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JUNE 2000 NEWSLETTER

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, June 13, 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:

"EXTRACTING"
WITH
KEITH DELAPLANE
A VIDEO

Don't forget there are still a few CLUB t-shirts available at \$12.00 each. They make great gifts! We are compiling a list for a future order as well!



MAY Happenings

MEETING RECAP

To quote Ken Ograin "in beekeeping things change fast; as did our May meeting topic; out with recipes and swarm control (it was too late for me anyway) and enter two OSU professors." Dr Mike Burgett and Dr. Paul Jepson joined us last month to talk about the future of the Department of Entomology of which Paul is the head. It is budget time and they would like us to communicate with our legislative representatives and the university officials our thoughts about the Bee Lab, the outreach program that it provides and the research that is carried on by such people as Lynn Royce and Mike Burgett. Dr. Burgett will be retiring in 2 1/2 years so it is very important that we indicate our support of his position.

BEEKEEPING TIPS

1. The major honey flow from blackberries should have started by the first week or two in June. Make sure that you have all medications off your hives. Check to make sure that all grease paddies on hives do not contain terramycin and that all mite strips and treatments are removed from the hives.

2. Add supers to your hives. Look into the hive from above and if you see capped honey or see whitening on the top bars of the frames in the super, add at least one more box to your hive.

3. It does not harm the hive to super a little ahead at this time of year. In other words, you can put on two supers instead of just one even though you think that one super will do. You would be amazed how fast the supers can fill and it is better to be ahead than behind. As Richard Taylor has said, if you are a beekeeper, it is usually later than you think.

4. Get equipment ready for extracting. If you want special varieties of honey, such as the excellent maple honey that has been made this spring, or poison oak honey, pull boxes now, before the blackberry flow begins. This will insure that the unique flavor of the early spring honey is not lost in the influx of blackberry nectar and honey.

5. Watch hives for development of disease. Mites can be observed in the drone pupas that are revealed when you break the two brood chambers apart. Look for varroa mites on the white pupa; these mites are quite visible at this time. If you see varroa, be aware that the hive is in trouble. Sticky boards and other monitoring methods are also in order. Hives that have visible varroa are probably in trouble and all honey should be removed and varroa treatment should begin in order to save the hive.

6. Look out for outbreaks of foulbrood now that all medications have been removed. The honey should be removed from these hives and they should either be treated with terramycin or burned, depending upon severity of the case and type of foulbrood.

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!

MITE STRIPS

I know its is only June BUT it's time to think about the type of medication you will be using this August. In order to buy Strips at a discount we need to place an order for a minimum of 100. I will be placing our order in July so we will have a sign up sheet at the next 2 meetings, or you can E-mail woodrt@pacinfo.com. Price will be approximately \$2.00 per strip.

My proto type mite trap is working, I first found mites 4 weeks after pulling strips and the first count was about 20 it has been increasing about 50 per week, today I counted over 300.—Ken Ograin

CLUB VIDEOS

If you borrowed a video last month please bring it to the meeting on the 13th so others can have a chance to view it.

FUTURE EVENTS

Club meeting June 13th	7:30 pm
Field Day June 18th	11:30 am
Fair Com. Mtg. July 5th	7:00 pm
Oregon Country Fair July 7-9th	
Annual Picnic July 29th	10:30 am
Garage Sale Aug. 26th (tentative)	
Lane County Fair Aug. 15th-20th	
Day on the Farm Sept. 9th	

There will be a great prize given out during the picnic!

Bart Snyder has donated a case of Queen Line bottles for fair entries!

Start collecting things for our first garage sale. Funds raised will be donated to the Agriculture Research Foundation to help Dr. Lynn Royce in her BEE research.



FIELD DAY

It is time for our annual Field Day! Please note the change of date. It will be held on SUNDAY, June 18th at 11:30 a.m. The Hentze's of the Hentze Family Farm are allowing us to hold this event at their farm located at 30065 Hentze Lane. This is just east of Junction City. Chuck and Kathy Hunt keep bees on land just east of their produce store so we will be meeting in the parking lot next to their store that morning at 11:30 a.m. Please see enclosed map for directions to their farm. Bring a bag lunch and something to drink. Hope to see you there!

LANE COUNTY FAIR—CLUB COMMITTEE

That's right we are forming a committee to organize our presence at the Fair to be held August 15-20th. Interested??? We hope you are as YOU are needed! The committee plans to meet July 5th at 7:00 p.m. Information about where meeting will be held will be available at June meeting or call Kathy at 607-0106. Remember to pick up 2 Queenline honey jars from Ken Ograin so you can enter your HONEY in the fair. Lets get some competition going! There's even \$\$ available for winning entries!!!



OREGON COUNTRY FAIR

We have been invited to be part of the Community Village at this year's Country Fair! Apparently, years ago members of the Queenright Bee Collective had an observation hive as part of the Wild Edibles booth. So... If you are interested in being part of a fun 3 day weekend there are 6 volunteer slots available which come along with DAY PASSES. Of course you will NEED to do a bit of work! We are required to attend a work party either June 17-18, 24-25, or July 1-2. Each volunteer will be

required to do a 2 hr. shift one of the fair days. During the shifts in Wild Edibles you will naturally be talking bees with people (all sorts) and watching over the observation hive which the club will provide. Sound like fun? Call Kathy at 607-0106 right away!! Dates for Fair are July 7-9th.

