



LANE COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION
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MAY 2000 NEWSLETTER

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, May 9, 7:30 P.M.

LOCATION:

PUBLIC WORKS OFFICE
CONFERENCE ROOM
858 Pearl Street

PARKING:

Same lot as for City Hall
8th and Pearl Street

DIRECTIONS:

The Public Works Building is located next to FULL CITY COFFEE on Pearl Street just a block south of City Hall. Please enter by the back door, access through the alley.

TOPIC:

"MAY SWARMING"



"Grease Patties"

Don't forget there are still a few CLUB t-shirts available at \$12.00 each. They make great gifts! (Mother's day is just around the corner!) We are compiling a list for a future order as well!

April Happenings

MEETING RECAP

A lot of questions got answered and people's concerns were addressed when Dr. Glen Morgan attended our April meeting. He gave a very interesting talk about "Bee Stings & Reactions". He even gave a Bee Sting Allergy—Quiz to the 45 plus people in attendance! In case you missed the meeting watch for this quiz in a later newsletter!

The club would like to thank Dr. Morgan for his presentation.

NEEDED: a CHEAP meeting room that can be booked on a yearly basis and will accommodate up to 50 people. If you have any suggestions please bring them to the next meeting.

BEEKEEPING TIPS

1. May is swarm month though the swarming tendency continues into June. Check your hives for swarm cells; remember, swarm cells are constructed at the edges of the frames and between boxes (the bees try to tell us this way that they want to go).

2. Provide room for your bees to avoid the swarming tendency. Add boxes onto the hive and reverse hive bodies when the bees have moved out of the lower box. Make sure all entrances are

open and all reducers removed.

3. If you see swarm cells the bees have definitely decided to swarm. There are a number of ways to deal with this situation but cutting out swarm cells is usually not successful by itself. Bees will not swarm if they (a) haven't got a queen; (b) haven't got their sealed brood; or (c) haven't got their field force. Most successful swarm control techniques focus on one or the other of these factors.

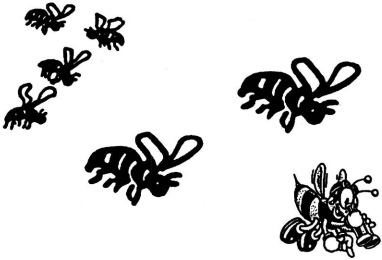
4. Control swarming by removing the queen and some brood to another location and another hive body; in other words, split the hive. This can be done by just taking one of the upper boxes and putting it on a new hive stand. Then, in three or four days, check to see which of the two resulting hives has a queen and re-queen the hive that has no queen. Usually the upper hive body (which you removed) will have the queen but this is not always the case. Check to make sure before re-queening.

5. All sealed brood can be placed above a queen excluder, giving the queen empty frames in which to lay eggs. Make sure that the queen stays below the excluder. The brood above the excluder will hatch out and the hive should increase in strength but not swarm.

6. Move the strong hive that wants to swarm to another location and replace it with a weak hive. The weak hive will be bolstered by the field force from the strong hive, and the strong hive won't swarm because it has lost its field force. The result should be good for both hives!

7. Remember that frames that have queen cells are your chance to raise new queens. Put them in a western or nuc box (with two or three cells in a box), add some brood and bees, and in a couple of weeks you are likely to have a new queen, bred and laying eggs!

8. Remember that swarming will take place. Don't let it discourage you but do try to keep it to a minimum!



ODDS & ENDS

This is the space set aside for such things as honey recipes, reports from bee conferences, ideas you would like to share with other beekeepers, etc. Be sure to submit items by the end of the month for the next newsletter!

CLUB VIDEOS

If you borrowed a video last month please bring it to the meeting on the 9th so others can have a chance to view it.

FUTURE EVENTS

June meeting June 13th
Field Day June 17th
Annual Picnic July 29th
(There will be a great prize given out during the picnic)
Summer yard sale
Lane County Fair August
(If you are interested in being on the Fair Committee please contact a member of the executive)
Bart Snyder is donating a case of Queen Line bottles for fair entries!

MEMBERSHIPS



Membership in the Lane County Beekeepers Association costs \$10.00 per year.
In our attempts to make dues

easier to understand we have overlooked one thing. All the changes that have been talked about are for *new memberships only!* So, it is pro-rated a \$1.00 a month after March for new members only!

Renewal of your membership will always be the yearly rate no matter when you renew. Membership Dues are for the calendar year and as stated above are due in January. If you see a bee beside your mailing label that means you have not paid your dues yet this year!

Some of the benefits of being a member include interesting topics and discussions at monthly meetings, help on beekeeping questions, a monthly newsletter, discounts on bee magazines, and the use of the club's extractor and videos. Dues should be submitted to the Treasurer Nancy Ograin, 88632 Faulhaber, Elmira OR 97437-9718.

CLUB E-MAIL LIST



Meltdown in Elmira !!

We were hit with the *CHERNOBYL* computer

Virus on April 26th wiping out 5 "C" drives

and one BIOS. Its bad enough having to reload

one machine but 4 is like working bees without

a veil, So if you did not get my April E-mail let

me know at woodrt@pacinfo.com, just put

"ADD" in subject and send.

If you would like to test your memory for this

virus I have a detection program that disables it.

Ken Ograin



CLASSIFIED ADS

Member bee-related ads are free. To place an ad contact the editor by the 1st of the month. (541-607-0106) or e-mail: cwhunt@oregon.uoregon.edu

BOOKS FOR SALE

The club has copies of "BEE LESSONS" By Howard Scott for sale. There are also a number of books by Richard Taylor for sale at VERY reasonable prices. Contact the Newsletter Editor and the Treasurer for further information.

SITES FOR HIVES

If you are interested in supplying one or two hives for small orchards or other locations please contact Chuck or Kathy Hunt as they have received such requests this spring and would be willing to connect people!

EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

Frank Moffit (541-782-5568)

- Beeswax \$4.00 lb.
- 20' by 8' trailer with tandem axle & rigged for hauling up to 120 double hives. It has tie downs & can carry 8000 lbs.
- 50+ black plastic feeders \$1.00 each

NEEDED—DRONE COMBS

Carl Kapocias (541-607-6500)

Either deep or western drone combs will work!

LOCALLY RAISED QUEENS FOR SALE

Chuck & Kathy Hunt (541-607-0106)

Ready in May \$10.00 each

Also DEEP SUPERS with frames are needed for OSU research. Contact Chuck or Kathy if you can help.