



# *The Buzz*

*Newsletter of the Iowa Honey Producers Association*



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**April 16** CIB Auction Perry Ia  
**April 23** Advanced Beekeeping class ( must pre. register) Splitting hives and Diseases  
**June 18** Advanced Beekeeping class ( must pre. register) Queen production and honey production  
**July 6** filed day @ Spring Valley Honey Farm Perry  
**July 6** Board Meeting after field day  
**August 11-21** Iowa State Fair  
**September 11** Board meeting @ DIC conference room at DMACC Ankeny  
**November 3** Board meeting at Marshalltown Bestwestern  
**November 4 - 5** Annual Meeting at Marshalltown Bestwestern



### For Sale Package Bees

The package will consist of bottom board, 9 5/8 - 10 frame hive body with bees and 9 frames, entrance reducer, insulated inner lid and metal outer lid. New Italian queen. This is not new equipment. It is painted used equipment in good condition. The total for this hive package will be \$145.00 I will need a \$45.00 deposit when you order and the package will be ready for you to pick up June 1st at Monticello Iowa barring weather conditions. Our bee yards are inspected by Iowa Bee inspectors. I will only be selling 30 package hives this year. I have 40+ years experience in bee-keeping.

Send deposit to Curtis Barnhart, P. O. Box 70, Monticello, IA 52310 with your name, address and phone number that you can be reached at. I am out of town until March 24. You can call and leave a message at my office (American Supply)  
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 Thank you.  
 Curtis Barnhart  
 319 465-6655 (6/11)

**For Sale:** 5 frame Nuc with an Italian Queen - \$100.00 Also a few singles also with an Italian Queen - \$135.00. For more info, call Pat Ennis @ 1-515-293-2601.

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**FOR SALE:** 2# and 3 # package bees. (Tentative) Delivery date April 14th.  
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Contact:  
 Curt Bronnenberg Home # 515-465-5939  
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**For Sale:** Package Bees 2lb. Carniolan or Italian. Drakesville area, S.E. Iowa.

Contact: Charles Newton  
 Phone: 641-682-8333  
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**FOR SALE:** Package Bees--2#, 3# and 4#. The 4# can come with either 1 or 2 queens. Your choice of Carniolan or Italian queens. Prices won't be available until some time in January. Bees will be arriving in early to mid April. Pickup is in Lynnvile, IA or Hamilton, IL.

Contact Phil Ebert at 641-527-2639, e-mail [ehoney37@netins.net](mailto:ehoney37@netins.net) or check our web site [www.eberthoney.com](http://www.eberthoney.com)

### HELP WANTED

Full or Part Time Bee Keeper or Wanna bee Beekeeper to work for Spring Valley Honey Farms. Willing to train, only requirement is a willingness to be stung frequently.

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[soderapiaries@gmail.com](mailto:soderapiaries@gmail.com) 3/11

**For Sale:** 40 Mann Lake to (4 gal) feeders \$7.50 ea.

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**For Sale:** Pine Hive Components. 9 5/8" Boxes \$16, 6 5/8" Boxes \$14, reversible screened bottom boards \$14 (solid bottom boards \$13), telescoping cover \$16. Painted, handholds, and bee space compatible with commercial woodenware. Glued with Titebond II and screwed, simple butt joints.

Contact: Josh Sommers (641) 658-2213

## The Buzz Newsletter Article Submissions and IHPA Memberships

Please send submissions, classified ads, and photos to Alex W. Ebert by email to [TheBuzz@ABuzzAboutBees.com](mailto:TheBuzz@ABuzzAboutBees.com) or by mail to The Buzz, c/o Phil Ebert, 14808 S. 102<sup>nd</sup> Ave. E., Lynnvile, IA 50153. **The deadline for submissions is the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month to be included in the following month's newsletter.** The Buzz is a monthly newsletter published by the Iowa Honey Producers Association which is an affiliate of the Iowa State Horticultural Society. IHPA Membership is only \$10 annually. To join IHPA and receive your complimentary member subscription to The Buzz Newsletter, please contact Melanie Bower, IHPA Treasurer, 207 S.E. Diehl, Des Moines, IA 50315, Phone: (515) 287-6542

