be touched on. If you have questions write them down and bring along.



### FOR SALE

9/3 Radial electric extractor. Three years old. Used two seasons. Asking \$650.00.  
Call Merle - 419-962-4974

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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>



Our July meeting touched on what has been happening this beekeeping season. A lot of calls from people finding swarms, floral sources available, who has already extracted, to mention just a few. Demonstrations for extracting were done by Dave Williams and Don Lyons to help the new beekeepers. Many tips for fair entries were given, like filling the bottles, tips on the bottles themselves, and filling out the entry form for the fair grounds was discussed. Hopefully many of our new members will have an entry of honey. They were told that entering their honey for judging would let them know how they were doing in filtering, etc. If they got a ribbon in the judging, it would be a bonus and something to show their customers that they have a good product.

The honey grader was available for those that brought honey they've already extracted. The different classes for the colors were talked about along with the other fair tips.

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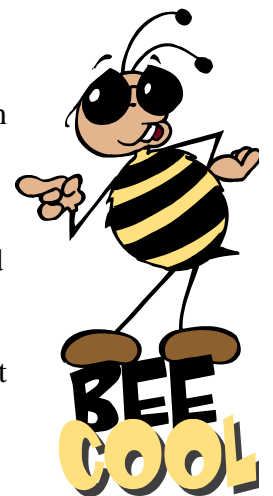
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this year, again primarily in larger commercial operations.

Total colonies losses this year were actually up about 10%. While all the losses cannot be attributed to CCD, losses were significantly above average among beekeepers who experienced CCD symptoms compared to those who did not. Still no "smoking gun" but CCD continues to appear to be the result of multiple stress, none of which by themselves explain CCD, but when found in combination are deadly. One new piece of information, at least it was new to me, is the discovery that when the varroa mite bites an adult honey bee

and punctures the exoskeleton they inject a protein into the wound. The protein has an effect on the honey bee similar to the effect of the HIV virus on humans. Thus a varroa bite not only provides an entry point for viruses and pathogens into the honey bee system it also suppresses the honey bees' immune system making it more susceptible to those pathogens. Varroa remains public enemy #1.

It is not too soon to be reminded that the HAS Conference is coming to Ohio in 2009, possibly to Lorain County. This will provide an opportunity for more of us to attend and to take advantage of the opportunity to hear a lot of good speakers. Keep July 9, 10, & 11, 2009 on your calendars and watch for more details in the coming year. We will also need a lot of volunteers to make the conference a success so if you are willing to help, let me know.



By Michael Doyle and Barbara Barrett  
McClatchy-Tribune  
4:34 PM CDT, June 26, 2008  
WASHINGTON

A record 36 percent of U.S. commercial bee colonies have been lost to mysterious causes so far this year and worse may be yet to come, experts told a congressional panel Thursday.

The year's bee colony losses are about twice the usual seen following a typical winter, scientists warn. Despite ambitious new research efforts, the causes remain a mystery.

"We need results," pleaded California beekeeper Steve Godlin. "We need a unified effort by all."

The escalating campaign against what's generically called colony collapse disorder includes more state, federal and private funding for research. Publicity efforts are getting louder -- a costumed Mr. Bee was seen wandering around Capitol Hill this week -- and lawmakers are becoming mobilized.

On Thursday, Congress heard from farmers with troubled crops, from beekeepers struggling with lost hives, from frustrated researchers and even from corporate leaders worried about their own economic futures.

Colony collapse disorder is characterized by a sudden decline in a bee colony's population and the inexplicable absence of dead bees. First reported in 2006, the disorder was the chief cause for the 31 percent decline in bee colonies last year.

"What seemed to be an aberration has unfortunately turned into a full-fledged crisis," said Rep. Dennis Cardoza, D-Calif., chairman of the House horticulture and organic agriculture subcommittee, which convened the hearing.

The hearing is the second of its kind as part of a concerted strategy -- elements of which have already borne fruit.

Notably, the five-year farm bill recently approved over President Bush's veto authorizes -- but does not guarantee -- \$20 million in new funding for bee-related studies. Additional bee-related research can also be funded through other accounts, and the legislation requires an Agriculture Department report on the status of ongoing pollinator research. This is the first farm bill to specifically mention the word "pollinator."

Private industry is also contributing. Haagen-Dazs, the Oakland, Calif.-based ice cream company, has recently pledged \$250,000 for bee-related research at the University of California at Davis and Pennsylvania State University. This is self-interest in action, as 40 percent of the company's flavors -- think Vanilla Swiss Almond or Cherry Vanilla -- depend in some fashion on honeybees.

"Pollinators are an essential part of our business," Haagen-Dazs brand manager Katty Pien said.

Also testifying was the president and chief executive officer of Burt's Bees, a cosmetics company based in Durham, N.C., that uses bee materials or bee-pollinated ingredients in nearly all its products, from eye cream to lip balm.

