



THE BEELINE

Olympia Beekeeper's Association Newsletter
April 2011

Next Meeting: Roosevelt Elementary School 1417 San Francisco Ave. NE
Monday April 11, 2011
Beginning Beekeeping Class at 6:00 p.m.
Meeting follows at 7:00p.m.
Program Topic: TBA

Bee Orders – A quick reminder that this is the month to get your package bees from the club. If you haven't ordered any yet and still want to order bees then the April 11 meeting is your **last** opportunity to do so. **Bee package pick-up will be on Saturday April 23rd beginning at 9:00 AM.** Dave Ragsdale has volunteered his services to pick-up our packages from California and to keep them on his property for distribution. Thanks Dave! Directions to your bees will be distributed at the next club meeting.

Club Dues – are due in January. Please remember to pay your dues if you haven't done so already. Equipment sign-outs, Beeline Newsletter, and bee orders are some of the freebies as a paid member.

Library Materials – please return your library materials promptly, or contact Susan Dolvin to work out a return schedule (360- 969-2352) or a451301@yahoo.com

Community Opportunities –

- Looking for beekeeper volunteers for the June Garden Club Tour. If interested please see one of your club officers.
- Hive Assembly Workshop on April 16th at the Rochester 'Cram-A-Lot' storage facility. Mark Emrich will be leading this workshop.
- Alternative Energy Fair on Saturday May 7th at the Lacey Huntamer Square (behind Fred Meyers)

Beekeeping Calendar for April – 'Continue comb rotation. Make sure there are enough honey stores or feed your bees. Hives should have at least one full frame of pollen and several frames of honey. If hive is light, feed the bees a 1:1 sugar syrup mixture. Feed pollen supplement if necessary. If the colony is continuing to build up add a honey super every three weeks until June 1 (= 3 deeps or equivalent in westerns = 4-5 deeps of bees by June 1).' Courtesy of neighbors in the Northwest District Beekeeper's Association in Snohomish.

News, Trivia, and Facts – follow the links to read!

- Hands-on Beekeeping Demonstrations, Home Brewing, Electric Car Assembly and More at the MOTHER EARTH NEWS FAIR! **Puyallup**
http://motherearthnewsmail.com/form/motherearth/viewhtml/9z1zcjtetusgk979rp6l2vqsj150ic09hvg8sk2ul8g?utm_content=FAIR_BEEs&utm_campaign=FAIR&utm_source=iPost&utm_medium=email
- Ready to build it yourself? Here's a handy web site: <http://www.beesource.com/build-it-yourself/> or explore this one: <http://www.freeww.com/bee-hives.html>

- I spent the last week of March on the island of Kauai with my wife while on spring break. Being a beekeeper I naturally kept my eyes peeled for ‘bee sign’. I wasn’t too disappointed. Many of the flowering plants close to the ground were being visited quite regularly by honeybees of slightly different shades of color that I am used to. Also, while on a snorkeling trip about ½ mile off the NaPali coast, a Canadian gentleman was asking what kind of strange hornet was resting on the aft stairs of the boat. Upon looking at this strange hornet I announced that it was an *Apis mellifera*. After seeing the sheer terror in his eyes upon hearing the scientific name I quickly added ‘honey bee’.

Predictions for April 2011 – From the Farmer’s Almanac

- 8th-11th.** Gales along the Pacific Coast spread east.
- 12th-15th.** Fair and dry.
- 16th-19th.** Unsettled, then clearing in Washington, Oregon, and Idaho.
- 20th-23rd.** Partly to mostly sunny.
- 24th-27th.** Continued fair.
- 28th-30th.** Unsettled in Washington, Oregon, and Idaho.



Minutes from March 2011 Meeting -

Olympia Beekeepers Assoc Minutes, March 14, 2011

The March meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m. by Si Thacker in the Cafeteria of Roosevelt Elementary School. There were over one hundred people present.

As the speaker for the evening program had to leave early, a power point presentation was made by Terry Lawrence (husband of Sue Copy, on honey bee research one-half time at WSU). Pullman, WA.

After a question and answer time, the regular meeting proceeded.

The minutes of the February meeting were approved as printed in the Newsletter.

Treasurer Report – Gail Booth

Checking Account Balance	\$3,265.61
Savings Account Balance	1,409.53
Cash on Hand	20.00

The treasurer’s Report was accepted as presented.

Apprentice Beekeeping Class – Bob Smith and Jody

There were 49 people in the class, about fifteen were present for the first time. Lesson 2 done.

Old Business:

1. Hive assembly workshop – Mark Emrich
Will take place at the “Cram-a-lot” Storage Facility in Rochester on April 16th (Saturday)
2. A swarm list will be posted “on line”.
3. Nominations – will take place in April
4. Membership Chair –
A nomination was made and seconded to have Becky Emrich hold this position. Carried.

New Business:

1. Cathy from Boston Harbor was present to share about an upcoming Garden Club Tour in June from 10am to 2pm. She was asking for volunteers, hoped to have an observation hive for public education etc.
2. Package Bee Order – Gail Booth, Treasurer, was kept busy as many people were paying for their package orders. Dave Ragsdale will be picking up the honey bee orders from California and asked for volunteers to help off- load at his place. Kelly and Rich Kalman offered their help. Replacement boxes can still be brought to the April meeting.
3. Raffle
4. Adjourned at 8:40p.m.

Submitted by: A. Marjorie Smith

For Sale!

Hive top feeders - \$20.00,
Cedar bottom boards - \$10.00
Migratory cedar tops - \$10.00
Supers - 10 frame, wired and waxed with pure
beeswax foundation
Deeps - \$38.00,
Westerns - \$35.00 and Shallows - \$30.00
All equipment new, painted and assembled.
Thanks, Jack Robertson (360) 352-9512



No Way!

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