## Greetings from the President

Hello Beekeepers,

I am writing this on March 14<sup>th</sup>, the weather has been good, 50's to mid 60's with a slight chance for spotty showers. We set the clocks ahead last weekend so the sun doesn't set till near 7:30 pm. No excuses for bees to die from late winter starvation. Hopefully if you suffered some winter losses you have taken the time to analyze the reasons for the losses. I'd like to concentrate on the live ones. "Nutrition", that's the Buzz word in the Beekeeping community lately. With a good warm normal spring the bees can usually hold their own, I believe sugar syrup and a protein supplement will still benefit and give you a better chance for success. If we have a normal or hopefully warm and dry spring many will have the challenge of trying to keep their hives from swarming. I have heard from some beekeepers that their hives came through the winter well and look strong and healthy, others that say many hives survived but are fairly weak and they won't be able to split many of them and still others that lost most or all of their hives. I guess that is pretty much normal in beekeeping these days. I have heard from some experienced beekeepers that have weaker hives and many dead outs, so it is not only the beginners having problems. On the flip side I have talked to some beginners and also long time beekeepers who have come through the winter very well with the hives loaded with bees. Obviously, it's much more enjoyable to have and hear about the strong live colonies.

For those of you that are just starting out in beekeeping and also the more experienced beekeepers, don't get too discouraged if you have lost hives because beekeeping is a very hard profession or hobby to be successful at.

So many variables, moisture, wind, predators, mites, viruses, brood diseases, pesticides, fungicides, herbicides, and beekeeper manipulation all being factors that can be different from one area to the next.

Beekeeping can still be a very enjoy-

able and rewarding experience with a little luck and beekeepers due diligence.

Good Luck & Work Hard,  
Curt Bronnenberg

## 2011 Membership Renewal

**May 2011** will be the **last issue** of the Buzz that will be mailed to members who have not paid their 2011 dues. The expiration date is located above your name on the Buzz. The first membership is still \$10.00 and \$5.00 for each additional family member that would like a membership and is living at the same address.

Melanie Bower, Treasurer

## Please Help Us Celebrate the Iowa Honey Producers Association 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary !!! (1912-2012)

Yes it has been 100 Years that we have all tried to keep the Honeybee safe, healthy, alive and profitable. IHPA and their members have held meetings, classes, workshops and had speakers come to help us through the learning process of keeping Honeybees.

We have a request of all beekeepers. We are looking for copies of photos, stories, and recipes you would be willing to share with us. We would like to use them at the state fair, in the cookbook, and in advertisement to promote Honey and the honey booth at the Sate Fair, and field days. We would like to show the public what we do. (Then and now.) How about a farmers market photo or your local fair photo?

We Thank You in advance for your help with the chance to celebrate our 100 years organization with the public. We would like your information by August 2011 so we can pull it all together to start celebrating as soon as possible. A form will be printed in the Buzz and online for recipes. So please get looking through your papers and photos.

Please send your information to:  
Peggy Ennis  
1040 Union Ave.  
Goodell, IA 50439  
(641) 444-4767 or  
Flat\_Lander@Lycos.com

Committee members are Donna Brahms, Pat and Peggy Ennis, Deb Nielson, Curt Bronnenberg, Louise Johnson, Julie Sweet, Larry Boernsen. (8/11)

## Advanced Beekeeping Class

Through many suggestions, I am offering an Advanced Beekeeping Class. Requirements are at least one years' beekeeping experience. These classes will be 'hands on'.

There will be 2 classes. The first class will be April 23, at Spring Valley Honey Farms in Perry on 'Splitting Hives and Diseases'. The second class will be June 18<sup>th</sup>, at the Pat Ennis home in Goodell, on 'Queen Production'. The time is 9:30 - 4:30 for each class. For noon break, we will have a pot-luck. Registration will be limited to 20 people. Pre-registration is required. The cost is \$25 per class.

Please call 515-293-2601 to register or with question.

We have been asked to have such a class and this is a testing of the waters to see if there is a need or demand for such a program.

