



LANE COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

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APRIL 2000 NEWSLETTER

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, April 11, 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:

Dr. Glen Morgan, a local emergency physician will discuss Bee Stings and Reactions. So beee... prepared with all those questions you have been asked about BEE STINGS! *If you have not picked up your t-shirt order it will be available at the meeting. There are a few t-shirts left for purchase at \$12.00 each. We are compiling a list for a future order as well!*

March Happenings

MEETING RECAP

The motion re annual dues that was discussed in last month's newsletter

was passed. Dues will be pro-rated \$1.00 a month after March. There was some discussion about raising the dues but for the present the yearly membership will remain at \$10.00 due each January. So... if you see a bee next to your mailing label on this newsletter that means your yearly membership is **OVERDUE!**

There was a lot of discussion about finding a permanent meeting place. Needed is 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.

A lively discussion followed the viewing of a video about splits and nucs. Bart Snyder informed the club that he had seen his first swarm 2 weeks earlier!

ANNUAL BEE SCHOOL

The Bee School drew folks from as far away as Toledo, Roseburg, and Cove (Eastern Oregon). In fact new members, Ralph and Joanne Burt of Roseburg, were the lucky winner of the package of bees donated by GloryBee! Thanks goes out to all those that helped make the day successful. The club really pulled together and put on an impressive school! In fact it was suggested by Joe Mosley in the "Best Bets" section of the *Register Guard* as his pick for the weekend!



BEEKEEPING TIPS

1. April is the month for heavy build-up. Look out for swarms and avoid them by giving the bees plenty of room; an extra super may be in order. Other swarm control measures, including splitting hives, may be important at this time. Keep a look out for swarm cells. Remember, they are the queen cells that are positioned at the edges or bottoms of the frames. Make sure that entrance reducers are removed so that bees can fly freely and not have congestion at the entrance to the hive.
2. Continue your medication regime. Treat with powdered sugar and Terramycin for foulbrood and sugar/grease patties for tracheal mites. Varroa mite strips should be in the hives already but remember to take them out on time. The apistan strips can stay in for up to 56 days but the coumaphos must come out after 45 days.
3. Remember that you cannot produce comb honey for sale if you have used coumaphos for mites in your hives the previous spring. You can produce comb honey for your own use if you have used coumaphos, however.
4. Keep an eye on the honey stores of your hives. Often, hives that have come through winter may be short on honey and feed by spring. If cold

rainy weather strikes in April or may, hives can starve as they are now using lots of honey for build-up. Heft your hives and feed with honey or sugar syrup those that are light.

5. Spring re-queening may be necessary if you have hives that are not building up properly. Also, watch out for queen loss since the heavy demands of laying thousands of eggs can tax an older queen beyond her abilities. A check once every ten days to 2 weeks to make sure there are eggs in the hive and pollen coming in the front door is a good idea at this time of year.

6. Remember all those vicious yellow jackets last fall. Well, the queens wintered over as solitary, dormant queens. They will be starting nests this spring and it is time to put out traps (types of your own choosing) so that you can catch the queens as the start new nests of this pests. If you eliminate the queens at this time of year you may not have much problem in the late summer and early fall this year.

IN MEMORY

The club extends its sympathy to the family of William King who died on March 17th at the age of 80. He kept bees for many years and during the 1980's and 90's he served terms as Vice-President and President of the Lane County Beekeepers Association. He also founded the Bee School and was an originator of a multi-state education program for hobby beekeepers.

Another beekeeper that club members may have know from the district also died recently. Walter Miller of Noti died on March 23rd. He enjoyed working his bees at his home place where Chuck Hilbish had also kept a yard.



CLUB VIDEOS

The following is a continuation of the list of videos which the club recently acquired. They may be borrowed when

you attend meetings!

5. Queen Rearing (with details on Starter and finishing colonies)
6. Successful Queen Rearing Marla Spivak (Accompanying booklet helpful)
7. The Art of Requeening E.E. Mabscoone
8. Extracting on a Small Scale
9. The Monk and the Honey Bee (Brother Adam and Buckfast Abbey)
10. The Magic of Mead
11. Free Bees for You (Swarm catching in the Southeast U.S.)
12. A Year in the Life of an Apiary (Keith Delaplane)
13. Honey, You're a Star (National Honey Board)
14. Tales from the Hive (Nova Special)

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!



FUTURE EVENTS

Field Day June 17th
Annual Picnic July 29th
Lane County Fair August

We will be discussing these events as well as a possible yard sale at our meeting this month. A Fair Committee will be organized so be prepared to share your ideas about the use of the "Bee Tent".

MEMBERSHIPS

Membership in the Lane County Beekeepers Association is due in January. It costs \$10.00 per year. It is pro-rated a \$1.00 a month after March. 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) 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.

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 are needed!

WESTERN NUCS FOR SALE

Chuck & Kathy Hunt (541-607-0106)

Ready in mid April, \$45.00 with comb exchange.

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