John Replogle set aside his usual workday blue jeans to don a pinstriped suit and a bright yellow, bee-adorned tie to offer lawmakers his thoughts.

"Without the bees, there would be no Burt's Bees," he said.

Next month, the Agriculture Department expects to announce a new \$4.1 million, four-year bee research project spanning multiple universities.

So far, Agricultural Research Service Administrator Edward Knipling told the House panel, scientists believe that "various stresses" -- such as parasites, pathogens and pesticides -- can build up in a bee colony and cause its demise. Some research has specifically identified a particular virus, called the Israeli acute paralysis virus, which is closely associated with colony collapse.

Meanwhile, there isn't enough money to probe all the pollen and bee samples that researchers have collected, said Penn State University senior extension associate Maryann Frazier.

There are some 2,000 samples on shelves waiting to be analyzed by the federal government for \$200 a

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pop, she said. "The bee research community is quite small," she said. "The research and money has been very minimal. What we need is more manpower to tackle this."

Further illustrating how political pollination works, Pien and bee-friendly representatives hosted a Capitol Hill briefing Wednesday that lured participants with lots of free Vanilla Honey Bee ice cream cups. Dozens of congressional staffers fluttered by for a quick taste. Haagen-Dazs has retained a D.C.-based public relations firm to help make its case, while the American Honey Producers Association paid the Chicago-based lobbying firm Winston & Strawn \$860,000 in the last two years, records show.

"Anybody who brings ice cream to the agriculture committee deserves a round of applause," said Rep. Robert W. Goodlatte of Virginia, the ranking Republican on the House Agriculture Committee.

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

Denzil St. Clair opens the meeting tonight with the agenda topics for the night which were an extracting demonstration by Dave Williams and Don Lyons, the color grader was available for viewing, talked about granulation of honey and the Tupelo honey does not granulate, and the proper filling of fair jars. Denzil also announced that if any one would like to put fliers in a display booth at the Cuyahoga fair to see him.

Valerie Weiss made an announcement that she had received two calls regarding the removal of bees. One resident had called an exterminator to remove bees from the ceiling in a bedroom with a quote of \$150.00, but much rather have them not destroyed. Anyone interested can contact Valerie for more information. And the second one was a colony of bees in a cherry tree on Butler road in which Armando Neumann volunteered for.

Dave talked about "what should we be doing now." It is time to begin extracting honey. New beekeepers should have put on their second brood chambers/deeps. Dave gave a list of nectar flow plants currently blooming. He finished with this being a big year for swarms.

Don spoke about fair and emphasized the need for volunteers. The next scheduled work day for the fair is July 19. He also mentioned that there is a need for fruits and vegetables pollinated by bees for fair display. The taster bottles will be available at the next meeting and emphasized not to contact Queen Right beforehand for bottles. He encourages all beekeepers to show at the fair and that it is an excellent learning experience, especially for the new beekeepers.

The meeting proceeded with the extracting demonstration which took the members through getting bees out of supers through various methods to the final of bottling the honey and what to look for in preparing jars to be judged.

The color grader will be available at the August meeting which will be held at the fairgrounds and will be a potluck meeting. So all members attending this meeting are encouraged to bring a dish. Members were encouraged to enter all class entries even if not entering all classes, due to same fee and to eliminate the possibility of not having the right ticket when time to submit entries.

Members were reminded to save their ticket entries from the fair that are stamped to be entered in a drawing at the September general meeting.

A thank you to Dave Vargo for bringing in two one-quart organic black raspberries for door prize drawing. Thank you to the family who donated the extractor for the extracting demonstration.

Raffle was drawn and meeting adjourned about 8:50 p.m.

Submitted by: Chris Lyons

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes June 25, 2008 @ 7:30 p.m.  
Held at Lyons Home

Executive Members Present: Bob Hooker, Bill Vittori, 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 stated the 501C3 is now complete. Field Day was a success with an income of \$923.00. Overall budget is a little behind due to the printing of cookbooks. Meeting schedules are pretty well planned out for the remainder of the year. July's general meeting will be on honey extracting with a demonstration by Dave Williams and Don Lyons. There will be discussion on preparing jars, honey, and wax for fair entry.