BEE HAPPY!!  
Pat Ennis

6/11

**For Sale:** Limited number of 5-Frame nucs. Plastic coregated box, new queens, no frame exchange. \$110 each.

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(319) 316-2082

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The Following bee & honey equipment in good condition is for sale

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Hive bodies 9 5/8 frames 2  
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Pickup truck crane & barrel clamp  
\$325.00

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bags 5#/bag	
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bags 5#/bag	
Jalapeno powder	\$20.00 /LB 9
bags 1.25#/bag	
Jalapeno pepper 1/8"	\$20.00 /LB 30
bags 0.5# bag	
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bags 5#/bag	

Ann Garber  
logchain@grm.net  
Log Chain Honey  
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Allerton Iowa 50008

**For Sale:** A beekeepers manual, entitled *Managing Colonies Through the Seasons*. This is eight pages, with pictures, contrived from experience, personal research, research formerly conducted at Iowa State and from the various federal bee research labs. Each season of management is described in detail.

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**Contact:**

Glen L. Stanley  
2615 Aspen Road, Apt.#1  
Ames, Iowa 50014  
Tele: 515-292-3243

**Iowa Honey Queen**

Hello All!

Spring is finally stepping out and the snow is giving way to the warmth and sunshine. Right now I am on Spring Break and I can't get enough of being outdoors and not having to wear at least three layers to be comfortable haha. We have all our packages ordered so I'm just waiting to hear word on when they'll be arriving. It'll be nice to see them flying and to see many of you for the first time this year. I just had my pictures printed for my brochure so look for those to be handed out soon as we get them all printed up. Otherwise I haven't really done too much else besides focusing on school and preparing for upcoming events. I can't wait to hear from more people on events they would like me to be part of. Have a nice month and enjoy the weather.

Ellie Johnson  
2011 Iowa Honey Queen

**THE BEEYARD REPORT**

It's hard to make myself sit down and write this when I am busy. It is especially hard this time of year. We are trying to gear up for pkg bees and get ready for splitting. All of the new equipment has been assembled. It is waiting for paint. We have gotten all of our empty pkg bee cages shrink wrapped on pallets ready to go back to California.

Adam has started moving equipment to the Cedar Rapids area. We are going to move colonies for breeders and drone mothers but the rest of his colonies are going to be started from packages. It is just a lot easier to do it that way. Our death loss is fairly heavy so we might need a few pkgs anyway. I was hoping to hold death loss in the 30% range but I'm afraid it is going to get close to 40%. On the upside, the colonies that are alive look very good.

One of the yards we checked at the end of January was recorded in my yard notes as a very good yard. When we went back in mid March we only had four colonies left alive and those weren't that good. There was lots of spotting on the top bars. In fact, it was more than spotting. The top bars were covered with layers of poop. It had run down on to the combs on some of the frames. We have seen the same thing in most of the yards that had heavy death losses. Two years ago, we saw a lot also.

Last year, we had almost none. I have always equated nosema with dysentery. Now, I'm not so sure. Andy Joseph thought all the aster honey that came in last fall might be the cause of some of this. It is supposed to have a lot of indigestibles that would cause the bees to produce a lot more waste. I have always heard that aster honey was poor winter feed but I never knew why. Spotting on the outside of the hives and the surrounding ground is normal. It is also normal to have a lot of dead bees on the ground outside the hives but this year we seemed to have it in excess.



Andy got a new microscope and some testing slides so he has been doing some Nosema testing. I am going to send him some samples. He hasn't been finding poop in the hives from colonies that have Nosema ceranae. That goes against the logic of what I thought the effects of Nosema were. I thought it resulted in dysentery. Thirty years of working with bees and I still have misconceptions. He is only finding Nosema ceranae--no Nosema apis. It seems to supplant Nosema apis

The horse is recovering but has really lost a lot of weight. I can count her ribs. Normally, I don't feed much but I have been giving her a grain ration twice a day. I have some bird feeders in the front yard. I have never seen many woodpeckers with the exception of a flicker that showed up once in a while. I put out a suet feeder a few weeks ago. Now, I have a number of downy woodpeckers. The suet plugs are in a cedar block. The woodpeckers are working on the block almost as hard as the suet plugs. A few years ago I bought some supers from Dick Blake. He had gotten them from Buzz Wilson. Buzz had a lot of trouble with woodpeckers in California. They pecked holes through the handholds. He assembled the boxes with the handholds on the inside to discourage them.

