

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 2007

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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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DEADLINE For Submissions to THE BUZZZZZ

for the SEPTEMBER issue, are due **NO LATER THAN**

AUGUST 24th. Items not received by that date will go in the next months issue.

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Note: Submissions are subject to Executive Committee approval.

“NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT”

BOB HOOKER

When I was growing up, a boyhood friend's mother had an embroidered wall hanging that said, “The hurrier I go the behinder I get.” I thought that was appropriate then and nothing I have experienced since has changed my mind. Life sometimes does seem to consist of running from one activity to the next. Beekeeping is that way too.

I just got back from the Heartland Apicultural Society in Kentucky. What a great time. If you can imagine a three-day Lorain County Field Day, you have an idea of what the conference was like. It was a mixture of keynote speakers, breakout sessions and demonstrations in the apiary. One exciting development is that the HAS Conference is coming to Ohio in 2009. The exact location is yet to be determined, but it will probably be somewhere in the north central part of the state. Next year it is going to be in Huntington, West Virginia, which is near enough to make participation practical if you live in Ohio. It is possible to attend for just one day, or two, if you can't make the whole thing. So you may want to mark your calendars now and plan to attend. The dates for next year are July 10, 11 & 12, 2008 and will be in Ohio July 9, 10 & 11, 2009.

Of course when I got back I found honey that needs to be pulled, got to get to that tomorrow. My hives are doing pretty well, all were new colonies this year, packages or splits. The ones that were trying to supercede their queens have settled down and are building up nicely. Several are making a good bit of honey. I can't wait to hear your reports on how your bees are doing. Reports I'm hearing from around the state seem to indicate the promise of a pretty good year. Early nectar flows were generally good. Rain has been spotty around the state with some areas doing pretty well and others suffering from lack of rain. We had a pretty good locust flow around here, but in Harrison County (near Cadiz) where we have property and hives, most of the locust trees didn't bloom at all.

I also returned to the reality that the fair is only a month away. I committed to enter an educational booth and I need to prepare my honey entries. Well I guess the only thing to do is to hurry a little bit faster and, as Satchel Page said, “Don't look back, they may be gaining on you.”



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BUZZING AHEAD!!! Mark Your Calendars

August 10 - Meeting held at Fair Grounds in Wellington at the Bee Barn

September 14 - Kim Flottum - "So You Want Live Bees In June"

October 12 - Fall wrap up for beginner beekeepers and refresher for others

October 13 - Fall Banquet - Birmingham Community Center

WANTED

Electric extractor, six to nine frame.
Call Dave at 440-968-8558



The bees haven't disappeared off this frame.

PHOTOS NEEDED

In keeping with this year's fair theme, the fair committee is in need of family photos of any individual who served in WWII. The photos should be of the individual dressed in uniform and only copies will be accepted. *No Originals Please*. The photos can be a 5 X 7 or 8 x 10 with their name, rank, and branch of service. A display will be set up to honor these individuals. Please bring your photos to the next bee meeting, Friday, August 10 or make sure they are at the fair grounds by Sunday, August 19.

Thank You
Don Lyons
2007 LCBA Fair chair

AUGUST MEETING POT LUCK

Since we all lead such busy lives, and summer for beekeepers makes us all especially busy, we will again this year, combine a pot luck dinner with the August meeting at the fair grounds. It has become our summer picnic. Please bring a covered dish or casserole, that can include meat (but doesn't have to) and we will have a pot luck meal before the meeting. Don't forget desserts too.

Whatever you bring, everyone will eat. As they say, variety is the spice of life. We will start an hour early, so be there at six.



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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>

CATCH THE BUZZ

Research On Colony Collapse Disorder Included In Massive Farm Bill

A bill designed to help scientists understand and reverse the "Colony Collapse Disorder" that is mysteriously leading to the disappearance of honey bees, the Pollinator Protection Act, passed the House of Representatives today as part of the 2007 Farm Bill.

The \$86.5 million five-year program, if approved by the senate, would make available money for research and grant programs at the Department of Agriculture.

Studies have estimated that pollinators are required to make about one third of the food supply viable, and that their contribution to the economy is worth about \$15-18 billion.

The bill was introduced by Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-California).

"California's almond crop alone is worth \$2 billion per year and requires nearly one half all the honeybees in the country," Boxer said. "The future of that crop and other important crops such as avocados, apples, berries and soybeans is in jeopardy if there aren't enough bees to pollinate them for harvest."

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Did you know???

Fair committee meetings are held to plan the fabulous themes the LCBA Bee Barn has year after year. This year will be

"Honoring The Greatest Generation" , WWII era.