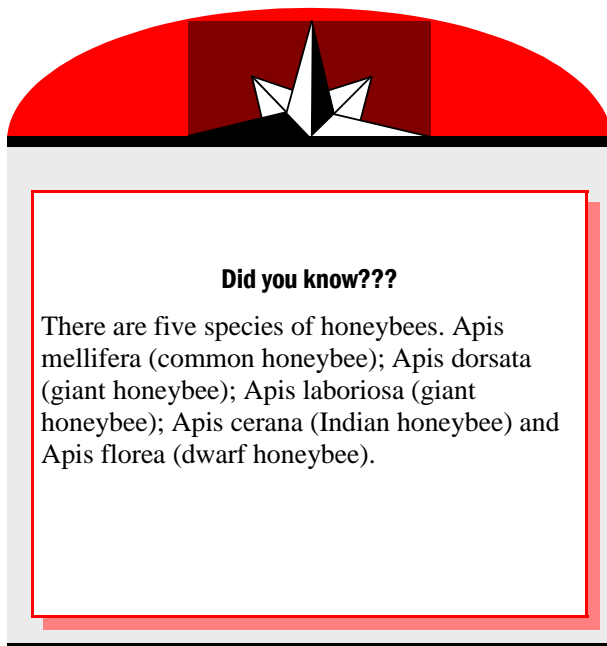
Cookbooks are steadily being sold. Queen Right has almost sold the case they received. Sheila St. Clair suggested that she would like to contact Mann Lake, Bushy Mountain and The Root Company and offer to send them a free copy of the LCBA cookbook to review in hopes that they will display at their companies to help us sell our books. Dave Williams made the first motion, Don Lyons seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

The Fair theme this year is Pollination. The honey judge has not been determined as of date. There will be apprentice judges at the fair again this year. There is a scheduled work day to tear down old porch and begin clean up on Saturday, June 28 at 9:00 a.m. There was discussion on the items needed and ideas for displays in the barn. Last year before fair began, one of the display cabinet shelves broke which needs replaced and plans will be determined at clean-up on how to repair and strengthen shelves. Each general meeting an announcement will be re-iterated that Volunteers are greatly needed for the fair to be a success. Inventory on the wax crystals for the children's booth will also be taken on clean-up day and Connie Williams will do price research on purchasing more wax crystals. The next fair meeting will be held Wednesday, July 16, 2008 at 7:00 at the Lyons home.

The bee cloak was discussed and dates were set for the demonstration. Dates will be announced at a later date.

Meeting adjourned 8:50 p.m.

Submitted by: Chris Lyons



### WAX DONATIONS REQUESTED

There is a request for donations of beeswax for the candle dipping demonstration at the fair. Mary Hooker is to do the demonstration Wednesday the week of the fair and realized that she doesn't currently have enough wax to do the demonstration effectively. We thought that some folks might be willing to donate some wax for the demonstration. It need not be fully rendered.

If she gets it in time she can filter it, etc. Anyone willing to donate wax should call Mary and let her know, 440-774-1645 or they can e-mail, [beekeeperbob17@hotmail.com](mailto:beekeeperbob17@hotmail.com)



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1/8 page ad-\$10.00

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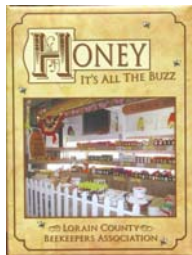
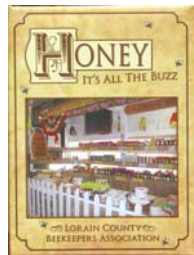
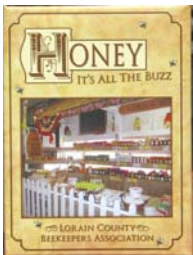
1/2 page ad- \$18.00 monthly/\$12.00 setup fee

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.**



1/1/2008 Through 7/22/2008

**Income:**

50/50 Raffle - Unassigned 163.50

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 480.00

Donations : Event Food 593.50

Donations : Individual 67.00

Membership : Dues 1,643.48

Savings Interest 16.98

**Total Income 5,066.61**

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**Expenses:**

501C3 - Unassigned 750.00

Advertising : Advertising 36.00

Bills : Corporation Fee 50.00

Bills : Insurance 500.00

Buzz Newsletter : Postage 390.07

Buzz Newsletter : Printing 1,087.79

Charitable Donations - Unassigned 115.00

Cook Books 2,401.46

County Fair : Assoc. Entry 350.00

County Fair : Supplies 7.24

Education : Books 115.00

Entertainment : Food 181.80

Entertainment : Speaker fee 125.00

Field Day : Auction 214.00

Field Day : Porta Potties 95.00

Field Day : Supplies 191.38

Gift : Thank You 147.07

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 6,997.90**

**Income less Expenses (1,931.29)**

Account Balances As of 7/22/2008

**Assets:**

Lorain National Bank Savings 12,696.89

Lorain National Bank Checking 1,153.81

Petty Cash 201.75

**Total Assets 14,052.45**

**Liabilities:**

Building Fund 4,897.56

**Total Liabilities 4,897.56**

**Net Worth 9,154.89**

Submitted by: Dave Williams





There have been many calls for these again this year. The long periods of rain at the beginning of the month allowed for quick buildup and to many in the colony. So feeling a little crowded some said, let's go find another place to live.

Thankfully, a few of the calls I received were ones that were easy to get to. I did receive many though that the bees had already moved into a place in the house. Those are a little harder to get to and so I had to turn them down.

If there are any of you out there that do go after bees in houses, etc., I would love to have your names available to be able to pass these calls on to.

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