OSU RESEARCH PROJECTS HELP!

This summer Dr. Lynn Royce of Oregon State University is overseeing work on both new and ongoing projects. She is looking at a budget shortfall for these projects of approximately \$3000. These projects include:

-Ongoing studies on the sublethal effects of coumaphos and apistan on Drones and their vitality and fertility.

-Cross comparison of varroa mite resistance in purebred Russian Queens (from the Baton Rouge USDA Research Station), hybrid Russian Queens (mated in the Willamette Valley), and Carniolan comparison queens (obtained from California breeders). This research involves three different beekeepers in the Willamette Valley and is partially funded by the Small Farmers' and Ranchers' Grant from the Sustainable Agricultural program of the US Department of Agriculture. (Chuck and Kathy Hunt are involved in this research. You may have noticed the ad in our newsletter requesting equipment for it. To date Kristine and Cliff Levin have donated beautiful screen bottom boards and boxes which they built. Thank you!)

-Ongoing studies concerning control of varroa mites using Juniper chips and Juniper wood hive parts. This research also includes the addition of screened bottom boards and formic acid combinations in order to study the results of various approaches to varroa mite control.

Further grants have not been forthcoming to assist this research and funding for Debbie Delaney, an apicultural research assistant at the OSU Bee Lab, and the shortfall for this

research is about \$3000. Assistance from the community of beekeepers in the form of cash or equipment would allow this valuable research to continue and any help would be greatly appreciated.

The Lane County Beekeepers Association has decided to help raise funds for the projects. This includes hosting a garage sale and conducting a raffle. Ken Ograin will be offering one of his beautiful HIVE TOP FEEDERS for a raffle. Tickets will be available at the meetings or by mail. Cost is \$1 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$5.00.

(The above article was taken in part from the May 2000 issue of "The Bee Line" the monthly newsletter of the Oregon State Beekeepers Association.)



MEMBERSHIPS

Membership in the Lane County Beekeepers Association costs \$10.00 per year and is due at the January meeting. 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 +1's 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.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Member bee-related ads are free. To place an ad contact the editor by the 1st of the month. (541-607-0106) 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.

EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

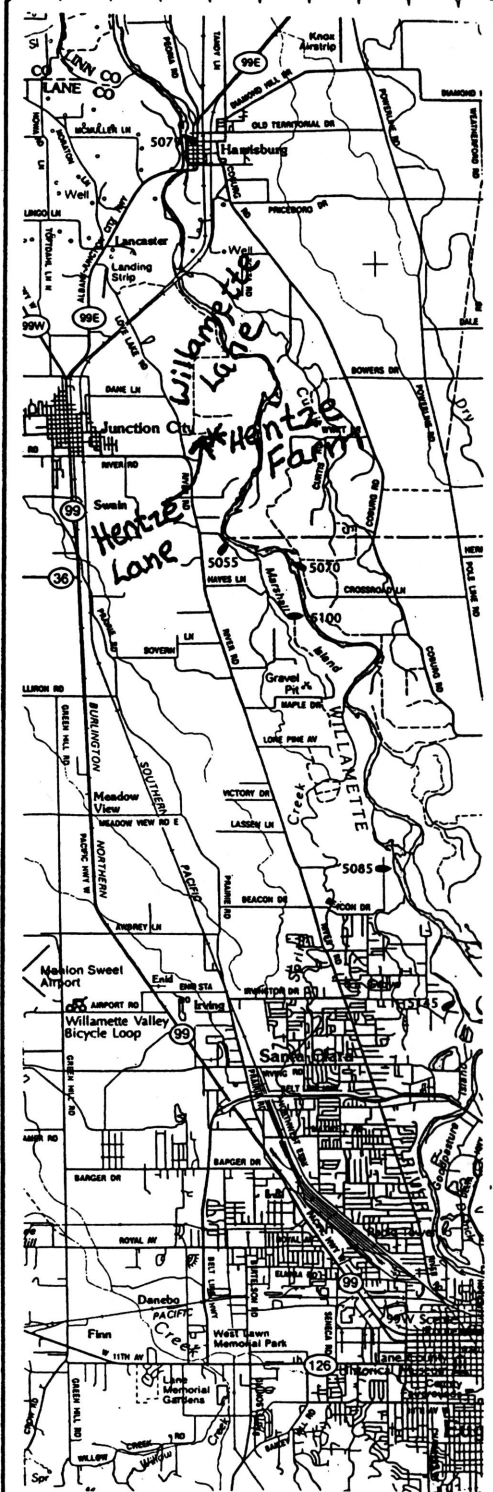
Frank Moffit (541-782-5568)

- Beeswax \$4.00 lb.
- 6 hives of bees for sale 10 frame, double deeps \$75 ea.
- 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!



Take River Rd N to Love Lake Rd (just as River Rd turns west to Junction City)
Turn right off Love Lake on to Willamette Lane and drive straight east to the Hentze Farm. Park by their store.



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