We have been having more truck trouble with our flatbed. I have learned more about oil actuated fuel injectors than I ever wanted to know. I was getting behind so I took the truck to the local repair shop to get a heater control valve and a temp sensor installed. They were driving it when it quit running. We wound up dragging it to the diesel shop in Sully. They replaced a sensor and got it to run but now the check engine light comes on every once in a while and the power drops off. The shop guy says the system may be trying to adjust to a new sensor. Trucks are not all wired the same. A double strand wire sends a different pulse than a single strand wire. I hope he is right. Oth-

erwise, I will probably be spending another \$2000. Our old red pickup is back on the road. It has 170,000 miles. The flatbed has 230,000. We needed to replace an axle seal on the pickup. You have to go into the rear end to remove the retaining clip from the end of the axle before you can remove it. In order to remove the clip, you have to first remove the shaft that hold the planet gears in place. It has a retaining pin with a few threads to hold it in place. We got the treaded part out but the smooth part of the pin was still down in the hole. We couldn't get the shaft out. I wasn't very inspired so the truck sat for two months. It got to the point where we had to fix it. Alex bought a big magnet at the hardware store. He

put a drill bit on the magnet with enough of the bit sticking out so he could put it down the hole to extract the broken piece with magnetism. It worked like a charm.

I made my first creamed honey. One of the rooms in our steel building stays around 57 degrees in the winter time. That a good temp to make creamed honey. It sets up in a few days and I don't need refrigeration. I got a few pointers from Ike Pfantz that were helpful. We also started doing unfiltered, unheated raw honey. It was Adam's idea. I didn't think it would sell. I was wrong.

Margaret and I have 12 students in Beekeeping II. It's a fun group but I am way too busy to be doing a class this time of year. I don't think I will try it

again.

We are almost sold out of pkg bees. I have about 100 left on the second load. Some of them will last into April but there are always some late comers. It's always a dilemma whether to commit to two loads. We have to sell them all so the hauler can make some money.

I thought I had writers block when I started this. It mushroomed in a hurry. I hope it doesn't bore you. It's a little too long.

Submitted by Phil Ebert

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1 tbsp. orange marmalade or peel  
2 tbsp. butter  
3 c. flour  
1 egg  
3 tsp. baking powder  
Pinch of salt  
1 c. raisins

1/2 c. currants  
Few cherries

Mix flour, baking powder and fruits together and mix other ingredients in pot over heat to melt together. Cool and add to bowl with flour, stir in egg. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour or until done.



## **CENTRAL IOWA BEEKEEPER'S ANNUAL AUCTION**

The Central Iowa Beekeeper's Annual Auction is being held on **April 16<sup>th</sup> 2011** in Perry, Iowa.

Curt and Connie Bronnenberg have graciously offered the use of their "in town honey house". There will be food, hot coffee, etc. available and restrooms.

We are in need for consigners and buyers!!

Now is the perfect time to clean, sort, and sell equipment and make a few bucks, or to buy up some good bee-keeping equipment!!

Take a look around and please email me your list of items you wish to consign. If you would like to have a list of the items consigned, please send me your email and I will email the lists to you in late March/early April.

Consignment fee is 10% if consigned before the date of March 20<sup>th</sup> and 15% thereafter.

All drawn comb will be inspected.

There will be signs posted on Highway 141,

Pat Ennis  
515-293-2601  
Flat\_lander@lycos.com

HOPE TO SEE YOU AT  
THE AUCTION!!



4/11

## **IT'S AUCTION TIME!!!**

I HAVE A GOOD LIST OF ITEMS TO BE CONSIGNED FOR THE "ANNUAL CENTRAL IOWA BEEKEEPERS AUCTION", BEING HELD ON APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup> IN PERRY IOWA.

TO DATE I HAVE 6 CONSIGNERS AND HERE IS A PARTIAL LIST:

