

August CIBA Newscast

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From the Central Iowa Beekeepers Association (CIBA) President

Hello CIBA members!!

The format for our July Field Day on the 19th was simply an outstanding learning event to those of us that attended. We had perhaps 20 beekeepers that traveled between 5 apiaries. Each one was different and all aspects of each apiary were discussed. I know that each of us that attended really enjoyed the day. Thank you to Andy Joseph for leading us during most of the discussion!! Austin Miller made the trip from Belmont, IA and he added to the discussion. We did have a lot of knowledge that was tapped. I also want to thank Ann and Linn Wilbur and the food committee for the refreshments as well as snacks during lunch.

Your Vice President, Jeremiah Kusel and his program committee did a wonderful job of lining up the apiaries for the field day. Now they have been working on programs for the rest of the year. I must say -- stay tuned for some very unique programs. His committee has been thinking "out-of-the-box!!"

Remember my advice for timing on taking care of bees in one of my recent newscasts? Well, timing is now critical to take supers of honey off and start checking/treating for mites. Treatments must start by the end of August/first of Sept. They must be done by the end of September so that "fat" (overwintering) bees can be produced during October without any mite parasitism or the viruses the mites transmit.

Finally, as a benefit to your membership in CIBA -- you are welcome to submit a free ad selling something or a wanted ad, if you need something, in the BEELINE. Submit your ad to Laura Miller - beeline_editor@yahoo.com. For more info, check out the website at centraliowabeekeepersassoc.org/cibalist1. The deadline for these are two weeks before publication which for the fall BEELINE is August 15th for publication on September 1.

Thanks for being a member. Jamie

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