Supers are being extracted by members already, some by the bucket full. While they extract, they are looking for those different color class entries for fair. Knowing which class category to put it into can sometimes be a hard decision. Color class and other fair info will be some of the topics for the August meeting. Bring your questions to the fair grounds meeting, August 10th.



My granddaughter, Olivia Pierson, found a dead bee. She said, "Let's plant it and get a bee tree!" Has anyone tried that yet? Bonnie must have read the story from last month to her granddaughter about the bee tree. Olivia has a good idea. To bad it wouldn't work. It would reduce costs and make them easier to get.

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes June 27, 2007 @ 7:00 p.m. Henrietta Twp. Hall

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

The meeting opened with the treasurer's report. Dave reported that this year's Field Day ended up being a \$50.00 loss for LCBA.

The members voted and approved this years fall banquet facilities and the banquet will be at Birmingham Community Center again this year on October 13.

Valerie reported that the Price family sent a Thank you card for the donation the club made to Gideon's in the name of Bob Price and we also received a Thank you and Miscellaneous cards from Gideon's

There was some discussion on the Wellington event in August which has been posted in the paper that LCBA will be hosting the event. This is unknown to the club and Bob will be contacting Grant Thomas to let him know some members may be able to do a few lectures.

Denzil has taken some supplies for the fair out to the bee barn at the fair grounds. Dave and Bob have also made trips out to the barn to get an idea of what needs to be done on the reconstruction of the sales booth. Only a few people will be needed for the actual construction work that will begin in July but many extra people will be needed to start clean up of the barn. The barn floor is scheduled to be cleaned and a sealant put on the floor. Jim is to check with the fair board on the type of sealant to use. Dave is still checking on the posters needed to hang in the barn to honor the Greatest Generation. Some supplies will be needed such as lumber supplies. Five of the seven educational booths have been assigned with two booths still open.

The OSBA meeting was discussed with the idea of setting up an event for established beekeepers to participate in dealing with several hives for examination. The idea will be to distinguish what is going on in each hive by the smell. Bob is to present the idea to the OSBA executive members for approval. The cost to get into the event is \$10.00 if you're an OSBA member and \$15.00 for non-members. All proceeds of the 50/50 raffle and the lunch go to LCBA. Lunch will be presented by LCBA which will be a potluck. LCBA members will be able to eat for free. The Cookbook members have decided to go through a printing company that has the binder the club has decided on to print the cookbook so the sale of the cookbook has been delayed until after the fair due to having to re-type recipes into their format.

July 13th club meeting will be demonstrations on crushed comb honey and the extractor method of collecting honey. Jim will demonstrate the crushed comb method and Dave will be demonstrating the extractor method.

Denzil presented the proposal that all executive meeting and club meeting minutes be collected at the end of the year by a designated person (historian) so that all minutes from this point forward are accounted for which have not been done on a consistent bases in the past. The proposal was motioned and approved by all.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Submitted by: Chris Lyons

LCBA Meeting July 13, 2007

Karin welcomes everyone to the meeting tonight and informs them that she will be hosting the meeting since Bob is out of town.

Karin let members know that there is a farmers market in Elyria who is looking for sellers. For more information see Karin.

Tonight's interviewed person was Bonnie Pierson. She stated that she has always been interested in bees even as a small child when her aunt kept bees. She could remember her aunt yelling at her to stay away from the bees. In July of 1994 while in her yard she noticed there were no bees and decided to look through the yellow pages to purchase bees and equipment. She found the ad for Denzil's and ordered 200 pounds worth of equipment included hive bodies, supers and bees. Bonnie went to several places to research bees and even took a trip to Brazil to study their bees. She finds sitting in a chair between two hives relaxing just observing and listening to them. She has taught her grandchildren about bees who have also grown fond of them. Bonnie currently has 20 hives.

Karin asked members if they had read the latest addition of Bee Culture magazine and asked their opinion on the article Confessions of a Fair Chair. There were different views on the story ranging from it degrading LCBA, degrading the writer themselves to a positive for LCBA that they have volunteers who work hard and making the fair a very successful event every year.

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Karin asked the members how their bees are doing so far this year. A new beekeeper asked where they should be at this point with their hives. It seems that their packaged bees are slow in building up the hive. Should they be putting supers on, will they get honey this year, etc. Another new beekeeper has had the opportunity to get a swarm and has compared the packaged hive with the swarm and noticed that the swarm was so much quicker at building up the hive. An established member expressed the importance of watching the hives closer in August and September because of the lack of rain the queen will begin slowing down on brood production. Watch hives for robbing. Talk regarding reversing hives if you have a weak and a strong colony to help even out the hive to prevent robbing from the weaker hive. Talk regarding preventing bearding on the hive with several solutions such as ventilating the top cover and using screen bottom boards.