**1 ROOT COWAN HONEY EXTRACTOR (HAND OPERATED AND GOOD CONDITION)**

**2 PALLETS DEEP FRAMES**

**1 PALLET ILLINOIS FRAMES**

**40 BOTTOM BOARDS**

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**40 COVERS**

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**6 5/8 FRAMES, NO COMB**

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**2 DEEP BOXES**

**20 DEEP FRAMES, WOOD W/NO FOUNDATION OR WAX**

**1 QUEEN EXCLUDER**

**2 SHALLOW BOXES**

**20 SHALLOW FRAMES, WOOD, W/NO FOUNDATION OR WAX**

**1 INNER COVER**

**1 COVER**

**25 DEEPS WITH 9 FRAMES W/ FOUNDATION**

**25 ILLINOIS W / 9 FRAMES W/FOUNDATION**

**25 WOOD BOUND QUEEN EXCLUDERS**

**20 INNER COVERS**

**20 COVERS**

**40 BOTTOM BOARDS**

**10 WOOD QUEEN EXCLUDERS**

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**BEE BLOWER**



***THIS IS NOT A COMPLETE LIST, AS SOME CONSIGN THE DAY OF THE AUCTION.***

**TIME TO START IS 10:00 AM.**

**THE LOCATION IS IN PERRY IOWA, JUST WEST OF THE HOSPITAL OFF HIGHWAY 141.**

***THERE WILL BE SIGNS POSTED ON HIGHWAY 141.  
ANY QUESTIONS, CALL PAT ENNIS @ 515-293-2601 OR  
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***HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE AUCTION!!***



## Featured Beekeeper of the Month

Aaron, Alexander and Pam Ockenfels are our featured beekeepers of the month. This mother and sons trio is very interested in beekeeping, had the usual ups and downs with first year bees, and have done a great job their first year learning the art. Here is their story.

“Bee”ginning Bee Keepers, Aaron and Alexander Ockenfels

Hi! Our names are Aaron(16) and Alexander(14) Ockenfels. We live 7 miles Northwest of Wellman, Iowa. We are home-schooled by our parents, Dave and Pam Ockenfels. Our sister is Allison(12). Aaron is in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade while Alexander and Allison are in 8<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade respectively. Aaron plays baseball at IMS while Alexander plays



**Aaron and Alexander lighting their smoker before looking at their bees.**



**Alexander and Aaron Ockenfels. Looking forward to their second year of beekeeping.**

Babe Ruth for English River Red. All three children are currently in Iowa County 4-H. Our family has a blue-grass/country music band. Aaron plays the guitar, Alexander plays the banjo and harmonica, Allison plays the fiddle/violin, Mom plays the upright bass and Dad, well, he likes to talk, he is our Master of Ceremonies! If you come to listen to us, you will hear us tell a few jokes.

We are pleased to “bee” mentored by Ron and Carol Wehr who gave us our first split. Aaron, Alexander, and Pam took Ron and Carol’s beekeeping class at Kirkwood in Washington last February/March 2010, which got us interested in beekeep-

ing. While at the class we learned lots of interesting and exiting things about bees. We got to build bee frames (for the Hive) and see a video on how queen bees were formed, which we found particularly interesting. We also had the opportunity to go to Ron and Carol’s for a bee field day. Ron and Carol let us help them “de-winterize” some of their bees that included removing tar paper which was fun. We purchased unassembled hive kits from Dadant’s. Alexander assembled our bee hives and frames. We painted our own two hives Chartreuse!

Beekeeping, Ah, where do I start? The stings? Or the honey? We were excited and interested to see a swarm this summer and cheerfully headed out to sweep them into a box. That being done, we then realized it was our bees that had swarmed! Due to our lack of experience, we used the swarm to start another hive. We were hoping to get some cut comb honey but failed to get any. We are hoping (keep those fingers crossed!) that the lack of production is due to it being the first year of having the bees.

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Both Alexander and the bees are happy.

We helped at the Iowa Honey Producers booth in the Ag building at the Iowa State Fair (the lemonade was wonderful!). We are members of the Southeast Iowa Beekeepers Association. The association sponsored us and provided a pair of bee gloves, a hive tool, bee veil, and a smoker. We are very grateful for the supplies. We see signs of activity in each of the hives. Coming spring we will be able to take off the tar paper and see if each colony survived the winter. We hope to maintain 3 hives this coming year.

Written by Aaron and Alexander

Submitted by Ron Wehr

## EASTER COOKIES

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3/4 c. butter, soft  
 1/2 c. honey  
 1 egg  
 1 tsp. pure vanilla  
 1 1/4 c. whole wheat flour  
 1 1/2 c. unbleached flour  
 1 tsp. baking powder

Mash honey and butter together in bowl with a fork until well blended. Add egg and vanilla. Blend with fork. Combine flours and baking powder; mix into other ingredients with fork. Chill in refrigerator 1 hour.

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Sprinkle counter with flour. Roll out dough 1/4 inch thick. Use "lamb" cookie cutter. Dip in flour before pressing into dough. Place on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake on top rack of oven 6-8 minutes or until lightly browned. Frost with confectioners' sugar and water mixture.

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