

July CIBA President's message--July 17 Field Day and May meeting video available

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From the Central Iowa Beekeepers Association (CIBA) President (most of this newscast was written by our Vice President Jeremiah Kusel)

Saturday, July 17 CIBA Field Day

Don't miss out! Join us for CIBA's 2021 July Field Day! Jeremiah Kusel and his program committee are buzzed with excitement to be able to welcome you back to our first in-person event in over a year and a half! Join us on Sat., July 17th for a CIBA Summer Field Day! Details below.

In this interactive event, we will follow Andy Joseph, Iowa State Apiarist and bee inspector par excellence, as he evaluates and explains what he looks for during a complete and thorough apiary overview.

In addition -- all beekeepers have at least one hive in their apiary that is not doing as well as the others. Why!?! Andy will also take a bit of time to evaluate these hives. It may be queenless or it just may have swarmed or whatever. Andy may not actually know why -- it could be just a smaller hive.

Looking to learn more about what to do or not do when establishing an apiary? Success involves more than just the hive itself. New to beekeeping and want to see what's involved? Regardless of your experience, you'll be glad you joined us!

We will travel to 5 local apiaries and join Andy as he critiques, evaluates and inspects everything involved in a well-rounded apiary. Hear about what works and learn suggestions for what could be improved upon when it comes to location, hive placement and more.

Date: Saturday, July 17, 2021

Time: 9 AM - 3 PM

Location: Meeting point and lunch stop at Crestbruck Park Shelter in Ankeny (1001 NE Crestmoor Place). We will travel to 5 apiaries nearby (Apiary locations TBD: if you'd like to submit your apiary as one of the possible selections see note below*)

Details and Schedule:

9 AM - Depart Crestbruck shelter for our first apiary stop.

12 noon - Return to Crestbruck Park Shelter and have outdoor lunch together. **Please remember to pack your own bagged lunch for the day.** CIBA will provide some light prepackaged snacks and some coolers filled with beverages.

1 PM - Depart for our next apiary visit(s) and we will wrap up the day by 3 PM

Bring with you:

- 1) Lunch for yourself (drinks, dessert and some snacks provided during lunch by CIBA)
- 2) Protective bee gear to your liking, as Andy will be opening up hives during the tour
- 3) Water/beverages for yourself for during the tours

Do you have an apiary nearby? Let us know! If you are interested in your apiary being one of the chosen apiaries for the day--we'd love to hear from you! Send us a message on CIBA's Facebook page or directly to CIBA Vice President Jeremiah at 515-447-3203.

Video(s) Available

May CIBA Zoom Meeting: The recording of the May 15, 2021 meeting including the CIBA business session, presentations by Steve Westercamp on Ross rounds and Roy Kraft on cut comb honey and the general member Q&A session are now available for viewing or downloading.

Link: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/l3v74a2hggprx04/AADEdhQw9KprfT5tMsnsUHt0a?dl=0>

Password: 20210515

Note this is for personal use by CIBA members. Please do not share or use the presentations for other purposes without contacting Steve or Roy.

Thumb drive available:

CIBA can provide a thumb drive containing the 2020 CIBA Winter Seminar, the Summer 2020 Arvin Foell hive inspection, the 2021 Winter Seminar and the recent May meeting. Cost is \$10 to cover the thumb drive and postage. Contact CIBA Secretary/Treasurer Linn Wilbur at lwilbur50201@gmail.com or 515.291.6204 for more details and to order.

The July Bee Bits will be sent out around July 15th this month and the middle of the month for subsequent Bee Bits. So look forward to the President's update or the BEELINE near the first of each month followed by the Bee Bits in the middle of the month from now on. The President's update is sent on those months that the BEELINE is not published. The BEELINE is published 4 times a year in March, May, September and November.

Hope to see you Saturday, July 17!

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