Demonstrations on the method of crushed comb honey and using an extractor were presented.

The meeting ended with the 50/50, the announcement that the next meeting will be held in the bee barn at the fair grounds on August 10, with a potluck dinner, and encouraging everyone to enter all classes even if uncertain what they will have to enter. Deadline for entering the fair is August 10 and can be done by mail, phone or internet now and in person from August 1-10th.

Submitted by: Chris Lyons

LCBA Executive meeting minutes 7-25-07 Henrietta Township Hall

Executives in attendance: Bob Hooker, Dave Williams, Jim Toole, Valerie Weiss, Bill Vittori, Karin Wishner

Members in attendance: Denzil & Sheila St. Clair

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p. m. Dave Williams gave a brief treasurers report. Expenses exceeded income by \$906.00 due partially to increases in newsletter costs. Questions were asked what the increases pertained to. It was noted a hundred dollar difference beginning in December of 2006 for printing newsletters. Due to the large increase, Valerie was to contact the printer to clarify the price increase.

Jim Toole gave a report of his contacting fair ground personnel regarding sealing the bee barn floor. Cleaning & sealing is currently set for August 15th. If fair grounds provide sealant, LCBA will seal both sides of the building. Bob Hooker and Dave Williams have started construction changes to combine cosmetic & wax area with honey sales area. It will become one long booth and the roof will be extended over the cosmetic area also.

A reminder was given to the president to remind LCBA members to bring in honey for the LCBA association entry display. Two hundred pounds of honey in glass is required. Any member can bring in and place their honey in this area and it is for display only, not for sale. Dave Williams made the LCBA association booth entry by mail.

Dave brought in posters of the World War II era that will be used to display in various areas of the sales booth and near the porch. Sizes were discussed and which ones to be purchased.

Demonstrations to be done during fair week and the best times to do them were set.

Dave Heilman will be the judge for 2007 fair honeybee entries.

Jim Toole, Dave Williams, and Bill Vittori agreed to be the 2007 election committee.

Topics for November & December are needed. Ideas will be checked out and brought back to the next executive meeting.

Honeybees will be a topic of Wellington Reservation Metro Parks in August from the 13 to 19th. Any person can sell honey and wax products from the 17-19th. Those interested can contact Grant Thompson at 440-647-2509. Honeybee topics were needed and Dave, Jim and Bob will cover three of those nights. Hours are 7-9 P.M., but only an hour required. Other members will be contacted to cover other days.

OSBA is trying to get a project going to increase the number of beekeepers. Sherrod Brown's office contacted OSBA regarding this and has offered to help in various ways. The possibility of grant money being made available was discussed. Applicants might include those who suffer heavy losses over a winter and/or those wishing assistance to cover the cost of feeding to insure over-wintering.

Submitted by: Valerie Weiss for Chris Lyons

Monthly Cash Flow 1/1/2007 Through 7/24/2007:**Income**

50/50 Raffle - Unassigned 277.25
 50/50 Raffle : Field Day 81.50
 Advertisement : Newsletter 20.00
 Auction : Bee Hives 462.00
 Auction : Bee Package 100.50
 Bee Classes - Unassigned 980.00
 Bee Classes : Books 20.00
 Beekeeping for Dummies 179.00
 Donations : Event Food 234.00
 Donations : Individual 27.50
 Honey Judging Class 515.00
 Membership : Dues 1,590.00
 Savings Interest 18.77

Total Income 4,505.52**Expenses**

Bills : Corporation Fee 25.00
 Bills : Insurance 500.00
 Buzz Newsletter : Postage 444.95
 Buzz Newsletter : Printing 1,855.07
 Charitable Donations 25.00
 County Fair : Assoc. Entry 143.00
 County Fair : Entry Fee 350.00
 Education : Honey Judging 289.21
 Entertainment : Food 79.39
 Entertainment : Speaker Expenses 140.00
 Entertainment : Speaker fee 375.00
 Field Day : Auction 272.00
 Field Day : Porta Potties 150.00
 Field Day : Speaker 150.00
 Field Day : Supplies 256.38
 Scholarship : Prizes 170.00
 Supplies : Ink 29.00
 Supplies : Postage 98.29
 Web Site : Quarterly Fee 59.70

Total Expenses 5,411.99***Income less Expenses (906.47)*****Account Balances As of 7/24/2007:****Assets**

Bank and Cash Accounts
 Lorain National Bank Checking 1,045.62
 Lorain National Bank Savings 11,563.52
 Petty Cash 197.44
 Total Bank and Cash Accounts 12,806.58

Total Assets 12,806.58**Liabilities**

Other Liabilities
 Building Fund 4,675.51
 Total Other Liabilities 4,675.51

Total Liabilities 4,675.51**Net Worth 8,131.07**

Submitted by: Dave Williams

NORTH CENTRAL QUEEN ASSEMBLY

OCTOBER 13, TROY, OH

The North Central Queen Assembly (NCQA) will be held Saturday, October 13, 2007 at the Brukner Nature Center in Troy, Ohio, off I-75, north of Dayton in western Ohio. The theme for the program is Selecting and Rearing Your Own Queens.

The keynote speaker will be Dr. John Harbo (USDA, retired) developer of the Varroa Sensitive Hygienic bees, Other speakers are Dr. Greg Hunt, Purdue University (developer of Indian honey bee) and Gary Reuter, University . Minnesota, co-developer of Minnesota hygienic bees. Spears on queen and drone production, management and breeding include Drs. Jim Tew, Larry Connor and Joe Latshaw.

The program will review the nuts and bolts of queen and drone rearing, mating behavior, how to evaluate queens and stocks, genetics of our current bees, progress toward varroa resistance-tolerance, the gangers of African bees, drone diversity, the role of instrumental insemination and much more.

The new OSBA Queen Project will be explained to all participants, and may serve as a model for other States. Beekeepers from the North Central states (Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, West Virginia and Ohio) are especially invited to participate in the program, but all beekeepers are eligible to participate.

Beekeepers interested in queen production, breeding from survivor and local stocks and general stock improvement are invited to attend. A registration fee will be charged to cover speaker expenses, site rental, breaks and a noon lunch. Advanced registration is requested.

At the door check-in will begin at 8:15 a.m.

For a copy of the final program and early pre-registration, information, contact ljconnor@aol.com, or Dr. Larry Connor, Wicwas Press, 1620 Miller Road, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49001. Phone is 269-344-8027.

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.



Don Lyons is uncapping a frame of honey to be used in the extracting demonstration at the July meeting.

Dave Williams did the more common method of extracting these days, using a radial extractor.

Jim Toole demonstrated a crush comb method.



Members piled around to watch different methods of extraction at the July meeting. New beekeepers were especially anxious to see how it is done.

All Ohio Beekeeping Clubs,

OSBA is planning the fall meeting to be held Saturday, Nov 10 in Lorain County and hosted by the Lorain County Beekeepers Association. The fall meeting is the meeting when election of OSBA officers takes place. So that all clubs in Ohio have an opportunity to be represented please send in your nominations. Officers to be elected are, President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. These are all one year terms. Also to be elected are two Trustees for three year terms.

Please consider this carefully and nominate someone you wish to represent your area so they may be on the ballot at our fall meeting.

Send all nominations to: Dana Stahlman 3075 Mann Rd Blacklick, OH 43004

To be published in the newsletter, all nominations must be received by Sept 15, 2007

There will be nominations from the floor at the meeting, but early nominations are preferred. Discuss this with your club's members and nominate your reps.

Ron Hoopes President, Ohio State Beekeepers Association
740-342-1379 beefarm2003@aol.com

SUBSTITUTE SNOW BOOT UPDATE

I had to give you the latest update on what the Wal Mart or plastic shopping bags can be used for. If you remember back a few months ago, I wanted to check on the bees and there was snow on the ground. I didn't have any snow boots, so I tied plastic bags on my feet. Recently, I needed to go pick my broccoli so I could get it in the freezer, but we had just had the much needed inch of rain two days before. The garden wasn't real muddy, but it was wet enough to stick to my shoes if I went in. I tied one of those bags on each foot and voila', no mud on my shoes. I untied them before coming on my porch, so no mud in the house. If you're in the bee yard I bet these bags would help keep propolis or wax you may have dropped, off the bottom of your shoes.

If you have been in the bee yard with just your shoes and you need to come in the house to do something (bathroom break!!!) and have bee yard stuff or mud on your shoes, you could always tie them on to keep from tracking up your floor if you didn't want to take your shoes off and on. Keep some in your garden bucket or bee yard equipment box so you have some available when you need them.

(Being blond has nothing to do with these stories. There is a good reason for no boots I swear!)

Till I think of another good use, or you send me your stories, Valerie

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